



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A) IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



Introduction

The Nottinghamshire Network of U3As is a federation of U3As that have joined together to support each other in the promotion of informal learning and the cultural and social development of their members. The inaugural meeting was held in January 2009.

The U3A is an amazing organisation. The word 'university' in this context is used in its original sense of people coming together to learn. In the UK it has been running since 1982 but is part of an international organisation begun in France in the 1970s. Membership is increasing rapidly, as is the number of U3As. The U3A is a self-help organisation offering older people no longer in fulltime employment the opportunity of lifelong learning within a friendly and sociable framework. Each U3A acts autonomously but is affiliated to the Third Age Trust that is the national representative body providing a wide range of services to the U3As.

What do U3As do?

Within each U3A is a selection of Interest Groups representing the interests of the members of that U3A. Many common interest groups exist in most U3As, while some unusual interest groups exist in just a few. This illustrates the individual nature of each U3A.

Interest groups are self-managed and self-funded. They draw upon the knowledge, skills and experience of their members to prepare and deliver a programme of 'work' to their members. The range of interests is very wide: art and music, both practical and appreciation, foreign languages, literature and poetry, creative writing, science and technology, history, both local and national, gardening, walking, computing, craft, card and board games, cycling, dancing of all sorts, bowling and genealogy to name but some.

These activities take place in an informal, supportive and social atmosphere where learning is undertaken for its own sake, without constraints of syllabus and examination.

What does the Network do?

The Nottinghamshire U3A Network was established to enable cooperation between U3As and the provision of support across the county and also to enable the launch of new U3As. Since it began in 2009 three new U3As have been started and more are planned. There have also been workshops held for committee members to learn from one another's experience and expertise and another to establish a group of mentors who are available to work with officers in new U3As and anyone else in need of support.

There is also a North Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Group (NNNG) that organises joint social events between participating U3As.

Contact Us

Further information on the network can be obtained from the Notts U3A Network website:
<http://www.nottsu3anetwork.org>.

U3As in Nottinghamshire

U3A	Monthly Meeting			Website
	Week / Day / Time			
1. Arnold	1	Tue	1.45pm	http://arnoldu3a.org/
2. Ashfield (Kirkby-in)	4	Thu	10.00am	http://www.ashfieldu3a.org.uk/
3. Beeston	1	Thu	10.00am	http://beestonu3a.org.uk/
4. Bingham	3	Wed	2.00pm	http://www.binghamu3a.co.uk/
5. Burton Joyce	2	Tue	1.45pm	http://www.bju3a.co.uk/
6. Carlton & Gedling	3	Thu	10.30am	https://u3asites.org.uk/carlton-gedling
7. Collingham	4	Wed	2.00pm	http://u3asites.org.uk/collingham
8. Cotgrave	2	Tues	10.00am	http://cotgraveu3a.weebly.com/
9. Dukeries	3	Mon	1.00pm	http://u3asites.org.uk/dukeries
10. Eastwood	1	Wed	10.00am	http://eastwoodu3a.org/
11. Edwalton & Gamston	2	Thu	2.00pm	http://edgamu3a.weebly.com/
12. Forest Town	1	Thu	2.00pm	http://u3asites.org.uk/forest-town
13. Hucknall	2	Wed	1.30pm	http://www.hucknallu3a.org.uk/
14. Keyworth	4	Tue	2.30pm	http://www.keyworthu3a.org.uk/
15. Mansfield	3	Tue	10.00am	https://u3asites.org.uk/mansfield/
16. Mapperley	4	Thur	10.00am	http://u3asites.org.uk/mapperley
17. Newark	2	Thu	2.00pm	http://newark-u3a.org.uk/
18. Nottingham	var	Mon	1.15pm	https://sites.google.com/site/nottinghamu3aprogramme/
19. Park Nottingham	3	Tues	10.00am	https://u3asites.org.uk/park-nottingham
20. Radcliffe-on-Trent	1	Thur	1.30pm	http://www.rot-u3a.org.uk/
21. Rainworth	2	Wed	10.00am	http://www.rainworth-u3a.org.uk/
22. Ravenshead	2	Tues	10.00am	http://u3asites.org.uk/ravenshead
23. Retford	4	Thu	1.30pm	http://www.retford-u3a.org.uk/
24. Ruddington	3	Mon	2.00pm	(no information on the internet)
25. Sherwood	2	Thu	9.45am	http://www.sherwoodu3a-mansfieldwoodhouse.org.uk/
26. Soar Valley	4	Tues	2.00pm	http://u3asites.org.uk/soar-valley
27. Southwell	1	Tue	10.00am	http://www.southwellu3a.com/
28. Stapleford	1	Wed	2.00pm	https://u3asites.org.uk/stapleford/
29. Sutton-in-Ashfield	2	Thu	10.00am	http://www.sutton-in-ashfieldu3a.org.uk/
30. Warsop	2	Mon	10.15am	https://u3asites.org.uk/warsop
31. West Bridgford	4	Thu	1.45pm	http://u3asites.org.uk/west-bridgford
32. Worksop	3	Thu	2.00pm	http://u3asites.org.uk/worksop

Most U3As are active participants in the Notts U3A Network organisation. To find out more go to the Nottinghamshire Network of U3As website: <http://www.nottsu3anetwork.org>.

