



# Ashfield U3A

THE THIRD AGE TRUST



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Nov/Dec Newsletter  
2012

Website: [www.ashfieldu3a.org.uk](http://www.ashfieldu3a.org.uk)

22nd November, 2012

**Your speaker today is Roger Purseglove & his subject is "A Step in the Dark"**

## **LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKET FOR THE CHRISTMAS CRAFTY LUNCH.**

**Tickets now on sale for a token £1.00pp.**

**Please note: Members only and admission is by ticket only, *YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY ON THE DOOR.***

**Soup and a roll, plus home-made mince pies. Bring your own wine/beer etc., if you want anything other than water to drink, also bring your own glass, soup bowl, plate and spoon, as we will not be providing them, and to save the committee much work.**

**There will be a sale of work, proceeds to Air Ambulance.**

**Entertainment by our Am-Dram group and also by the Singing for Fun group, who will also lead the Carol singing**

## **New Years Eve tickets now on sale and next month, £11.00pp.**

### **Rainworth Village Hall**

**You can bring along your family and friends to this open event. Those who came last year will know what a fantastic evening it is. The Stormbeats will entertain for dancing and sing-a-long or just sitting and enjoying the excellent music.**

**See Jill for tickets – put your name on the table plan, and bring along food to share with your friends at the table. If you have put your name down, and not yet paid, please see Jill and pay today.**

**Please don't bring any alcohol as the venue does not allow it and a Bar is available for drinks, tea/coffee etc.**

**8.00pm – approx. 12.30**

## *Ashfield U3A*

**Any changes/additions to your group's programme** should be given to both **Ron Britton** for the web-site and also to **Jill Pullan** for the newsletter, no later than the Sunday before the main meeting.

Please inform the editor, **Jill Pullan** 01623 400545 of any changes to your normal programme in the near future. This will be of great help to members of your various groups – this includes changes of content and venues

**Interest Group Meetings:-** If you wish to join any interest group, please telephone the group leader first to ensure there is a vacancy in that group. All relevant details can be obtained from the group leader, including where the walking group intend to meet and which walk they will do, or which book the reading group is reading, which garden the horticulture group is visiting etc. Group leaders' names and contact details are on pages 8-9 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.

### **BIRDWATCHING.**

Bird Watching will be taking a break for December and January due to the festive season ,  
We will be back in February with a visit to Teversal Visitor centre meeting at 10.00 on the 12th , names to Mary please  
*Mary 01773 776386*

We went to Attenborough Nature Reserve , I was promptly targeted by a big bird, I believe it was a seagull, - it was in my hair, jumper, coat and bag much to the hilarity of my fellow 'twitchers' .  
We saw many birds, about 100 I would think, roughly 50 ducks, 30 Canada geese , 2 Coal tits 1 blue tit and countless seagulls

The hides were quite warm ( oh and we did see 3 big birds coming in from Spain , namely 747s migrating to East midlands Airport, a lot of laughter followed by a delicious lunch.  
Everyone enjoyed themselves, one person said she found it 'entertaining', - Oh and thanks to David for naming the birds I didn't know !

If you just want a good couple of hours out with a novice 'twitcher', together with a good lunch, either ring me or see me at the meeting .  
*Mary: 01773 776386*

### **ROCK GROUP**

<b>1st December =</b>	Foreigner , songs such as : "I want to know what love is"	£ 8.00
<b>21st December =</b>	Thin Lizzy , -- BRILLIANT	£12.00
<b>24th December =</b>	The Stones , -- again BRILLIANT	£ 7.50
<b>19th January</b>	is a treat for all QUEEN fans - Mercury	£12.00

( I saw this group at the Festival Hall and they were superb)

see Mary for details **01773 776386**

### **No Refunds Policy**

Your committee have reluctantly decided that when tickets are ordered they must be paid for, unless advised differently, and if you find you cannot attend the event you have bought the ticket for, it is up to you to sell that ticket on, and no refund will be given by U3A, unless there is a waiting list in operation. This is because some events have run at a loss due to people suddenly cancelling and expecting their money to be refunded.

After all, if you book seats at the theatre, or a bus trip and found you couldn't attend, you would lose your money, and, regrettably, we must have a similar policy.

