



## Newsletter November 2016

**General Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month from 2:00p.m to 4:00p.m. at the Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch**

### **Last General Meeting:** 29th November

Peter Cousins of Leicestershire & Rutland Family History Society gave a fascinating talk on the underage soldiers and nurses of World War One.

Peter is a keen family historian who was triggered into investigating under-age participants in the First World War when he found some of his own ancestors who had taken part. The presentation was beautifully delivered with an expert Powerpoint presentation. The number of under-age people were too many for all to be identified but he chose interesting individuals some of whom received the Victoria Cross. It is believed that as many as 250,00 under-age man and boys managed to join up but many more were turned away. Far too many of them died but some he mentioned lived to a good age. The youngest boy to sign up was subsequently believed to have been just 12 years old!

The VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) was formed in 1909 and at the outbreak of war many members offered their service to the war effort. The nurses were mostly from the middle and upper classes, inexperienced in nursing and the hardships of war, and many of them were underage too. They were kept away from the front lines to start with but, eventually, many were positioned closer to the action and, sadly, some did not survive.

Peter finished by telling us the first casualty of the war was under-age and is buried very close to the final casualty who was not under-age. A very interesting talk.

### **Next General Meeting:** 13th December – **NOTE this is earlier in the month than usual**

**Speaker:** There is no speaker, but we will be entertained by Burton Choir led by John Wilton. Afterwards there will be mince pies etc. as well as the usual tea and coffee served by the Committee.

### **New Groups**

Four new groups have been proposed: Play Reading, Poetry, Ladies Golf and Arts & Crafts. If anyone is interested in joining, or indeed leading, any of these groups please contact James Bloor at [interestg@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:interestg@ashbyu3a.co.uk)

2016	Tea and Coffee Rota	Meeters and Greeters	Reporting Group
December	The Committee	Colin Ellis	none
January '17		Marion Shuttleworth and Sheila Hampson	Calligraphy Family History
February		Sandra Fox and Cynthia Wells	

## Christmas Lunch – Thursday 8th December

This year's Christmas lunch will be at Willesley Park Golf Club, Measham Road, Ashby  
The Golf Club have asked us to arrive at 12 noon, but please not before, for 12.30  
and have stated no trainers or jeans (as if we would!)

This is now fully booked but here is the menu to remind you what you have ordered!

### MENU

#### Starters

Melon with raspberry coulis  
Chicken liver paté with onion relish

#### Main Courses

Roast Turkey, stuffing, pigs in blanket, cranberry sauce  
Poached Salmon with a creamy dill sauce  
Chestnut, parsnip & mushroom Nut Roast

#### Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce  
Chocolate Roulade

#### Cheese & Biscuits

to be followed by  
Coffee and Chocolate truffles

**£23**

## Interest Groups Timetable: December

Interest group	Meeting date and time	Venue
Bird Watching	5th Dec	RSPB Frampton Marsh, Boston by minibus
Bridge	5th & 19th Dec at 7-9 pm 12th Dec at 2-4 pm	Royal Hotel, Ashby.
Calligraphy	13th Dec at 7 for 7.30pm	Christmas meal at Bull's Head, Hartshorne
Computer	Wed 7th Dec at 2 pm Mon 19th Dec at 2 pm	16 Winchester Way
Digital Photography	1st Dec at 10 am	16 Winchester Way.
Drawing and painting	No meeting in Dec. 18th Jan at 9.30	For Jan visit to Leicester Art Gallery, meet at 2 Marlborough Way to car-share
Family History	14th Dec at 2 pm	2 Marlborough Way
Gardening	Friday 16th Dec at 11am – 1.30pm	Packington Village Hall – Secret Santa Note change of date and time
History	No meeting in Dec	
Industrial Heritage	14th Dec at 11 am	2017 Planning meeting at The Plough Inn, Ashby
Italian	5th Dec at 10 am	9 St Michael's Close
Literature	13th Dec at 12.30 pm	28 Willesley Gardens
Lunch	8th Dec at 12 noon for 12.30	Willessley Park Golf Club. Christmas lunch. Tickets only
Medium Walks	12th Dec at 9.45 for 10 am start	Walk from Ferrers Arms, Lount and return for Christmas Lunch
Music Appreciation	7th Dec at 10 am	40 Willessley Gardens, Ashby
Quiz	21st Dec at 2.30 pm	Bull and Lion Packington
Recorder	1st Dec at 10 am 15th Dec at 10 am	65 Gresley Wood Rd, Church Gresley, DE11 9QP
Short Walks	16th Dec at 10 am	Meet at Hicks Lodge for a walk round the lake and mince pies at the café. A flat walk.
Trips and Outings	No trips currently planned	
Walking	6th Dec at 9:45 for 10 am start	The Elephant & Castle, Thurlaston, LE9 7PT

