

This month join us at our

Open Meeting

on

Tuesday 7th July
10.00 am–12 noon at
The Arena, Ilkeston

Our speaker this month is:

Mary de Ville:
“Film Musicals of the
Swinging 60”

A journey through the 60’s
picking out clips of songs from
notable films, interspersed
with fashions, adverts, news
and other items of interest”

Refreshments available

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Coming soon to our Open Meetings

4th August: “Robert Bruce Napoleon Walker”
by Stephen Flinders. “It’s amazing what
turns up when you delve into your family
history.”

1st September: “The Eye of the Tiger” by
Anna-Louise Pickering. Pollyanna and Anna
-Louise’s 2nd expedition into India, where
Pollyanna painted the increasingly
endangered Royal Bengal Tiger.

6th October: “Cascades Gardens—from
Jungle to Paradise” by Alan Clements.
Cascades Gardens over the last 20 yrs with
before and after pictures of its development

3rd November: “Sudan” by Mike Kelley.
Mike continues to entertain us with his
experiences of working in the Sudan.

*** 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.

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Chairman's Corner



Good Morning All,

A warm welcome to Chairman's Corner, at least not as warm as those further South have had.

Many thanks to all who came to the volunteers' lunch and training. Thanks also need to be extended to those who helped in the organisation of it.

As you will see later in the Newsletter we are amending the method of distributing the Newsletter, from next month. This is due to problems which have occurred with the use of email attachments for distribution (having to send them in a number of small batches). It has been decided to trial as from next month, when the Newsletter will be available in two forms. Some paper copies will still be available at the meeting and an electronic version will be available through the website. Thanks to Janis and Alyson for all the work they continue to put into the Newsletter and we are most grateful to Christine for the tweaks to the web site to make the location of the Newsletter more obvious.

Discussion also took place, at the committee meeting, about coffee cups at the Open Meeting. We decided that we would continue as we do now however if you would find it easier, you are welcome to bring your own reusable cup with you, which we can fill with coffee/tea.

We are also grateful to Christine for making a video to help with the linking of the T.V. and computer at the Fire Station - this will be distributed to Group Leaders imminently.

Group leaders, would you like to publicise your Interest Group in the 5 minute slot at start of Open Meeting? Also, if you wish, to display with a table? If yes, please have a word with Lynne.

At least the forecast is for it get cooler - I look forward to seeing you at the Open meeting on the 7th July and hopefully I'll be extending a cooler welcome!!

Andrew

Thank you, Volunteers



Ilkeston u3a invited its Volunteers to a thank you lunch.

Ilkeston u3a marked National Volunteers' Week by hosting a special thank-you lunch for all our wonderful volunteers. These are the people who give their time to plan and run more than 40 interest groups, create our monthly newsletter, serve refreshments at our open meetings, and even shop beforehand to make sure we're fully stocked — chocolate biscuits included!

We also want to recognise our committee members, the volunteers who staff the registration tables and sell the raffle tickets at our

monthly meetings, the members of our STARS (Small Tasks As Required) team, those who manage our website and Facebook page, not forgetting our Meet and Greet team who welcome new members as they arrive. Here's hoping I haven't missed anyone — we're grateful for every single one of you.

Important notice

**Ilkeston
u3a** learn,
laugh,
live

From August, Ilkeston u3a newsletters will no longer be emailed directly to individual members.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Read our latest newsletter at:
<https://ilkestonu3a.org.uk/latest-newsletter/>

A graphic banner with a yellow background. It features the Ilkeston u3a logo at the top, followed by a notice about newsletters being emailed from August. Below the notice is an apology and a link to the latest newsletter. The bottom of the banner is decorated with illustrations of a megaphone, a camera, and a book.

Congratulations and Thank You!

It is always good to congratulate a member of Ilkeston u3a!

Over the last month a member of Ilkeston u3a has appeared before the House of Lords, spoken to a national online Mathematics conference on the work of u3a (both on the same day!!) and has led one of the Workshops at the National u3a gathering at York.

Congratulations, Dr David Martin, and thank you for continuing to raise our profile nationally and represent us in many different ways.

Interest Group Table

The Interest Group Table at the monthly meeting in June was to promote the Bowls Group, which had just started up again after its Winter break. Some enquiries were made and new members are hoping to join the group.

At the July open meeting Barabara Green will be displaying and selling some of the wonderful items handmade by the Craft Group. She will be available also to answer any questions regarding the new days/times etc.

