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*A Fake Image
Fort George on the Moray Firth
or Brenta Dolomites?
Picture by Cliff Ault
See also page 8*

April Meeting: Tuesday 9th promptly at 2:30

The talk will be followed by the continuation of the AGM adjourned from March.

Speaker: *Samantha Hancock*

Fighting Cybercrime

Samantha is the Cyber Protect Officer for Leicestershire Police and has been in post since October 2016. Prior to that she worked in traditional Crime Prevention (2003-06 Derbyshire Police; 2006-2016 Nottinghamshire Police.)

If you use the internet, email and social media, come along and make yourself more savvy!

The talk is a NON-TECH overview on Cyber Awareness by a Police Cyber Protect Officer and will cover :

Device safety/protection

Protecting your personal information

Digital footprint

Online shopping and banking

Ransomware

Sextortion

Passwords

Social media

Risks of free or public wifi

Scams & Fraud

Phishing

Money muling

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th at 2:45

Speaker: *Jed Jaggard*

Leicestershire and the Cold War

Jed Jaggard, a BA Honours graduate in Performing Arts, is a leading exponent in providing hands-on history for everyone and has been involved with re-enactment since 1999. He has always been keen to participate in various events and loves to discover the different ways in which history was presented for the public. This has subsequently allowed him providing hands-on history for everyone to draw on a range of presentation techniques combining the best to produce a memorable day. Although interested in all aspects of history, he has a passion for the Cold War period which led to him obtaining a former Royal Observer Corps Post.

Attendance at the March Meeting: 72 members.

Membership 2019 – Additions, Corrections and Updates

The membership now stands at 402.

Margaret Potter (Membership Secretary)

Message from the Chair

Well, I didn't expect to be doing this. I was looking forward to putting my feet up and watching the excellent people who are hoping to join the committee.

As you probably know, I am still occupying the Chair because the AGM in March was inquorate. But not for long! We will conclude the business of the AGM at the next monthly meeting, so unlike some other matters I will not mention, this saga will be coming to an end.



In the meantime, as I am writing this it is a sunny day with a slight chill in the air. Steph and I are about to go to The Family History Society AGM (I hope they are quorate!) at Grace Road Cricket Ground where we have a stall to promote the U3A.

I have now joined the short walks group – the Swanns. We aim to walk two to three miles on reasonable ground ending with a pub lunch where possible. So far we have had two very enjoyable walks. I am looking forward to many more. Again, I will thank you all for the support you have given me during my time as Chair and I look forward to supporting the new committee.

Jenny Foxon

Speakers

We are always keen to hear about good and interesting speakers.

If, somewhere other than U3A, you have heard a talk which you would like to recommend for a monthly meeting, please contact the Secretary to let her know. (Contact details can be found on the separate contacts sheet.)

Committee News

The Committee is delighted that our Founder Members, Joan Campbell, Colin Crossley, Hilary Forryan, Hazel Glendening and Roy Priestley, have all accepted Honorary Membership from the beginning of this year.

The minutes of committee meetings are available at the Secretary's table at monthly meetings and also on the members' page of the website.

New Members Coffee Mornings

The Wellbeing and Hospitality team are very proud of the New Members Coffee Mornings - joining a new organisation can be very daunting, but having these events in members' homes means it's easy to get to know people. If you think you'd be interested in joining our Wellbeing team you'll always find me at the Monthly Meeting, or contact me, as we'd love to have you.

Sandra Barker

Wellbeing and Hospitality

Enabling everyone to take part

Do you find it difficult to hear or see at the monthly meetings?

Do you have any mobility issues?

Is there anything else that prevents you from fully participating?

Christchurch is fully accessible with Disabled facilities.

Members of the Wellbeing and Hospitality team (easily recognised wearing blue/yellow sashes) are there if you need to have an end of row/front seat.

If there is anything else we can do that enables you to take part please tell us.

If you would prefer to talk to someone before you attend then please give Sandra Barker a call and, if you have any suggestions, we'd be very happy to hear them.

Also, if you know of any member who is unwell or has suffered a loss, then please tell Elizabeth Hassall, a member of the Wellbeing team, and she will send a card. [Contact details on the separate contacts sheet.]

