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Leicester Newsletter
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The Committee wish all members a very Happy New Year. May it bring you all you wish for yourselves

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Membership Information: The membership at the end of the year stood at 406. A number have told me they will be renewing by cheque or at the general meeting. Renewals continue to come in meanwhile and I am still waiting for 155 members to renew or contact me. I hope to see the majority of these at the January meeting. A very warm welcome to all of you.

Margaret Potter (Membership Secretary)

For news from the Third Age Trust you can sign up for your own Trust newsletter at:
<https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/newsletter#signup>

PROGRAMME

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

JANUARY MEETING – Tuesday 10th January 2023

This is your opportunity to come and network with other members over a cup of tea or coffee. Although the main purpose of the meeting is to allow members to renew for 2023, there will be a quiz with prizes thanks to Veronica Matthew. Bring your thinking heads and a pen.

FEBRUARY MEETING – Tuesday 14th February 2023

The speaker for February will be Harold Parmer talking about medical dogs. No further information is available at this time.

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

The coffee morning was once again very popular. We would be delighted to see you at the next coffee morning on Tuesday 17th January at the Friends Meeting House on Queens Road for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Of course, there will be friendship, conversation, and we may even stretch to hot chocolate.

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

LEICESTER U3A NEEDS YOU

ADVANCE NOTICE – The March meeting will be our AGM.

Notices will be sent under the constitution as usual, but meanwhile please consider if you can offer your services to your u3a. A number of committee members are standing down and we will be looking for members to step up. Have you any admin or committee skills in a previous life? Are you one of those enthusiastic organisers? Please speak to one of the current committee to find out what it's all about. Without an enthusiastic and cooperative Committee your u3a cannot flourish.



WE NEED YOU

We also need people to join the audio-visual team to help with setting up the laptop, microphone & projector; and, a press officer to liaise with local media, to advertise the u3a, report on events etc. This will chiefly be the local newspapers but may extend to local radio, the Third Age Trust and (you never know) it may possibly even make East Midlands today.

If you are interested e-mail: committee@leicesteru3a.org.uk for more information.

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

LUNCHEON CLUB

Is usually the second Sunday of the month, but there is no meeting in January. Further information next month. Different venues (decided by people attending) to suit all tastes. Numbers are limited to 20 so book early. If you are interested contact Ros Devine on: lunch@leicesteru3a.org.uk



The group at its Christmas lunch

Bus Pass Tours – Denise Buchan, convenor

We hope that this group will soon be operating again. Watch out for information from the convenor, or from Dave Barnes who helps out. Information from anyone else is not supported by the u3a and the event would not be covered by our third party insurances. If in doubt speak to Denise or to Neil Taylor the groups' convenor. WATCH THIS SPACE!

SINGING FOR PLEASURE The December Christmas celebration

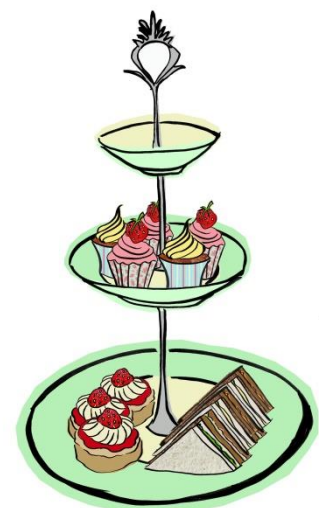


Photos by Phil Proud

TEA AT THE LANGHAM - CHERRY STEPHENSON - Member

We're off to take tea at The Langham.
It's really just awfully fine
To sip Assam or Rose from bone china
With goblets of champagne and wine.

They know how to serve at The Langham;
Their manner is quiet and discreet.
Each course is delivered with reverence;
With a stool, for your bag at your feet.
We're really quite keen on The Langham,
And Gloria's just had a fling
With one of those good-looking waiters –
I tell you, it's now quite the thing.



I must make particular mention
For the music that flows with the tea -
As we swallow and guzzle
He weaves us a puzzle of Gershwin, Carols & Crosbee.

The staff are so 'right' at The Langham.
But take care if you go to the loo,
There are so many doors,
You forget which is yours,
And you'll find yourself lost in Peru.