## *Ashfield U3A*

### THEATRE VISITS WITH BARBARA IVES

	10.12.12 24.01.13 14.02.13	Theatre Royal 13.00 lunch time concerts, free to attend.	Live at Lunch Festive Choral Music - New Orleans Piano - Viola & Piano Recital - <b>all free</b>
Thur	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2.00pm	Theatre Royal	42 <sup>nd</sup> Street
Thur	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	London Theatre visit with Weekenders	Top-Hat with Tom Chambers
Thurs	10.01.13	Theatre Royal, Nottm	Cinderella £20
Thurs	31.01.13 14.00	Theatre Royal	One Man Two Guvnors £20
Sat	23.02.13 14.30	Theatre Royal	Swan Lake, Moscow city ballet £23
Fri	15.03.13 17.00	Theatre Royal	Dirty Dancing £39.50
Thurs	04.04.13 14.00	Theatre Royal	Matthew Bourne's Ballet Sleeping Beauty £28.00
Wed	24.04.13 14.00	Theatre Royal	Midnight Tango: with Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace from Strictly Come Dancing £25

Contact Barbara by e-mail [ives.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:ives.barbara@gmail.com)

**Live at Lunch FREE concerts all start at 1pm**

### **ODD SOCKS**

**Odd Socks theatre company are producing “Robin Hood” at the  
Thoresby Riding Stables Theatre; Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> (matinee on 8<sup>th</sup>)  
If you have never seen the Odd Socks troupe you have missed a treat.  
They are hilarious! Book 01623 822009, [www.thoresbycourtyard.com](http://www.thoresbycourtyard.com)**

### **BRIDGE DATES UNTIL CHRISTMAS**

26th November: 10th December, at West Notts College, Derby Rd., Mansfield

### **STROLLERS**

12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Harlow Wood	Coffee Shop car park, Portland College, A60
The Strollers programme for next year is still being prepared, but I have already announced that the group will be having a Winter Break in January 2013 when there will not be a walk. (Normal service will be resumed in February). <span style="float: right;"><i>Alan Radford</i></span>		

## *Ashfield U3A*

**Walking Group B** .., contact David Wilson

Meeting at 9.50 for a 10am start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and always weather permitting

If not sure ring Jim on 01623 402 222 Mobile 07976 358 230

Jim will continue to do the administration for this group, and is still leading some walks.

We are looking for someone who is willing to lead the walks until Jim has his knee sorted, and will once again be the walk-leader.

Please contact David Wilson if you can fill this role.

**See page 5 for more information on this group**

### **Interest Group Meetings**

If you wish to join any interest group, please telephone the group leader first to ensure there is a vacancy in that group. All relevant details can be obtained from the group leader, including where the walking group intend to meet and which walk they will do, or which book the reading group is reading, which garden the horticulture group is visiting etc. Group leaders' names and contact details are on pages 8-9 of the newsletter, and also on the web-site.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:-** Full membership is £16.00 for the year

**Associate membership**, for members who pay their Capitation fee to another U3A -£12.50

**Postal Membership** £11.00. **Associate Postal Membership** £7.50. The capitation fee was raised from £2.50 to £3.50 two years ago, but we didn't pass this onto our members, but now feel we must increase the fees by £1.00. This is still cheaper than it was 3 years ago.

**Please note that whichever membership you choose, you will have full membership of Ashfield U3A**

### **Ravenshead G & S Group**

This year we are presenting HMS Pinafore with Trial By Jury, we are cruising on HMS Pinafore calling at the Village Hall Ravenshead each evening between Monday 18th and Saturday 23rd February 2013. We are aiming to portray the sophistication and glamour of the 1920's the costumes are stunning. The music is again in the capable hands of Lynda Harvey and the Director for the second time Stephen Godward. A show not to be missed folks.

For your notes

## *Ashfield U3A*

### **Group Meeting dates**

If your group is Card Craft, you will see from the table on page 15 that it meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 10.00am. If you wish to join any interest group, please telephone the group leader first to ensure there is a vacancy in that group. All relevant details can be obtained from the group leader, including where the walking group intend to meet and which walk they will do, etc

### **Cinema Club programme**

November 27th,           The Help.

Because of another commitment on the advertised December 4th the cinema club is meeting a week earlier i.e November 27th.

