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## REMINDER

The next Network Meeting will be one of the most important ever.

At the AGM we will be looking for nominations for various roles in order to keep the Network alive.

At the General Meeting we will be discussing the future of the u3a itself – it's aims and objective, structure and how it presents itself in the future. This is your chance to make your views known about what your u3a will be like in years to come – it's that important!

If you haven't already booked your place, do so NOW!

Book your place no later than 26th February to [helensalisburyslu3a@gmail.com](mailto:helensalisburyslu3a@gmail.com)

**THURSDAY 7th MARCH – 10:00 start, 13:30 finish – buffet lunch £4**

### *THIS IS QUITE A DIFFERENT ONE FOR YOUR SPEAKER SECRETARY*



The Workhouse Storytellers bring the fate of the paupers under the 19th century poor law vividly to life with their dramatic performances, by turns funny and poignant

**TO FIND OUT MORE TAKE A LOOK AT THE PDF ENCLOSED**

# MEMBER WORKSHOPS

## EARLY 2024 PROGRAMME

### KEEPING IT LEGAL

Wednesday 28th February 10:00–12:30

Wednesday 27th March 10:00–12:30

### RECRUITING AND VALUING VOLUNTEERS

Monday 25th March 10:00–12:15

### RUNNING YOUR u3a – INFORMATION FOR TRUSTEES

Monday 11th March 10:00–12:15

Thursday 11th April 10:00–12:15

### FINANCE MATTERS

Thursday 7th March 10:00–12:30

### EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Tuesday 16th April 10:30–12:00

### INFLUENCING & SOCIAL CHANGE ONLINE

Wednesday 13th March 10:00–12:30

### u3a MODEL CONSTITUTIONS – AN OVERVIEW

Friday 15th March 10:00–11:30

### CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Wednesday 21st February 10:00–11:30

### MANAGING COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES

Tuesday 12th March 10:00–12:00

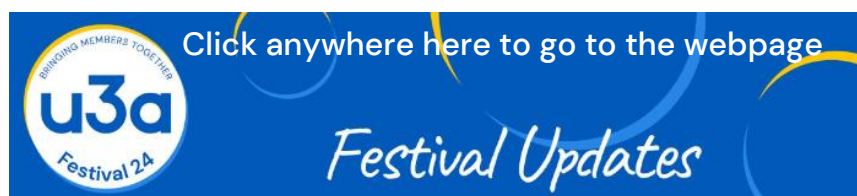
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Friday 15th March 10:00–11:30

### RUNNING DISCUSSION GROUPS & GETTING FEEDBACK

Friday 22nd March 10:00–11:00

The Third Age Trust has developed online workshops in partnership with u3a members to provide support, information and advice for all u3a members. The workshops are delivered by Trust volunteers who bring their experience as Trustees, u3a Chairs and Committee members. For more information about each workshop and how to book [CLICK HERE](#)



The Festival runs from Thursday 18th July Midday to Saturday 20th July Midday  
Lots of talks, presentations, demonstrations, art, history, music, sport and much, much more  
All at the fabulous York University Exhibition Centre  
All for just £35 for the 3 days (accommodation extra)

Here's one for organisers of trips...

# 80's LEGENDS LIVE



Leicestershire County Cricket Ground – Saturday 3rd August 2024 @ 2:00pm  
Further details on the PDF attached to this *Network News*

## On a personal note...

This is my last *Network News* as my tenure as Network Co-ordinator will end at next month's Network AGM. I'd like to thank all those who've contributed to any of the 70 editions of *Network News* and to those u3as that have circulated the information, either in part or in full, to their members. I know that some u3as have booked speakers and entertainers that have been featured and have been pleased with the outcome.

This edition features the u3a Festival in York in July. I will be there providing two of the entertainment sessions with Juke Box Jury, and it would be great to see some familiar faces. Do come and say hello.

I hope you will give the new Network Co-ordinator at least the same level of support you have given me, for which I thank you most sincerely.

I must say a very special "thank you" to one u3a member who has emailed "thank you" for almost every edition of *Network News*. You know who you are, and your thanks have meant a great deal to me.

Best wishes, Roger.

PDF documents enclosed with this *Network News* are:

**The Workhouse Storytellers**

**80's Legends Live**

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To contact your Network email [coordinator@landru3a.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@landru3a.org.uk)



# The Workhouse Storytellers



Telling tales that inspire, challenge  
and inform

The Workhouse Storytellers bring the fate  
of the paupers under the 19th century poor law vividly  
to life with their dramatic performances  
by turns funny and poignant

We perform in costume

Our costumes were made after considerable research in collaboration with  
Nottingham University and fashioned from styles and materials available in the 1850's

A Local Group

We normally work in Nottinghamshire and surrounding counties

We will come equipped and ready to go

All we ask for is a place to change in and some light refreshment

Challenging

We often challenge commonly held views of the Victorian workhouse

We cannot guarantee that all our stories end happily

Some can induce hilarity, others can be cruel, even scandalous

But we hope all are entertaining and informative

Schools, WIs and u3as

We have extensive experience, over a number of years, of working with such groups

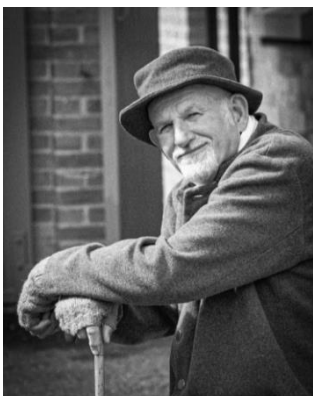
An Independent Group

This gives us the ability to be flexible

Our standard fee is £60 but this will vary depending on your location

To find out more visit [www.workhousetales.org](http://www.workhousetales.org)

Or contact [workhousetales@gmail.com](mailto:workhousetales@gmail.com)



# 80's LEGENDS LIVE



Saturday 3rd August 2024  
Leicestershire County Cricket Club

Leicestershire County Cricket Club are excited to announce a spectacular night featuring 5 iconic artists from the electrifying 80's era.

Don't miss out on seeing the legends first outdoor performance in over 40 years!

Groups are welcome to book now! Call 0800 358 0058



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