

Arts, Crafts and Minds



DRAMA GROUP Mondays

1.00pm to 3.00pm

POLLY BOWLS

10 Unwin Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 4HN

Group Leader Peter Dowdle
Tel 01623 455696

BOARD GAMES

4th Wednesday 10am

POLLY BOWLS

10 Unwin Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 4HN

Come along and challenge those brain cells.

Group Leader: Jenny North
Tel: 01623 441402

CRAFT GROUP (Knit and Natter)

1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays 10.00am

TEVERSAL VISITOR CENTRE

Carnarvon Street, Teversal, NG17 3HJ.

We try a variety of crafts and welcome new members

Contact: Pam Shaw on Tel: 01623 469010 or 07713 570457

LADIES COFFEE MORNING GROUP

2nd Tuesday 10.30am

**Fox and Crown,
Skegby NG17 3AA**

Group Leader Mary Fenton
Tel 01623 478227

KINGS CARDS – Mondays

9.30am to 12 noon

POLLY BOWLS 10 Unwin Road
Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 4HN

Group Leaders: Leaders
Andrea Westwood Tel: 07990 034961 and Mick Winterton
Tel: 07854 415482.

CURRENTLY FULL

DISCUSSION GROUP 1

4th Thursday

approx. 2 till 4pm in members' homes. Due to space constraints this group is currently full.

Group Leader Len Thomas
Tel: Home 01623 451763
Mobile: 07949 802446

ART GROUP

2nd & 4th Wednesday

1.30pm to 3.30pm

TEVERSAL VISITOR CENTRE
Carnarvon Street, Teversal, NG17 3HJ.

Group Leader Val Goddard
Tel: 07881 203047

PHILOSOPHY GROUP

First Tuesday 10.00am

at Group Leader's home
Discuss points raised after watching and listening to programmes.

GROUP IS CURRENTLY FULL.
Group Leader John Barsby
Tel 01623 439803

Dining Out

PUB LUNCHEON GROUP

22nd September

12 for 12-30pm

Staff of Life

Sutton in Ashfield

Group Leader: David Keward
Tel: Home 01623 629771
mobile 07715 358111

AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

No Afternoon Tea in September

Group Leader: Ann Bulmer
Tel: 01623 440725

INTERNATIONAL DINING GROUP

NEXT DINING

Wednesday 21st October

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Rani Indian Restaurant,

Market Place, Huthwaite

£28.00 set menu

£5.00 deposit required

Leader Ann Bulmer

Contact Temporary Group Leader
Peter Creek Tel: 07531631115

FISH FRIDAY

3rd Friday of the month

Larch Farm 12 noon

2, Mansfield Road,

Ravenshead, Notts NG15 9HA

Group Leader: Sandra Lee
Tel: 01623 471087 or
07941 685789

GRUMPY OLD MEN

Tuesday 13th October 9.30am

The Snipe

Alfreton Road, Sutton

Group Leader: Steve Shaw
Tel: 01623 469010

SINGLES SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

Sunday 27th September

Willow Tree

formerly The Hillcote Country

Hilcote Lane, Hilcote, Blackwell, Alfreton
DE55 5HR.

The table is booked for ten people,
12.45 for 1pm.

PRE-ORDER EQUIRED Sign up at meeting

Group Leader: Betty Robinson
Tel: 07717855070

DIARY DATES

WANTED

One or two members to step up to look at and organise trips out for the group. June Hall will give any required support.

Christmas Lunch at the Hostess Restaurant
Tuesday 15th December
This is now FULL
Reserve List now open

Contact Avril Dowdle

Social at The Junction
Every 3rd Saturday of the month
Next One will be
Saturday 21st
November Junction
Pub, Newark Road,
Sutton in Ashfield
Contact Mick Winterton
07854 415482 or
01623 451758

ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT

Last Night of the Proms
Hostess Restaurant
Saturday 7th November
3 Course meal with coffee
Live music from Shirebrook
Miners Welfare Band
Cost £35.00 per person (cash
or cheque) payable to confirm
your booking at September
and October meetings
Contact Ann Bulmer

If you have any ideas about a new group and wanting to lead one, contact June Hall who will be pleased to support you. New ideas are welcome but with any new group, an offer to lead is also essential.