***Please note:*** this group is full; There is a waiting list if you are interested

Sylvia Smith

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC 2**

As we move towards the end of our first year, it's true to say that we have enjoyed a wide range of music, by composers from all over Europe and the USA, from Bach to Bernstein, from baroque to 21<sup>st</sup> century.



In September our subject was Instruments of the Orchestra, when we took the symphony orchestra apart – and put it back together again! October was Members' Choice with a fascinating selection including film, modern British and classical numbers. In November we heard compositions from Eastern and Northern Europe, and discovered some relatively little-known works by very well-known composers, as well as some familiar favourites. December's subject will be Patterns in Music, when we'll see and hear how composers such as Schubert and Mozart shaped their material.

The programme for next year hasn't yet been formulated – that will be for members of the group to decide, though I have some suggestions!

What's certain is that January will be Members' Choice with a seasonal flavour.

We meet from 2 to 4 pm on the first Monday in the month, or the second if there's a Bank Holiday.

These are our meeting dates for the first half of 2013:

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, Apr 8<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday), May 6<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There's plenty of room for new members in the meeting room at the Ashwood Centre so if you're interested do get in touch or just come along at 2 pm on January 7th.

Ron Walker, 01623 456389,

[ronwalker@ntlworld.com](mailto:ronwalker@ntlworld.com)

## *Ashfield U3A*

### **Your U3A Committee**

Please consider giving any help with e.g. the Book Stall, refreshments; greeters; or making new members feel welcome. Also, please offer to help with the catering at the many events we organise. We always need a few 'extra hands' to help at events and meetings.

Please consider helping your committee in any of the above capacities.

### **GROUPS SUSPENDED DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.**

Below is a list of groups whose leaders have notified me they will not be meeting in December

<b>Tai Chi –</b>	meet again 15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2.00pm Sutton Play Forum
<b>Creative Writing –</b>	meet again 14 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Line Dancing –</b>	meet again 13 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Canasta -</b>	meet again 19 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Bird Watching -</b>	meet again 12 <sup>th</sup> February

### **Our Latest Interest Groups**

**WHIST** - There is a Whist group running at Hucknall U3A: see Margaret Crossley if you are interested in joining this group

**DOMINOES** – playing the game of '5's and 3's', this is now within the Board Games group

### **Proposed Interest Groups**

**Bowls – both Indoor and Outdoor – if you are interested, please see Lynne Jackson or Mary Naylor**

**Art – started again See Barrie Jackson**

**If you would like to belong to a group that isn't offered at the moment, please see Lynne Jackson for advice**

### **Groups Currently Suspended**

**Horticulture group 1** – this will start again in the new year in a different format

**Jazz & Popular Music Group** – suspended due to lack of interest and support from the members – may start again in the spring

**Craft Group**

**Digital Photography and imaging** - suspended due to lack of interest. This group needs a new leader/co-ordinator

***Please note: the above groups are no longer meeting at the moment.***

## Ashfield U3A

\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\* GROUP CO-ORDINATORS / LEADERS

**There will be a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013, at 2.00pm at the Ashwood Centre**

### Late Breakfast Group

In November, we enjoyed a great Full English breakfast at the Horse & Groom, Linby. This is the fourth time we have been there, and it continues to be voted the best of all our breakfast venues. We have already booked it again for next November.

During 2013, it is intended to increase the meetings to every month [at least during the winter]. Our next planned meeting is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January, hopefully at The Ram, Redhill [although this is still to be confirmed]. Any suggestions from members for other venues would be appreciated.

We now have 40 members, and numbers attending any breakfast are limited by the venue's capacity. Preference is therefore given to existing members - if necessary, in the order in which they joined the group. There is a 'reserve' list for anyone wishing to join the group, as from time to time we are able to take extra numbers.

**Geoff Cree, 01623 794485, [geoffcree@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffcree@btinternet.com)**

### Nottinghamshire U3A lecture "U3A – a community asset?"

**Speaker Alex McMinn, Ormskirk & District & national U3A executive member**

I attended this lecture a few weeks ago and thought you might like a summary of what we heard and perhaps it may give you some ideas for the future.

As life expectancy increases our retirement should be enriched by improving well-being in later life.

