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Leicester Newsletter EXPRESS  
July 2022

We said there would be no newsletter this month due to absences on the committee, but happily, we offer this abridged express version instead.

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### PROGRAMME

**General meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month and start at 2:30p.m. The doors open to members at 2:00p.m.**

#### **July – A fine burgundy – Peter Amour**

A visit to two distinctly different regions of France, showing firstly the world renowned wine producing area of Burgundy followed by an exploration of the Alsace region. Colourful, cultural and historic.

#### **ALL MEMBERS COFFEE MORNINGS - Sandra Barker – Hospitality and Wellbeing**

We would be delighted to see you at the next coffee morning on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at the Friends Meeting House on Queens Road from 10:00 to 12:30

### WELFARE

Just a reminder that if you know of a member who is ill or bereaved to let Elizabeth Hassall know at: [cards@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:cards@leicesteru3a.org.uk)

**There is no news from the groups coordinator Neil Taylor who is away having a well-earned rest**

#### **40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS A reminder of the dates:**

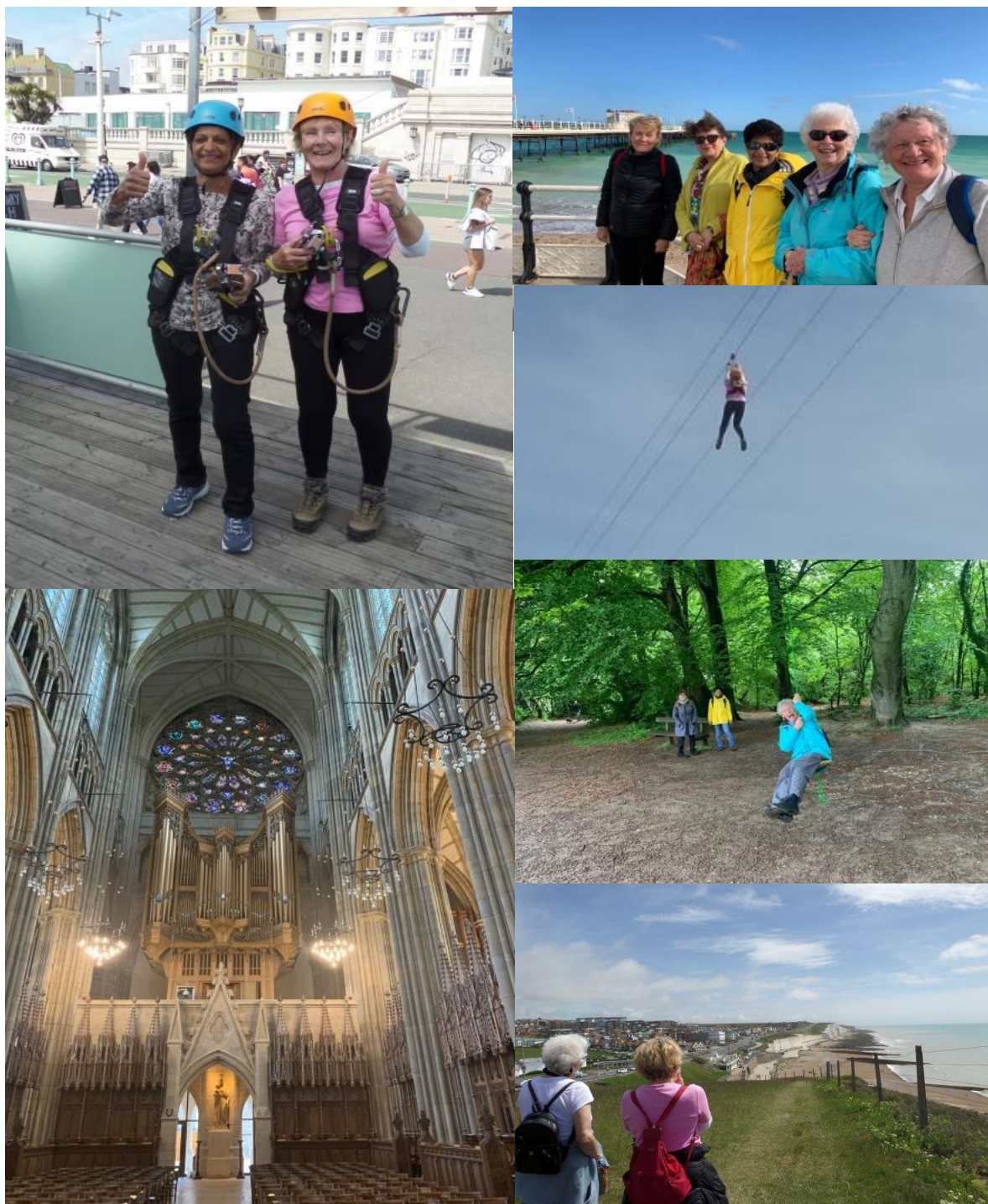
**Garden Party:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am to 6.00pm in the large meeting room, hall and garden of the Quaker Meeting House.

