



# Rainworth & District

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## AUGUST 2025 Newsletter

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**We meet on the second Wednesday of the month,  
10am-12pm at the Rainworth Village Hall**



We promoted our u3a at the Summer Fair at St Simon and St Jude's Church, Rainworth always a happy and busy occasion

## Interest Groups

**Members wishing to join/attend any interest group activities must contact the group leader *PRIOR TO ATTENDING.***

Snapshot Gallery	"Virtual" Slideshow monthly	Ian Hibbert	795399	snappgallery21@gmail.com
Armchair Film Club	4th Wed	Diane Hibbert	795399	diane.hibbert@btinternet.com
Book Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Betty Foster	07708 444535	betty.foster@btopenworld.com
Breakfast	1st Tue	Gordon Brown	07925 896004	gordonbrown66@ntlworld.com
Card Craft	3rd Mon	Jill Pullan	400545	jillandmalcp@gmail.com
Garden Visits	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	Ann Mills	631714	ann_mills@me.com
Hobbies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Maureen Litchfield	799322	maureen.litchfield@hotmail.com
Indoor Games	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Andrew Goodison	438702	goodisonj2@gmail.com
Local History	4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Diane Hibbert	795399	diane.hibbert@btinternet.com
Lunch Group 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Ann Mills	631714	ann_mills@me.com
Lunch Group 2	2nd Wed	Jackie Massey	07881 661894	masseyjackie@hotmail.com
National Trust	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thur	Maureen Litchfield	799322	maureen.litchfield@hotmail.com
Odeon Visits	Various	Pam Berry	795473	randp33@hotmail.com
Pub Quiz	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur	Gordon Brown	07925 896004	gordonbrown66@ntlworld.com
Ringtones-Singing	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Pam Haywood	406078	pamhaywood@hotmail.co.uk
Strollers	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Andrew/Susan Goodison	438702	goodisonj2@gmail.com
Ten Pin Bowling	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur	Wendy Dixon	07580 385437	mattjen@hotmail.co.uk
Trips & Visits	Various	Ann Brown	07982 243462	annbrown051@gmail.com
Wine Appreciation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Jill Pullan	400545	jillandmalcp@gmail.com

## Meeting Programme 2025

**Wed 13th August**

Gareth Howell "The Royal British Legion:  
A Legacy of Remembrance".

**Wed 10th Sep**

George Nelson on "Oar Blimey"  
(rowing the Atlantic )

### Future Events

**Tues 23rd Sept**

**National u3a week event to promote the  
organisation and our own u3a.**

Open coffee morning 10-12pm at  
Rainworth Village Hall.

Raffle, Music Quiz, Books and Jigsaws.

Come and meet our Committee, Group Leaders  
and members and find out all about the u3a  
£3 admission includes coffee and cake.

### Odeon Visit

Andre Rieu on SUNDAY 31st August at 3.15pm. Now booking.

*Pam Berry*

**Ashfield u3a Miscellany group** have a few spaces for a trip to Stamford on the 12 September leaving Ellis Street, Kirkby at 9am and returning from Stamford at 4pm. The cost is £15 for the coach plus an extra £10 if you want to join a walking tour which at 2pm which will last approx 90 minutes. Total £25 if doing tour. Please contact me if any if your members are interested. My email address is [taylor07vic@gmail.com](mailto:taylor07vic@gmail.com), mobile [07791 425094](tel:07791425094).

### **Please continue to look out for scam messages**

One member received instructions to access a particular website in order to apply for the winter fuel payment and emails from another member have

### Breakfast Group

Our Breakfast Group enjoyed an excellent meal in lovely surroundings at Ramsdale Golf Club

A warm welcome to all our members and visitors. We hope you enjoy the monthly newsletter, please keep the articles and photos coming! It's not a newsletter if it hasn't got news!

Articles will be put on the website as they are received and has more space for photos, all in colour! Please **email** articles to [rainworthu3anews@gmail.com](mailto:rainworthu3anews@gmail.com) with any photos as an attachment.

### **The closing date for the next issue is 31st August**

**Please do not arrive to the meeting before 9.30am.**

Please notify Jean Bingham, our Membership Secretary, of any change to your personal details e.g. address, email & phone numbers and if you do not wish to receive the u3a Matters magazine.

