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## Cotgrave & District u3a

### Monthly newsletter and diary May 2024

Here is the May edition of our newsletter and diary. I know I keep saying this but hopefully the weather will improve soon. It has rained every day (even if one or two spots only) for months.

#### **April monthly meeting**

A talk by Roger Browne on the golden age of the radio was well received. It was a trip down memory lane for most people depending on their age and at what stage people acquired their first television set. Various programmes were mentioned and included, Two-way family favourites, The Clitheroe kid, Navy Lark and even a show that featured a ventriloquist..... on the radio!!

At the next meeting on the 14th May there will be a talk by Martin Lloyd called 'Becoming a famous author'

#### **Silver screen at the Broadway cinema**

<https://www.broadway.org.uk> for further information.

Thursday 2nd May **That they may face the rising sun.** 10.15 and 1.15

Thursday 9th May **The fall guy.** 10.15 and 1.15

Thursday 16th May **La Chimera.** 10.15 and 1.15

Thursday 23rd May **Rome, open city.** 10.15 and 1.15

Thursday 30th May **TBC.** 10.15 and 1.15

#### **Portsmouth trip**

Some of you have been on an adventure organised by Elaine Parker.

#### **Ann Berry reports**

Following Kathy Powis's talk on the Mary Rose last June, Elaine began organising the Cotgrave u3a visit to Portsmouth with Sharpes.

**Day 1.** We were collected from Cotgrave to travel down to Portsmouth with an afternoon stop in Winchester with most of us visiting the Cathedral.

**Day 2.** was our full day to The Mary Rose exhibition and the Dockyards. I managed to visit the Mary Rose & the Victory ..... a couple of coffee breaks and the day had disappeared – fascinating day.

**Day 3** was our visit to Beaulieu with its National Motor Museum, Palace House, Beaulieu Abbey, Secret army Exhibition & large grounds with formal & informal gardens .... and then mid afternoon we moved to Bucklers Hard. .... delightful.

**Day 4** was our journey home. Our first break was a visit to Salisbury Cathedral and then onwards to Stonehenge. Just a comfort stop followed before arriving in Cotgrave early evening. A multitude of thanks to Elaine for organising this visit – Thoroughly enjoyable throughout. .... where next 🤔😂😂😂😂

Excellent hotel, very comfortable rooms and really good meals.

If you would like to know more details and see photographs ..... then have a look at the u3a Facebook page – if you don't "do" Facebook, then ask a friend who does 😊



### **Elaine Parker**

A holiday is only a success if the people coming are willing to get along and support each other. This was evident in spades. We had a lot of laughter. Roll on to the next trip!

**OTT group** If anybody has any Ideas for any other short trips can you contact Elaine Parker, Pat Baxter or Maureen Johnson.

### **Other news from the groups**

#### **Croquet**

This group started the 2024 season last month . **Chris Soar** the group leader said 'The first meeting was on the 17th April when eleven of us had two rather hilarious rounds each only the last game being showered on (lightly.)'

### **Bridge**

**Peter Binder** reports 'we had six tables last Monday and the group seems to be growing.'

**Tai chi** There will be no meeting on the 30th meeting.

**Line dancing** the meeting on the 2nd May has been moved to the 9th May as the Methodist Church is being used as a polling station on the 2nd.

### **Science and Technology**

**Jim Benn says**, "The talk will be by Mark Cave and is entitled "Geochemistry; From the Big Bang to Back Gardens". Mark is always good value, and it should be good."

### **Gardening group**



**Sandra Morton** says 'The gardening group held a plant swap/sale on Saturday 27th April, It was well attended by the group with some interesting plants to swap or buy. Hosted by Chris Soar, the morning was enjoyed by all. Special highlight, a tour of Chris's beautiful garden'

### **Yoga**

There are spaces available in the Yoga group. If anybody would like to try it out, please contact the group leader Carol Harris or myself.

Just a reminder. We have an agreement with the Manvers and with some groups that meet at the Welfare. We are not charged for the room, but the proviso is that every member of the group buys a drink. Can we make sure that we do this please.

