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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR - Tony Davison

The bad old days of the Covid epidemic may be receding from our memories but we have plenty of other things, both domestic and international, to worry about instead. Fortunately, the good old u3a continues to provide us with things to be positive about. Membership numbers are healthy, groups are back in business and ideas for new groups are being put forward. At our monthly meeting in October we had an outstanding speaker, masquerading as Winston Churchill. His performance was obviously going to greatly exceed the time available but was so good that the audience voted unanimously to forgo tea and coffee in order to hear the rest of his act. We hope to have him back before too long to hear one of the other acts from his repertoire. The u3a has been celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion the Leicester u3a has had two recent events, a Garden Party at the Quaker centre and an evening do at Leicester Bowls Club, each of which was a great success. Members attended in large numbers and all who went seemed to really enjoy them. Events like these take a lot of organising and, on behalf of the whole membership, I would like to thank all those involved for all the hard work they put in to make them such a success. While on the subject of thanks I must mention that Ros Devine has, for personal reasons, decided to step down as Secretary. She will shortly be flying off to the USA to spend a few months with her family. The job of secretary is one of the most important and onerous in any organisation and Ros fully deserves our gratitude for all the hard work that she has put in over the years and for her contribution to the development of our u3a. Thank you Ros!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: The membership now stands at 417. A very warm welcome is extended to all new members and those who have re-joined.

Membership Renewal - Next year's membership will be due on or before 1st January. However, reminders will have been sent out in early November as usual. We encourage members to renew as soon

as possible to spread the workload and to pay by bank transfer if possible. If you haven't received your reminder please contact Margaret as soon as possible: membership@leicesteru3a.org.uk
The January meeting will be, as usual, tea, coffee, chatting and renewals with no speaker.

Many thanks - Margaret Potter (Membership Secretary)

PROGRAMME

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

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT: Neil Taylor - Groups Co-ordinator

At the October Monthly Meeting at Christchurch, on Tuesday 11th October we welcomed John Whitehead, guide to Bosworth Battlefield, and experienced speaker on Hatting, Shackleton, Richard II, the Dark Ages, and Captain Cook. For the afternoon he was Winston Churchill, speaking only the great man's words or those that someone had reported he'd said. We were taken back in time: "This is the BBC Home Service...There are strong rumours that Winston Churchill is about to resign..." And Winston spoke to us thinking about the past, World War 2, his life, and his future.



It was 1945 and we listened as Churchill ruminated on whether to stay or go as Prime Minister. From his birth: 30th November 1847, to age 7, questioning his Latin teacher: "Mensa Mensam Mensat. A table, by which or from a table." His teacher on Churchill's questioning learning this: "You would use it to address a table" To which he replied "But sir – I never do"

He had stood for Parliament as a Conservative in Oldham in 1900, joined the Liberals in 1904, and was made a Cabinet Minister in 1908. In 1910 he was made Home Secretary; it would be thirty years before he would become Prime Minister.

In 1940, when Neville Chamberlain lost support of the House, Winston Churchill formed a government. "I felt like I was walking with destiny"... "I have nothing to offer except blood, toil, tears and sweat...Our objective – victory"

But in 1945, that victory delivered Churchill was defeated - in a General Election. "After 55 years I'm its father. I must do what all fathers must do – let go. The last Cabinet Meeting will take place at twelve noon tomorrow. Then I shall tender my resignation."

After a fascinating journey through one man's, and world, history, John Whitehead completed his talk with Churchill's words: "I must meet my maker. I must hope my maker is ready for the ordeal of meeting me."

An excellent speaker and we hope to invite John back to speak to us again in the very near future.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Tuesday 8th November 2022

The speaker for November will be Mr J C Goddard talking about medical memories. This will be followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

ALL MEMBERS COFFEE MORNINGS: Sandra Barker – Hospitality and Wellbeing

The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 15th November 10.00 am – 12.30 pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Queen's Road. Come and join us for refreshments, friendship and chat.



