



# Ashby de la Zouch



## U3A

### Newsletter April 2017

#### **Reminder of change of monthly meeting date**

Monthly Meetings will in future be held on the FOURTH Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on May 23rd.

#### **Last General Meeting: 25th April**

**Speaker:** "Excuse me Madam, but..." A talk by Richard Papworth

Richard Spent most of his working life as a Store Detective, and he had a wealth of anecdotes to regale us with.

He started out in the police, but got fed up with that and seemed to just fall into the work of a store detective at Lewis's in Birmingham.

Over the years he encountered many examples of the devious and cunning ways of the shop lifter, and many examples of their stupidity, too.

His first lesson was in the old dictum 'Don't believe all you see'. He nearly 'collared' the manager of a gentleman's clothing department, mistaking him for stealing ties. Later, he stopped a gentleman with a briefcase leaving the store during a sweep. The gentleman was Lewis' National CEO! He was right to stop him, though, as one of his best cases was in apprehending another gent with a suitcase full of left luggage tickets which lead to the recovery of thousands of pounds worth of goods.

Another would-be felon was exposed by a sniffer dog relieving itself on his hiding place. One of the biggest thefts was of £10,000 worth of furs, stolen using a fake invoice by a very cool crook.

It seems, though, that for every £100 of goods stolen by shoplifters, £180 is stolen by staff.

Of shoplifters, some 144 out of 180 steal to fund a drugs habit. Most do not steal for need.

Many methods are used to take goods: Wearing clothes tried on in the store under street clothes; rolling up in a Rolls and trying the 'Don't you know who I am?' ploy; steal, then return for a refund; distraction techniques (including releasing clouds of bees); switching price tickets to get goods cheaper than they should be (technically fraud). Endless variations.

Thieves often work in gangs; one composed of children of 13, 10 and 8.

The Bible is the commonest book stolen. God knows why...

The total bill recently in the EU for shoplifting amounted to £19 billion, so it is not an inconsiderable nuisance.

Richard ended his most entertaining talk with a short explanation of his work in raising money for the Rainbow Charity, and showed us a series of books he has written for adults and one for children about magic dogs.

#### **Group Reports**

David Oakley and Mike Stow gave brief reports on the activities of the History and Industrial Heritage groups respectively.

#### **Next General Meeting: 23rd May**

**Speaker:** Charles Hanson on "My Life as an Auctioneer"

## **Interest Groups Timetable: May 2017**

Interest group	Meeting date and time	Venue
Arts & Crafts	TBA	Shirley's house
Bird Watching	TBA	TBA
Bridge	1st, 15th & 29th May at 7-9 pm 8th & 22th May at 2-4 pm	Royal Hotel, Ashby.
Calligraphy	9th May	Carole's house
Computer	Wed 3rd May at 2 pm Mon 15th May at 2 pm	16 Winchester Way
Digital Photography	4th May at 10 am	2 Marlborough Way
Drawing and painting	24th May at 10 am	Outside W H Smith, Ashby (If wet, 2 Marlborough Way)
Family History	10th May at 2 pm	2 Marlborough Way
Gardening	18th May at 2 pm	Packington Village Hall
History	25th May at 2 pm	Packington Village Hall
Industrial Heritage	Friday 12th May	Norton Motorcycles factory tour
Italian	15th May at 10 am NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	9 St Michael's Close
Literature	9th May at 12.30 pm	TBC
Lunch	11th May at 12 noon for 12.30	The Wheel, Ticknall
Medium Walks	8th May at 9.45 for 10 am start	Meet at Mount St Bernard Abbey
Music Appreciation	3rd May at 10 am	43 Cambrian Way
Quiz	17th May at 2.30 pm	Bull and Lion, Packington
Recorder	4th May at 10 am 18th May at 10 am	Joan's house, Church Gresley TBC
Short Walks	19th May at 10 am	Meet at top car park, Sense Valley
Trips and Outings		No trips planned
Walking	2nd May 9:45 for 10 am start 16th May 9.45 for 10 am start	YHA National Forest, Moira, DE12 6BD TBA

