Beeston U3A Committee wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

OPEN MEETINGS

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Committee News

We are pleased to announce that the post of Treasurer has been accepted by Malcolm Brookbanks. Initially, Malcolm will work in tandem with Anne Allery, who has been acting Treasurer since the sad loss of David Hurworth. The committee would like to thank Malcolm for volunteering and Anne for stepping into the breach and for supporting Malcolm as he takes on this task.

Forthcoming Events

THE CEILIDH BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Feb 21st Attenborough Village Hall 7.30-11pm

Light Refreshments will be provided - Bring your own drinks.

Tickets on Sale from Sue Blackley susanblackley@hotmail.com
Trips and Outings

Future Planned Outings for Next Year

January Sales at the Potteries on Wednesday 14th January 2015
A chance to visit the sales and bag some bargains at Moorcroft, Dudsons, Royal Doulton, Port Meirion and Ainsley. Free entry to the factories. Coach fare £14.75 Still a few places left

Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre Day Visit in October or November 2015
A behind the scenes guided tour of this wonderful theatre. Estimated cost £38 including tour. Coach fare only, £19. Further details to be advised.

Bath and the Cotswolds Monday 6th April to Friday 10th April 2015 – staying at Jury’s Inn Swindon
On a Bed, Breakfast and Evening meal basis. Cost: £265.00 pp (£65 single supplement)
DAY 1  Travel to Hotel stopping at Cheltenham on the way
DAY 2  A tour of the Cotswolds
DAY 3  A Day at leisure in Bath. Return coach transport included.
DAY 4  A visit to Salisbury or Bristol
DAY 5  Return to Nottingham calling at Stratford on the way.
For further details of any of the above outings, contact Lucy Beardsley lucybrdsly@yahoo.co.uk

Macmillan Event

In September we held a MacMillan coffee afternoon at the Chilwell Road Methodist Church. The event was organised by our Events Committee Member Sue Blackley who worked very hard pulling together all the strands that made the day a success. An army of willing members turned up to help, bringing home made cakes scones and muffins galore, enough to feed a regiment. There was a book stall, a scarf swap, tombola and other fund raising games. The event was well attended by members, friends and families; for a £1 donation, coffee and cake was provided and we raised the magnificent sum of £510.77 in less than two hours. Sue and the Committee would like to thank all of those members and committee who helped and worked so hard. Sue says she couldn’t have done it without you all and your efforts were very much appreciated. Everyone worked tirelessly all afternoon. Others supplied us with fantastic cakes as well as donations for the stalls. Then, of course, we are grateful to members who came and supported the event by buying books and scarves and eating all the delicious cakes.

Well done Beeston U3A

The Downton Experience

In August, members from Beeston and Long Eaton U3A, set off for Windsor for “The Downton Experience.” At Bray Marina everyone boarded the boat for our cruise up river to the Edwardian Marquee. On board was an excellent courier who gave us lots of information on areas of particular interest on our journey. There were many superb properties alongside the river with lovely gardens and frontages. Soon we reached the stretch where some of the activities for the London Olympics took place, entered the lock through two golden posts, and rose to the higher level. The posts had been painted gold for the Olympics, like the post boxes. Soon we were tying up at Windsor and entered the Marquee where round tables had been set for our tea. The chairs had white covers and the table, each seating 10 people, had white damask table cloths. China crockery was the order of the day and a stand, filled with a variety of sandwiches, was brought to each table. Waiters came around with tea, coffee, soft drinks or water. Once the sandwiches had been eaten, warm scones, strawberry jam, butter and cream were then served. Three tier cake stands were then brought in with a good selection of cakes. Guests were then encouraged to try on the Edwardian hats and clothes - which many of our folk did. Some of the men put on striped blazers! It was then possible to watch past episodes of Downton Abbey, stroll in the gardens and wood, play croquet or boules or just sit on the terrace and gossip. There was soon a lively game of croquet in progress as well as a very competitive game of boules. The day ended with a return cruise to Bray Marina and the coach home.

Lucy Beardsley
GROUP NEWS FROM STEVE AUSTIN ACTING GROUP CO-ORDINATOR

There are quite a few changes within the groups at present.

Medium Walks – Bill Taylor has led this group since it began, but has now decided to pass on the reins. Alan Bailey has taken over as Group Leader. You can contact him on his email address which is alanbailey@virginmedia.com or telephone him on 0115 916 4574.

The Committee would like to thank Bill for his efforts in leading the Group from the beginning and Marie would like to thank him for all his contributions to the newsletter.

French Conversation has a new leader. Contact Jill Davis at jill_d_davis@yahoo.co.uk. (Note the underscores in her email address) Our thanks go to Sue Morrison for her work in this group.

Long Walks and Cycling

Judy and Rob Lloyd have led Long Walks and Cycling Groups respectively, since the beginning of Beeston U3A. Rob and Judy have now decided to move to the Cotswolds to be near family and embark on the next phase of their lives. Rob is recovering from his cycling accident and I know they are both excited and looking forward to the move. They have both been very active in Beeston U3A and will be sorely missed, but we wish them the very best for the future and thank them both for all their efforts in the past. Obviously, as a result, we are looking for new group leaders. Mike Aillery has volunteered to take over the running of the Long Walks Group with effect from January but we are seeking a volunteer to take over the Cycling Group. Members of the Group who are willing to take over from Robin should contact me by email stephen.austin@ntlworld.com or by telephone 0115 928 8153.