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

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR NEIL TAYLOR

We have 65 groups. As we hoped, the 40th Anniversary Celebrations have stimulated a lot of interest and ideas for possible new groups. Lots of mentions and enthusiasm for more social events amongst members has also led to many ideas combining interests with social events. I will begin to advertise the following at the next monthly meeting:-

- Social History
- Welsh Beginners
- Guitar Starters
- Bowls
- Real Ale (And Wine) Club
- Afternoon Tea
- Films at the Phoenix
- Ukulele
- Creative Writing

Other possible new groups previously mentioned including German, Italian, Art, and Whist continue to be advertised.

I will email the prospective members of the much delayed new group Current Affairs 3 to organise a short meeting where we will decide the Convenor, venue, date and times.

Backgammon, Cryptic Crosswords 1, Cryptic Crosswords 2, Drawing, Gardening, Orienteering, Discovering Architecture and Ten Pin Bowling are all seeking new members.

I will advertise as usual at meetings at monthly meetings, coffee mornings, and in the newsletter where the full groups list, with dates and times, and venue will also be available. Existing groups, with contacts, are, of course, also on our website.

Best wishes, Neil

LEICESTER U3A 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

“Do Something Brilliant!” was the headline in the home page of the Third Age Trust website. And through the month of September Leicester u3a did do something brilliant...

After months of planning and enthusiastic discussions we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the National u3a in style, first with the Exhibition, held at Christchurch on Tuesday 13th September, then with a Garden Party, all day at the Quaker meeting House on Wednesday 21st September, and culminating with the glorious 40@40 evening, at the Leicester Bowling Club on Tuesday 27th September.

Flashback to Tuesday 13th September and Christchurch opened early for members and groups to set up the Leicester u3a Exhibition, displays, photographs, images, artwork and live performance of examples of what goes on in the interest groups and activities. All worries about whether anyone would turn up quickly dissolved as Christchurch opened up and Convenors and members piled in to set up their displays.

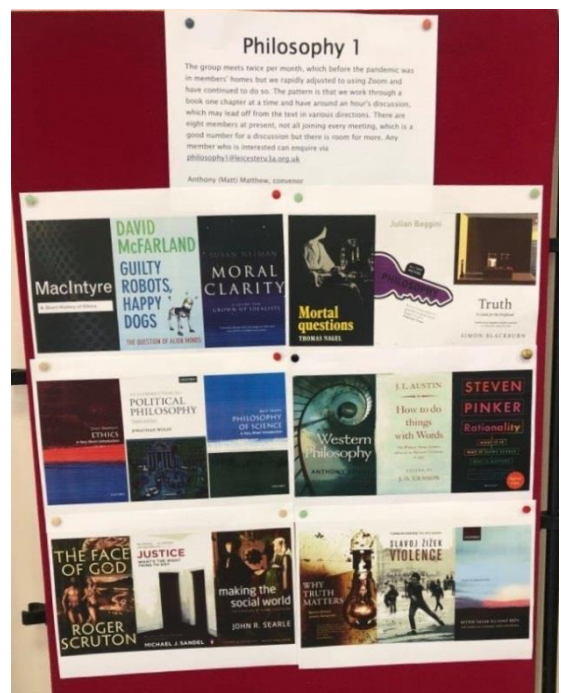
And afterwards everyone looked at our Exhibition – brilliant displays from our groups and members, all with tea, coffee and cake. There were also traditional Welsh delights served by Brenda Worrall and members of Welsh Improvers to a live backing soundtrack, including “Sweet Caroline”, by Pat Breen and the Guitar Players. And what displays!

Beautiful art by Tony Locke





Truly frightening but great photos of the activities by our intrepid How Hard Can It Be group



There were examples of work by Knitting and Stitching and Art, as well as displays by Classic Film Club, Music Made Easy, Art Appreciation, Reading for Pleasure, Bookworms, Architecture and Design, Table Tennis, Singing for Pleasure, Gardening, SWANNS, Orienteering, Reading for Pleasure, Family History, Philosophy and Discovering Architecture.

