

# Coventry Sherbourne u3a

## November 2021

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**Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>: 3 Short talks by Janet Foot, Ann Karabinas and Ness Makepeace ranging from Crafting to The Body Shop.**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December The Christmas Quiz, hosted by our Quiz Supremo Anne Tithecott.**

As our activities continue to open up, the committee wishes to express our thanks to members for helping everyone to feel safe by wearing face masks when moving about the hall and helping out by making sure all the tables and chairs have been wiped down.

We will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits this month so a big thank you to those who are helping with the refreshments and to those who have volunteered to give a talk. It is easy to overlook the knowledge that individual members possess and it is wonderful when they are willing to share some of what they know. We are also currently lining up some interesting external speakers to give talks in the future.

The AGM is coming up in February 2022 and we will be looking for some new committee members. Without people who are prepared to step forward we cannot function, so if you might be prepared to take on this role, please talk to a committee member to find out more. Everyone has some skills or abilities which they could bring to the committee so why not give it a go.

**Riviera Travel:** Are you thinking of booking a holiday through Riviera Travel? If you tell them that you are a u3a member and that you are with Coventry Sherbourne at the time of booking, we can claim a donation of 10% of the basic cost into our funds. This will help to keep down our membership fees.

**Finally, if you have photos etc for inclusion in a future newsletter, please send them to Ness Makepeace, Editor.**

### CHRISTMAS MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC



As we will not be having our usual Christmas lunch

this year, our December general meeting will be extra special. As well as a fun quiz with small prizes, we will be serving mince pies and short bread with the tea and coffee. So wear your Christmas jumpers etc. and let's make a party of it. Don't forget to bring the Christmas cards to exchange with your friends.

### [A Reminder to our Crafty and Artistic Members](#)

As mentioned in the October newsletter, we will be putting on an exhibition of Art, Crafts and our other activities together with the other Coventry u3as as our contribution to the City of Culture. The exhibition will move between 3 venues across the city over the course of 4 days in May 2022. We need your input in the form of handicrafts and pictures from all you talented people. The art and craftwork doesn't have to have been produced in our activity groups (the pandemic put a stop to that), just as long as it could have been.

This aim is to provide a focal point to raise the profile of the u3a in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of our movement, highlighting who we are and what we do and increasing our membership. We want to remind people that many older people have very active minds and we shouldn't be written off just because we have reached a certain age.

| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Time</b> | <b>Activity</b>  | <b>Contact Information</b>  |
|--------------------|-------------|--|---|
| Monday 8/11/21     | 2.00pm      | Craft Group*: Decoupage Christmas Cards.   | Janet Foot  |
| Wednesday 10/11/21 | 2.00pm      | Needles and Pins - Patchwork, Quilting, Embroidery etc.  | Eileen Wallis   |
| Thursday 11/11/21  | 10.30am     | Mini History, on Zoom: The Coventry Cholera Epidemic 1849, a talk by Marion Hodgkins.  | Zoom invitations will be emailed to all one or two days before the meeting. |
| Friday 12/11/21    | 1.00pm      | Friday Pub Lunch*: Red Lion, Ansty Rd. N.B. Parking fee is payable but can be reclaimed when paying for your meal.   | Mike Field to reserve your place.   |
| Monday 15/11/21    | 2.00pm      | All Our Yesterdays – collaborating to create a booklet of our memories to share with friends and family.   | Marion Hodgkins   |
| Friday 19/11/21    | 2.00pm      | Canvas Work – tapestry and chat.   | Jenny Smith   |
| Wednesday 24/11/21 | 10.30am     | Getting to Know Our Ancestors, on Zoom - Genealogy discussion group. This month we will have a general discussion on any aspect of genealogy.  | Zoom invitations will be emailed to all one or two days before the meeting. |
| Thursday 25/11/21  | 10.25am     | Short Walk*: 2 mile (approx.) ramble in the Stoneleigh area, followed by pub lunch at The Tiltyard in Kenilworth. The walk will be muddy so you will need to wear sturdy boots. Meet up at Tesco car park, Clifford Bridge Road. | Pip Friel.  |
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| Tuesday 07/12/21   | 2.00pm      | Book Lovers* – discussion: Hamnet, by Maggie O'Farrell.  | Dorothy Mayo  |
| No meeting in Dec  | 2.00pm      | Scrabble Dabblers – fun Scrabble session.  | Mary Kettley  |
|                    |             | <b>.* Please sign up on the sheets provided in the meeting room.</b>   |   |