In case of an emergency, please give a contact name and number that you would like used to the Membership Secretary and your Group Leaders. Also please write the details on your membership card which should be carried with you at all u3a meetings, events and activities.

If you are aware of a member who is unable to attend the meeting and would welcome a newsletter, and/or a telephone call, please let our Welfare Officer, Linda Stockton, know.

Have you remembered to bring your mugs? Please ensure mobile phones are set to silent.

If you have any comments or ideas regarding our activities, **please use the suggestion box**, it can be an anonymous contribution.

Do have a look at our website and join our Facebook page, if you use social media, for the latest information and also the u3a National website, [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) where you can sign up to receive their monthly newsletter via email. It is full of information, ideas, policies and feedback on the organisation and other branches' activities.

We are a member of the Notts Network of u3a's, who also have a website, <https://nottsnetworkofu3as.u3asite.uk/> and issue a bi-monthly newsletter called "Newsbites." There are links to these and other organisations on our website.

You can listen to u3a radio on podcasting platforms, including Apple, Spotify and Google podcasts and on u3a You Tube channel.

***Don't forget to look at the notice board on display at every meeting for more information about our u3a and other events and organisations.***

## Trips and Visits

Our crazy golf and lunch event organiser Ann Brown with joint winner Margaret Whilde who along with Gordon both scored 52.

*Gordon Brown*



## Advance Warning

Emergency Alert to be sent to mobile phones across the UK in the second ever national test of the system.

**Alert will sound at around 3pm on Sunday 7 September .**

Test comes as the government publishes a Resilience Action Plan with new steps to secure the country and deliver the Plan for Change. Mobile phones in the UK will be sent a test Emergency Alert at around 15:00 on Sunday 7th September 2025, as part of plans to strengthen the country's preparedness.

The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. It allows vital information and advice to be sent to people rapidly in an emergency.

During the test, mobile phones will vibrate and make a loud siren sound for roughly ten seconds, even if they are set to silent. A message will also appear on phone screens, making it clear the alert is only a test. There are approximately 87 million mobile phones in the UK.

The test will be just the second of its kind and follows a government commitment to test the system regularly to make sure it works optimally and familiarise the public with the alerts. This is in line with standard practice in other countries, such as Japan and the USA.

## **Lunch Group 2**

23 of us descended on the Archer for lunch after our monthly meeting. The menu offers lots of choices and a Summer menu has been introduced offering lighter meals. All the meals are very reasonably priced and served with a smile.

Our venue for August will be The Sherwood. All welcome. Members enjoyed coffee in the sunshine after the meal.

*Jackie Massey*



## **Book Group**

'No One Saw a Thing' by Andrea Mara, a psychological thriller impossible to put down.

Sive is visiting London from Ireland with her husband and three children for an annual reunion with her husband's friends when she suffers a parent's worst nightmare.

Waiting on the underground station, she stops to answer a call on her mobile phone when the train arrives, her two little girls jump on and the doors close before she is able to join them with her baby. She shouts at them to get off at the next stop but when she arrives there only one daughter is waiting for her.

What has happened to the other? Has she been taken by a stranger or is the culprit closer to home? The story is full of suspense and details the previous three days alongside the search for the missing child.

There are many twists and turns and secrets revealed along the way.

*Betty Foster*

## **Members' help needed**

The Nottinghamshire Great War Roll of Honour is a permanent tribute to local men, women and children who died as a result of the two world wars.

So far, 14,000 names have been added to this archive of those who died during World War 1. Volunteers have searched the county's war memorials, cenotaphs, churchyards and cemeteries to put together a legacy of Nottinghamshire's fallen.

Now they have turned their attention to World War 2, and so far have 5,000 names. However, many names are missing, and the team is calling on the general public to help fill the gaps.

If you have a family member or friend who lost their life in the second world war, check if they are listed on [rollofhonour.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://rollofhonour.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)  
If missing, contact [missingnames@outlook.com](mailto:missingnames@outlook.com). You will be able to send details of the person plus photos to add to the data collection.

***Lives need to be remembered.***

***Names need to be recorded for posterity.***

## **Hobbies, Games and Card Craft, great way to spend an afternoon!**



## Strollers

Having cancelled the walk at Hardwick Park in June due to the extremely hot weather and not wanting to cause any medical emergencies, the group managed to complete it on 28th July.