Refreshment Helpers

Volunteers are needed to serve refreshments at monthly meetings. If you feel you could help, please contact Sandra Barker, Wellbeing and Hospitality Co-ordinator. (See the contacts sheet.)

National Summer Schools

Booking for this year's National Summer Schools has now opened. There is more information on the national website at <https://summer-schools.u3a.org.uk/>. Or phone National Office on 020 84666139.

Courses on offer:

Aston University, Aston Street, Birmingham, B4 7ET

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th August 2019

Art History & Archaeology - Ancient Civilisations of the Americas;

Creative Writing - The Big Novel;

English Poetry - During the Reign of Queen Victoria 1837-1901;

Film - International Films, Italian - La Bella Italia - Lingua e Cultura;

Linguistics - Child Language Acquisition;

Literature/Philosophy - Irisland;

Music - Jazz - The Sound of Surprise;

Ukulele - Play Ukulele;

Singing - Singing for Pleasure.

Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, GL7 6JS

Tuesday 10th September to Friday 13th September 2019

Crosswords - Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners;

Drama - Mid Twentieth Century Drama;

Garden History - Influential Women in English Garden History;

History - Bede and the Conversion of England;

Language - Latin for Roman Britain and Beyond;

Literature - Shakespeare and the Props Department;

Mathematics - Surprised by Maths;

Opera - Donizetti's Three (and a bit) Queens;

Philosophy - Introduction to Philosophy;

Making Music - Recorder Ensemble.

General Information from Groups

Backgammon

Backgammon is one of the oldest games in existence, alongside Go and Chess. It is easy to learn the basic moves but, in common with Go and Chess, it takes time to become proficient. The group is open to anyone, whether beginner, advanced or any stage between. Come along and join in this fascinating game of planning and strategy, where even a raw beginner can beat the odds and win!

Bridge Beginners

This group is for those who have never played Bridge but are intrigued by it and want to learn, or for those who played it in their youth but have forgotten it all. We are all learning together in a relaxed and friendly environment. Absolutely no experience necessary!

Canasta

Canasta is an absorbing card game, played with two packs of ordinary cards, including the jokers. It is based on the game of Rummy and can be played in groups of 2, 3 or 4 persons. All are welcome, both experienced players and absolute beginners.

Gilbert and Sullivan

We will sometimes watch short portions of an operetta and will discuss how best to more fully enjoy the details of Libretto and Music with discussions on the details of each.

Orienteering

Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport which involves walking whilst navigating around a course using a detailed map and sometimes a compass. The aim is to navigate in sequence between a set of control points and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time.

Paranormal Phenomena

This group caters for anyone interested in UFOs, ESP, conspiracy theories or any of the wealth of unexplained phenomena out there in the world. We meet once a month to examine strange happenings, weigh up the evidence and discuss the different theories. Anyone with an open and curious mind is welcome.

Reading Music

Finding how to interpret the dots and squiggles in printed music that seem to make sense to the performers. We have decided to work through set books now, having sorted out and enjoyed some preliminary queries.

New enquiries would be very welcome.

Summer Croquet

We look forward to welcoming new players, instruction given, and seasoned players.

Green fees 2.50 per session. Leicester Croquet Club members fees are already included in their LCC subscription.

Steam Railways

This is the group for those who long for the romance of the old steam trains. Were you a train-spotter in your youth, and mourn the passing of those iconic machines? Fancy learning even more, or sharing your passion with others? This group meets once a month, with discussions, presentations and visits, all with a steam railways theme. Doesn't matter if you don't know anything about them, you soon will!

Reports from the Groups

Swanns

The Swanns have had two walks so far the latest being from the Black Horse in Aylestone led by Aileen and John Orme. They took us over the canal and the packhorse bridge onto Aylestone meadows where, inspite of the recent flooding of the fields, the made-up paths were reasonably dry and allowed a walk of about 2.2 miles. The walk was followed by a much appreciated lunch at the pub for those who could stay.



Digital Photography

The theme for the March meeting was “Fake Images”. Members had some fun with this although it was difficult to know how to interpret the theme. Most used software to produce pictures with comical anomalous inserts.