Collingham U3A meets in Nottinghamshire but is a member of the Lincoln Neighbourhood Group.
Edwalton Gamston U3A meets in Nottinghamshire but is not a member of the Network.
Soar Valley U3A is a member of both the Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire Networks.

Vale of Belvoir U3A meets in Bottesford which is in Leicestershire but has a Nottingham postcode, it is not a member of the Nottinghamshire or Leicestershire Networks, it meets on 2nd Tuesday at 2.00pm, there is no information on the internet.

Location of the meetings are listed on the following page. These locations are on Google Maps here: <https://www.nottsu3anetwork.org/google-maps.html>

Location Addresses

Arnold U3A

Meets at the Methodist Church, 54 Front St., Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 7EL.

Ashfield (Kirkby-in) U3A

Meets at The Ashwood Centre, Portland St., Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham NG17 7AB

Beeston U3A

Meets at the Methodist Church, Chilwell Rd, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1EH

Bingham U3A

Meets at the Methodist Centre, Newgate St, Bingham, Nottingham NG13 8AE

Burton Joyce U3A

Meets at Burton Joyce Village Hall, 14 Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham, NG14 5EY

Carlton & Gedling U3A

Meets at the Richard Herrod centre, Foxhill Rd, Nottingham, NG4 1RL

Collingham U3A

Meets at Collingham Memorial Hall, 67 Main St., Collingham, Newark, Notts NG23 7LB

Cotgrave U3A

Meets at Cotgrave Welfare, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottingham NG12 3PG

Dukeries U3A

Meets at the Jubilee Hall, Wellow Rd, New Ollerton, NG22 9BB

Eastwood U3A

Meets at Plumtre Hall, St. Mary's Church, Church St., Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3BS

Edwalton & Gamston U3A

Meets at Gamston Community Hall, Ambleside, Gamston, NG2 6PS

Forest Town U3A

Meets at St Alban's Church, Old Mill Lane, Forest Town, NG19 0EP

Hucknall and District U3A

Meets at Hucknall Leisure Centre, Linby Rd., Hucknall, Nottingham, NG15 7TX

Keyworth & District U3A

Meets at the Methodist Church, Selby Ln, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5AH

Mansfield and District U3A

Meets at The Oakham Suite, 155 Nottingham Road, Mansfield NG18 4AE

Mapperley U3A

Meets at the Mapperley Plains Social Club, Plains Rd, Mapperley, Nottingham NG3 5RH

Newark U3A

Meets at the Holy Trinity Community Centre, Boundary Rd., Newark, NG24 4AU

Nottingham U3A

Meets at the International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Rd Nottingham NG1 3FN

Park Nottingham U3A

Meets at the Squash Rackets Club, Tattershall Dr, The Park, Nottingham, NG7 1BX

Radcliffe-on-Trent U3A

Meets at Grange Hall, Vicarage Lane, R-o-T, Nottingham, NG12 2FB

Rainworth U3A

Meets at the Village Hall, Kirklington Road, Rainworth, Nottinghamshire, NG21 0JY

Ravenshead U3A

Meets at St. Peter's Church, 55 Sheepwalk Lane, Ravenshead, Nottingham, NG15 9FD

Retford U3A

Meets at The Well, Baptist Church, Hospital Rd, Retford, DN22 7BD

Ruddington U3A

Meets at The Methodist Church, Charles St, Ruddington, NG11 6EF

Sherwood U3A

Meets at The Turner Memorial Hall, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts, NG19 9YJ

Soar Valley U3A

Meets at The Village Hall, Main St, Normanton-on-Soar, Notts, LE12 5HB

Southwell U3A

Meets at Southwell Leisure Centre, Nottingham Rd, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0LG

Stapleford U3A U3A

Meets at Stapleford Methodist Church, Eatons Rd., Stapleford, Nottingham NG13 8DR

Sutton-in-Ashfield U3A

Meets at Mansfield Hosiery Mills Social Club, The Fieldings, Huthwaite Rd, Sutton-In-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 2ED

Vale of Belvoir U3A

Meets at the Village Hall, Belvoir Road, Bottesford, Nottingham NG13 8DR

Warsop U3A

Meets at Warsop Parish Centre, Tudor Barn Hall, Warsop, NG20 0SN

West Bridgford U3A

Meets at the Baptist Church, Melton Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7NF

Worksop U3A

Meets at St. Anne's Church Hall, Harrington St off Newcastle Av, Worksop S80 1NQ