There were also descriptions of all our Groups and Activities on the Noticeboards on the wall of the Hall.

76 members attended. It was the biggest attendance at a monthly meeting since before the pandemic.

Welsh Improvers Group – 13 September 2022



To celebrate the 40th anniversary of u3a we decided to give members a taste of Wales ` *Blas o Gymru* ' with their cup of tea at the monthly meeting. We cooked bara brith, traditional Welsh Cakes, teisin lap and savoury Welsh cakes containing leeks, cheese and laverbread – seaweed harvested on South Wales' beaches. Rosemary Wilson created a colourful display and handed out recipes printed in English and Welsh. We had enjoyed planning the event and were able to talk to members about the 'tasteful' food. Our group was started in January 2017 so we will be celebrating our 6th anniversary in the New Year. We were known as Welsh Beginners but morphed into Welsh Improvers in 2019. Although we

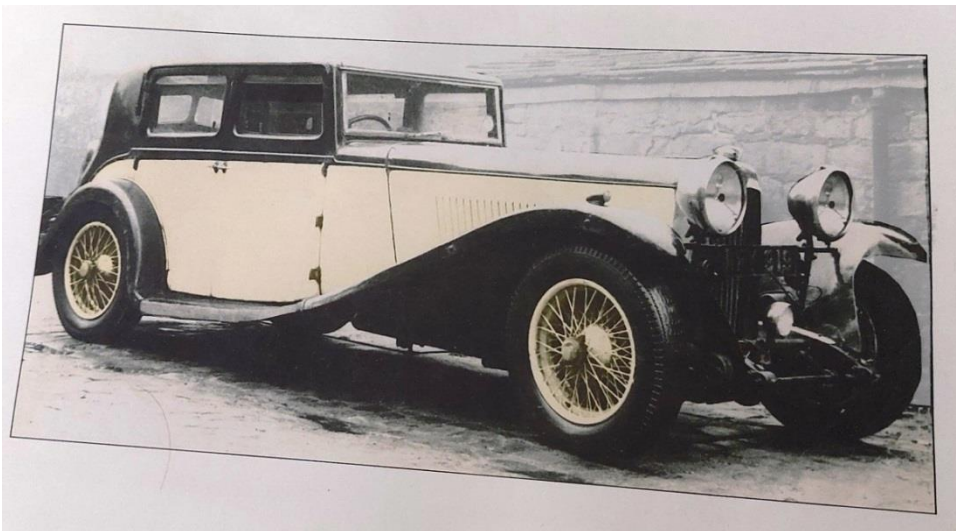
managed to keep going on Zoom throughout the lockdown, we are delighted to meet face to face again.

And so to Wednesday 21st September, and the Quaker Meeting House...

The day dawned, and members arrived early to set up our Garden Party. A true party, spanning the small meeting room, the large meeting room, the library, the committee room... tea, coffee and food was served throughout the day... with last minute rehearsals, a strange man in a dress and a wig made from a mop, a moving life sized wall... and much, much more!

We started steadily, and in civilised fashion, with the coffee morning section of the day.

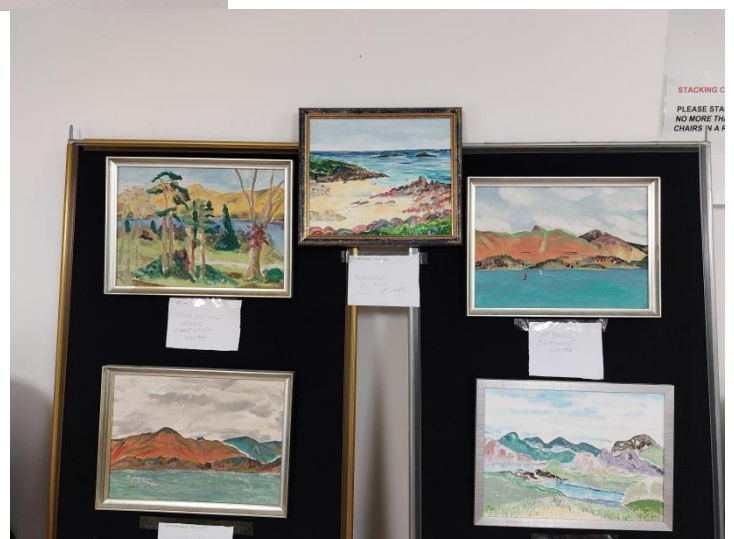
The room was packed, to chat, drink coffee and eat cake to a backing of.....