*Richard Taylor
and
Graham Williams*



Bob Hall and Ian Merchant

News from the Groups Co-ordinator

Well, as they say, “The best laid plans of mice and men...etc”, and it seems you can add Committees to that list too! Little did I know a month ago, as I wrote what I thought would be my last Group News as Groups Co-ordinator, that an inquorate AGM would mean I had to write another one. It just goes to show who are the most important people in our U3A: you, the members. Because without you, everything would grind to a halt, pretty much as it did at the AGM!



So this report will be quite short, I said all the important stuff last month. The work of creating new groups has continued in the meantime and I can confirm that since last month two new groups have been added: swanns (Short Walks And Nearly No Stiles) is now fully established after a bit of a shaky start, and Orienteering, both groups being convened by Dave Barnes. This means the total of groups for Leicester U3A has risen to 74!

We've also had a couple of suggestions for Budding Groups, so do have a look at the list below. For old time's sake, here's my last set of suggestions from around the country, for groups that other U3As have, but we don't. And remember, if you do have an idea for a group, let our new Groups Co-ordinator, Neil Taylor know, he'll advertise it to find others who might be interested and we'll get the ball rolling to get it established.

Cycling For Fun	(Uttoxeter U3A)	
Board Games	(Cannock Chase U3A)	
Tea Dance	(Salisbury & District U3A)	
Film Society	(Weymouth and Portland U3A)	<i>Steph Smith</i>

Budding Groups –those seeking members in order to start

Mah Jong Beginners (1st Advert)

This tile-based game of strategy, skill and calculation has a history going back to the Qing dynasty China (1630s) and is now played the world over. If you are intrigued by it and would like to join a group who will teach themselves how to play, then do put your name down on the sign-up sheets, on the Groups table, or contact the Groups Co-ordinator.

Perudo (1st Advert)

Perudo is variously also called Dudo, Cacho and Liars Dice, and was described to me as ‘poker with dice’! It is not just a straightforward game of chance but involves bidding and strategy. If you would like to know more, you might want to Google it (how do you think I know about it?!), then add your name to the sign-up sheet, or contact the Groups Co-ordinator.

Next Group Meetings

Please remember, you **MUST** be a member of Leicester U3A and contact the convenor before joining a group. You can contact the convenor by email by adding @leicesteru3a.org.uk to the generic address given with each group. For example, to contact the architecture convenor, send an email to architecture1@leicesteru3a.org.uk

Detailed information on all our groups is also available on our website and members can contact the convenors from there. The information is also available as a “Contacts Sheet” sent out by email and at the groups table at monthly meetings.

If you have difficulty contacting the convenor, try the Groups Coordinator instead. (See also page 6 for more general information about some of the groups.)

Dates included in the following list are for meetings taking place between 7 April and 17 May (inclusive).

Architecture	<p>Susan Martin-Butt architecture1</p> <p>2:00 on the 3rd Thursday of the month in members’ homes.</p> <p>Next: Tuesday 16 April. Joint with Architecture and the Built Environment. Tour of the University Engineering Building (see below).</p>
Architecture and the Built Environment	<p>Peter Kilty architecture2</p> <p>2:00 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road. The group does a lot of local architectural walks (past and future walks include the West End, Leicester University, the New Walk and Humberstone Road). Further information from Peter.</p> <p>Next: 16 April. Tour on 16 April of Leicester University's award winning Engineering Building. Meet at 2:00 in the foyer of the Engineering Building.</p>
Architecture and Design	<p>Veronica Matthew architecture3</p> <p>2:30 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Leicester Progressive Jewish Congregation Synagogue, Avenue Road..</p> <p>Next: 10 April. A walk round Georgian Leicester led by Mike Taylor finishing at New Walk Museum.</p> <p>Later: 8 May. Meet at Laburnum Hall, 55 Laburnum Road, Leicester LE5 1FS for a tour round Humberstone Garden Suburb. Led by Mike Osborne, a local resident.</p>
Art Appreciation	<p>Mary Neilson artappreciation</p> <p>10:00 on the 1st Friday of the month in members’ homes or at a gallery.</p> <p>Next: 2 May at New Walk Museum. Individual short talks about chosen paintings.</p>