## **Early June**

Interest group	Meeting date and time	Venue
Bird Watching	TBA	TBA
Bridge	5th Jun at 7-9 pm	Royal Hotel, Ashby.
Computer	7th Jun at 2 pm	16 Winchester Way
Digital Photography	1st Jun at 10 am	16 Winchester Way
Music Appreciation	7th Jun at 10 am	TBA
Recorder	1st Jun at 10 am	TBA
Walking	6th Jun at 9.30 for 9.45 am	The Swan, Main St, Milton DE65 6EF

\*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)

2017	Tea and Coffee Rota	Meeters and Greeters	Reporting Groups
May		Mike Stow	Italian & Literature
June			Lunch & Medium Walks

### Group Reports

#### Arts and Crafts

Our March meeting went very well with six of us trying our hand at origami. We decided that there would be a different leader each time although the meetings would be held here. The following meeting was on 26th April where we started to make a teddy bear (this will probably take two sessions).

#### Bird Watching – Leader Anne Donegan - [birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk](mailto:birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk)

Anne Donegan has agreed to take over leading the group. Their next meeting is yet to be arranged.

#### 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

A small but friendly group, we enjoy extending our calligraphy skills through a more experimental and creative approach to writing texts. We focus mainly on italic and uncial scripts and have produced some very imaginative pieces both at home and during our monthly meetings. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10am.

#### April

We did not meet in April as many of us were on holiday.

#### 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.

#### 5th April

Eight of us gathered together today. John D wanted help in setting up the transference of data from his iPad to a new tablet, with Windows 10 and Android OS co-existing. One significant problem is how to sync his Microsoft Outlook diaries and contacts list with the tablet. There being no real answer forthcoming, he will pursue and report at the next meeting.

Susan needed help to choose a new laptop, then connect her android phone to a tablet for photo downloads.

Peter had problems with his Skype service: he was able to access it on his PC but not on his tablet. Then he was shown how to take photographs with the iPad, and email them, and also how to take screen shots.

#### 17th April

Despite rumours to the contrary, 4 of us did meet on Easter Monday. Sue had bought her new laptop and so we spent some time customising it to suit her and getting email set-up.

#### **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.

#### 6th April

Six photographers converged on Donington Park Race Track to see how good they were at photographing fast moving cars.

Despite a cool breeze, the sun was up and much use was made of zoom lenses and filters to get the action. Some took videos to capture the sound and fury as single seat racing cars, sports cars and vintage racing salons such as Minis and Lotus Cortinas went screeching past.

After an hour and a half of this we all retired to the Pit Stop coffee bar for a well-earned bacon butty and coffee. Exchanges of views and experiences took up the next hour.

We will look at the best of the shots next time round.

NOTE The next meeting will be at John D's house at 2 Marlborough Way, not the usual venue.

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

#### 19th April.

The theme this month, in Easter Week, was "EASTER".

Five of us enjoyed a relaxing morning with our Easter flowers, bunnies, lambs and the risen cross, accompanied by Simnel Cake, coffee and mini Easter eggs!!!

Next Meeting, 10 am outside W.H. Smith, High Street, Wednesday 24th May to view the Ashby Arts Festival outdoor gallery. (If wet, meet at 2 Marlborough Way).

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

#### 12th April

A very successful session today. John H has made a long looked for breakthrough in identifying his Irish maternal great, great grandparents via his maternal great grandmother's birth. A valorous achievement, given the difficulty of tracing ancestors in Ireland. He can now move on to expand the line.

Leslie also has made a breakthrough, and Geoff managed to use the Mormons' site (LDS) to get confirmation of an ancestor he suspected was his but was not sure of.

JD plodded on steadily working on Ancestry Hints covering a new branch which seems to have altogether too many people in each generation of the family. Including one lady who had 20 children, the last of whom was born when she was 70. This needed looking in to!

Iris raised a very important subject: how to save a Family Tree with many images on so that if Ancestry fails all that work is not lost. The answer is not straightforward, but your Leader will issue an interim report of his research very soon. Basically, the Tree itself can be exported as a .gedcom file for import into another family tree programme. But not the pics. These need a more involved routine.

Another target is a relative who was said to have been in the SBS and whose medals had been sold off 40 years ago. We made some progress, but the individual is resisting our attempts to bring him into focus. We did get some regimental numbers for Val to try with the MOD, so we will see.