photographs and music provided by Mike Westmoreland

Mike Westmorland
1934 Lagonda

a display of watercolours by Barbara Raven,



as well as an Interactive Cryptic Crossword. We then divided into groups to compete in Veronica Matthew's 1980's Picture Quiz. It was tightly contested; the eventual winners and two runners up separated by just half a point.



Now proceedings nearly came to a halt with the entrance of a comedy French Chef.



With Chef's hat, (expanded by masking tape to fit), teetering on his head and a moustache, (plainly false, though he maintained

otherwise), he judged the Great Leicester u3a Bake Off. The competition was won by this amazingly tasty ginger cake.



But the decision was almost reversed on health and safety grounds when the baker was discovered in the kitchen at the Quaker Meeting House...



WITHOUT A PINNY!

Congratulations Dave Barnes, we will expect one at every coffee morning to complement Sandra's Lemon Drizzle if you please...

There then followed the announcement of the winners of the Leicester u3a Creative Writing Competition judged by Kay Relf and Grazyna Stochow. Members were first moved, then brought to a smile of reminiscence by Kay Relf's readings of poetry and prose by members, and winner, Peter Kilty and runner up Glyn Bray.

TWELVE MEMORIES OF 1982 – Peter Kilty

JANUARY

New Year's Eve party:
Kissing people, you neither know nor like.
inane conversation.
Waiting for the clock to strike.

FEBRUARY

27 February the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company gives its last performance.
From 1875 to 1982, the fustian music of Sullivan
and the anarchic brilliance of Gilbert gave delight.
Thank you for the music
but mostly for the words.

MARCH

19 March Argentinians land on South Georgia
Wars are fought by boys,
some hardly shaving; most, despite the boasts, still virgins.
The old men send them to be ruined
and call it Victory.

APRIL

24 April First British servicemen killed in a Sea King crash.
"Was it so hard, Achilles
So very hard to die?" *
As Icarus plunges to his death was it hard to die?

MAY

28 May – Pope's visit.
I remember the Pope's Mass at Coventry.
We had been up all night. Tired as Time.
As the Sanctus sounds, I fight sleep.
Hope GOD DOESN'T MIND IF I CLOSE MY EYES.

JUNE

14 June – the Falklands War ends.
Belgrano, Ardent and Antelope:
different ships, different navies.
Young sailors drown. No hope.
The sea is kind and gives them all a common rest.

JULY

21 July HMS Hermes arrives in Portsmouth
The celebration of victory is always vulgar
though emotions are genuine. Sailors are hugged by wives and girlfriends
but there is distance between the groups.
The sailors look lonely.

AUGUST

Terry Higgins had died the previous month.
Terry Higgins – the first death from Aids.
Bigotry, superstition, ignorance and just plain nastiness
come out and sneer.
He was just a man
who died.

SEPTEMBER

14% Unemployment
Those millions on the dole, lost in haste.
Can you recycle people like old cars and fridges ?
Could they be dumped like so much waste?
Perhaps the politicians' secret wish.

OCTOBER

11 October, raising of the Mary Rose.
Like a revenant, the Mary Rose emerges from the sea.
Material remains are soon restored
but people are elusive still,
lost in time and water.

NOVEMBER

16 November Arthur Askey dies.
A myopic little man -
remember Arthur Askey.
Can you hear the mangled vowels of "I thank you"
and see the busy bee dance.
Sabrina look after him.