Family History - Christopher O’Brien will be taking on leadership of this group from Mike Aillery. Chris can be contacted by Email: chris.obrien.uk@gmail.com or by telephone 9221481.

Canasta Paul Pinnock has kindly volunteered to take of as leader of the Canasta Group which meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the Epworth Room at CRMC.

NEW AND POTENTIAL GROUPS

Mah-Jong

This new Group, leader Jill Hallam, has got off to a good start with very enthusiastic members. It meets on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1.30pm in the Wesley Room, CRMC. If you are interested in joining come along to a meeting or contact the Group Leader Jill Hallam by email at paulhallam90@ntlworld.com or by telephone 0115 925 5447.

Latin

Are you interested in joining a Latin for beginners Group? Jill Boothroyd has agreed to lead this group and would be pleased to hear from you if you are interested. Contact her by telephone 0115 922 7646 for more details.

Beginners Ukulele Group

Some members have expressed an interest in learning the Ukulele but our existing Group, BUGS, is not able to accommodate them. There is a small beginners group at Long Eaton U3A which will welcome some more members or we could start our own learner group if numbers are large enough and we can find a volunteer to facilitate this group.

Table Tennis Group

Want to play table tennis? Become a founding Member of a new Group.

Members who want to learn to play the ukulele or play table tennis should contact Acting Group Co-ordinator, Steve Austin by email at stephen.austinn@ntlworld.com or telephone 0115 928 8153 so that he can gauge what interest there is in forming these new Groups.

THE MEMORY COURSE

The course has now been run twice with very positive feedback. It is based on a course written and devised by Dr Sylvia Dillon for Aughton and Ormskirk U3A.

The course aims to reassure participants with regard to normal age related forgetfulness providing strategies to help with memory problems. It also aims to provide some understanding of how the memory works and what happens at the onset of dementia. The course is practical and group members are encouraged to participate in group tasks. However, memory can be a sensitive issue and care is taken to ensure that no-one is made to feel embarrassed or exposed.

The course consists of four one and a half hour sessions run over two weeks and participants must attend all sessions and an introductory pre-course seminar. Two seminars, as drop in sessions, will be held before the next course. The first one is on January 21st at CRMC and on January 29th at The White Lion both from 10.30-11.30am. These sessions will be informal and will give prospective course members the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the content of the course. Do come along if you are interested.

Sue Blackley
Monthly Meetings

The September Open Meeting talk was given by David Darby (pictured right) The talk, entitled “It’s behind you” told the story of pantomime. The story was told in a very spirited fashion in the style of Pantomime from its early days and up to the present time recalling many of the greats such as Grimaldi the clown and Arthur Askey.

For the Open Meeting in October we heard Gordon Gadsby (pictured left) talking about French Impressions. A mountaineer and a former member of a Mountain Rescue Team, Gordon took us on a wide ranging tour of France and Corsica, showing slides of cities, caves, harbours, rivers and numerous views of stunning mountain scenery. It was rather like travelling in Dr Who’s Tardis as we flitted through the Pyrenees, the Dordogne, Provence, Corsica, the Ardèche, the Camargue, the Vanoise and Honfleur. Gordon and his wife are obviously a widely travelled couple. At the age of 83, he is still planning trips to France.

George Buchanan, descendant of the family which has owned Hodsock Priory since 1765, and current resident/general manager of the 800 acre estate, talked to us at the November Open Meeting. If you have visited Hodsock you may have looked for traces of the “Priory”, but there are none! The “Priory” was added to the name to give it importance as “Hodsock” by itself seemed an incomplete title for an estate.

As we walked into the Church for the talk many of us wondered at the visual aids, especially a dress maker’s dummy, a rather large, solid - looking suitcase and a cricket bat.

George gave his talk in very clear, lucid tones and everyone could hear all he said. His talk was entitled “Growing up at Hodsock”. Being the youngest of the family by quite a few years, he spent quite a lot of time alone. His favourite indoor activity was delving around the cob-webbed attic where he found the fine suitcase which he had brought to display. Inside were some extra- ordinarily well preserved, extravagant garments and a helmet worn by an ancestor at a party in Devonshire House, London, given to “outdo” one held by Queen Victoria. There are now only 3 such outfits in existence. This one has been documented to have been to India in the very case, which apparently has been an excellent storage facility. George showed us photos of his ancestor wearing the costume.

By the way, have you guessed why George had brought along the dress maker’s dummy?

What about the cricket bat? Hodsock estate grows some of the finest willow, 100% ideal for making bats which are now in use world - wide. The one on show had been signed at a wedding event for which Hodsock is becoming increasingly recommended as George and his wife seek to diversify the estate, repair the property and preserve it for future generations.

Nowadays, of course, Hodsock is perhaps best known for its snowdrop display – several days between 31st Jan, and 1st March (weather permitting). George would welcome us there, and, by arrangement, we could also be shown round the house.