Audrey is trying to identify a relative said to have been lost at sea, and has so far been unable to find him. So she and Geoffrey settled down with Find My Past and found him! A classic example of cooperative work.

Iris arrived late and needed a bit of help in understanding a notice that seemed to say she was running out of space on her hard drive. John H was able to guide her in the right direction

Chris D. was engaged in probing the results of DNA analyses for her and JD, which shed fascinating light on the origins of the two halves of the Dogherty/Simpson line. With one final sample from our daughter we will have a full picture. A separate report will appear next time.

### **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.

#### **20th April**

We had a coach trip to Warwick and Hill Close gardens. First stop was Warwick for two and half hours so we could explore the town, and dine out if anyone wanted. Then we left for the short trip to Hill Close.

We first had a talk in the restaurant on the history of the gardens, then we split into 2 groups for our guided tours. The gardens consisted of around 19 different large plots some with grade 2 listed summerhouses which was one reason they were saved from being turned into housing plots in the 60s. It was a very enjoyable day out.

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

#### **27th April**

40 plus people turned up to hear Dr John Sutton give a talk on “The Assassination of JFK”. Dr Sutton presented a piece on the Suffragettes almost exactly a year ago to the day, and returned for another tour de force.

He first gave us an outline of his presentation, then worked through it systematically:

Arrival in Dallas: The Assassination: Lee Harvey Oswald: Jack Ruby: JFK funeral: The Warren Report: Conspiracies and other theories: Coincidences and curiosities.

JFK was in Dallas to prepare for next Elections, although the city was generally antipathetic towards him. One of the first significant items was his rejection of a bulletproof bubble for the open car. This caused the Secret Service serious concerns.

The next significant fact was that, in the open car he shared with Governor Connally, the latter was in a 'jump seat' seated lower and slightly more central in the car to JFK.

Then for an unexplained reason, the motorcade route was altered to pass in front of the Book Repository on Dealey Plaza.

The assassination occurred after the car had passed from a head on approach to the Repository and was moving away at right angles.

Film evidence showed that JFK took the first bullet from behind in the neck, passing out through his throat, and the second, fatal, head shot, seemed to come from in front or at least from one side at a sharp angle to the front. But was it really from the front? There has been much discussion as to how many bullets were fired, but eventual general agreement that only three were fired.

A very curious feature was the injury to Governor Connally. He was hit from behind by a bullet which passed through his body at an angle and ended up in his thigh. The suggestion in the Warren Report that this was the bullet which hit JFK from behind, then curved through mid-air to hit Connally, then turned back through 90 degrees to hit his thigh seems bizarre. Much later it was explained by the use of CGI and a careful examination of the film to be in fact a straight line track of the bullet as Connally was in fact turned half around when the bullet struck.

The aftermath was similarly mired in controversy.

The hospital autopsy was rushed and the remains returned to aircraft in great hurry. Somehow a fourth bullet was found, in unfired condition, on the gurney holding the body. .

John then outlined Lee Harvey Oswald's history, which would seem to give him a motive, albeit a weak one, as he defected to Russia after a period in the Marines, but was somehow allowed to return to the State shortly before the assassination. The gun he used was a low grade, bolt action, rifle, fitted with a 'scope. Experts do not think Oswald could have fired three bullets in the time taken. there is also a question about the killing of a policeman immediately after he is thought to have left the Repository.

We then heard about Jack Ruby, who was allowed to get near enough to kill Oswald. This is linked by conspiracy theorists to the strange way in which Oswald was allowed to speak in public to hordes of reporters up to two days after being apprehended.

The Warren Commission Report seems to have been one of the most rushed Reports imaginable concerning such a momentous event. There was only one witness and one conclusion. That Oswald acted alone. That there were three bullets: one missed; one hit JFK and Connally; the fatal shot was the one head shot.

There are many conspiracy theories, generally relating to who could have ordered it, namely:

LBJ, Nixon, Khrushchev, Castro, J. Edgar Hoover or Jimmy Hoffa. Or the Secret Service may have shot him accidentally. (The SS man on the back of the Kennedy's car had a machine carbine against all regulations. The wounds to Kennedy were consistent with rounds used in such a weapon, not by a rifle such as Oswald had.)