DECEMBER

6 December – bombing at the Dropping Well Inn, Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.
The Dropping Well Inn at Ballykelly.
A man raises a pint glass but never drinks from it -
this side of Eternity.
The old guy draws on his fag
but the smoke never comes out -
this side of Eternity.
A bomb.

* Patrick Shaw-Stewart, First World War poet. His only poem.

40 YEARS AGO – Glynn Bray

1982 was a pivotal year in my own life as, just having come back from an overseas IT contract, for the first time in my life I had some money in the bank! I was able to use it to put a deposit down on a 2 bed semi in Bristol and there I was – a property owner! I even had enough to buy some furniture of my own and look back on the flat sharing years with fond memories but no regrets. A lot of water has passed under the bridge over the past 40

years, including, in my case, a move to Leicester, a marriage, 2 children and a sad divorce and now I am back to renting again so there's a moral in there somewhere, I'm sure. Anyway – back to 1982. The big "event" I remember was, obviously the Falklands war and following it on the news every evening. I remember the "I counted them all out and I counted them all back" documentary and it was a strange feeling to know that my country was at war with another country. My two passions at that time were music and football (they still are) and the musical highlight of 1982 almost combined the two when the Rolling Stones played an open air concert at Ashton Gate which was a great day seeing Mick Jagger wearing a Bristol City No 9 shirt! Football – wise 1982 was a low point as my team (Bristol City) were bottom of the league at one point before ending halfway up the bottom division and almost going out of business. Even the World Cup failed to cheer me up with England managing to fail to get out of the group stages whilst remaining undefeated. Other things I vaguely remember about 1982 was the birth of Prince William and staying up until midnight to watch the video of "Thriller" by Michael Jackson on a relatively new TV channel called MTV! Happy days!

There was a hearty Buffet, (free of charge and excellent, catering for all tastes)



The How Hard Can it be gang, in homemade tie-dye tee shirts were on hand to help with the serving.



Some members then moved to the garden, to take on Janet Connolly over a friendly game of croquet, and then into to the large meeting room for the afternoon's entertainment and vintage board games.

We started beautifully with a reading of Dear Mr Lee by UA Fanthorpe, about Laurie Lee and one girl's experience of studying Cider with Rosie at school, by Helen Parsons.



The rude mechanicals of A Midsummer Night's Dream followed, with expertly crafted cardboard props, led by ever patient Convenor Liz Brandow.

Cast

Hippolyta - Vicky Roe
Theseus - Kay Relf
Lysander - Grazyna Stochow
Demetreus - Peter Hampton

Quince/ Prologue - Peter Hampton
Bottom/Pyramus - Helen Parsons
Flute/ Thisbe - Neil Taylor
Snout/Wall - Phil Proud
Starveling/ Moonshine - Margot Comer
Snug/ Lion - Pat Breen



Leicester u3a's true mainstays throughout the 40th Anniversary Celebrations; the Guitar Players, with Convenor Pat Breen played a set and our thanks go to Pat and his group for appearing enthusiastically at all three events.



Pat Breen
John Considine
Ian Knox
Andy Middleton

Mike Shuttleworth
Terry Postlethwaite

Del Stothard from Leicester West u3a on drums.

The afternoon ended wonderfully, with Muriel Harrison and Singing for Pleasure, conducted by Vicky Roe.

They gave us renditions of Frere Jacques, The Sun Has Got His Hat On, Mairzy Doats & Dozy Doats, I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside, All The Nice Girls Love a Sailor, Edelweiss, Goodbye and finally The National Anthem.



Phil Proud, Margaret Potter, Sheela Bonarjee, Pam Harrison, Vicky Roe, Valerie Muggleton and Muriel Harrison (Convenor).

Finally with the sun beginning to set members went home happily, smiling, laughing and joking, looking forward to...

The culmination of all Leicester u3a's 40th Anniversary Celebrations...40@40!!

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Greeted at the door by bouncers Ros Devine and Glynn Bray (trainers, no entry 😊)

Expertly compered by the debonair, dinner jacketed, Henry Paulinski.