Back-gammon	Bob Collins 10:00 on the 4th Tuesday of the month in members' homes. Next: 23 April.	backgammon
Bones for Life	Jean Stone 10:30 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Leicester Progressive Jewish Synagogue, Avenue Road. Next: 17 April. Later: 1, 15 May.	bones
Bookworms	Nick Arlett 10:30 — 12:00 on the 1st Wednesday of the month at The Exchange Bar (opposite Curve), 50 Rutland Street. Please contact Nick Arlett if you are interested in joining. For more information, including a list of novels so far, please see the Bookworms page on the Leicester U3A website. Next: 1 May. Book: <i>The Eye in the Door</i> by Pat Barker.	bookworms
Botany	Steph Smith 2:00 on the 1st Monday of the month at Steph's. First: 6 May.	botany
Bridge 1	Bob Collins 2:00 every Wednesday at Bob's. Next: 10 April. Later: 17, 24 April, 1, 8, 15 May.	bridge1
Bridge Beginners	Keith Pyne 2:00 on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in members' homes. Next: 16 April. Later: 23 April.	bridgebeginners
Bridge 2	Henry Paulinski 2:00 every Thursday in members' homes. Play this wonderful game in congenial company. Ideal for Bridge players with two or more years' experience. Next: 11 April. Later: 18, 25 April, 2, 9, 16 May.	bridge2
Buspass Tours	Denise Buchan Trips are once or twice a month. Dates and venues will vary according to destination. If you are interested in any of the trips and would like more details about which bus we'll be catching, where and what time, please send an email to the convenor. Next: Trip to Coventry in April - date to be agreed. 24 April at Denise's. Planning meeting.	buspass
Canasta	Barbara Sheppard 2:00 on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Barbara's. Next: 12 April. Later: 26 April.	canasta

Chess for Pleasure	Graham Williams 10:30 - 12:30 on the 1st Monday of the month at Graham's. Next: 13 May (Put back by a week to avoid the Bank Holiday).	chess
Craft	Margaret Potter 2:00 on the 2nd Friday of the month at Margaret's. Next: 12 April. Later: 10 May.	craft
Creative Writing	Stella Memory Usually 10:30 on the 1st Monday of the month in members' homes. Next: 8 April at Stella's. Later: 5 May.	creativewriting
Cryptic Crosswords 1	Diana Barker 2:00 on the 3rd Monday of the month at Diana's. We have lost a member so have one vacancy for a member wishing to 'learn/improve in this very sociable group. Next: 8 April. (Note change from 3rd Monday for this month.)	crosswords
Cryptic Crosswords 2	Barbara Russell 2:00 on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at Barbara's. Next: 19 April. Later: 3 May.	cryptic2
Current Affairs 1	Denise Aaron 2:30 on the 1st Tuesday of the month in members' homes. Next: 7 May.	currentaffairs1
Current Affairs 2	Henry Paulinski 10:30 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in members' homes. Next: 17 April.	currentaffairs2
Digital Photography	Angela Jennings 2:15 on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Rd. No formal meeting in April. Instead there is to be an outing to Tate Britain on 27 April to see an exhibition of photographs by Don McCullin. Next: 9 May. Topic: <i>Shapes</i> .	photography
Discussion	Angela Kendrick 2:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in members' homes. Next: 16 April.	discussion
Discussion 2	Henry Paulinski 2:00 on the 1st Monday of the month in members' homes. Current topics for discussion include: Gender Identity and, Is Evil Innate ? No meeting in May. So Next: 3 June.	discussion2

Drawing & Sketching	Kamal Ohri 10:30 on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at Roy Priestley's. At each meeting the group decides what they would like to draw on that occasion: art objects that participants bring in for the day or flowering pot plants etc. Next: 18 April. Later: 16 May.	drawing
Family History	Sandra Barker 2:00 on the 1st Friday of the month at the Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society, King Street. Next: 3 May.	familyhistory
French Advanced 1	Fiona Oliver 2:30 every 2 weeks on Fridays in members' homes. Next: 12 April. Later: 26 April, 10 May.	frenchadvanced1
French Advanced 2	Peter Hampton 2:30 every 2 weeks on Thursdays in members' homes. Next: 18 April. Later: 2, 16 May.	frenchadvanced2
French Intermediate	Ivy Carr 2:30 every 2 weeks on Fridays in members' homes. All members are involved in choosing topics, usually two or three meetings ahead. No meeting in April - Good Friday. Next: 3 May. Later: 17 May.	frenchintermediate
Gardening	Angie Barnes 2:00 on the 2nd Monday of the month in members' homes or on a visit. Next: 8 April at Richard Edwards's. Topic: <i>Propagation</i> . Later: 13 May at Mavis Smith's.	gardening
German Conversation	Paul McCann 10:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Helen Parsons'. Next: 16 April.	german
Gilbert and Sullivan	Margot Comer 10:00 on the 1st Thursday of the month at Margot's. Next: 2 May	gands
Guitar Playing	Pat Breen Normally 10:30 on 2nd Monday of the month in members' homes. Next: 8 April. Later: 13 May.	guitar