## Early January

Interest group	Meeting date and time	Venue
Bird Watching	TBA	TBA
Bridge	2nd Jan at 2-4 pm	Royal Hotel, Ashby.
Computer	4th Jan at 2 pm	16 Winchester Way
Digital Photography	5th Jan at 10 am	16 Winchester Way
Music Appreciation	4th Jan at 10 am	TBA
Recorder	5th Jan at 10 am	65 Gresley Wood Rd, Church Gresley
Walking	3rd Jan at 9.45 for 10am	TBA

\*For trips, outings, walks and other events which meet away from the usual venues, see further details in the relevant Group Reports below, or on our website [www.ashbyu3a.co.uk](http://www.ashbyu3a.co.uk)

## **Group Reports**

### **Bird Watching – Leader James Bloor [birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk)**

3rd November - Rutland Water

On Thursday 3rd November, four members of the Birding Group drove to the Anglian Water / LRWT Reserve at Rutland Water on a fine autumn morning.

We walked to the northern hides seeing Goldfinches and Long-tailed Tits in the trees and bushes from the path. Our first stop was at Grebe Hide where we found a Grey Heron standing motionless at the water's edge and five or six Pintails with good numbers of Wigeon and Shovelers on the water.

Once on the path again we watched flock of c50 Golden Plovers flying over. From Osprey Hide we saw a Little Egret, showing its yellow feet as it waded in the shallows.

We moved on to Sandpiper Hide, to find waders and gulls, the latter were all too distant but we found Lapwings and two Golden Plovers on a spit of mud closer to the hide.

From Shoveler Hide we enjoyed good views of a Redshank wading just in front of us, a Yellow-legged Gull showed itself on a post and we had distant views of a single Black-tailed Godwit.

We took lunch upstairs at Visitor Centre, watching a pair of delightful Stonechats on and around the fence separating the reedbed from the cow pasture.

After lunch we returned to Sandpiper Hide to find a reported Water Pipit, an unusual winter visitor, and watched it for several minutes, often in the company of a noticeably smaller Meadow Pipit, as it walked and flitted along the shoreline. We also located a Peregrine Falcon sitting on one of the Osprey nest posts, from where it could see all of Lagoon 4 in search of its prey. We found more waders here, as expected, good numbers of Lapwings with five smaller Dunlins.

Before leaving, we drove round to North Arm but were unable to find the reported Bean Goose among the many Greylags. We did, however, see hundreds of Coots, a dozen Egyptian Geese and several Great Crested Grebes.

At three-thirty, with the light fading, it was time to drive back to Ashby after a pleasant day's birding.

### **Bridge – Leader Neil Roberts 01530 455957**

This is Bridge for players of all levels playing friendly Contract Bridge with some chatter.

Several of our number are "beginners" or "returners" and we have experienced players who are happy to help others improve their game. We now have about 20 active players.

We meet weekly on Mondays at the Royal Hotel, Ashby and at present we alternate afternoons and evenings.

The agreement with the Royal is that we pay for refreshments. Currently when we play we pay £2.50 per week. The Royal provide Car Parking Permits free to our group when playing Bridge.