If you would like to email a group leader, please visit the relevant group page on the website where you will find the option to email. The email will only go to the group leader and is not visible to anyone else.

FRENCH LANGUAGE GROUP

3rd Wednesday of the month
 1.30pm Teversal Visitor Centre
 Carnarvon Street, Teversal, NG17 3HJ
 Group Leader Val Goddard Tel: 07881 203047



SNOOKER GROUP 1st and 3rd Tuesday

2 pm to 4pm Triple S, Skegby
 Equipment provided

An annual £5 membership of Triple S is required.
 Group Leader: Mick Winterton Tel 07854 415482

CROQUET GROUP

Mondays 10am – 12 noon
 at Pretty Polly Bowls Club, Unwin Road,
 Sutton in Ashfield, NG17 4HN.
 Group Leader Mary Fenton Tel 01623 478227



DISCUSSION GROUP 2

2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 2.00pm
 Duke of Sussex, (in the back room)

Alfreton Road, Sutton in Ashfield NG17 1JN
 Group Leader: Wanda Maciuszka Tel: 07939 637257
 Wanda will be supported by Ann Villier



YESTERYEARS GROUP

3rd Tuesday of the month

1.30pm to 3.30pm

Polly Bowls Club NG174HN

Group Leaders Joan Webster Tel: 07954 784959.
 Lorraine Whitehead Tel: 07790820357



FUNCTION AT THE JUNCTION

Junction Pub, Newark Road, Sutton in Ashfield

Tuesday 13th October

A meal and a quiz. Meal 6.30pm Quiz 8.00pm for 8.30pm
 Sign up at meeting or contact Mick.

Contact Mick Winterton 07854 415482 or 01623 451758





Keeping Active



TEN PIN BOWLING - 1st Friday 1.15pm for 1.30pm

start. **Mansfield Super Bowl**, Stockwell Gate, Mansfield. NG18 1LG. MEMBERS PAY £9.50 for

two games, shoe hire and coffee/tea

The Group is currently FULL

Group Leader: Bernard Jeffries Tel 07747 397350



WALKING GROUP 1st Wednesday

Next Walk Wednesday 7th October

Open Fields of Laxton

Meet: Laxton Visitors Centre alongside pub NG22 0SX

Food afterwards: **Dovecote Inn. NG22 0SX**

10.15am for 10.30am start

Group Leader: Ron Hicken Tel: 01623 439293 or 07871 796444



TABLE TENNIS GROUP 1st Tuesday 2.30pm

Festival Hall Kirkby in Ashfield NG17 7DJ

Equipment Supplied – Cost £2.00

Group Leader: Avril Dowdle Tel: 01623 455696



OUTDOOR BOWLS - 2nd and 4th Friday

1.30pm to 3.30pm at **Pretty Polly Bowls Club**, Unwin Road, Sutton in Ashfield, NG17 4HN. Cost £1.50 including tea and biscuits. New members always welcome.

Group Leader: June Hall Tel: 07976 637601



STROLLERS GROUP, 4th Thursday

The next stroll Thursday 27th September 10.30 am at

Vicar Water, Clipstone NG21 9AA

Bring a cold drink if hot

Group Leader Gill Hefford Tel: 07717 628879

Please wear sensible footwear



GROUPS TIMETABLE

Day	1 st in the Month	2 nd in the Month	3 rd in the Month	4 th in the Month	5 th in the Month
M O N D A Y	Kings Cards 9.30am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>	Kings Cards 9.30am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>	Kings Cards 9.30am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>	Kings Cards 9.30am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>	Kings Cards 9.30am Drama 1.00pm Croquet 10am <i>Summer only</i>
T U E S	Philosophy 10am Table Tennis 2.30pm Snooker 2.00pm	Grumpy Old Men 9.30am Ladies Coffee Morning Group 10.00am Discussion Group 2 2.00pm	Snooker 2.00pm Yesteryears 1.30pm	Luncheon Group 12.30pm	
W E D S	Walking Group 10.15am	Art Group 1.30pm	French Language 1.30pm International Dining	Board Games 10am Art Group 1.30pm	
T H U R S	U3A Committee Meeting	U3A General Meeting 10.00am	Afternoon Tea Group	Strollers 10.30am Discussion Group 1 2pm	
F R I D A Y	Craft Group 10am Ten Pin Bowling 1.30pm	Indoor Bowls 1.30pm <i>Winter only</i> Lawn Bowls <i>Summer only</i>	Craft Group 10am Fish Friday	Indoor Bowls 1.30pm <i>Winter only</i> Lawn Bowls <i>Summer only</i>	Craft Group 10am