A few volunteers sending up Henry - Flashing & spinning ties, flashing braces, a top hat anything he could do they could do funnier.....



There was professional entertainment from singers Lizzy Rushby and Weronika.

Weronika started the evening by taking us back to the 1980s in song, then Pat Breen and the Guitar Players took to the floor to set the mood with songs by Eric Clapton, The Eagles, and many more in the first of two sets that they performed during the evening.



There was a note from our Welsh Sponsor Dai's Motors of Denbigh....

"Mae gen y ffrind a broblem mawr
Mae'n yfed hylif brec
Ond mae'n dweud nid yn broblem
Mae'n gallu stopio ar unrhyw bryd"

And then Lizzy Rushby ended the first half of the evening with Country and Western. Jolene took her man once more for the Leicester u3a! "Just because you can"!!
Just before the break Henry helpfully translated the Welsh Sponsor's message...into German!



Sincere thanks to the awesome Sandra and Angie for an amazing buffet

Then back to the entertainment with a short quiz, Alan Baker; Pat Breen and the Guitar Players; and a set to get members dancing by Lizzy Rushby. Lizzy helped with our glorious free raffle; everything you didn't know you needed or wanted and more....Not just any raffle but an educational raffle...The Newsletter Editor discovered that you don't need fancy gadgets; it is perfectly possible to make frothy coffee with an electric toothbrush 😊. This set the cabaret mood wonderfully...



Hi Ho Silver Lining

The drinks flowed...and the evening flashed by, with much laughter, chat and smiles, and celebrations.



Cuminating in a Conga

Leaving no time for a ceremonious cake cutting of the beautiful 40th birthday cake which was hastily sliced, wrapped and delivered for members to take home



Before a final plaintive cry from the Jamacian Sponsors Fyffes...
Featuring the, (unfortunate), vocals of their own life size banana.



“Day – O, Day -O...Daylight come, and we want go home...!!”

There was just time for the compare to, (at last!), translate the message that he had asked the Welsh sponsor to read, (and had so helpfully already translated into German), into English for the audience:

"I have a friend with a big problem
He drinks brake fluid
He says it is not a problem...
He can stop at any time!"

As the assembled multitude walked out of the main room of the Leicester Bowling Club, members smiled, laughed and chatted. We had "Done Something Brilliant." Let's Learn, Live and Laugh, let's explore our interests, travel on trips...and first and foremost make friends and have fun!

As with any event there are always those who are very reluctant to leave...including the Groups Co-ordinator, Neil Taylor's, shoes which decided to stay the night and had to make their own way home in the morning.

News Headline

u3a member found
wandering along
London Road in
his socks
humming The
Banana Boat Song



Photo_Phil Proud

And after three such successful events Neil is getting a bit ahead of himself in the extravagant planning for next year...



Post event comments...

"At the Quaker Meeting House, we found a lively crowd gathered for lunch, a delightful spread of little sandwiches and cakes, fresh from Costco, I was told - good thinking!

We chatted with friends, old and new, it was a lovely atmosphere. The creative writing by winner Peter Kilty and runner up by Glynn Bray was read out then Neil Taylor dressed up very convincingly as a French chef to announce the winner of the cake competition; Dave Barnes.

In the big hall, we were treated to a witty and tuneful performance from the Singing for Pleasure group, and then an impressive set from the Guitar Group, a great choice of songs from the 60s and 70s, (we had proper music in those days). Finally, a hilarious version of the play within a play; A Midsummer Night's Dream, with wonderful improvised costumes.

A highly enjoyable and relaxed day with great company, many thanks for all the planning, creativity and hard work that went into it!" - Member

"I attended each of the three events. They were all most enjoyable. I would like to thank all those involved in the organisation, preparation and entertainment. Because I don't know who were involved, I wonder if you would pass on my delight to those in this very efficient, enthusiastic and creative team." – Member

" I woke up this morning feeling happy. Thank you to our Super Troupers. After three years of plague, physical and psychological traumas we are in a better place. Thank you for the music, the Shakespeare and the bananas. There are lots of memorable

moments from last minute piano shifting to Neil's lipstick. All great examples of what the u3a is about. Hold on to that feeling and put it in a bottle; if we could we would solve the world's problems.