Members thoroughly enjoyed George’s talk, evidenced by the applause and interest in his photos, visual aids and the many individuals who wished to thank him personally for his informative and amusing talk.

My thanks go to Elizabeth Le Marchant Brock, Mike Allery and Jill Boothroyd for these talk write ups - Ed.

Art Gallery Visits

In September our visit was to the Djanogly Gallery to see ‘And Now it’s Dark,’ an exhibition by three American photographers, which gave a sense of the impoverishment of much of American life. Though - naturally - rather dark, those featuring neon lights added vibrant splashes of colour and life to the pictures. Ruth Lewis-Jones who conducted our tour added greatly to the pleasure of our visit with her knowledge and thought provoking commentary.

In October, for a completely different venue we visited the Royal Crown Derby Factory in Derby. Here we had another excellent conducted tour - we were counted in and we were counted out! - and no gold was found in our possession! We saw all stages in the factory; some of which we found quite surprising. There is a large female workforce employed decorating the china in different ways; and much to the surprise of several of us the old patterns are still very popular, and still made in large quantities. Factory tours can be booked by just a couple of friends, or larger groups, but you need to check first as tour numbers are limited.

Our November visit, still to come as I write, will have been to the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Derby Road. This has some architectural features by Augustus Pugin, so I’m sure we will have found this another interesting visit.

Janet
Art History

Since August we have had an excellent talk on English Medieval wall paintings given by Jean Reid. This was followed by some talks on several very early Renaissance painters, Giotto, Masaccio and Fra Angelico. Elizabeth Le Marchant Brock spoke admirably at Piero della Francesca and we were also treated to ten wonderful frescoes in Siena Cathedral by Pinturicchio led by June Gibson. Finally, we had a talk on the perspective paintings of Paolo Uccello. It amazes and delights me to see how our steady band of speakers from the group is growing. It is also a great treat for people to be tackling artists and subjects which are relatively unknown. So many of us now have Blythe Church and Siena on our "places to visit" list thanks to Jean and June.

By the time this newsletter appears we will also have been to London to visit the exhibition: Rembrandt, his late works. Some members of the group have been already to see it and have returned with glowing reports on the 91 pictures at the Sainsbury wing of the National Gallery. For our second visit to London we are trying a new coach company; hopefully, this time, they will not drop us off as far as our first driver did leaving us to tramp through London.

For our Christmas session which is on Tuesday 23rd December we are having one talk only at 11.00. This will be a treat as we shall be looking at the jewellery of Lalique - a particular favourite of Elizabeth le Marchant Brock. We will also have a little Christmas celebration after the talk.

A new programme is being drawn up, as I write this, which will take us up to January 2016. There are so many artists we wish to investigate and so many personal interests that this course could run for years. My thanks, again, go to everyone who makes this group such a success.

Helen

Book Group

We continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month in the CRMC Wesley Room at 10 am, for friendly and informal discussions about our chosen book for that month, which hopefully everyone will have managed to read! We are fortunate in the support of Beeston Library in ordering books for the Book Group, although some members like to buy their own copies.

We read An Officer and a Spy by Robert Harris in September, And the Mountains Echoed, the latest book by Khaled Hosseini, author of The Kite Runner, in October. We have been reading A Week in December by Sebastian Faulks to discuss at the November meeting, and will be looking at Life After Life by Kate Atkinson in December. We have further books earmarked for 2015 including Geoffrey Deaver’s The Bone Collector for our January read.

We are still operating a waiting list as we are up to optimum numbers, but we have been able to offer places to potential new members as they become available. Please telephone me on 9226643 or email ejslarch@outlook.com if you would like to go on the waiting list.

Jane

Buddies

We have had three more enjoyable Buddies meetings at the White Lion. I missed the September meeting as I was laid up after a knee operation, but managed to get to the October meeting sporting elbow crutches. I was fighting fit by November though and able to welcome back Betty, who had also had a knee operation, and to join with Buddies members in wishing a Happy Birthday to Maureen. I am sworn to secrecy on which birthday, but suffice to say it began with an eight and ended with a nought! Well done Maureen.

We welcomed more new members to the group too and made plans for the next two meetings. So take note members, that, as the December meeting would fall on Boxing Day, we decided to bring it forward to the 19th December. I suspect some of us may try something a little stronger than coffee on that day. Don’t worry though, I will Drink Responsibly!!! Last year, we didn’t have a Christmas celebration meeting, as everyone is so busy in December, deciding instead, to postpone it until the New Year. We shall be repeating that this year and I am making plans for this to be at the White Lion on 30th January from 11am. There will be refreshments in the form of a light buffet lunch and other amusements. There will be a small charge for the lunch but I don’t expect this to be much more than £5.00 or thereabouts. If you will be coming, I will be taking names and money at the Open Meeting in December and at the Buddies meeting on the 19th, or you can phone or email me.

We meet on the last Friday of the month, at the White Lion in Beeston at 10.30.

For more information contact me on 922266 or pottosofnotts@gmail.com

Marie
Craft Group

The group will meet on the Fourth Thursday of the month instead of the last – some months have five Thursdays and this has caused confusion. We shall also revert to meeting in the Wesley Room.

Our members continue to surprise us with their talents. In September we embroidered, and in October made paper roses. In November we shall make Christmas decorations out of felt, beads, paper, ribbons and anything else we can think of.