The regular strollers were joined by Maureen's daughter Kim on this occasion. The weather was more suitable for walking, warm with a nice breeze and just a slight drizzle of rain before we finished the walk at the Hardwick Inn for refreshments. A group of geese didn't bother us as they were busy concentrating on grazing the long grass as we passed close by. The water lilies on the lake didn't look at their best probably due to the recent hot weather and lack of rain. There were numerous people and dogs out enjoying a walk in the fresh air on a lovely summer's day. We can honestly say that we carried out the u3a motto "learn, laugh, live". Not only did we live by walking, we laughed when Ian encouraged Diane to keep moving backwards towards the lake as she took a group photograph. Also he gave us a nature lesson by informing us that there are two species of acorns. The Sessile acorn has a stalk joining it to the leaf on the Welsh, Irish and Cornish Oak Trees. However the Pedunculate acorn on the English Oak doesn't have a stalk. How many members knew that?

*There won't be a walk in August as the date falls on the bank holiday Monday, some members will be away and some will be recovering from the trip to Whitby the previous day. The next walk will be on Monday 22nd September when the group are meeting in the car park at Teversal Grange for 10.30am.*

*Andrew and Susan Goodison*



## Garden Visits

Boughton House near Kettering, owned by the Duke of Buccleuch, is an enormous property with expansive parklands and known as the English Versailles, for obvious reasons.

The house is only open on an ad hoc basis, mostly for private tours or events. We

booked our own tour to view the grounds and gardens which are very formal in parts but there are also extensive walled gardens, lakes and ponds. We were allowed to wander at will, seeing no other visitors.

*Ann Mills*



## Snapshot Gallery



## **Local History Group      Sherwood Observatory and Planetarium**

The local history group was joined by u3a members from Mansfield and Ashfield who helped us reach a viable number for our visit.

The newly-opened building is a stunning facility for astronomy. Many remembered the days of the old building, but this £6.8 million dome is much grander and really worth a visit.

On arrival, we descended into the depths of the old Victorian Sutton waterworks reservoir- now converted into an exhibition space, but still retaining its damp and stalactites!

Then upstairs to the cafe for refreshments and wonderful views from the balcony.

Finally, into the auditorium to watch CAPCOM GO! - a film about the Apollo space mission and moon landings. CAPCOM stands for Capsule Communication which enabled NASA HQ to connect with the astronauts in the space module.

The scene where Apollo 11 launched was amazing - not watching from a distance but right up there with the rocket in 360degree surroundings. Interestingly, one of the Observatory's astronomers helped in the making of this film.

We ended with a general presentation by one of the expert astronomers using the 360degree dome, showing what we can see if we look up into the night sky, and what the latest telescopes can see beyond our galaxy. This combined with a Q and A session to end an educational, entertaining and enjoyable visit.

*There are other films to see, which we shall try to do next year.*

**NB August's meeting will be on 5th Sept.- The Longest Yarn 2 at Southwell Minster. If you are on my list, your e-ticket will be on my phone. No entry without. Meet at Church Street carpark 10. - 10.15 for 10.30 admission.**

*Diane Hibbert.*



## **Rainworth & District u3a Committee June 2025-June 2026**

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### **Interest Groups**

Whilst it is hoped that members can access a particular interest group, it is not always possible due to transport availability and cost, or venue limitations/restrictions. Ask the Group Leader if there is a waiting list you can go on.

We are fortunate to be able to hire a Ravenshead Community bus for some trips at reasonable cost which are usually full and is able to access all venues. When a larger commercial coach is hired, the cost has to be shared by those members regardless of the number travelling and is not appropriate for some venues. The Committee will always support anyone in becoming a group leader to set up a second group for that interest, it can be a shared role and would enable others to participate.



Our Canasta group has also started, come along and join beginners at this card game with expert instruction from Enid. Three "newbies" had mastered the rules by the end of the 1st session, another "learning curve" for our u3a!

*Enid Thomas*

The card craft group always make beautiful cards for their personal use

*It is not meeting in August*



Visit to the Sherwood Observatory and Planetarian