"I've got a headache, Karen's legs have fallen off, the battery has run out on the gate fob, most of the membership have now got type II diabetes but it was brilliant!!!!

John, Bar manager at Leicester Bowls Club -

"You lot can come anytime; it's the best evening that we have had and we too have thoroughly enjoyed it."

"Woke up this morning in wet socks, smacked in the face by pinging green braces, nearly strangled by a spinning bow tie, trip to A&E to have my head unstuck from inside of a top hat and suddenly thought to myself where are my shoes?" - anonymous

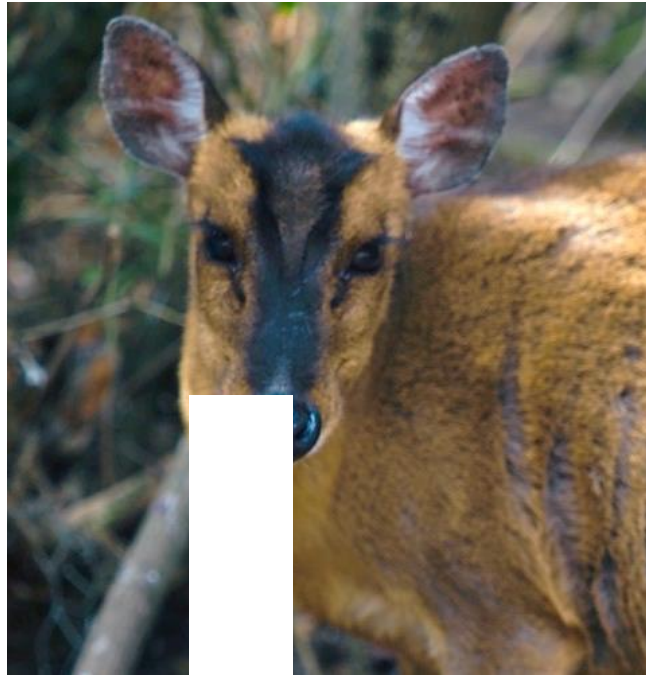
Would you like to see more events like this? Maybe Easter? Let us know if you think this is worthwhile and, of course, all ideas and suggestions welcome. Would you be interested in helping with organisation? If so let the let us know:groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk

Finally thank all of the the individuals and convenors who put in so much work. Thanks to Dave Barnes, the unsung non-committee hero at most events, to those entertained us, fed us, entered competitions, were prepared to make fun of themselves and most of all to the members who made the effort to come along and join in. Any event is only as good as those who attend make it. Thank you all.

Sadly the 40th anniversary...



Oh deer, with the publication of this souvenir newsletter, it is now.....



Picture by member Tony Locke

**UNTIL NEXT
TIME 😊**

ALL RIGHT POP PICKERS?

Any member is invited to share their top three playlist, together with background stories. Were you a hippie? Are you ever too old to enjoy pop music? Member and Convenor of Medieval People Peter Kilty shares his top three:

1. The summer of 1967. From every college room comes the sound of "Sergeant Pepper". I am wading my way reluctantly through E.P.Thompson's "The Making of the English Working Class" but would much sooner listen to the Beatles and from that great LP the moving "She's leaving home" You know that the "man from the motor trade" is going to prove an absolute swine.
2. Judith Durham from "The Seekers" died the other month. My girlfriend, (now wife of 54 years), and I loved the group and in particular "Georgie Girl". Memories of Liz swinging her handbag as she walked around London come back. She lived in Pimlico and studied at the Westminster Hospital. That song brings back the memories of London in the '60s.
3. My friend Matthew adored The Supremes. I loved them too. The Motown sound would blare out from Matt's room and my favourite was "You can't hurry love". Great lyrics and an amazing beat and Diana Ross was gorgeous.