There is no meeting in December (it would be Christmas Day!) and our planning meeting in January will be on the 22nd. Please come along and bring your ideas.

Carole

Cycle Rides

The Cycling Group meets every month, usually on the last Monday. We are a friendly group and meet in Beeston Square (near the ‘Bandstand’) at 10.00 am. Rides are 15-20 miles long and at an easy pace (you should be able to maintain 10 mph on level roads/paths). We try to avoid busy roads where possible and often use well-surfaced bridleways and canal paths. All you need is a bike in good working order, a bottle of water and (preferably) a helmet. My own helmet is now damaged following my recent accident and needs replacement, indicating just how important they are! I would like to thank my fellow riders for leading rides during my absence - I am nearly recovered, so hope to resume cycling soon, once I have replaced the said helmet!

Jim Jeffrey led the August Ride (1st September because of Bank Holiday) which was mainly on level, off-road tracks covering the southern section of the Erewash Trail.

Karin led the next 2 rides, the first of which, on 29th September, was entitled ‘Trains & Boats and Planes’ - a substantial 20 mile jaunt going as far as Carlton, Sneinton and Netherfield station (see above for a picture of the plane!). In October, Karin’s second (13 mile) ride crossed over the Clifton Bridge and explored the delights of Silverdale and Wilford.

If you would like to receive details of future rides, please email or phone me on 0115 9285467 (Mob: 07908 874722)

Robin

Exploring Spirituality

We have continued to meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to join us, a friendly and inviting group. We continue to have periods of meditation during the sessions. These are periods of silence that can lead to healing, wholeness and inner peace. What more can you ask for in life? We also have periods of discussion about some of the deeper issues in life, such as the meaning of love. So do give it a go and come along and experience what this is all about.

Richard
Family History Group

In August, Janet talked about discoveries she had made about her father’s mother and maternal grandmother, one born in the Kensington Workhouse and the other dying in the workhouse in Ledbury, Herefordshire, information that was probably not known by her father and his siblings. This led to some general discussion on the workhouse system.

In September, Jan and Pauline said that they had been to an excellent Family History conference at Buxton. About 50 USA groups are invited to this meeting. There were four speakers. The first gave a talk about illegitimacy and cohabiting with some surprising statistics from the last few centuries. The second from Who Do You Think You Are, talked about online resources, the effects of the potato famine on the population of Ireland, the increasing relevance of social networks to family history and the difficulty of researching ancestors with ethnic backgrounds. The third talk was entitled “Barking up the wrong tree”, which looked at the historical context relevant to the period of research. The fourth one was about the use of the IGI for researching families and their ideas about producing a world family tree.

In October, Chris gave us an interesting talk about a famous professional 1st class cricketer from Yorkshire. Some people had suggested that if he were still alive he would be the oldest 1st class professional. However, the records are rather hazy and Chris’s research indicates that the claim is not true.

We also continued to research some of Joyce’s relatives but this time with the help of a small display of a section of her family tree. Mike J, using Ancestry, was able to show the links between the relatives in question.

Mike

French Conversation

The French conversation group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Epworth room from 9:30 to 11am. Conversation can arise spontaneously and also from the reading of articles which members of the group bring. There is a range of ability but this is not a group for absolute beginners.
If you are interested contact Jill Davis at jill_d_davis@yahoo.co.uk.

History Group

The History Group meets monthly on the second Friday at 10am and talks take place in the Guild Room. We have an eminent speaker each month, mainly from Nottingham University, but also retired history teachers. They all have an extensive knowledge of their subject. We are mainly a non-participatory group, apart from looking and listening.

In September Keith Oseman gave a talk on WW1 to commemorate the Centenary of the Great War. Professor Chris Wrigley returned in October to give a well-received talk on Lord Salisbury, a Conservative Prime Minister, who served three terms in office, and in November we welcomed back David Patterson with a talk on George Elliot, the pen name of Mary Ann Evans, who was one of the foremost Victorian playwrights.

Looking ahead, our future programme is very exciting. On December 12th we will be with the Local History Group and holding our Christmas Social. There will be lots of goodies and Professor Richard Gaunt, an outstanding speaker, will be telling us all about Christmas Caricatures. Professor Maggie Walsh will be talking about American Women, Cars, and The Question of Equality on January 9th and we will have the welcome return of Dave Darby with a talk on the Life And Works of Sir John Gielgud.

Everyone is welcome. Do come along and join us.

