Leicestershire & Rutland Network of u3as

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Attention Bridge Group Leaders

u3a bridge players are going to have some friendly competitive fun celebrating the 40th anniversary of our movement with a week-long Bridge Festival across the UK. There will be something for everyone – bridge players may play online or offline.

Please bring the attached PDF to the attention of your Bridge Group leader who will need to act quickly as registration closes on 9th September.

This message comes from Steve Carter, National Subject Adviser.

The programme of Workshops continues with details for the next 2 months provided below: <u>SEPTEMBER</u>

Running Your u3a – Friday 9th 10:00–12:15 <u>REGISTER HERE</u> Recruiting & Valuing Volunteers – Tuesday 20th 10:00–12:15 <u>REGISTER HERE</u> Interest Groups Matter – Wednesday 21st 10:00–12:15 <u>REGISTER HERE</u> Keeping It Legal – Thursday 29th 10:00–12:30 <u>REGISTER HERE</u> <u>OCTOBER</u> Finance Matters – Monday 10th October 10:00–12:30 <u>REGISTER HERE</u>

Growth Matters – Monday 17th October 10:00–12:15 <u>REGISTER HERE</u> Running Your u3a – Tuesday 18th October 10:00–12:15 <u>REGISTER HERE</u> Interest Groups Matter – Monday 24th October 10:00–12:15 <u>REGISTER HERE</u> Recruiting & Valuing Volunteers – Wednesday 26th October 10:00–12:15 <u>REGISTER HERE</u> For further details go to: <u>www.u3a.org.uk/advice/workshops</u>



Celebrating our 40th Anniversary

Many of you will be making arrangements to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of u3a in the UK. But are you telling others what you are planning? It would be really great if news about your activities could be shared across the movement, and now there is a way of doing just that. Send details, ideally with a photo if possible, to: <u>weare40@u3a.org.uk</u>. For other members, by our members!

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Is there a 'pop-art' sculptor out there looking for inspiration?



This is a personal request! We use a Tassimo coffee machine at home and, although we can recycle the coffee pods, we cannot recycle the outer wrappers as they are made of a composite of aluminium, polyester and polyethylene. It was suggested to me that they could be used to create a modern 'pop-art' sculpture. Is there any member who would like to give it a go? We have amassed just over 200 wrappers hoping that we would be able to be recycle them – it's a maybe for the future! Delivery could be arranged within our patch. If it works, great but if it doesn't, it matters not! Send me an email so we can have a chat, to <u>rophpr@gmail.com</u>. Oh, they are FREE! Roger Prescott

Attention Anyone Interested in our Heritage

Leicestershire County Council Heritage Services have 3 special events scheduled over the next 3 months. Full details are in the attached flyer.

The Next Network News will be around 16th September, unless we get a sudden burst of urgent information, in which case it will be sooner! Any items for inclusion should be submitted by 13th September please.

> Document attached to this *Network News* is: National Bridge Festival Leicestershire County Council Heritage Services

Find out more about your u3a Network at <u>https://u3asites.org.uk/landr</u> To contact your Network email <u>coordinator@landru3a.org.uk</u>

National Bridge Festival

Dear bridge group leader,

u3a Bridge players are going to have some friendly-competitive fun celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our movement with a week-long Bridge Festival across the UK.

There will be "something for everyone" i.e. bridge players may play online or offline.

If you're already playing online there will be opportunities to play the same set of daily hands (simultaneous pairs) on Bridge Base Online (BBO), Bridge Club Live (BCL) or RealBridge

If you're playing offline, you'll be able to enjoy Bridge from the comfort of home, at your local village hall or other venue or at one of the new Bridge hubs.

A unique feature is that the daily results will be uploaded to a central scoring system and individual rankings published on a national basis. Commentaries will also be provided explaining how the experts would have played the set hands.

Registration for the Festival has now begun and closes on 9th September 2022.

Full details for signing-up to the Bridge Festival can be found by clicking on this link: <u>Sign up to our 40th Anniversary Bridge Festival</u>

For those u3a members who have not yet played online Bridge, there is a free trial membership to BridgeClubLive available until 30th September. Members may apply for this generous offer on this link:

BCL Free Trial

There are also online Taster Sessions on RealBridge in advance of the Bridge Festival at: <u>RealBridge Taster Session</u>

We hope that as many u3a Bridge players as possible will take part in our week-long Festival.

Thank you for your help and support.

Kind regards, Steve Carter, National Bridge Subject Adviser <u>u3abridgegroup@hotmail.com</u> <u>www.bridgewebs.com/u3abridgegroup</u>





3 Events in the next 3 months



'Hello Heritage' Open Day at the 1620s House & Garden on Sunday 11th September, 10:30am – 4:30pm. See the beautifully restored period rooms and talk to our volunteers about the history of the house, its connection to the Gunpowder Plot, and life in the 1620s. Set in beautiful 17th century style gardens with labelled plants and flowers, an orchard, herb gardens and a maze. Previously known as Donington Le Heath Manor House. For further information go to: <u>https://1620shouse.org.uk/</u>



Location for the talk is the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, Sutton Cheney, CV13 OAD Sun 9th October. 14:30 – 15:30. £6 per person. Pre-booking Essential. In this fascinating talk, archaeologist Peter Liddle will speak about the excavations that took place in Rutland that have revealed a spectacular mosaic pavement showing the story of Hector and Achilles at the siege of Troy and the villa in whose main room it lay.

For further information go to: <u>https://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk/</u>

This talk is also at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, Sutton Cheney, CV13 OAD Friday 11th November. 7pm - 8pm, Doors 6pm. £12.50 per person. Pre-booking Essential. Join Alison Weir in the beautiful surroundings of The Tithe Barn at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre for this talk about the final instalment of the Six Tudor Queens series, "Katherine Parr – The Sixth Queen".



For further information go to: <u>https://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk/</u>