Coincidences and curiosities:

1. Abraham Lincoln and JFK were elected to office exactly 100 years apart.
2. Lincoln's assassin shot him in the theatre and was arrested in a warehouse. JFK's shot him from a warehouse and was arrested in a theatre (cinema, actually!)
3. John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839, and Lee Harvey Oswald in 1939
4. Lincoln's Private Secretary was called 'Kennedy' whilst Kennedy's Private Secretary was called 'Lincoln'.

Make of that what you can!

A fascinating exploration of a pivotal experience in our lives. "Where were you, when they shot Kennedy?"

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

26th April

A large group of members made a visit to some of the museums of the Ironbridge Gorge, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution.

We met up first at the newly re-opened Museum of Iron at Coalbrookdale for a fascinating look at why the geology of the area was so suitable for Iron making and how Abraham Darby first introduced coke-fired furnaces which allowed the world's first production of quality cast iron.

From there we went down to Ironbridge to the Museum of the Gorge which explained the history of the whole area and of the many industries which grew up around the coal, coke and iron supply. Also of grim interest was the indicator on the wall of the museum showing the height of the many floods in the valley, some as late as 1968, which were up to 6ft up the wall and 20ft above the normal river level! The whole town must have been devastated each time. The last floods were in 2014, although temporary flood defences are now put in place to protect the houses.

After lunch we walked up to see the Bridge itself, a beautiful elegant structure which, although well-known, is even more striking up close.

To complete the trip we motored down to the Jackfield Tile museum, which after initially seeming to be quite small, opened up, room by room, to display ceramic wall and floor tiles in Arts & Crafts and pre-Raphaelite styles, then representations of an Edwardian pub and a butcher's shop, bathrooms, 1940s housing, many hand-painted murals and even a section of early London Underground station. You soon realise that tiles are used everywhere and often taken for granted. Tiles are still made by hand on site although the factory is not open to the public.

Many members said that they had thoroughly enjoyed the trip and had learnt a great deal too. Because we bought individual Annual Passports for just £1 more than the cost of a group ticket, many of us will be going back to see more sites and we shall probably organise a trip to Blists Hill Victorian Town in the next 12 months, which Passport holders will be able to visit essentially for free.

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

3rd April

Four students and Lynda today. Today we concentrated on listening to instructions for finding our way around a city map from spoken details.

Not as easy as it sounds!

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

The Group are due to read "What Milo saw" by Virginia McGregor this month, before meeting at 1.30 on the 9th May to discuss 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.

The April meal was held at Beeches, Ashby. Some 20+ members turned out. The food was very good although it took rather a long time to appear!

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

6th April

A full house of ten members this month, or to be precise Neil had a full house as he had kindly offered to host this meeting.

Nev reminded us of the recent death of Chuck Berry and launched us into the session with Chuck's 'You never can tell'. His later choice was Ella Fitzgerald singing 'With a song in my heart' from the Rodgers and Hart songbook.

Paul and Trish were welcomed as new members, and Paul being a Country music fan had chosen Glen Campbell's 'Wichita Lineman'. His later choice was Neil Sedaka singing the slow version of his song, 'Breaking up is hard to do'.

Trish then took us in a different direction having chosen the Allegro from Mozart's 'Haydn Quartet'. Written by Mozart as a tribute to Joseph Haydn. Her second choice was Antonio Carlos Jobim singing 'Desafinado (off key)'.

The bright and sunny spring morning had helped Sally in her choice of 'April' from Tchaikovsky's 'Seasons', a selection of twelve short piano pieces for each month of the year. Fittingly April includes a reference to snow drops. Her later second piece was the opening film music from 'Lawrence of Arabia' written by Maurice Jarre.

Mary is much taken with the voice of Eva Cassidy and had chosen her song 'I know you by heart', very poignant considering her terminal illness. Her second choice was Peter Skellern playing and singing 'Love is the sweetest thing'.

David pulled a song back from the past, 'I dreamt I dwelt in marble hall'. A song we had all come across in the past, some with better memories than others. He later chose 'Now is the hour' a supposed Maori song.

Dorothy had selected the song 'Passing time' by the Irish group Clannad.