Many thanks, Peter. We would love you to share your top three with fellow members. Please email: newsletter@leicesteru3a.org.uk

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

How Hard Can it Be - Gabi Garland, Member



Three members of the How Hard Can It Be group recently attempted to climb Mount Snowdon; myself, Siham Turvey and Ola Horbacz. We were less than an hour from the summit before high winds and rain drove us back but we were treated to some outstanding scenery.

Cambridge Coach Trip - Veronica Matthew, Convenor, Architecture and Design Group

The coach trip to Cambridge on Wednesday September 14th was a great success, helped by having superb weather. The principal reason for our journey was to visit the new [Cambridge Mosque](#). The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) short-listed it for the 2021 Stirling Prize which is given to the best new building in the UK. We all thought the Mosque was absolutely stunning with the interior a mass of inter-lacing wooden columns.



Both the external decorated brickwork and the internal decoration showed the excellence that can be achieved with geometric forms. The building is environmentally friendly achieving a net zero carbon footprint. Rainwater is used for flushing the toilets and

for irrigating the garden so water consumption is low. A small museum displayed the important Islamic mathematical and scientific inventions since the Middle Ages including a beautiful set of early surgical instruments. Some of our members were perturbed by the strict segregation of men and women in the prayer hall.



At the front of the building there is a small garden which featured on Gardeners World a couple of weeks before our visit. The team of women gardeners work on Wednesday mornings so we were able to chat with them about the species of plants and being televised for the programme.



We were taken into the centre of Cambridge by the coach, we then split into small groups. One group went to

[Kettles Yard](#), another group went to [Murray Edwards College](#) which has an interesting modern building and a 500 piece art collection all by women artists. A third group went on a tour of [Trinity College](#) and had a punt ride on the Cam, another group went to the [Botanic Garden](#) and others to the [Fitzwilliam Museum](#).

Next year the Architecture and Design Group is planning to organise a coach trip to [Avoncroft](#), an open air museum where over 30 historic buildings have been moved and rebuilt in rural Worcestershire . This trip, which was originally organised for 2020, will be open to all Leicester u3a members.

Photographs by Anthony Matthew (Matt)

Puzzle Corner – A Sudoku (created by Cliff Ault – member Cryptic Crossword Group)

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CARTOON CORNER by member Tony Locke



ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Delivery

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 the 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. Note Sue Took is Acting Secretary until the AGM in March. Existing stamps have been passed to her and it is Sue you will need to give stamps to.

Contributions

Thank you to all those who have submitted articles, please do keep them coming. Write and tell us about a group or activity that you have enjoyed. We would love to see more from members making a contribution and, if you prefer, we can publish it anonymously as "member". It doesn't matter whether it is a short paragraph or longer article with or without photographs.

PHOTOS – Please remember to get permission from any people in your photos for us to publish them. This permission will be assumed if you send them to the editor.

There will be a short newsletter in December. The deadline for items to be included is Friday 25th November. The deadline for the January newsletter is Friday 23rd December 2022. Contributions should be sent to the Editor at: 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

Sudoku Solution

3	6	2	7	1	5	8	4	9
7	4	1	3	9	8	2	5	6
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8	5	4	9	7	3	1	6	2
4	3	6	1	2	9	5	8	7
1	9	8	5	3	7	6	2	4
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YOUR u3a NEEDS YOU

At the next AGM in March several members of the committee will be stepping down either because they want to or have served the maximum term permitted by the constitution.

Leicester u3a has had, we think, an exceptional year. Back to face to face meetings and groups, some wonderful speakers (thank you Keith Pyne for organising), rising membership and the 40th anniversary celebrations. There are also requests and proposals for lots of new groups and activities. We want 2023/4 to be wonderful too but the u3a can't function without a committee. Would you consider a spell on the committee or as a really useful member (members who have specific roles but are not on the committee)? Or perhaps as a group convenor?.

The January newsletter will have lots more information about specific roles and responsibilities and how to get involved. In the meantime please have a think about whether this could be you and feel free to email us with any questions :

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