There is now a very good opportunity to set up a new crafting group. So all aspiring leaders with new ideas can discuss them with Barbara or myself, who will give full support to any new crafting group.

We look forward to hearing all your new brilliant ideas.

**Lynne Thorpe
Interest Groups Coordinator**

Interest Groups Round-up

History 1 Our June meeting was started with a Quiz on World history. It was a teaser and no one got top marks, but it produced a good laugh. Well, would you know the answer to the reason of what caused two Italian cities to go to war in 1325? a) a handkerchief , b) an apple pie, c) a wooden bucket or d) the town clock. Well, I ask you! Answers on a postcard to Margarete please not me. She may supply the rest of the questions, there isn't room for them here.

Following the above, we were asked to answer, "What is the difference between a Priory, an Abbey, and a Monastery". And. no, I am not going to give the answer to this either, we all need to exercise our brain cells, our group certainly did!

We went on to the final part, which we were also prewarned about, that of selecting a religious building, preferably one which we had visited and had photos or pictures of and discuss them. Of course over the last 12 years of our history group meetings, we have visited a fair number within easy reach, but we were asked for more obscure ones as well. This well and truly filled up the remainder of our programme with many photos and much discussion and memory-raking taking place.

Among the premises raised were Mount Grace Priory, St Osyth Priory, Buckland Abbey, Lenton Priory, not forgetting Dale Abbey which I think we have all visited.

All in all, another invigorating meeting.



Buckland Abbey

Alwyn Holmes

Bridge Come along and let us dispel some myths you may have about the game of bridge.

- We are a 'social' bridge group so a relaxed atmosphere prevails.
- Bridge is played along similar lines to whist; highest card wins, one suit is trumps.
- You have a partner to help you win as many tricks as you can.
- There are some simple rules to help to let your partner know what cards you hold.
- The basic rules are fairly simple and we can progress to more involved ones as and when our experience grows.

If you would like to give it a try, we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays every month from 2-4pm at the Rutland Cottage pub on Heanor Road, Ilkeston.

Andrew Wright - Group Leader

Interest Groups Round-up

Garden Group For the May meeting we met at Felley Priory. Although we have visited a number of times it is always good to see the gardens in the different seasons and we weren't disappointed. Although we expected to see a good array of roses – which we did – there were still some lovely peonies flowering as well as other border



displays. The pond was looking particularly lovely with borders of flags and although not fully out a number of water lilies and shrubs.

As we were walking round the gardens the adjacent field held a lovely surprise with two mares with their ponies. The ponies were lying down but on our way out to the car park the stable girls passed us with the ponies having taken them on a walk. Spring is all about new life as well as new blooms!



For the June meeting a visit to Elvaston Castle gardens had to be cancelled due to their village fete arrangements. Therefore a last minute visit to an NGS garden in Belper was arranged. As it states in the NGS book, a surprise awaits behind a simple facade and this was certainly true! Due to the high temperatures we were sceptical about the visit going ahead but there was plenty of shade in the garden and sitting areas. The owner had a blank canvas when moving into the house some years ago, learning by trial and error on what to grow but has certainly made a success of her dedication to love of flowers and plants.



From the rear of the house the garden extends along the bottom of two or three neighbouring houses with displays of roses, hydrangeas, hostas, many unusual exotic plants, lilies, acers and many more, concluding with a vegetable garden which I think I am

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Garden Group continued

correct in remembering, has 43 varieties of fruit therein. The seating was positioned in shady areas – one particularly under an enormous fir tree which had been trimmed to accommodate the seating area. The walkway from the house has a water feature which allows a riverlet to accompany you down the path. There is also a wildlife pond. Obviously this time of year the garden requires a lot of watering but there is only one outside tap at the house and a concertina hosepipe extends around the garden to do the watering. It really is a most unusual and interesting garden and was well worth the visit – in spite of the hot weather!



Barbara Bailey

Craft The Craft ladies have been making Spirelli cards, with some beautiful results.



Barbara, Val and Deb

Poet's Corner

Hugs by Janet Reeve



Hugs are very special,
To be given
And received.
A comfort
When you're grieving,
Always worth receiving
When you're feeling low,
They're an expression of caring,
Of consistently sharing

The love that is real,
The love that we feel,
Deep down,
For one another,
No words needed,
Being superseded
By the encircling,
Enveloping warmth
Of a hug

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