Lesley reminded us that it was the 50th anniversary of the Beatles album 'Sergeant Pepper', to which there was a general groan and a wonder where those 50 years had gone. She chose 'A day in the life', the last track on the album. She later asked for 'Tuba Smarties' by the band Sky.

Neil is a fan of the Eagles and rather than select a track we would know his choice was 'Long road out of Eden', one the rest of us didn't know, but enjoyable none the less.

Ann's choice for the morning was the Willie Nelson version of 'City of New Orleans'.

And finally, Neil played another Eagles track 'Just too busy looking fabulous', another one the rest of us hadn't heard before.

Another good eclectic choice of music and we will be meeting again at 10 am on Wednesday 3rd May at 43 Cambrian Way, hosted by Ann Thompson.

## **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.

Four teams battled for a "goody bag" of prizes at the April meeting. The table nearest the window won again!

The May meeting questions will be posed by Steve Sinfield.

The June meeting, commencing at 2.30 pm as usual, will involve 1 hour of questions followed by a cream tea. Anyone wishing to partake of the scones etc. must sign up in advance on a list which is being circulated by Pat Ford. Pat will be putting the questions at the June meeting.

The quizmasters for future meetings will be : July - Malcolm Bird. August - Steve Sinfield. September - Clive Caulfield. October - Malcolm Bird and November - Chris and Eileen Smith.

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

Four of us met yesterday. We played some pieces from the tutor book:

165, 168, 169 (and a few more) to practice D' and E'.

Semiquavers in compound time:

191. Sellinger's Round in parts (separate music)

C#: 200, etc

Other pieces:

Just Teasing

One Sunny Morning (I think)

Chinese Dragon Dreams

9 Courante

There was not enough time to play everything. Useful note: descants and tenors can play from the same music at the same time without upsetting everyone. Useful in music written for treble and tenor, to avoid idle descants.

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

There were no trips this month.

### **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 we normally have a lunch stop at a pub near to, or at the end of, the walk.

#### **18th April**

Sixteen members of the walking group met at The John Thompson Inn, Ingleby on lovely sunny morning. We left Ingleby on a fairly easy route to Wood End Cottage and through Robins Wood to Ticknall and the village Hall. Here we had a brief coffee stop enjoying the sunshine. We then set off past Ticknall Church to Hangman's Stone and on to Foremark Church and Hall. We then started to follow the River Trent passing Anchor Church and the Hermit's Cave. A rather tricky narrow path took us up higher with fine views of the River Trent and surrounding area. After 7.05 miles we finally returned to the Inn for lunch.

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

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

### **10th April**

10 brave members set off into the unknown behind their leader, through Snarestone and into the fields beyond. The route initially aimed for Sweptstone church across mostly grass, with some bare ground. The going was hard and dry. It was a mixture of fields and, after crossing Bosworth Road, mature plantation. Reaching the Western edge of Sweptstone, we turned along the roadside verge and entered another field. This was the former Minorca opencast area, now reverted to a large open field, newly sown.

The walk along the edge of the field was somewhat overgrown with brambles and saplings, although the leader had previously been along to clear the worst areas and make it passable. Through a couple of fields and across Bosworth Road, we then walked down Quarry Lane towards the old pumping station, turning North to follow the canal to its new terminus. Across the new bridge with its original, if eccentrically worded, plaque and over a couple of fields led to a rough farm track which was fortunately dry and hard this time, to eventually go through the yard of Lodge Farm and onto the A444. A short walk along the verge led us across a football pitch and back to the cars.

## **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.

### **21st April**

Six walkers met at the car park near to the Church in Melbourne for a walk to Staunton Harold Reservoir and back.

We set off up Church Street, along High Street and Ashby Road and turned right up Calke Road to the reservoir. We stopped briefly at the Kiosk and Ranger office and then walked up to the windmill before taking the footpath down to Robinsons Hill, turning right at the end of the footpath. At the bottom of the hill, we turned left and then right at the signposted footpath across the fields to Penn Lane, turning right at the junction and back down the hill to the Church. It was an enjoyable walk on a pleasant day with spring flowers and attractive buildings.

2.26 miles in approximately an hour and a quarter.

## **Your Committee**

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

John Howlett	Chairman	<a href="mailto:chairman@ashbyu3a.co.uk">chairman@ashbyu3a.co.uk</a>
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