U3A has several aims which help to achieve this: Mental wellbeing, Physical function, Social connectivity and volunteering. Recent research from Bangor University has proven that learning a new instrument, skill or language reduces the onset of dementia by 5 years! Retirement can lead to: Loss of significance – loss of self-worth – loss of self-efficacy, all these can be overcome by Volunteering.

The 3rd Aim of U3A is to celebrate the potential of older people, it was suggested we look locally to identify opportunities for our organisation to improve the lives of retired people, to do this we need to identify the skills and experience of members and use them creatively.

Loneliness is a worse health hazard than cancer, diabetes and heart problems combined, the worse time for people is Sunday afternoons. It is suggested we contact the local Older people's champion and organisations, perhaps the local authority, to identify people that would benefit from membership of our organisation. The Ormskirk group got funding to develop tele-links for housebound people and they run poetry groups through Skype, they have a regular column in the 50 plus magazine, they work with government departments, the department of health and local education!

I am not suggesting we follow the very grand route that Ormskirk has taken, but we are struggling to find someone to lead the "Weekenders" group, could this be you? Perhaps we need to leave copies of our newsletter in the local chemist shops or Surgeries? Food for thought, let's all benefit from U3A Volunteering and hopefully use our knowledge and skills to support local people who would also benefit from being a member of Ashfield U3A.

*Trish Tootell Membership secretary*

## *Ashfield U3A*

*Interest Group Leaders. NB If you wish to join a group, please telephone the group leader beforehand, to check if there is an available place, current venue etc*

*You can email a group leader on 'theirname@ashfieldu3a.org.uk'*

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES	(Kathleen Jones)	tel: 01623 550740
Art group	(Barrie Jackson)	tel :01623 750466
BIRD WATCHING	(Mary Naylor )	tel: 01773 776386
BRIDGE Group	(Maxine Rose)	tel: 01623 459081
BOARD GAMES Group	(Marian Wilson)	tel: 01623 752780
BOOK STALL	(Carole Britton)	tel: 01623 456855
CANASTA	(Geoff Cree)	tel: 01623 794485
CARD CRAFT	(Carole Seymour)	tel: 01623 489785
CLASSICAL MUSIC 1	(Alan Radford)	tel: 01623 427934
CLASSICAL MUSIC 2	(Ron Walker)	tel: 01623 456389
CINEMA	(Sylvia Smith)	tel: 01623 514357
COOKERY – CREATIVE MENUS	(Eileen Allin)	tel: 01623 473662
CREATIVE WRITING	(Chris Ward)	tel: 01623 550105
CRAFT Group (Currently suspended)	(Anne Kemp)	tel: 01623 750907
CROQUET	(Peter Baker)	tel: 01623 437834
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY/ IMAGING (suspended)	(Lionel & Jan Castle)	tel: 01623 468102
DISCUSSION GROUP	(Marian Wilson)	tel: 01623 752780
EASY- WHEELERS ( <i>Cycling for fun</i> )	(Alan Snape)	tel:01159 273524
FAMILY HISTORY	(Trish Tootell)	tel: 01623 793447
FRENCH CONVERSATION Group	(Ann Cottee)	tel: 01623 750538
GARDENING GROUP	(Jan Strachan)	tel: 01623 644664
HOLIDAYS - VARIOUS	(Caroline Rhodes)	tel: 07724210563 or 01623 721987
HORTICULTURE Group: '1' (suspended)	(Lynne Jackson)	tel: 01623 750466
HORTICULTURE Group '2'	(Marjorie Woolham)	tel: 01773 811755
INTERNATIONAL DINING	(Georganne Barlow & Julia Porter)	tel: 01623 626647 tel: 01623 620892
JAZZ & SWING MUSIC : (suspended)	Ann Walter	tel: 01623 239258
LATE BREAKFAST	(Geoff Cree)	tel: 01623 794485



