



HINCKLEY U3A Newsletter

June 2019

The May monthly meeting at the Mary Forryan Centre was a talk by Jeff Rowe “25 Years of Leicester Comedy”. Jeff started his talk commenting on how laughter is really important to us humans as comedy helps us to learn from each other. Could we imagine a world without laughter? The Leicester comedy festival started 25 years ago as a college project when Jeff was a student. The students asked the Haymarket Theatre to let them put on some comedy but were rejected!! As the festival grew there came a time when patrons were needed for support. Jeff managed to get hold of Norman Wisdom who was delighted to support and then became a patron. In 1994 the students organised 50 shows at 70 venues with 5,000 people attending. By this year 2019 there were 847 performances at 72 venues and 135,000 people attending. Jeff was really star struck when he met and spoke to Norman Wisdom but the best story was when he met Ken Dodd. Jeff was running late so did not know that Ken had arrived with his poodle, telling everyone not to touch the dog. Of course Jeff arrived, bent down to stroke the dog and ended up at the doctors. Thus ended a very interesting and lively talk. Jeff is still organising the festival and hopes it will continue for another 25 years.

Just to remind you that on June 18th it is our 25th anniversary celebrations with folk music and stories. There will be a cream tea for everyone and many special guests including the new mayor and the U3A regional director.

The main meeting on July 16th at the Mary Forryan Centre is by John White entitled “Henry VII in person”

Trips in July

Saturday July 27th Gilbert and Sullivan’s Yeoman of the Guard

Monday July 29th “ Middleton Hall” Staffordshire

SciTech trip to Leicester's Abbey Road Pumping Station date not confirmed.

Janice Strand our secretary has posted the following article.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR came into effect in all EU member countries in May 2018, and the law will remain in force the UK regardless of Brexit. Basically, GDPR replaces the old Data Protection Act and is intended to hand back control of your personal data to you. Personal data includes your name, address, contact details, your computer or laptop's unique identifying number, as well as your image. Companies are no longer allowed to share your personal data with others without your permission.

For Hinckley U3A, the new law means that the committee must justify why it's storing your name, address, phone number, and email address. At the May meeting, the committee decided that each member holds a contract with Hinckley U3A simply by paying an annual membership fee.

The law also means that members should be very careful about sharing other peoples' contact details without their permission. Please note that all group leaders have already been briefed about their responsibilities.

I've been appointed GDPR lead for Hinckley U3A, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. My phone number is in the annual programme or you can email me via the website.

There's a lot of info about GDPR online, but the best website is the Information Commissioner's Office:

ico.org.uk

Janice Strand