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As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers. Yesterday, I had a problem, so I called Georgie, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Georgie clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, ‘So, what was wrong?’ He replied, ‘It was an ID ten T error.’ I didn’t want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, ‘An, ID ten T error? What’s that? In case I need to fix it again.’ Georgie grinned. ‘Haven’t you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?’ ‘No,’ I replied. ‘Write it down,’ he said, ‘and I think you’ll figure it out.’ So I wrote down: ID10T. I used to like Georgie, cheeky monkey!
**Indoor Games**

**Bridge**
We play friendly Rubber Bridge - ACOL system. We welcome all levels of bridge players except complete beginners. It is quite different to many bridge clubs in that we do talk to each other about the game, discussing different bidding techniques or how we could have bid!! - always in the friendliest manner and with no blame attached. If you enjoy bridge and want to improve and to meet similar minded bridge players do please come and join us. Weekly attendance is not essential, just join us on the days you are free. We look forward to welcoming new members and if you would like further information, please contact me either by phone or email. 0115 9283707

*hpbright23@yahoo.co.uk*  
*Pauline*

**Canasta**
Briefly Canasta is played with 2 packs of identical cards and is an extension of rummy, where the aim is to make canastas or 7 cards of the same rank, sometimes with wild cards used to make up the set. The emphasis is to score points with canastas with comparatively little emphasis on going out. It is essentially designed for 4 hand partnership play making it popular with bridge players, but there are also 2, 3 & 5 hand versions. We meet on a Thursday morning on a fortnightly basis between 9.30 and 12.00 at the CRMC. Whether a beginner or improver, if you are interested in joining, please contact me by phone or email.

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*Paul*

**Rummikub**
The Rummikub Group meet on the second Monday of each month in the Epworth Room at Chilwell Road Methodist Church at 1.45 p.m. promptly. Rummikub is a simple game to play and new members are welcome, whether they have played before or not. There are usually about 16 of us and we have a lot of fun. Afterwards several of us go to the pub for a very enjoyable meal and a chat. Do join us. If you are interested, contact me by phone or email 0115 9257836 or paulili77@gmail.com

*0115 9257836 or paulili77@gmail.com*  
*Pauline*

**Scrabble**
The Scrabble Group meets fortnightly on 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 2 pm in the Epworth room at the Chilwell Road Methodist Church. We are a friendly group and would love to have more players. Depending on numbers, we divide into groups of 2, 3, or 4 players. Learners are helped, and play against less accomplished players. We usually manage 2 or 3 games with an interval for refreshments.

If you are interested contact me by phone or email 0115 8541359 or marydot2@virginmedia.com

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*Mary*

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**Long Walks Group 8-10 miles**

The Long Walkers meet once a month, in the middle of the month, on a day to suit the person leading the walk. We have found that meeting at Bramcote Hills Park and taking as few cars as possible works well, especially with the tram works! Many of us in the Long Walk group also walk with the Medium walkers! We are a very friendly group and always welcome new walkers. All you need is some good boots, waterproof gear and a sense of humour!

*In August* Bill Taylor led a walk for both groups. 13 of us plus 1 dog met at the Ladybower Dam on the Derwent Reservoir. It was a steep climb up to Derwent Edge but worth it for the fabulous views. The weather was perfect and the heather looked vivid purple in the sunshine. The spectacular rock formations on the top provided welcome shelter from the wind when we had our coffee and our lunch. The descent was very hard on arthritic knees but, what goes up has to come down! Many thanks to Bill for a really super walk.

*In September, Sandra & David Biggs took us to Alderwasley, near Ambergate.* 13 of us set off along the Midshires Way. We had our coffee on an amazing bench formed from the trunks of 4 trees. We should have had spectacular views but it was, sadly, rather misty. The excellent Bear Inn did us proud with a “Lite Bite Lunch” and it was hard to get walking again after that! The leaves were starting to turn on the trees and we saw a lot of late wildflowers and blackberries. Many thanks to David & Sandra for a lovely walk in an area that most of us had not walked before.

*In October, Margaret & Alan Beale took 11 of us along Curbar Edge.* Unfortunately it was misty so we did not have the spectacular views we had hoped for but we could appreciate the lovely autumn colours and the heather turning brown. We sheltered among the rocks to have our coffee as it was raining but it had dried up enough to have our lunch on White Edge. We could hear deer rutting in the distance and saw some of them marking out their territory. It was a fairly steep and rocky climb to the Grouse Inn where we enjoyed a drink and a warm by the fire. Thank you to Alan & Margaret for a most enjoyable walk in spite of the weather.

The members of the Long Walking group have all been shocked and saddened by the sudden and untimely death of David Hurworth, one of our founder members. Those of us who were able to attend his funeral were extremely moved by the fact that Margaret had decided to use David’s walking boots as the basis of her floral tribute to him. We decided to call the September walk the David Hurworth Memorial Walk in his honour.

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Lunch Clubs

As Christmas swiftly approaches both groups are looking forward to their Christmas meal which tend to be really well attended and a great start to the holiday festivities. Two Lunch Club is going to Chilwell Golf Club on Monday 15th December and Lunch Club One is going to Crème in Stapleford on Tuesday 16th and if anyone wishes to join us they can contact Margot at margot.gale@hotmail.co.uk.

The format of the lunch clubs is that different members volunteer each month to organise a meal for future months. The support from the Lunch Club members is excellent as we have volunteers from both groups to organise meals up to May in the case of Lunch Club One and up to March for Two Lunch Club so it is a case of ‘watch this space’ or rather watch the rolling notices to see where and when these meals will be taking place.

margot.gale@hotmail.co.uk or Elizabeth Le Marchant Brock - email: eliz3le2ma1b@btinternet.com

Margot

Medium Walks Group 5-8 miles

The combined long and medium walkers walk last August went ahead on a splendid day for walking. After the predicted very steep ascent at the start we had a fairly easy tramp along Derwent Edge made even more pleasant by the National Trust’s laying of huge paving slabs across the boggy areas. Also, as we had good visibility, we could enjoy the views. I think we were all quite tired after the 8 miles of walking and the “tea and cakes” gang retired to the tea rooms of the herb nursery in the Hope Valley. September’s walk was easier walking from Ilam Hall via Thorpe to Dovedale and back. Dovedale was much enjoyed by Milo, our dog whilst we had lunch near the stepping stones.