If you would like to know more contact Neil on 01530 455957 or Pat Ford on 01827 830672

### **Calligraphy – Leader Jenny Slawson 01283 229718**

Our first morning meeting went well with everyone agreeing that the change from afternoon to morning suited them including Megan Frost who has joined the group, replacing one of our members who is unable to attend at the moment. We started straight away with our 'writing on the table cloth' warm up as we caught up on any news and decided where we should go for our Christmas meal. Ann shared some of the calligraphy Christmas cards she was working on at home, which we all agreed were really lovely and perhaps inspired some of us to do some ourselves! We then discussed ideas for 'calligraphy trees' (which are Christmas tree shapes produced from letters and flourishes) and looked at some examples on the internet. Rough planning followed both on the

tablecloth and on paper and then everyone chose either italic capitals or uncial to produce a range of trees. Some used letters of the alphabet, some used names and others used flourishes.

What a relaxing way to spend a cold and frosty morning!

### **Computers – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774**

We meet twice monthly to try to solve anyone's computer problems and to better learn how to use them whether they are PCs, Macs, iPads or Android Tablets. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

#### **21st November**

There were 7 at the Computer Group meeting today.

A peculiar problem with valid emails being switched into the junk mail folder was discussed. There appears nothing wrong with the emails. It was suggested that the authors should be 'whitelisted', and that their emails should be logged as 'ok'. Easier said than done. This must be done whilst the email is actually in the junk mail box, it seems, and affects mailing systems such as gmail, hotmail etc.

This discussion blossomed into a general overview of mail type fraud and scams, affecting on-line banking and shopping in particular.

We also discussed the related topics of card readers and contactless card problems. It may be a wise move to avoid having your contactless card in the same wallet as your Oyster card or similar, as the card reader may prioritise your contactless card over the Oyster card.

We looked at the irritating, and continuing, problems members have been having with Windows 10 updates. Sometimes the system gets the heebie-jeebies (a specialist term meaning freaking out!) and loops continually. The solution may be to revert to a previous version of the software, using the 'Restore' function. That usually gets its attention.

There was an extended session at the table in using the mailing function of Windows Word. Many aspects, including using envelopes versus labels, and how to use and alter these functions. It is important that you check the last settings for sizes of envelopes and labels, as the subsystem remembers the last one set.

### **Digital Photography – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774**

We meet to try to understand how to get the best out of our digital cameras whether they are simple compact cameras or full-blooded DSLRs and how to edit or modify the pictures afterwards. We try to get out and practice every other month. We do not as yet enter competitions.

#### **3rd November**

Six of us gathered to look over the photos taken on the last day out at Staunton Harold.

There was some talk about whether the Palm for most original shot should go to the snapper who DID NOT snap the Stag over the gates. But then it transpired everyone had at least one shot...

Some of Bix' panoramic shots were viewed, and we discussed the various ways these could be taken, including burst mode followed by stitching, in lieu of using an inbuilt panorama mode.

We were unable to view an attempt to add music to a video as the host computer couldn't process the sound fast enough, and had difficulty synchronising with the video. We will return to this as it is something some members want to pursue.

There was a general discussion about editing videos, and the best software.

Settings for various lighting conditions were discussed, especially low light or direct into the sun. Some camera software can be upset by this latter so care is needed.

Finally, the more professional members discussed the finer points of ISO settings and shutter speeds/focal length/exposure settings on sophisticated cameras.

Next time Colin Woodland will talk about video editing.

### **Drawing and Painting – Contact Chris Dogherty 01530 411148**

16th November

Christmas came early for the P & D group as we met for the last session of the year. We tackled the Christmas theme, producing some pleasing pictures of robins, poinsettia, a little donkey, three wise men, and Ashby castle.

### **Family History – Leader John Dogherty 01530 411148**

9th November

We concentrated today on rehearsing and polishing our presentations for the History Group meeting. We used the house TV to show our slides while running through the prepared texts. Some used PowerPoint, others photos. The latter needed to be sorted and tagged so that they could be viewed in the correct sequence to fit the text, but all went well, and to time. see the History Group report below, to see how it went on the day.

Iris attended too, and was very busy organising her files.

### **Gardening - Leader Paul Dean 01283 295987**

The Gardening Group is one of the largest interest groups. The committee try hard to provide a selection of activities suitable for all, including talks on various topics, trips out to well-known gardens and social events where plants are swapped and garden problems are solved! There is always food and drink at the end of each meeting and occasionally prizes to be won! Please come along and meet us and give the gardening club a try.