# Ashfield U3A

LINE DANCING	(Cynthia Driscoll)	tel: 01623 794243
LUNCHEON Group	(Ron & Carole Britton)	tel: 01623 456855
MOVEMENT TO MUSIC + YOGA	(Pam Sapey)	tel: 01623 558700
OUTINGS; NAT TRUST	(Kathleen Jones)	tel: 01623 550740
<i>Numerous – see newsletter, boards and announcements</i>		
PLATINUM Investment Club	(Jill Pullan)	tel: 01623 400545
PLAYREADING (AM-DRAM)	(Vivian Ellis)	tel: 01623 620743
<i>Reading plays &amp; performing at U3A events</i>		
RAIL WAY Group	(Geoff Cree)	tel: 01623 794485
READING Book Group 'A'	(Lynne Jackson)	tel: 01623 750466
READING Book Group '2' (B)	(Gill Ball)	tel: 01623 450003
ROCK GROUP	(Sandra Playford)	tel: 01623 754644
	Mary Naylor	tel: 01773 776386
SCRABBLE	(Margaret Nunn)	tel: 01159 634196
SHAKESPEARE	(Ann Walter)	tel: 01623 239258
SINGING FOR FUN	(Maxine Rose)	tel: 01623 459081
SUGARCRAFT & Cake Decorating	(Sue Hughes)	tel: 01623 556256
T'AI CHI (Traditional)	(Jill Pullan)	tel: 01623 400545
<i>Practising this healthy, beneficial art and exercise</i>		
THREADS & TEXTILES	(Lynne Jackson)	tel: 01623 750466
THEATRE VISITS Group	(Barbara Ives)	tel: 0115 9539893
<i>Various shows, plays etc at various venues</i>		
WALKING Group 'A'	(David Porter)	tel: 01623 620892
<i>More demanding walks of between 7 and 9 miles in length</i>		
WALKING Group 'B'	David Wilson)	tel: 01623 752780
<i>Less demanding walks, between 4 and 6 miles</i>		
WALKING GROUP 'C' (Strollers)	(Alan Radford)	tel: 01623 427934
<i>Strolling between 1- 2½ miles</i>		
WFFKENDERS	(Caroline Rhoades)	tel: 07724210563 or 01623 721987
<i>Catering for people at a loose end at weekends, bank holidays etc</i>		
WINE APPRECIATION	(Geoff Cree)	tel: 01623 794485
WOOD CARVING	(David Hammond)	tel: 01623 794392
ZUMBA GOLD	(Christine Bakowsky)	tel: 01623 723140

New Groups: If there is a group you would be interested in joining, but isn't offered at the moment, see Mary Naylor, who will advise about starting up such a group.

## *Ashfield U3A*

### **Investment Clubs**

A vacancy for a maximum of two people has arisen at the Platinum Investment Club.  
If you are interested, please contact Jill Pullan 01623 400545

### **AM-DRAM (PLAY READING)**

#### **December**

The December meeting will be at the Ashwood Centre at 2pm Friday 14.12.12, for a full rehearsal for our Christmas sketch.

*An early warning.*---January 11th meeting will be at Jill & Malcolm's 10 am. If you do not have their details please see Jill on Dec. 14 th.

#### **January**

Play Reading -- ..the meeting on January 11th will be held at the home of Jill and Malcolm 10 am.  
Thank you to Jill and Malcolm for hosting the Group in my absence, please save me a piece of cake

### **Tai Chi**

**Meeting day changed.** All the Tai Chi meetings will now be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm. No Meeting in December.

Next meeting will be 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 at the Sutton Play Forum, on Morven Ave., Sutton.  
This is because the venue can no longer accommodate us on Fridays.

### **WOOD-CARVING**

David Hammond has agreed to become the Co-ordinator of the Carving Group, as Stuart is finding it difficult to attend at the moment.

Phone: 01623 794392 [daveh7@btinternet.com](mailto:daveh7@btinternet.com)

### **BRIDGE FOR 2013**

21st January

4th February

4th March; 18th March

8th April; 22nd April

13th May

3rd June 17th June

Meetings to be held at the West Notts. College unless otherwise notified  
Monday evenings at 6.30 to 9.00pm.

## **Ashfield U3A**

### **Crafty Christmas Lunch**

We will be having a 'Crafty Christmas Lunch' on our usual meeting day in December, i.e. Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>. The event will start at 11.30am, lunch will be from 12.30pm, followed by the entertainment, and the close will be 3.00 pm. We hope to serve vegetable soup and a roll, plus home-made mince-pies.