Unfortunately I did not make the October walk which was led at short notice by Alan as I had been taken ill the week before and diagnosed with pneumonia. The group had a good walk in Calke park which was very busy as it was half term. The suggestion is we avoid half terms not only because it is busy but some members were on “Grandparent duty”. Many thanks to all of you who sent me good wishes. As you probably know Alan Bailey is taking over the leadership of the group and I hope the group supports him as well as you supported me. Alan can be contacted by email on alanbailey@virginmedia.com or Tel 9194574

Bill

Our Thanks go to Bill for all his efforts in leading this group from the beginning of Beeston U3A, and my personal thanks to Bill for his articles and lovely photos for the Newsletter. Ed

Music Group

Our music group has covered among other things, comedy music, world music and music and religion. All these events were well attended and enjoyable. In November we will be having a practical session on drumming with a local tutor. We are due to plan our future programme at our December meeting. We will welcome any new members to this very friendly group who have eclectic tastes and enjoy listening together to a wide variety of input.

Graham and Sue Lodge

Ukulele Group

We have just cut our first CD! An experience new to us all. Approached with trepidation but extremely enjoyable and successful. We have played many gigs all over Nottingham including for Framework in Arnold, a couple of 90th birthday parties and we have made strong links with College House Junior School in Chilwell. Here we played in an assembly and are planning future joint ventures. We were happy to play, once again, at St Barnabas’s Church in September for their Harvest Supper.

We have already taken ten bookings for 2015 including one for Christmas 2015!

Graham Lodge
Philosophy and Religion

This group studies themes in, and different approaches to, Philosophy and Theology. The group membership comprises both religious believers and non-believers and through their contributions we achieve constructive analysis. Recent key thinkers and practitioners whom we have considered include Simone Weil and Soren Kierkegaard. We also read relevant literary works by writers and poets, for example, TS Eliot. We shall shortly be conducting a two part evaluation of a significant 20th century novel which will be from the works of either Albert Camus or Milan Kundera. It is our intention to relate our programme to the paradoxes and ambiguities of modern life. That is to say we believe that philosophical and theological questions must be located in theory and confronted and answered in real life. New members are most welcome to join us in this enterprise. For more information contact Nicholas Tel 9285473 or Geoff on geoffbagley@me.com

Nicholas

Play Reading

We have a steady membership of about 9-10 people and would welcome more (particularly chaps!) We meet monthly on the 3rd Friday of the month 2-4pm in the Epworth room CRMC. The choice of plays is fairly eclectic and has included Sheridan’s “School for Scandal”, Shaw’s “St Joan”, and in November we read David Hare’s “Murmuring Judges”. For more information contact either myself on 0115 9287576 or Suzan Gokova on 0115 9289972.

Christine

Practical Gardening

The Practical Gardening group has been running very successfully for just over a year. We meet at 10 a.m. on the third Monday of each month in the Wesley room. For part of each meeting we try to address topical issues each month. We have covered subjects as diverse as plants for shady borders; dividing up perennials; pest control; planting up a hanging basket; reshaping a garden etc. We are all keen gardeners in this group. However, some of us are just beginners but fortunately we also have some very experienced gardeners to help us. In all our meetings we encourage discussion and a sharing of ideas. We also make the meetings as practical as possible with demonstrations and invariably a plant swap. Do come along and join us if you would like to do so. You can contact me on 9287643 or mrichardson14@hotmail.com

Margaret

Photography

In August we reviewed our images from The Trent Embankment, Memorial Gardens and surrounds. Whilst we had coffee we looked at the relationship between ‘light’ and ‘bright’ in photography and a little about our visual perception of colour.

Down Our Way’ was the topic for September’s shoot. We were in Beeston on a beautiful morning and our main aim was to obtain images of architecture. The Last Post was our coffee stop and having had a good walk round Beeston we were ready for a sit down during which wide ranging discussions took place with each other. In October we met to review the images from around Beeston and to discuss topic for future shoots and for our “after coffee slots”.

Heather
Swimming

Imagine yourself floating in a warm bath; imagine yourself swimming in a pool without children and aggressively active youths; imagine having a chat to friends in-between exercise. We do this every Friday morning at Bramcote Baths from 10.00 - 11.00 and it is sheer heaven. A small group of us started back in September. Over the weeks others have joined us and we are now approximately fifteen swimmers of mixed ability.