17th November - Japanese Gardens – Speaker: Patsy Raynor

In November the gardening group met at Packington village hall, where we had a visiting speaker who 'travelled' back in time giving us an insight into the different phases of how Japanese gardens evolved over the centuries.

Patsy explained that her son lived in Japan and that she was a regular visitor, visiting twice a year for over 18 years. Japanese gardens differ greatly from English gardens and are used mainly for Contemplation, using the garden to enhance the view of the landscape using bonsai and other small shrubs to emulate the shapes in the surroundings. We were shown pictures of gardens she's has visited and our members were encouraged to ask questions as the talk proceeded. We learnt that some areas within Japanese gardens are forbidden to be walked on, also that moss is highly prized in Japan and the owner of the garden with moss feels very blessed.

We had what proved to be an interesting and informative talk.

### **History – Leader Dorothy Chapman 01530 413042**

24th November - Family History Group Presentation

The Family History Group gave a series of mini-presentations of their work to 31 members.

John Dogherty talked about the way in which the most innocuous document can be made to yield up much extra information, especially if links to other records or facts can be made. Using a letter from his great grandfather to his father, he showed how the letter helped to speed up the process of tracing his ancestors, and revealed family secrets hitherto unknown.

Lesley told us how and why she became involved in Family History, and regaled us with the story of an axe murderer.

Audrey took us through a fascinating 19th century correspondence with a family ancestor who had emigrated (possibly fled!) to New Zealand. The accounts of daily life and escapades were very entertaining. These have been bound in an impressive hard back book for all time.

Finally, John Howlett entertained us with the story of how he tracked down the origin of comments made by his mother of her experiences in Waterford during the Irish Civil War. These were about 'bullets flying overhead.' It turned out that one side in the Civil War bombarded another in the barracks adjacent to his grandmother's house. Those weren't bullets; they were shells!

Thank you Dorothy and David for making it easy for us to stand up and say our pieces!

The Programme for next year is now available, and will be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Dorothy made a plea for volunteers to sit on the Committee. The present members have been sitting now for six years and are getting saddle sore!

### **Industrial Heritage – Leader Mike Stow 01530 469152**

#### **23rd November – Donington Collection**

The Donington Collection is well known for its Grand Prix cars, but much less so for its impressive collection of WW2 vehicles. 14 members assembled at the museum café at 10 am on a cold dreary day, glad to be inside for a while. The museum starts with the WW2 vehicles which are all in remarkable condition, most of them restored by the museum staff. Many of the cars, trucks and tanks are German, and impressively large particularly the full-track and half-track troop carriers one of which looked like a tracked charabanc, except for the gun racks! There are also dozens of motorbikes German, British and American; many very rare. A member of staff told us that of 12 known Harley Davidson copies of BMW bikes, the museum has 7 examples. However they don't have a single BSA M20 – the most common British Army bike of the war.

The Grand Prix cars in the next halls are the largest collection on view to the public anywhere in the world. Dozens of McLarens, Williams, Force Indias and others. The earlier examples look terribly fragile compared with the modern ones and you soon realise why so many drivers died in the 60s 70s and even the 80s. The final hall full of stunning 50s Vanwalls, Ferraris, Maseratis and a replica Mercedes is the highlight of the collection. A couple or 3 hours is not enough time to do the place justice. I for one shall be going back again soon to browse at my leisure.

### **Italian Group – Leader Lynda Hall 01530 415922**

#### **7th November**

As we had been apart for so long, Lynda eased us back into the fray with a piece of listening.

It seemed to be a story about 'Riccioli d'Oro e i Tre Orsi' Very clearly and steadily read. The penny dropped very quickly. It was Goldilocks and the Three Bears! We enjoyed trying out our ears and following this well-loved story, although there were a few unexpected twists and vocab to pick up on. Lynda then handed round the text so we could get to grips with some surprises. The tense was mainly in the Past Historic, usually reserved for storytelling and adverts.

What is missing from the English version is how naughty Goldilocks was: 'cattiva' in Italian. She was throwing stones at 'scoiattoli' or squirrels! We looked carefully at how the PH tense was formed and the new vocab. A good work out.