Day	Date	Time	Group	Venue	Group Leader
1st.Wednesday	1st	10.00	Art	Welfare	Ann Berry
		10.30	Garden group	Manvers	Sandra Morton
		11.00	Computer group	Manvers	Stuart Ellis
		14.00	Croquet	Leader's home	Chris Soar
		10.00	Snooker and darts	Welfare	Michael O'Connor
Thursday	2nd	09.15	Tai Chi	Welfare	Liz Manning
		14.00	Badminton	Leisure centre	Clive Watterson
Friday	3rd	10.00	Craft group	Methodist church	Sue Mellor
		10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder
		12.30	Real ale	The Vat and Fiddle	Chris Soar
Monday	6th	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Knit and natter	Group Leaders home	Maureen Johnson
		14.00	Mah Jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
Tuesday	7th	09.30	Yoga	Welfare	Carol Harris
		14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
2nd Wednesday	8th	10.00	Art	Welfare/Cotgrave Club	Ann Berry
		14.00	Card and Board games 2	Leader's home	Sue Hillyard
		14.00	Singing for fun	Scout and guide hall	Sue Childs/Mic Robbins
		10.00	Creative writing	Member's home	Chris Tomblin
Thursday	9th	09.15	Tai chi	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Liz Manning
		11.00	Line Dancing	Methodist church	Sue Hillyard
		14.00	Table tennis	Leisure centre	Paul Childs
		15.30	Spanish	Manvers	Maureen Burrell
		19.00	Card and board games 1	Leader's home	Sue Hillyard

Friday	10th	10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder
Monday	13th	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Mah jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
		14.00	History	Welfare	Michael O'Connor
Tuesday	14th	09.30	Open meeting	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Peter Shreyhane
		14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
		15.00	Genealogy	Library	Peter Shreyhane
3rd Wednesday	15th	10.00	Art	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Ann Berry
		10.00	Snooker and Darts	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Paul Childs
		14.00	Croquet	Leader's home	Chris Soar
Thursday	16th	09.15	Tai chi	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Liz Manning
		11.00	Line dancing.	Methodist church	Sue Hillyard
		14.00	Science	Methodist Hall	Jim Benn
		14.00	Badminton	Leisure centre	Clive Watterson
Friday	17th	09.30	Committee meeting	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Peter Shreyhane
		10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder
		12.30	Real ale	The Vat and Fiddle	Chris Soar
Monday	20th	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Mah jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
		14.00	Book group 2	Library	Heather Whatnall
Tuesday	21st	09.30	Yoga	Welfare	Carol Harris
		13.00	Lunch group 1	The Gamston Lock	John Haskell
		14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
4th Wednesday	22nd	10.00	Art	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Ann Berry
		10.00	Coffee and chat	Manvers	Barbara Bullin
		11.00	Computer group	Manvers	Stuart Ellis
		14.00	Singing for fun	Scout and guide hall	Sue Childs/Mic Robbins
		14.45	French	Group Leader's home	Yvonne Harriss
Thursday	23rd	09.15	Tai chi	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Liz Manning
		14.00	Table tennis	Leisure centre	Paul Childs

		15.30	Spanish	Manvers	Maureen Burrell
		19.00	Card and board games 1	Leader's home	Sue Hillyard
Friday	24th	10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder
		10.00	Walking group	TBC	Peter Shreyhane
Monday	27th	10.00	Bridge	Manvers	June Odell
		14.00	Art history	TBC	Carole Pimblett
		14.00	Mah Jong	Manvers	Gaynor Parker
Tuesday	28th	09.30	Yoga	Welfare	Carol Harris
		13.00	Lunch group	The Gamston Lock	John Haskell
		14.00	Chess	Manvers	Bernie Besnard
		14.00	Book group 1	Library	Sue Childs
5th Wednesday	29th	10.00	Art	Welfare/Cotgrave club	Ann Berry
Thursday	30th				
Friday	31st	10.00	Canasta	Manvers	Peter Binder