It costs us £69.00 for the pool rental and life guard service for each 10 week session and we each pay £3 per swim. Those of you who are quick with maths will see that we need 23 people to break even for ten sessions. We haven't reached that number and many of us feel that we like to keep it a smallish group so that there is no danger of bumping into each other. Thanks, though, to a Beeston doctor, we were pointed in the right direction to receive a grant from Lifestyle Braxtowe of £300.00. This will ensure that we can continue for the next ten sessions after Christmas and beyond. All I have to do is to prove that it has been of a health benefit to many of us - I know that I, for one, have already lost weight! If you are interested, contact me on Tel 922 7717 helen.stewart1@btinternet.com

Helen

Wine Appreciation

You will notice that the name of our group has changed. I would like our group to be called 'Wine Appreciation' and not 'Wine Tasting' as we do much more than taste wine; for example we discuss the wine benefits of different climates and the contribution that geology makes to wine.

During the last quarter we have travelled the vinous world. In September we tasted and discussed the wines of South America, including Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. We thought the best wine was a Chilean Merlot made by Concha Y Toro. The wines were from Majestic and the Wine Society.

We visited the French regions in October. One of the wines we had was a Saint Chinian from the Languedoc and it was a coincidence that a couple from our Group sent me their apologies as they were holidaying at their cottage close to their favourite village of St Chinian. The best wine at this tasting was a Bordeaux Graves -Chateau Gales - from the Beeston branch of Lidl!

Finally we had an all Australian tasting from wines supplied by Sainsbury and Tesco. A shiraz from Tim Adams (Tesco) stood out. It was aromatic with rich blackberry fruit and soft tannins. This group has grown to such an extent that we are fully subscribed now.

Piers
If you wish to join do contact Piers who will put your name on a waiting list. pierskrause@yahoo.co.uk

Writing for Pleasure

Once again we have to start our report with news of a success in writing. Congratulations to Margaret Smith (pen name Thornber) who has had her first novel, Silent Links published. The novel looks at the people who pass their time on a bench in a park. It is a series of stories which are very relevant to today's issues. I am lucky enough to have a copy (bought at the Book Fair at County Hall where Margaret had a stall to promote it) and can honestly say that I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. It is also wonderful to see Margaret's acknowledgement at the end of her book: Joining a writing group recently helped to motivate and drive me onwards and I am grateful for their words of inspiration. That's us! Pat yourselves on the back Beeston U3A, Writing for Pleasure.

We have now come to the end of our cycle of activities which we began two years ago. We are now starting again with areas that our writers wish to concentrate on - such as building up characters, looking at non-fiction writing and writing radio scripts. We also want to invite a creative writing tutor to join us for a morning in 2015. November's meeting looked at writing book reviews and we had a great session either praising or destroying books we had read. It is well known that a good writer is also a reader of the works of others. U3A national also runs a creative writing magazine which can be downloaded from their website. We have been lucky enough to have been featured in their last edition but look out for January as we are to have a much longer piece about our group included in their section on individual U3As. They seem to like what we have been doing which is very rewarding.

Helen
Yoga

The Yoga group continues to flourish, with a core group of regulars and others who come when they can. Everyone is doing well and the aim is to continue to develop and enable the core group to progress without excluding new-comers. Learning Yoga in the right way is a language and a feeling the body truly understands, leading to benefits for all practitioners. These can include greater flexibility, improved posture, reduced levels of stress and deeper, more relaxed breathing. There have been medically approved reports of improvements in participants’ medical conditions which is encouraging. We don’t tie ourselves in knots or aim to become super bendy people, nor do we sit or stand in odd positions for so long that bits of us turn blue and drop off! We do aim to practise each week to the very best of our own, individual ability, just taking each exercise to the point where we feel some resistance and no further. We definitely don’t adopt a ‘No pain, no gain’ mantra. In this way, the sessions become deeply calming, empowering and, above all, fun. Yoga benefits all and is not just for women. So, gentlemen, do come along and see what Yoga can offer you. Some of the members go for a coffee and a natter afterwards too. If any of this sounds like something you might want to try, come along on a Friday morning and give it a go or, if you’re not sure, call or email me for a chat. Ken Telephone: 0115 939 2232 or 07941 140777. Email: kenmorrell@virginmedia.com

Quiz Cubicle

For each question, what is the 'non-English' word that was adopted into English, from the source language(s) shown:

1. Forbidden, unmentionable - from Tongan
2. Mountain guide, and 1975 British Leyland van brand, later the Leyland Daf Pilot - from Tibetan
3. Seasonal South Asia wind and accompanying rainfall - from Dutch
4. Long wrap-around skirt meaning sheath or quiver - from Malay
5. Clumsy awkward person, whose earlier root gave us also 'clot' in English - from Yiddish
6. Variety (of choices) - from Swedish
7. The same (not the same as the question above, simply, 'the same') - from Italian
8. The phonetic neutral vowel sound shown as ə - like the 'eh' at the end of 'sofa' and the start of 'along' (whose symbol is an inverted 'e') - from German - and bonus point - a different word for the same thing from Hebrew instead
9. Ghost or spirit, typically unseen and moving things - from German
10. Isolation, quarantine, or secrecy - from Persian/Urdu
11. Beer brewed for storing/keeping - from German
12. Long story - from Old Norse
13. Massacre of an ethnic group - from Russian/Yiddish
14. Joy in the misfortune of others - from German
15. Courage - from a rude Spanish metaphor
16. Group journey in specific continent - from Kiswahili
17. Hot steam bath - from Finnish
18. Happiness or blissful death through enlightenment (literally 'blowing out') - from Sanskrit
19. Soft leather heelless shoe whose sole is upturned to form sides - from Virginian Algonquian
20. Military ruler, and Mitsubishi 4x4 - from Japanese
CONGRATULATIONS

Many of you will know Anne and Mike Allery who have been key figures in Beeston U3A from its inception. Anne was our Treasurer for two years and Mike, who runs the Family History group, is our technical person with microphones and power point equipment and the like. The couple have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in fine style with a family holiday in Normandy with their children, their daughter in law and son in law and 5 grandchildren. This was the beginning of an exciting few weeks.