### **Literature Group - Leader Sandra Harris 01530 416653**

The Group are due to read "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens this month, before meeting slightly earlier at 12.30 on December 13th for a Christmas lunch before discussing the book.

### **Luncheon Group – Leader Ray Bentley 01530 412505**

We are a group of men and ladies who enjoy a meal together, we take it in turn to choose a venue and organise it. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you sign the notice board in the coffee room at the monthly meeting prior to the lunch, so we can book the relevant number of seats. If you cannot make the monthly meeting please use the contact email or phone number.

**NOTE:** The **January** get together will be at the "**Monkey Tree**" in Mill Lane, Ashby not at the "White Hart" as previously advertised. This is due to refurbishment at the "White Hart".

### **Music Appreciation – Leader David Oakley 01530 563409**

There were eight of us at this month's group meeting, once again hosted by Ann Thompson in Cambrian Way. A bright and sunny group on a bright, sunny if a little frosty, morning.

Wendy got us underway with the first movement of Beethoven's 5th Symphony, with Simon Rattle and the Vienna Philharmonic. Roy then kept us in a classical frame of mind with Saint-Saens 'Organ Symphony'. Pulling out all the stops, as they say.

A change of tack with Lesley's choice of two Alfie Boe tracks. Firstly his charming rendition of 'Over the hills and far away', a song most of us hadn't heard for some years. This was followed up with Alfie and Michael Ball singing 'Empty chairs and empty tables'. It was Michael Ball who sang this song in the original production of Les Miserables.

Claire was next with two pieces of Irish harp music. The harp features strongly in Irish tradition and is of course one of the symbols of Ireland. The harpist-composer was Kathleen Loughnane and the two pieces recalled events in Irish history, some quite bloody. As usual Claire was able to give us an interesting background story to the music and artist.

We welcomed Sally, a new member to the group, who had chosen a piano piece by Chopin as it was something her father used to play. She later followed this up with Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong singing 'Dream a little dream'.

Ann chose guitar music by Juan Caldarado, a busker she and David had heard on a recent holiday in Madeira, as they said you probably had to be sitting in the sun with a glass of wine and a nice lunch to really enjoy it.

Dorothy had found some unusual music taking her back to her York roots. This was a group of musicians called The York Waites, who played medieval instruments. The Waites were a sort of City watchmen who would circuit the city walls playing instruments denoting the time of day etc. Fairly basic instruments but they have a sound of their own.

David had selected two items by Paolo Conte, the Italian pianist-composer. His music is described as being dreamy compositions evocative of Italian and Mediterranean sounds. The tracks were 'Blue Tangos' and 'It's Wonderful'.

Finally we had a few animal tracks of Roy's Saint Saens CD, 'The Carnival of the Animals'.

### **Quiz group - Leader Malcolm Bird 01530 563872**

The group meet at the Bull and Lion, Packington. The Start time is 2.30 and involves tables of four. You do not need to arrange a team of four before the meeting as teams can be organised on the day. This enables single individuals to take part - and to make new friends by joining an ad hoc team. Tea and coffee are served. Total cost £1.20 of which 20p goes to a kitty for prizes.

There will be a quiz on December 21st as usual and on Jan 18th. On 15th February next year we will be holding our winter lunch at the Bull and Lion - followed by the quiz as usual at 2.30pm. February seems a long way off but it will soon come round so get your name down with Malcolm Bird or David Oakley if you want to attend. So far 19 people have chosen their preferred item from the menu and paid. (£10 for two courses plus coffee and mints).

### **Recorder group - Leader Joan Gibson - recorder@ashbyu3a.co.uk**

The recorder group, meet twice a month, to make music in a relaxed, fun way. I would hope that we would be able to cater for a wide range of experience and skill. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings each month.

#### **3rd November**

Chris has decided to give up recorder playing, after a heroic effort at mastering the instrument. She made huge progress, but other things made such huge demands on her time, that she felt she couldn't continue. We'll miss her.