**Exhibition :** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in Christchurch hall after the speaker.

**“40 at 40” Open Mic Evening, Buffet and Cheese & Wine:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at Leicester Bowling Club, Kenwood Road LE2 3PL from 6.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.  
Tickets will be £5.00 and available in August. Details of how to purchase will follow.

## REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

**How Hard Can It Be?** – The group had a few days away in the Lancing area in May.



### **From top left clockwise:**

Gabi & Siham after doing the Zip Wire in Brighton; Five on Worthing Pier; Gabi on the Zip Wire!; Swing in the woods on the Downs; A cliff walk; Lancing College Chapel.

*Photos from Sue Howard*

## Discovering Architecture

June 16 was sunny and hot as the Discovering Architecture Group strolled around Queens Road and the adjacent streets learning about the history of this typical Victorian suburb. The walk was largely based on books by Helen Boynton, particularly her "Knighton and Clarendon Park." First we imagined the fields and muddy tracks as they were in the 1860's with racecourse activities on the west side of Queen's Road. Once the race course was moved in 1883, the building of houses really took off. Despite most of these being quite modest terraces, the builders added many decorative touches, particularly terra cotta tiles under the eaves. Houses with no front garden still have their boot scrapers built into the wall beside the front door. The first houses were built in small sections (4 to 6 terraces) in the middle of blocks. The corner plots were left until later and many were filled with shops with their entrance facing the corner. We traced the evolution of the commercial activities that went on in the area - boot making, cigar making, upholstering, Many were carried out in the yards behind the terraces, and now the workplaces and stables have been converted to dwellings. While many activities are no longer in the area (fire station, constabulary, funeral parlour, Hoys), some things have not changed - such as the chemist shop at the corner of Queens Road and Montague. The evolution of religious and civic buildings is particularly interesting; for example, the Primitive Methodist Chapel became the Salvation Army Chapel, then All Fours Garage and who knows what is coming next. The Knighton Liberal Club was converted to the Lyric Theatre (luxuriously furnished with disinfected air) then a hosiery warehouse and now the Leicester Chinese Christian Church. *Susan Martin Butt – members of the group.*

And member **Tony Locke** has been out with his camera again. Looks dangerous to me!

I'll take the High Road



Where's the Ground?

The shadow's Overtaking me



Ooh! Whoa! Steady now!

**Membership Information:** The membership now stands at 393. A very warm welcome to all new members. *Margaret Potter (Membership Secretary)*

## **ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter is printed for those who prefer a hard copy. It is available on a first come first served basis at the monthly meeting and coffee morning. If you would like a hard copy but can't make these events the secretary is happy to send a copy by post to anyone who sends her a supply of stamps and their full address. It will, also, continue to be delivered to members by email as a pdf file before each monthly meeting.

There will not be a newsletter in August as this is our usual summer break, but keep those articles coming for the September edition. **The deadline for items to be included in the September newsletter is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022.** Contributions should be sent to the Editor at: [newsletter@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@leicesteru3a.org.uk)

If you want to submit your entry as hard copy, please contact the Editor or Membership Secretary for the postal address.

*Karen Closs – Newsletter Editor*

Have a good summer break and see you all in September.