It will be the usual arrangement, and we ask that you bring your own drink and glasses if you want other than water to drink. Please also bring a soup-bowl, spoon and plate to save washing-up. Tickets now on sale at £1.00pp

#### **Do you have craft items to sell at the Crafty Christmas Lunch?**

Please sign up on the list of sellers so that we know how much space is needed -- if you will need a whole table or just part of a table to display your crafts.

Our aim is that you will recoup your production costs and we will make a little money for the Air Ambulance. . To help us do this will you label your products with:-

1: Your name                      2: The cost of production                      3: The selling price.

If you are happy to give the total cost to the charity - then just put on one price

Please collect all unsold goods at the end of the event – we have no room in the cupboard

### **Volunteering**

We have heard a lot about the volunteers at the Olympics, but being active members of U3A is also about giving your knowledge and skills to benefit our members. These days our life expectancy is increasing at about 5 hours per day, I can assure you I do not feel as though I have an extra few hours a day, being on the committee and active in several groups certainly occupies my time in a most enjoyable and productive way. However, it also has been proven to improve our mental and physical health, research has now confirmed what we have long suspected, that learning new skills e.g. a language, drama, craft or an instrument actually increases the size of the cognitive brain, it keeps us alert and greatly improves our well-being. In USA & some EEC countries their governments actually fund training for volunteers, we do it for free! So let's see some more people offering their skills to further "enhance & enrich our retirement" it will keep you and our U3A fit and healthy!

*Trish Tootell membership secretary*

### **WEEKENDERS**

Please note that as from December 2012 I shall reluctantly be standing down as Weekenders Co-ordinator due to other commitments. If anyone would like to continue co-ordinating this enjoyable group I will be more than happy to support and pass on information and restaurant contacts .

*What a shame! - ed.*

## *Ashfield U3A*

### **Short Walks**

The members of the group volunteering to research and lead the walks are as follows:-

Sue Bloomfield      January (Linby/Newstead):  
February T.B.A.

Helen Rose

Margaret Crossley / Nona Sheriston (2 walks) one in March T.B.A.  
Paul Healey      April - (Eakring)

John Ellis  
Sue and John Tedstone

Geoff Cree  
Dawes (Farnsfield)

Shirley and Mike

Brenda and Alan Paul

Sandra and Terry Braithwaite

Thank you to all the above for volunteering, the group can now continue

*Jim Bentley Short Walks Coordinator*

\*\*\*\*\*

### **International Dining**

For our *Alternative* Christmas Event we are forgetting the turkey, we are being very British and we are having a fish and chip supper - (although chicken etc., is also available - the menu is quite comprehensive).

Date :    Wednesday 28 November 2012 at 6.30 pm.

Address:      Fillets Fish Restaurant Sandlands Court Fulmar Close, Forest Town NG19 0GG  
(as you go round the traffic island near the Forest Town Asda, Fulmar Close is on the left).

Parking in front of the restaurant.

I have arranged for us to use the upstairs dining room. No pre-ordering. We hope you will be able to join us.

If attending, could you please let me have names by Saturday 24 November. Thanks.

### **International Dining for 2013**

Wednesday 30th January 2013 6.30pm at the Adams Restaurant, Lace Market, Nottingham (The training restaurant of New College) for their Spanish themed evening

Wednesday 27th February 2013 6.30pm at Brasserie 19 (West Notts college Restaurant) for their St David's night! (Welsh **is** international!!)

We will have to choose and pre-order for both these - I am waiting for the menus and pre-order forms. Deposits will also have to be paid and I think the cost of the set meals will be around £15. As soon as I receive the information I will be in touch.

## Ashfield U3A

### Art Group.

There has been renewed interest in having an Art Group., and we have started up again, having had one meeting already. If you are interested in joining us, would you please contact me preferably by email [landbjackson@gmail.com](mailto:landbjackson@gmail.com) or otherwise on 750466 . I am hoping that we can meet for 3 hours and spend 2 or 3 months on a particular topic. Initially we will use water-colour; I have some materials which can be used by those who are new to painting. I intend that we will also do some still life drawing and pastels and hopefully perhaps have a go at oils. I would very much welcome an input from others in the group from time to time. We will pay £10 each up front to cover room rental (Ashwood Centre) for as long as it lasts.

Barrie Jackson

### **Line Dancing** **Message to members**

Numbers have gradually fallen since the group began so enthusiastically and only 7 came to the class in September. We need at least 16 in regular attendance to cover costs.

