

October 2019

This month's open meeting will be
OUR ANNUAL GROUPS FAIR

to be held on

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

FROM 10.00 AM TO 12.00 NOON

Many of our Interest Groups will be showcasing what they have
been doing this year

Refreshments will be available during the morning

***** IMPORTANT *****

Please note: All those attending the monthly meetings must sign in at either of the two desks at the entrance to the meeting hall of The Arena. This is necessary so that we know how many have attended and, even more important, **it is required to comply with fire regulations**. If you arrive early, before the signing-in sheet is available, please make sure you return to the desk later to sign in.

Messages from the Committee

JOHN BELL

Sadly, John Bell has retired from the role of Business Secretary after almost 3 years on the Committee of Ilkeston U3A and on behalf of the members, the Committee and myself I would like to thank John for all the work he has done on our behalf.

John is remaining a member of the U3A and I know he will always be willing to help wherever he is able.

On a personal note I would like to say a very sincere Thank you to John who has always been a great support and help to me and that is something I will miss at our meetings.

So a very sincere 'Thank You' John and enjoy your newfound freedom on the second Tuesday morning of the month.

Best wishes and kind regards

Ann Riley
Chair

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The membership fees for 2020 are now being collected and are due by the 31st December 2019. Full membership remains at £15.

We will have renewal forms available for you to complete at the meeting in October but you can now access the Renewal Form from the Ilkeston U3A website

Please note that on the reverse of the form you are asked to complete a Privacy Statement, to say how you wish your data to be used.

Marian Stopper
Membership Secretary

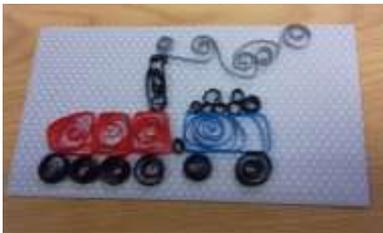
Groups Round Up

Craft

In our last notice we had produced two items in one session. This time it took two sessions to produce a stitched card. In fact most of us hadn't quite finished then! There was a lot involved but I think you will agree they were worth the time.



This month we are producing a card using quilling. Here are a few examples.



Examples of our work will be on display at the interest group fair in October. Some items will be for sale, so you can even start your Christmas shopping!

Deb Bond

Bowls

I can hardly believe it but the Bowls season has come to a close. Our last session should have been Monday 9th September but we were rained off. We have not been blessed with good weather this year and have been rained off a couple of times. I also cancelled a session as we had so few people expecting to attend. It's been a season of contradictions. Indeed our last session was super with ten members, two of them new!

Next season Wendy and I are taking a season off and won't be attending Bowls. As an interest group leader I've had it very easy. The Stute Club do everything for us. Wendy has been my treasurer and I thank her greatly for doing this as I'm hopeless with finances. She made my job a pleasure by taking away this task.

I'm pleased to announce that Jean Henderson will be taking over as group leader. Brian has asked us to get in touch by early March so this is advanced notice to anyone interested in joining next year to be considering their commitment for the season.

As always, my thanks go to The Stute Club, who look after us so well, particularly Brian Ball. They have endless patience with us and make us very welcome. I have enjoyed 4 fabulous seasons with them and hope to be back soon.

Deb Bond

Groups Round Up continued

Science for All

We opened the meeting with three items of science in the news that were outstanding from our last meeting.



The main subject for September was a discussion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first landing of men on the moon. Lunar Module Eagle had landed on the moon at 4.18pm USA time, 9.18pm BST in the year 1969. We remembered and shared where we all were at the time that the news was relayed to the UK.



Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot, moves towards a position to deploy two components of the Early Apollo Scientific Experiments Package on the surface of the Moon during the Apollo 11 extravehicular activity

We learnt that there aren't any stars in the photos because daylight on the surface washes them out, just like it does on our planet. Also that the U.S. flag is fluttering because it has a metal rod sewn into it to give it the appearance of moving in the "wind."