History 1	Deborah Hartridge 10:30 on the 1st Thursday of the month in members' homes. Next: 2 May.	history1
History 2	Mike Bates 2:30 on the 3rd Monday of the month in members' homes. Next: 15 April at Mike's. A trip to Calke Abbey.	history2
How Hard Can It Be	Gabrielle (Gabi) Garland Morning on the 1st Friday of the month. Time and Venue to vary according to activity. Next: 3 May.	hhcib
Irish Language	Pat Breen 2:00 every 2 weeks on Thursdays in members' homes. Next: 11 April. Later: 25 April, 9 May.	irish
Latin Polish Up Your Rusty -	Jean Cloud 2:30 on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Jean's. Next: 11 April. Later: 25 April, 9 May.	latin
Little Theatre	Elisabeth Somogyi 7:30 on Wednesday of the week of performance at the Little Theatre. See page 21 for a description of the group's plans. Next: 1 May. Play: <i>Jane Eyre</i> .	littletheatre
Mah-Jong	Ann Allsop 10:30 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Ann's. Next: 8 April. Later: 22 April, 13 May.	mahjong
Medieval People	Peter Kilty 10:00 on the 3rd Friday of the month. Next: 19 April at Chris's. Topic: Looking at Edward III. To ponder: was the 15th century in England ruined by Edward III having too many children Later: 17 May.	medievalpeople
Modern Novel	Helen Parsons 10:30 on the 3rd Friday of the month in members' homes. No meeting in April. Next: 17 May. Book: <i>Transcriptions</i> by Kate Atkinson	modernnovel
(Mon) Music Appreciation	Liz Warren 10:30 on the 3rd Monday of the month at Liz's. Next: 15 April. <i>Vivaldi</i> - members to bring examples of his work.	music.mon

(Wed) Music Appreciation	Jill Reville 10:30 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in members' homes. Next: 17 April at Aileen and John's. Topic: <i>Significant Soloists</i> .	music.wed
Natural History	Richard Edwards 10:00 on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Next: 23 April.	naturalhistory
Needlework and Knitting	Elisabeth Watkin 2:30 on the 2nd Monday of the month at Elisabeth's. Next: 8 April. Later: 13 May.	embroidery
Orienteering	Dave Barnes 2:00 on the 3rd Friday of the month. Venue to vary. Next: 26 April (moved from 19 April which is Good Friday). Venue: Knighton Park. Later: 17 May.	orienteer
Paranormal Phenomena	Alan Baker 10:30 on the 3rd Monday of the month in members' homes Next: 15 April.	paranorm
Parks and Tearoom Strolls	Marjory Mallory, Cliff Ault (Deputy) 2:00 every 2 weeks on Fridays during the Spring and Summer months. The first stroll of 2019 will be on 12 April probably at the University Botanic Garden with tea at Browns where we will discuss the future programme.	strolls
Pétanque	Anne Harris 4:15 to 6:15 on the 3rd and 4th Mondays of the month at Leicester Bowling Club, Kenwood Rd. A nominal fee of £1 per session will be charged. Please try to provide your own set of boules. The first meeting of the season will be on 15 April.	petanque
Philosophy 1	Matt Matthew 10:00 on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in members' homes. Book: <i>Wickedness</i> by Mary Midgley. Next: 12 April. Later: 26 April, 10 May.	philosophy1
Philosophy 2	Judy Hastings Normally 2:00–3:30 every 2 weeks on Thursdays at Judy's. Starting <i>Human Nature after Darwin</i> by Janet Radcliffe-Richards. Next: 11 April. Later: 25 April, 9 May.	philosophy2