The week after their return, Anne gave her 100th Blood Donation, having become a blood donor when she was 18, even though she had a fear of needles. This was marked with a ceremony at the Hilton East Midlands Airport on Friday 10th October.

At the end of the same week, Anne, who is County President of Girl Guiding UK, made her 12th Visit to “Our Chalet”. This is a World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Centre in Switzerland, where she achieved a long held ambition to climb up the path the cows take to and from the summer alp. She persuaded the friends from Nottinghamshire who had gone to Switzerland with her that they would like to accompany her!

Last but not least, on Sunday September 28th at a special awards ceremony organised by Girl Guiding Nottinghamshire at Ramsdale Golf club in Calverton Anne was presented with her 50 year Long Service Award along with 19 other women, who between them had served 700 years’ service to Guiding.

I am sure you will want to join with the Committee in congratulating Anne and Mike.

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We are now part of a “Cluster” Group with Long Eaton and Ilkeston U3As. This means, as a member of Beeston U3A, you can also attend up to three groups at either of our Cluster partners without needing to join that U3A, subject to there being space in that group. You will, however, still have to pay any individual class expenses such as room hire contributions. You are not entitled to attend their monthly meetings though.

All the information shown on the Rolling Screen at the monthly meeting can be found on our website at www.beestonu3a.org.uk

Many of you will, by now, have received the Meeting Programme Cards from Steve Austin. If you have not yet got your card, they are available for collection at the Open Meeting, from Group Leaders or from Steve who can be contacted on stephen.austin@ntlworld.com

Last but not least, if you change your address, phone number, or email address, do please let us know by emailing Marie Potts on pottsofnotts@gmail.com

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BE SEEN AND BE SAFE – A PLEA FROM THE ED!

The clocks have gone back. Christmas is knocking on the door, the nights are dark and the winter weather is upon us. When I am out driving at dusk or evening, I am horrified by pedestrians and cyclists popping up out of nowhere. So often, cyclists have no lights and everyone is wrapped up in their winter clothing which is invariably dark in colour. Fluorescent material works outdoors in the daylight and is essential in poor daylight or dusk. It reacts to the ultra-violet rays in sunlight, which make it glare. Fluorescent materials usually come in orange yellow or lime green.

Reflective materials work only at night and reflect the light straight back to the driver. Thousands of tiny beads in the material act like cats eyes on the road. To be totally safe, consider clothing items which combine elements of both fluorescent and reflective material. They enable you to be seen all around the clock. Remember – fluorescent for day, reflective for night. Knowing the difference could be a matter of life or death. If your sense of the sartorial fights against reflective clothing, wear something white – A Scarf, A Handbag, a Hat – Just Be Visible

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE ED - I get many compliments on the Newsletter but it is only as good as the contributors make it and you make it brilliant. Happy Christmas from me to all of my wonderful contributors and proof readers .
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Quiz Cubicle Answers

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<td>14. Schadenfreude from the root word meaning harm and joy</td>
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<td>Schwa (German) Sheva (Hebrew)</td>
<td>18. Nirvana (less correctly from Indian or Hindu - Sanskrit is the ancient Indo-European language, used in Indian Hindu and classical writings, which persists today in Indian religious and scholarly work - Nirvana meant in Sanskrit 'blowing out destructive feelings such as greed and hatred')</td>
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<td>Poltergeist (from root meanings make noise and ghost)</td>
<td>19. Moccasin (also from other Native American Indian languages)</td>
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<td>Purdah (originally a veil or curtain to screen women from men/strangers)</td>
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Please don’t forget the CRMC Food Bank Appeal this Christmas If you would like to donate food items for those in need, the shopping list made available to the Church congregation is: Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar, Fruit juice (carton), Soup, Pasta Sauces, Sponge Puddings (tinned), Baked Beans/Tinned Spaghetti/Macaroni. Cereals, Rice Pudding (tinned) Tea Bags, Instant Coffee, Instant Mashed Potato, Rice/Pasta, Tinned meat/fish, Tinned fruit and Vegetables, Jam, Biscuits or Snack Bars. If you require any further information about this scheme, Karen Jowitt, the church administrator can be reached on 0115 9431164 or admin@chilwellroadmethodist.org.uk

And Finally… How the Internet got started - Sayeth the writers of the bible!

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham of the tribe of Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. Known as Dot Com, she was a comely woman, very large of breast, broad of shoulder and loooong of leg. Indeed, because of her length and girth, she was often called Amazon Dot Com. And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?" Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent. To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP). And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly takes to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybantes, or NERDS.

And in the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drum sticks. And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner/Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO. But Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

And that is how it all began.