We are now down to four members. One member couldn't make this morning's meeting, so the rest of us had a go at a few pieces in 2 or 3 parts. Barbara played her descant, Marion played descant and her tenor, and I played descant and treble, so we had a bit of variety. Perhaps I'll get the bass going one of these days. We tried a few well-known tunes, and spent an enjoyable couple of hours.

New members would be very welcome. Complete beginners would find it difficult to catch up, though.

### **Trips and Outings Group - Contact Margaret Howlett 01530 461774**

#### **23rd November** - A Tale of two Cities, Nottingham Theatre Royal

30 members met at 12.30pm at the Royal Hotel. We were promised a dry day but it turned out to be drizzly. This did not dampen our enthusiasm though as the coach was warm and dry.

The performance, complete with its dramatic music and amazing set, created just the right atmosphere and we were back in 18th century London and Paris. The story, famous for its opening and closing lines, was both sad and uplifting. It was certainly the best of times for us in Nottingham.

### **Walks**

The walk leader will be at the meeting place whatever the weather and will only cancel the walk in consultation with those who turn up on the day. All dogs must be kept under control at all times. Walking boots or strong shoes are recommended. Be prepared for bad weather by taking warm waterproof clothing. Leaders act in a voluntary capacity. All ramblers walk at their own risk.

### **Walking Group - Leader Bob Baxendale 01530 481435**

The walking group usually does walks of between 7-8 miles, twice a month, and normally have a lunch stop at a pub near to, or at the end of, the walk.

15th November - Wilson to Calke Abbey

12 happy souls set forth from the Bulls Head car park in Wilson to ramble around the "gentle" Leicestershire countryside. We set off a little earlier than usual to allow us sufficient time to enjoy a cup of coffee at Calke Abbey and to ensure we were back at The Bulls Head before they stopped serving food.

Our 8½ mile route took us through Melbourne and around Staunton Harold reservoir and then on to the Calke Abbey estate, through Dimminsdale Wood followed by Spring Wood then across the main Melbourne - Ashby Road to join Park Dale back to Wilson.

It's worth noting that once again this group of Ramblers enjoyed near-perfect walking conditions, followed by good fare, splendid beer and very enjoyable company.

### **Medium walks – Leader Carole Harriman**

The Medium Walk group do walks of up to 6 miles. Anyone interested please contact Carole.

14th November - Ashby-Smisby-Blackfordby-Ashby

Four walkers met in North Street car park to explore the wilds of Ashby and district, well not that wild. Setting off through Hood Park along the footpath parallel to Smisby Road, we passed the new housing estates and then Cliftonthorpe, and crossed the Ashby bypass. Turning left along the bridleway leading to Old Parks Farm, we proceeded into Smisby. At the far end of the village we entered a footpath and walked through a wood and over farmland to reach the Ashby bypass again. Crossing over and negotiating an overgrown footpath, we reached the A511 Ashby Road. Crossing over and entering the fields we passed the alpacas belonging to Charnwood Forest Alpacas. Continuing on into the outskirts of Blackfordby we found the footpath back to Westfields, passing the solar farm and through the building site of the new housing estate. The walk ended by going down Burton Road back to the car park.

The weather was dull but warmish, and mainly dry. A couple of showers didn't damp our enthusiasm. Underfoot was mainly good going although there was some slippery mud on the better used parts of the walk. Total distance was approximately 5.8 miles. Allowance has been made for those who walked to the start in North Street!

### **Short walks Group – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774**

The short walk group organises walks using well defined paths and routes without stiles. The maximum length is 3 miles. All are welcome.

18th November

11 people met at the round carpark overlooking Staunton Harold Reservoir. Just after 10 we set off down the hill in glorious sunshine if a bit chilly but it is mid-November with a clear sky last night. Following the shore we crossed the weir which was nearly up to the bridge. We climbed the path up into Calke grounds stopping for breath and to admire the views.

At the top we were caught up by late arrivals. We went down to the lakes and followed the path up into Calke for coffee and comfort break. We returned to the walking and followed the road around to the church where some went off to explore the deer shelter.

We all met up at the carpark still in glorious sunshine after a very enjoyable walk of about 2.5 miles.

## Your Committee

Following the AGM on 26th July 2016, the members below were (re)elected to the Committee.

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