Philosophy 3	Dennis Foxon 10:30 every 2 weeks on Wednesdays at Evington Library. Reading <i>Causing Death and Saving Lives</i> by Jonathan Glover. Next: 17 April. Later: 3 April, 1, 15 May.	philosophy3
Poetry Appreciation	Helen Parsons 10:30 on the 1st Monday of the month at Helen's. Next: 6 May.	poetry1
Poetry for Pleasure	Jane Michel 11:00 on the 2nd Monday of the month at Jane's. Next: 8 April. Later: 13 May.	poetry2
Rambling	Jan Hall Every 2 weeks. Days and locations vary. Next: 25 April led by Liz and Sue. Later: 7 May led by Jane and Siham.	rambling
Reading Music Made Easy	Margot Comer 10:00 every 2 weeks at Margot's. Next: 3 May. Later: 17 May.	readingmusic
Reading for Pleasure 1	Jill Reville 2:00 on the 3rd Monday of the month (usually) at Jill's. Next: 15 April. Book: <i>The Music Group</i> by Rachel Joyce.	reading1
Rummikub	Barbara Sheppard 2:30 on the 3rd Monday of the month (usually) at Roy Priestley's. Next: 15 April. Subject to be decided at March meeting.	rummikub
Science & Technology	Richard Thompson 2:30 on the last Thursday of the month at AgeUK, Humberstone Gate. Next: 25 April.	science
Scrabble 1	Bill Manners 2:00 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in members' homes. Next: 16 April at Alison's.	scrabble1
Scrabble 2	Janet Stratford 2:00 on the 4th Monday of the month at Janet's. Next: 29 April. (Postponed from 22nd because of the Bank Holiday.)	scrabble2
Shakespeare	Liz Brandow 2:00 to 4:00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Rd. Reading <i>Winter's Tale</i> .	shakespeare

A small contribution is required towards room hire and refreshments.

New members always very welcome.

Next: 10 April.

Later: 24 April, 8 May.

**Singing for
Pleasure**

Margaret Potter (Deputy)

singing

10:00 on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Quaker Meeting House,
Queens Road.

Next: 24 April.

**Spanish
Conversation**

Lorna Pollard

spanish

2:30 on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month in members' homes.

Next: 19 April.

Later: 3, 17 May.

**Steam
Railways**

Mike Rowberry

steam

2:00 on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Next: 7 May.

**Summer
Croquet**

Janet Connolly

croquet

10:15 – 12:00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Monks Rest
Gardens Bowling Club, Vicarage Lane, Old Humberstone, LE5 1EE.

Next: 24 April.

**Sunday
Lunch**

Patricia Thompson

lunch

12:30 on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

The convenor will need definite numbers 48 hours before the meal. An
email is sent out a week before to enable the booking to go ahead.

We aim for a 12:30 start and would really welcome new members.

Next: 14 April.

Venue: Browns on Allandale Road.

Later: 12 May.

Venue: To be decided.

Swanns

Dave Barnes

swanns

10:00 every two weeks. Days to vary.

”Swanns” stands for “Short Walks And Nearly No Stiles”.

Next 16 April.

Venue: Glen Manor in Glen Parva. Contact

Jenny Foxon for details.

Later: 15 May.

Venue: Black Horse, Foxton.

Table Tennis

Jackie Caunt

tabletennis

Every Wednesday at Parklands Leisure Centre, Oadby.

The group is being given different times - not always 2:00 - by Parklands
every week, Therefore it is advisable for new members and those who
have missed a week or two to contact Jackie before attending a session.

Next: 10 April.

Later: 17, 24 April, 1, 8, 15 May.

Ten Pin Bowling Jenni Shelton tenpin
 10:30 on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Hollywood Bowl, Meridian Leisure Park.
 The emphasis is on fun, socialising, with tea and coffee at the end. Definitely not competitive (yet....!). Car sharing is available if needed.
 Next: 8 April.

Theatre Visits Jenny Foxon theatre
 About 4 or 5 visits are arranged each year. Anyone wishing details please contact Jenny.
 The next trip is to see *Wise Children* by Angela Carter at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry. Cost of Ticket + Coach is £39
 Meet at 10.15 in Glebe Road, outside Botanic Gardens Entrance
 Other members of Leicester U3A are welcome to attend two plays before formally joining the group.