Each course is delicious and perfect;
Their chef has two Michelin stars!
And the Chief Pastry Chef, Andrew Gravett
Makes sweetmeats worthy of tsars.

You must visit Langham's this season!
For Christmas this venue is TOPS.
From the sparkling trees to the magical keys
Of the pianist, they pull out the stops.

We've tried The Savoy and The Beaumont,
They're both really nice as can be,
But I tell you, my dear, and I must make it clear,
That the Langham is Our Cup of Tea!

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY IS FOR EVERYONE THESE DAYS...

By Richard Taylor Convenor

... In fact, with the prevalence of smartphones, most people do it, yet they don't consider themselves photographers. Just think of the last time you saw something interesting, or that made you think, or that just looked good. If you took a picture, then you were doing photography.

In the Digital Photography Group, we enjoy sharing images, usually on a chosen theme, and taken with a digital camera, or tablet, or smartphone, and talking about what we are showing. Sometimes we

go to somewhere of interest, take pictures and share our individual 'takes' - it's surprising how different our individual ways of looking can be – or we might go together to an interesting exhibition. Here are a few of the pictures we shared over the past year.

Autumn by Matt Matthew



Grooves by Jean Burbridge

Work Done by Irene Ault



Sky by Rachel Mason

If you like taking photos, then why not think about joining us? You are most welcome to come along and see us; we meet on the second Thursday of each month at Christchurch, (where the U3A monthly meetings take place), at 2.15. Interested? Then contact me via the website, or direct at photography@leicesteru3a.org.uk or by phone on 07964615767. We'd love to hear from you.

LEICESTER THEATRES GROUP -

Convenor Ros Devine

Ros has received details of shows coming up from DeMontfort Hall [DeMontfort Hall](#). Click this link to look at the programme for the coming season. If you are interested in anything let Ros know and she may be able to arrange a group visit. Email her at theatre@leicesteru3a.org.uk



FRI 6 JAN 2023

**LEICESTER
COMEDY FESTIVAL
GALA PREVIEW
SHOW**



SAT 14 JAN 2023

**PHILHARMONIA:
CLARINET
SPOTLIGHT**



TUE 24 JAN 2023

**THE CLASSIC
ROCK SHOW**



SAT 28 JAN | SUN 29 JAN
2023

**A SPECTACULAR
EVENING OF
DANCE**



TUE 31 JAN 2023

**QUEEN
EXTRAVAGANZA**



WED 1 FEB 2023

GUZ KHAN LIVE!



THU 2 FEB 2023

SARA PASCOE



SAT 4 FEB 2023

**JAVED ALI LIVE IN
CONCERT**



MON 13 FEB 2023

**UK PUN
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2023**



THU 16 FEB 2023

**THE BIG
DIFFERENCE
COMEDY
FUNDRAISER**



FRI 17 FEB 2023

DANNY BAKER



SUN 19 FEB 2023

**MIKE OLDFIELD'S
TUBULAR BELLS
LIVE IN CONCERT**

If you have suggestions for group visits to any of the other Leicester theatres Ros would also like to hear from you.



PUZZLE CORNER - A Sudoku (created by Cliff Ault – Member
Cryptic Crossword Group) Solution on page 11

			6	8		5		
				2		3		7
1	7					2		
				9			1	
						8		
8	2						3	
		5				1	6	
	9		3	5				
4		1			9			

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 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.

Contributions & Apology

This newsletter is rather slim and missing some of our usual entries. Thank you to those who despite the Christmas and New Year festivities remembered us and sent articles. We can only work with what we receive. 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 (of up to 350 words), with or without a photograph.

Normal service will hopefully be resumed next month.

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.

The deadline for items to be included in the February newsletter is Friday 27th January 2023. 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

1	4	5	7	9	2	6	8	3
2	8	9	4	3	6	5	1	7
3	6	7	5	1	8	2	9	4
5	9	6	8	7	1	3	4	2
7	2	1	6	4	3	8	5	9
8	3	4	2	5	9	7	6	1
9	5	3	1	6	7	4	2	8
6	1	2	3	8	4	9	7	5
4	7	8	9	2	5	1	3	6