We discussed whether the US, having been the first nation to plant a flag, actually owned the moon. It was a relief to know that two years previously, the 1967 Outer Space Treaty became a law, to which the United States and the Soviet Union, as well as all other space-faring nations, signed. They were determined not to repeat the mistake of the old European colonial powers when it came to deciding on the legal status of the moon. At least the possibility of a "land grab" in outer space, giving rise to another world war, was to be avoided. The moon became something of a "global commons", legally accessible to all countries. Unfortunately, it failed to address the commercial exploitation of natural resources on the moon and other celestial bodies and there is a major debate currently raging in the international community.

About 1 in 20 people in the USA think the whole operation was faked but we felt that there were probably too many people involved to keep that a secret.

We also discussed the problems with rubbish on the moon as it is littered with more than 180,000 kilos of garbage.

Space enthusiasts were shocked to learn that an Israeli lunar lander that crashed into the moon in April had some passengers aboard: a tiny capsule filled with dehydrated microscopic organisms known as tardigrades, known to withstand very extreme environments, which may have survived the wreck.

Janet Joy

Golf

2nd September saw 10 members tackle the back nine at Horsley Lodge for the first time. We all found it very testing, with a lot of water on this nine. Quite a few balls went for a swim but good scores nonetheless. Yet again Bandit Kevin came in with the best score, but only by one shot. I think I am gaining on him. Greg, John, Andrew, Terry and Ron all came in with close scores, so a good day all round.

Peter Winfield

Groups Round Up continued

Quiz Group

Can you answer any of these questions?

1. In Cockney rhyming slang, what is known as the Oxo?
2. Which British retailer was responsible for the creation of the ISBN book catalogue system?
3. What does MDF stand (as in the engineered wood product)?
4. Name the largest town in the Highlands of Scotland.
5. The Amish Christian Church originated from which country?
6. Vanilla flavouring is derived from which flower?

This is a sample of the last quiz we had which was devised by one of our members. You will find the answers on page 7.



We are a group of quizzers who meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 4.30 pm until 6.30 pm at the Church of Christ, Adam Street, Gallows Inn (near the ASDA filling station). If you would like to give it a try please come along. You would be very welcome.

June Harrison

Gardening

Anne is now at home after her operation and is slowly progressing. Our best wishes for a good recovery are with her.

The August meeting was certainly different but nonetheless interesting! Baitong Riley, Ann's daughter-in-law, had taken a cooking and fruit sculpture course in Northern Thailand under the tutorship of our equivalent of Mary Berry and was showing us her sculpturing skills.



Baitong sculptured daffodils and roses into melons, made butterflies out of carrot pieces, a melon basket with roses etched into it and filled with melon balls. She also etched 'Ilkeston U3A' onto a melon along with roses.



It was fascinating to watch and most enjoyable. It just shows what can be done with produce! One or two of us did have a try – we certainly need more practice!

I have received one or two ideas from members for future meetings and will be pursuing them. Hope to see you all on 27th September.

Barbara Bailey

Groups Round Up continued

Table Tennis

On 10th September 13 members of the group enjoyed an hour of light exercise and fun table tennis. We don't have a league as such, just an enjoyable hour trying to beat everybody.

Peter Winfield

History 2

We were joined by friends from History 1 group to hear a comprehensive explanation of Judaism by David Isaac.

In spite of the need to concentrate on this in-depth subject, many questions were asked and answered, showing good involvement by the audience.

The most holy Jewish book is the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible). Others include Judaism's oral tradition, the written form of which is known as the Talmud

The origins of the Jewish faith are explained throughout the Torah. According to the text, God revealed himself to a Hebrew man named Abraham, who became known as the founder of Judaism

More than 1,000 years after Abraham, the prophet Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt after they had been enslaved for hundreds of years.

Traditionally, a person is considered Jewish if his or her mother is Jewish.

Men are required to cover their head when worshipping.



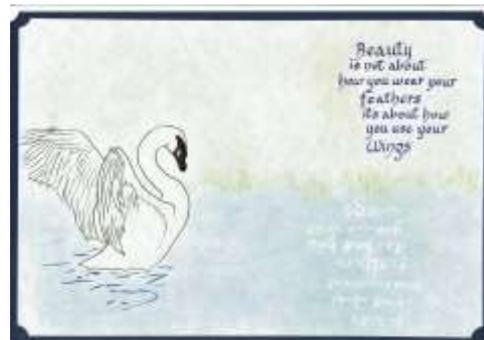
The Menorah is one of the oldest symbols of the Jewish faith. It is a candelabrum with a number of candleholders and is displayed in Jewish synagogues. The two most common menorahs have seven or nine candleholders.