Ukulele Margot Comer ukulele
 10:00 pm the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road.
 Next: 7 May.

Video Making a - Bob Hall video
 10:15 on the 1st Thursday of every third month in members' homes.
 Next: 6 June at Irene and Cliff's.

Welsh Improvers Brenda Worrall welsh
 2:30 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month usually at Brenda's.
 Next: 17 April. Later: 1, 15 May.

World History Jenni Shelton worldhistory
 10:00 on the 1st Monday of the month in members's homes.
 We meet once a month to learn about the history of other nations, and how this has impacted on the history of the UK. We take turns to present areas and times of particular interest to us.
 Next: 6 May at Elisabeth's. Ken to give a talk.

Technical Help

Computer Help Margaret Potter computerhelp
 Contact Margaret for help with computer problems.

Digital Photo Help Bob Hall photographyhelp
 Contact Bob for help with digital camera problems

Venues for Group Meetings

Is your group getting too big for your present meeting place?

Are you thinking of starting a new group?

A *Suggested Venues List* is available from the Groups Co-ordinator.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th April — *All-Members Coffee Morning at 10:15.*

Wednesday 1st May — Little Theatre Visit at 7:30 – *Jane Eyre.*

Thursday 16th May — *Local Theatre Visit at 7:30 – Matthew Bourne's Romeo and Juliet - Ballet.*

Tuesday 21st May — *All-Members Coffee Morning at 10:15.*

Wednesday 22nd May — Little Theatre Visit at 7:30 – *Death of a Salesman.*

Thursday 16th May — *Local Theatre Visit at 7:30 – Matthew Bourne's Romeo and Juliet - Ballet.*

Wednesday 12th June — Architecture and Design coach trip to Wisbech (open to all members). (See page 21.)

Wednesday 3rd July — *Local Theatre Visit at 2:15 – The Color Purple.*

Wednesday 25th September — *Local Theatre Visit at 2:15 – War Horse.*

Thursday 17th October — *Local Theatre Visit at 2:15 – Cabaret.*

Wednesday 27th November — *Local Theatre Visit at 7:30 – West Side Story.*

Local Theatre Visit details are on page 20.

Little Theatre Visit details are on page 21.

The *All-Members Coffee Mornings* take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:15 at the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road. There is a small charge to cover the cost of coffee and biscuits and hiring the room.

Films at the Phoenix are shown at 10:30 on the second Wednesday of each month. Cost: £6.00 including a drink of tea or coffee.

The film to be shown in a particular month can be found through a link on our website. Otherwise contact the organiser, Malcolm Gray, by email at mjgray220@gmail.com

Local Theatre Visits (Curve) — Contact Diana Barker

MATTHEW BOURNE'S ROMEO & JULIET — BALLET

Thursday 16 May 2019 7:30 £27

Stalls rows AA and BB – 16 Balance due 01/03/19

A passionate and contemporary re-imagining of Shakespeare's classic love story. This is a new production of Romeo and Juliet, joined by Leicester's brightest young dance talent with live *New Adventures Orchestra*.

THE COLOR PURPLE

Wednesday 3 July 2019 2:15 £21

Stalls AA and BB – 12 Balance due 03/05/19

This unforgettable story told over the course of 40 years follows courageous heroine Celie with a profoundly evocative score of jazz, ragtime, gospel and blues, set in racially divided southern America.

WAR HORSE

Wednesday 25 September 2019 2:15 £35

Stalls AA and BB – 27 Balance due 24/07/19

War Horse is an unforgettable theatrical event which takes audiences on an extraordinary journey from the fields of rural Devon to the trenches of First World War France. Based on the beloved novel by Michael Morpurgo, this is a powerfully moving and imaginative drama.

CABARET

Thursday 17 October 2019 2:15 £24

WEST SIDE STORY

Wednesday 27 November 7:30 £17.25

Special pre-view price Balance due 27th September

1957. In the midst of gang rivalry and racial tensions, love at first sight strikes between Tony, of the White-American Jets and Maria, the sister of Bernardo, of the Puerto Rican Sharks. In the face of danger, the two young lovers continue to meet in secret – but the Jets and the Sharks have one last rumble to fight out.