Function at the Junction
Various dates – see newsletter

Singles Sunday Lunch Group
Last Sunday of the month

SUPPORTING MARY'S MEAL CHARITY

There will be a box at the front of the room to collect foreign, obsolete or pre-decimal or obsolete coins or notes for the charity.

Committee Members 2026-2027



June Hall	Chair	07976 637601 01623 559808
Bernard Jeffries	Vice Chair	07747 397350 01623 610316
Liz Matthews	Treasurer	07504 901832 01623 459117
Mick Winterton	Business Secretary	07854 415482 01623 451758
June Hall	Groups Co-ordinator	07976 637601 01623 559808
Jackie Brookes	Committee Member	07904 647791
Mary Fenton	Social Secretary	01623 478227
Bernard Jeffries	Membership Secretary	07747 397350 01623 610316
Gill Hefford	Minutes Secretary	07717 628879 01623 407701



Read the small print



PAYMENT FOR MEALS If you have booked a meal and not let the Group Leader know personally that you cannot turn up, **YOU MUST PAY** for the meal if the restaurant charges for it.

NO REFUNDS POLICY – When you pay for tickets for events or meals and are unable to go it is your responsibility to sell them to another member as **no refunds will be given** but check to see if there is a waiting list first.

Always inform your group leader personally if unable to attend

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE Newsletter and website items to Steve Shaw email: s59shaw@ntlworld.com – Closing date for articles is the last day of the month. Any members wishing to submit articles for publishing must get approval through the committee.

BOOK STALL Please support the book stall as profits help support and subsidise U3A activities. Because of the number of books and limited storage, help is required. Please take a bag of books home with you.

****PHOTOS**** Photographs are taken from time to time at U3A for newsletter, website or facebook pages. If members do not want to be in these photos, it is their responsibility to remove themselves before they are taken.

Sutton in Ashfield u3a The Third Age Trust

September 2026 Newsletter



Website address - suttoninashfield.u3asite.uk

September sees a change in the season where we start to adapt to change in weather and activities. In this last month there has certainly been that at our u3a. When unexpected events happen, you don't always realise the knock-on effects to the group and the behind the scenes work that goes on. Following the passing of Kevin not only were we left without a Chair, but also a leader of the Singles Sunday Lunch Group. People step up and we thank June for taking on the Chair and to Betty Robinson now leading the Singles Sunday Lunch Group. The Drama Group have had their share of change as well. With only 5 weeks before their next production, Marjorie who had a part in the show, passed away and they had to adapt. That was difficult, but then less than one week before the show, I had an unexpected urgent operation which put me out of action. The show must go on and Avril and Peter persevered and adapted to produce an excellent sold out Murder Mystery. They must be commended for keeping their coolish under pressure!!! And adapting.

In life we adapt and move forward – thank you to our great committee and group leaders for what you do.

Our next meeting Thursday 8th October

10.00am to 12 noon at Mansfield Hosiery Mills
Sports and Social Club, The Fieldings, NG17 2TF

COFFEE MORNING

Quiz, Raffle, Coffee and Cakes
Offers of Cakes welcome

OUR GROUPS

Afternoon Tea
Art
Board Games
Croquet
Craft
Discussion 1
Discussion 2
Drama
Fish Friday
French Language
Function at the Junction
Grumpy Old Men
Outdoor Bowls
International Dining
Kings Cards
Ladies Coffee
Morning
Philosophy
Pub Luncheon
Singles Sunday Lunch
Snooker
Strollers
Table Tennis
Ten Pin Bowling
Walking
Yesteryears

**Today's Guest
Speaker**
Graham Keal
Terry Wogan's Wig