For various reasons classes are suspended during November and December, therefore the next session will be on 17 January 2013. If insufficient numbers are present on this date we will have to consider closing the group.

The next session of Line Dancing will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield starting at 10am

*There's room for **you** if you haven't tried it yet*

*C Driscoll (co-ordinator)*

### **CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP 1: PROGRAMME FOR 2012**

The group meets on the fourth Wednesday afternoon each month  
(in December on the third Wednesday) from 2 pm to 4:15 pm.

28th November	Your favourite music [NB: change of subject for this meeting]	Maxine
19th December	Teach-in: Len Hill on Giacomo Puccini [NB: change of subject, venue and date for this meeting]	Len
23rd January 2013	Domenico Scarlatti	Joan
27th February	Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov	Stella
27th March	Richard Wagner	Janet
Will you please inform the host if you cannot attend a meeting :		Alan Radford (01623 427934)

## *Ashfield U3A*

### **ASHFIELD U3A HOLIDAYS 2013** **SPRINGTIME IN AMSTERDAM 2013** **22nd to 17th March**

Day flight from Birmingham airport with local pick ups.

5 nights B&B at the very comfortable 3\* Best Western Leidse Square hotel in central Amsterdam. All rooms with tea & coffee making facilities, TV and hair-drier.

Stroll along picturesque canals, take in a late night show or canal cruise, visit Rijksmuseum, Anne Frank's House, and the Van Gogh museum.

Optional trip to the world famous Flower Festival at Keukenhof with opportunity to purchase unusual plants and bulbs, other options include – a windmill tour and some coastal villages.

**2 twins and 1 single room available** £470.00 - Twin: £570 - Single Room

### **SEVILLE SPAIN** **9th to 14th May 2013**

5 nights B&B at the highly rated Vime Corrigdor hotel in central Seville.

This is a fantastic city vacation and if you have never visited Seville before, you are in for a real treat! Stunning gothic architecture, museums and galleries, tapas and flamenco all to experience. May is the perfect month to see this fabulous city in which to find legacies from the Romans, Moors, Jews and Arabian invaders.

An early morning flight from Gatwick.

***Only 1 single and 1 twin room left.***

### **ASHFIELD U3A FAMILY HISTORY - SPRING PROGRAMME 2013**

10TH JANUARY – Different religions and their effect on Family history

14th FEBRUARY – Please bring material for Interest group display at the February main meeting

14th MARCH – Newspapers:

11th APRIL – Epidemics & Diseases

We welcome new members; we meet on the second Thursday of each month in the upstairs room at Kirkby library at 1pm – 3pm. We pay as required for the hire of the room, usually about £5 per "term".