We were told that Judaism is not a religion but a belief and a way of life.

Janet Joy

Calligraphy

Following the Summer of "Art meets Calligraphy", Meryl's contributions are two quotes in decorative frames. The beautiful picture with reflected calligraphy, 'Swan Lake', is by June, and from a member of the Calligraphy Group is an appropriate colourful Autumnal picture and quote.



Linda McKay

Groups Round Up continued

Rambling

It never fails to amaze me what beautiful countryside and quaint villages we have right on our doorstep, which I have never been to before. Our September walk was no exception. With the Indian Summer continuing, we set off on a six-mile walk from Markeaton village passing by the Kedleston estate and through Mackworth village on the way. We were led this time by Colin and Alan, who, unfortunately for them, had reced this walk in the pouring rain. Thankfully we had no such problem on this day, and we had a good turn out of seventeen ramblers. This was the motley crew I had to walk with!



The route took us over undulating countryside and along numerous tracks, with not a single stile to climb over. Arriving at Mackworth village we encountered this intriguing building, which we



found was called Mackworth Castle. The rest of the village is mainly cottages and houses of a much later vintage, including some eighteenth century farm labourers' cottages adjoining the gatehouse, so this warranted further research.

I found that it was the castle-like gate house to a manor house which was located behind it. It was built in the 14th or 15th century and was the country seat of the Mackworth family. There is very little evidence of what the manor house was like, as there is now a Regency farm house built behind the castle gatehouse, but it is likely to

have been a timber framed manor house. Some remains of this type of building were recorded in the late nineteenth century in the farmyard of Castle Farm.

What remains of the gate house is the front and two side walls. The north wall has completely disappeared and two later brick lean-tos, built behind the front wall, are of the same brick as the farmhouse. It had a wide central gateway which opened on to a drive up to the manor. There were side rooms on either side of the opening with a two-chamber lodging above for the gate keeper. There was a fireplace in the larger room, with a castellated chimney. On the upper floor were three windows with decorated edges. Above that are three gargoyle spouts and a crenelated parapet. The roof has not survived.

This was a most unexpected find on our walk but one which added a great deal of interest. Back at Markeaton all seventeen of us concluded our walk at *The Markeaton* pub for our usual victuals. We were all reasonably quiet and well behaved until after we had finished eating, then the noise level rose considerably, with numerous conversations going on all at once. This is becoming the norm.

Our next walk will be on Wednesday 16th October. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Dennis Henshaw

What's happening in Ilkeston in October?

ILKESTON'S 767TH CHARTER FAIR
Wednesday 16th—Saturday 19th October



HANDKERCHIEFS FOR HEROES

Victoria Park

Saturday 26th October

11.00 — 14.00

**Remembrance event in support of
the Ilkeston Branch of the
Royal British Legion**

**Decorated handkerchiefs by local
schools and the local community on
display and for sale**



MR PUMPKIN

**Choose a pumpkin from £2 each at
Lime Farm, Mansfield Road, Morley**

Sat/Sun 12/13 and 19/20 October

And from Thursday 24th until Halloween

10.00—16.00

Family fun activities and Witches Kitchen

**For further information contact
info@mrpumpkin.co.uk**

Or visit www.mrpumpkin.co.uk

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Saturday 31st October

Victoria Park Pavilion

11—12.30 and 13.30—15.00

**Learn about recycling and then make
Halloween items from recycled materials.**

Booking essential

**For information about events at Victoria Park contact the
Community Ranger:
debbie.stayte@erewash.gov.uk**

**For information about other events organised by Erewash Borough
Council and Erewash museum go to:
www.erewash.gov.uk and select the Events tab**

Answers to the quiz on page 5
1. The Tube
2. W. H Smith
3. Medium Density Fibreboard
4. Fort William
5. Transylvania
6. Orchids