All enquiries to curve@leicesteru3a.org.uk

Little Theatre — Contact Elisabeth Somogyi
(littletheatre@leicesteru3a.org.uk)

JANE EYRE

Wednesday 1 May at 7:30 £14-00

Romantic drama adapted from Charlotte Bronte's novel by Polly Teal

Booking (through the Little Theatre Group) is open until 15 April

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 7:30 £14.00

Arthur Miller's moving drama

Booking (through the Little Theatre Group) is open until 9 May

Pre-performance meals are available at 10% discount at the Last Plantagenet pub for those holding Little Theatre tickets
Interested parties meet at the pub at 6:00 before the performance

Coach Trip

The *Architecture and Design Group* will be going on a coach trip on Wednesday 12th June to Wisbech to look at the Georgian architecture and visit the National Trust property, Peckover House.

As usual, this will be open to all U3A members.

Contact: Veronica Matthew.

About the Newsletter

Delivery

The Newsletter is normally delivered to members by email as a pdf file with one page per side.

If you have trouble reading the Newsletter from email (or do not have email) and cannot attend the monthly meetings to collect a hard copy, then either:

- you can have them posted to you for the cost of postage (contact the Secretary for details of the scheme); or
- you may be able to collect one from AgeUK, Queens Road or Evington Library where a few copies are deposited each month after the meeting.

Contributions

The **deadline** for items to be included in the May 2019 Newsletter is **Tuesday 30th April**. Contributions (from members) should be sent to the editor.

[newsletter@leicesteru3a.org.uk]

If you want to submit your entry as hard copy, please contact the Editor, or the Secretary, to get an address to which you can send it.

I am always pleased to receive brief reports from groups about their recent activities and I extend my thanks to all the authors who have done so, so far. Please keep them coming. The occasional picture would be welcome as well.

Subscriptions for 2019

	Individual	Associate*
Joining between 1st November 2018 and 30 June 2019	£15.00	£11.50
Joining between 1st July 2019 and 31st October 2019	£9.00	£6.00

Membership runs from the date of joining until the end of 2019.

**Associate membership is for those who have paid a full subscription to another U3A this year.*

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URGENTLY REQUIRED! NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We're sure that everyone would agree that one of the (many) delightful features of Leicester U3A is our great, informative and entertaining Newsletter. It's the first thing many people will see and our first and most important contact with New Members and interested people.

They say that First Impressions are Lasting Impressions - our Newsletter certainly presents a bright, lively view of us to the outside world.

Our long-standing brains behind the Newsletter, Cliff Ault wishes to hand over the reins after an excellent period editing. July's edition may have to be the last of many great editions Cliff has produced.

We're searching for someone, or some people, to take over putting the Newsletter together. Cliff will give as much advice as is needed and show the new editor, or editors, the tricks of his highly prized trade.

Though the role might seem scary, it needn't be if one or two friends got together and shared it.

Could you, and one or two, or maybe more, friends make up a team that would:

Gather articles and photos from the Chair, Groups Co-ordinator, Speaker Organiser, group convenors, and others involved in trips and events

Send proof copies to the Chair and others for checking

It may be that one person does the gathering; one person, the computer enthusiast, does the compiling; and another the distribution. And you might decide to write everything up as Word. Then it could be even more straightforward.

Update: We have a possible compiler who does not wish to do the 'editing' part though. So we still need an 'Editor' who will not need advanced computer skills - just email and perhaps Word.

It's up to the people who wish to take over, with the expert guidance of Cliff at the start. So: Who's going to set the presses rolling?

Deliver Breaking News to the Leicester U3A masses and beyond?

Have a go - keep our cherished Newsletter alive!!

Neil Taylor

LEICESTER U3A meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August and December) at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, LE2 3AH, and there are special interest groups that meet regularly in members' homes and elsewhere.



INTERESTED IN JOINING?

You can find out more about joining Leicester U3A by visiting the website or by contacting the Membership Secretary.

Application forms are available to download from the website or they can be posted to you on request to the Membership Secretary.

(Email: membership@leicesteru3a.org.uk Tel: 2911814)

The form includes information on where to send your application and the annual subscription.

(Details of subscriptions for 2019 are on page 22)