*Please contact Trish Tootell 01623 793447*

**Please send any articles for the Newsletter to the editor., I welcome any contributions.**

**Email to [jill.pullan@ntlworld.com](mailto:jill.pullan@ntlworld.com) or phone:- 01623 400545**

## *Ashfield U3A*

**For Group Leaders' phone numbers, see pages 8-9 of the Newsletter**

Day	1 <sup>st</sup> in the month	2 <sup>nd</sup> in the month	3 <sup>rd</sup> in the month	4 <sup>th</sup> in the month
<b>M O N D A Y</b>	Plat. Invest Gr <b>10.30</b>  Zumba gold <b>10.00</b>  Class. Music 2 <b>14.00</b>  Bridge <b>18.30</b>	Card Craft <b>10.00</b>  Zumba Gold <b>10.00</b>  Current affairs <b>13.30</b>  French <b>13.30</b>	Horticulture .2 <b>10.00</b>  Zumba Gold <b>10.00</b>  Book Gr. B <b>13.30</b>  Bridge <b>18.30</b>	Horticulture 1  <b>(suspended)</b>  Zumba Gold <b>10.00</b>  Late Breakfast  French <b>13.30</b>
<b>T U E S D A Y</b>	Digital photo + Digital image <b>(suspended)</b>  Cinema gr'p <b>13.30</b>	Walking gr. A <b>09.00</b>  Sing for fun <b>14.15</b>	Mansfield U3A <b>10.00</b>  Gardening Group <b>14.00</b>  Tai Chi <b>14.00</b>  International Dining – venues and times vary	Walking Gr. A <b>09.00</b>
<b>W E D N E S D A Y</b>	Sugarcraft <b>10.00</b>  Cook group <b>12.00</b>  Easy Wheelers  Jazz (suspended)	Book Gr. A <b>10.00</b>  Strollers gr. C <b>10.15</b>  Easy Wheelers  Hucknall U3A <b>14.00</b>  Wine Appreciate <b>19.30</b> Shakespeare <b>13.30</b>	Threads & Textiles <b>10.00</b>  Easy Wheelers – venues and times vary  Creative Writing	Class music 1 <b>14.00</b>  Easy Wheelers  Croquet <b>10.30</b>
<b>T H U R S D A Y</b>	Move to music <b>10.00</b>  Lunch Club <b>12.00</b>  Woodcarving <b>18.00</b>	Family History <b>13.00</b>  Scrabble <b>14.00</b>  Woodcarving <b>18.00</b>	Walking gr. B <b>09.45</b>  Line Dancing <b>10.00</b>  Woodcarving <b>18.00</b>	<b>Ash Meeting 10.00</b>  Woodcarving <b>18.00</b>
<b>F R I D A Y</b>	Late brkfast – <b>9.30</b> (alternate months)	Play reading <b>10.00</b>	Committee Meet <b>10.00</b>	<b>**Craft</b> Currently suspended <b>** (always the</b> <b>Friday after the</b> <b>main meeting**)</b>
<b>S A T</b>	Weekenders* *See page 2 Rock Concerts Board Games <b>19.00</b>	Weekenders* *See page 2 Rock Concerts	Weekenders* *See page 2 Rock Concerts Canasta <b>19.00</b>	Weekenders* *See page 2 Rock Concerts
<b>S U N</b>	* Weekenders Lunch *See newsletter	*Weekenders Lunch *See newsletter	*Weekenders Lunch *See newsletter	*Weekenders Lunch *See newsletter

## *Ashfield U3A*

### **Lunch Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Nov's venue was The Fox & Hounds, Blidworth Bottoms  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch. The Greyhound at Higham. ---You should have already booked and paid a deposit for this event. Meet 12.00 noon for 12.30.

### **Singing for fun summer and autumn - meeting at Maxine's home at 2.00pm**

next rehearsal is **December 11th. - There will be another rehearsal, Tues 18th December 1.30pm**

### **AUCTION SALES – Antiques & Collectables group**

We visited Bamford's sale at Matlock and can report back to you. We enjoyed our visit but wished we had gone earlier to be nearer the front and maybe even acquire a seat. Also, it is an advantage to view the items - close up - in case you feel like bidding. To do this, you have to go on 'viewing' day prior to the sale or arrive early at a specified 'viewing' time on the day. However, we have now heard that Bamfords are not using this sales room again and are currently looking for new premises! So the alternative is Derby and the next one is listed for the 5th December. The address is:- **The Derby Auction House, Chequers Road, Off Pentagon Island, Derby DE21 6EN. Viewing time on the day is from 9am and the Auction Commences at 10.30am.**

**A NIGHT TO LOOK FORWARD TO. --- We will be having a  
"U3A Antiques Road Show" next year – watch this space.**

### **Crafty-Christmas Celebration-**

**Soup and roll, home-made Mince pies**

**Water will be provided, bring your own drinks and glasses if you wish. Please supply your own soup-bowl, spoon and plate to save us having to wash-up!**

**Entertainment by the Am-Dram and singing for fun groups.**

**There will be a sale of crafts created by our members, proceeds to Air Ambulance**

**Tickets will be now on sale– for a token £1.00 per person**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE - at Rainworth Village Hall with the Storm-Beats as it was last time.**

**This event now booked please mark it in your diaries 31.12.12**

**Tickets now on sale at £11.00 pp. -- Bargain of the year for a New-Years-Eve celebration with a live band, bar and all the fun you could have.**

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT.**

\*\*\* Do you know of anyone in Ashfield U3A who is **very** poorly or has just lost a loved one? We would like to send out a card on behalf of the Ashfield U3A. Please contact Maxine Rose on 01623 459081. or send an email to [maxineadams55@hotmail.com](mailto:maxineadams55@hotmail.com)