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NEWS SHEET

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Welcome to the 75th edition of the Leicester u3a Newsheet, continuing to list online activities and research which might be of interest in our groups. Also find more formal announcements, all with the appropriate links and contact details. Do keep sending your suggestions to newsheet@leicesteru3a.org.uk Click on the links!

Leicester u3a Groups and Activities All our groups are open for business, and subjects are never full. Our only limits are the size of our living rooms! Simply email or phone the contact details of the Group of your choice to learn plans.

Possible new groups Lunch Club, hoping to explore Leicester's restaurants, gastropubs and eateries for leisurely inexpensive lunches; and Current Affairs 3, to discuss topical matters nationally and internationally. Living rooms in Current Affairs 1 and 2 are currently full – so be in at the start of a new group! For both these groups, please get in touch with me at groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk in the first instance, and as soon as we have a good number of people interested we will organise Convenor, and dates and times of meetings. And do you have any other ideas and suggestions for possible new groups? Please get in touch and I will advertise them through our Sign Up Sheets.

Groups Advertising for New Members are Cryptic Crosswords 1 Contact Convenor Diana Barker on crosswords@leicesteru3a.org.uk Cryptic Crosswords 2 contact Convenor Barbara Russell on cryptic2@leicesteru3a.org.uk Backgammon contact Convenor Bob Collins on backgammon@leicesteru3a.org.uk Orienteering, contact Convenor Dave Barnes on orienteer@leicester.org.uk Architecture, contact new Convenor Paul McCann on architecture1@leicesteru3a.org.uk Gardening , contact Convenor Angie Barnes on gardening@leicester.org.uk; Drawing, contact Convenor Paul McCann on drawing@leicester.org.uk Poetry Appreciation contact Convenor Helen Parsons on poetry1@leicester.org.uk

[Leicester u3a Ten Pin Bowling group](#) are intending to restart on 14th March. Contact new Convenor Richard Edwards on tenpin@leicesteru3a.org.uk to join, and if you attended before to let Richard know of your continued interest

[Leicester u3a Leicestershire Theatre group](#) The Leicester u3a Little Theatre group is expanding its remit to take in not only the wonderful Little Theatre, but also the Curve, theatres in the county, and Amateur Dramatics. Please contact Convenor Ros Devine initially under the Little Theatre email address littletheatre@leicesteru3a.org.uk New email address to follow

[Leicester u3a Film Club](#) Holds its second meeting on Monday 28th February at the Quaker Meeting House on Queen's Road Clarendon Park at 2.00pm. In a change of programme, we can announce...Brighton Rock! Starring a young Richard Attenborough, Hermione Baddeley and a host of British actors, with background, chat, and of course tea, coffee, and biscuits! The Gold Diggers of 1933 will now be screened in the Monday 28th March meeting. All Welcome !!

[The National u3a](#) www.u3a.org.uk [YouTube with the u3a](#) Go to www.youtube.com u3a for new film Do Something Brilliant Today, videos on the u3a Movement and the whole series so far of the u3a Radio Podcast. u3a Radio is now available on podcasting platforms. It is Available on Apple, Spotify, Google and others, and still available on the u3a YouTube channel.

[The Wisdom Hour](#) On Saturday 5th March 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Design Museum 224 -238 Kensington High Street, this is a creative storytelling space celebrating positive stories of ageing. The Design Museum, in collaboration with the National u3a, present an interactive workshop with Designer in Residence Roseanne Wakely. Free for u3a members, we are encouraged to contribute our ideas to reimagine financial services and support our future selves. Book now on www.designmuseum.digitickets.co.uk

[Consultation](#) About Leicester' public transport, cycling and walking network takes place online, showing all proposals, until Sunday 13th March, www.consultations@leicester.gov.uk

[Knighton Library](#) www.leicester.gov.uk/libraries has had a £75,000 re-vamp, with new flooring and increased desk space. It is re-decorated and enlarged for Community use. Later this spring a new self-access system is being tried out, giving users access to the building to borrow and return books, use the computers and study desks outside normal opening hours.

[Useful Numbers and Links](#) [Suspicious Text Messages](#) Report for free using 7726. Call the *National Domestic Abuse* Helpline for free and get confidential advice, 24 hours a day 0808 2000 247. [Fraud](#): Check on the Financial Conduct Authority website www.fca.org.uk or phone 0800 111 6768. The Covid Fraud Hotline: www.covidfraudhotline.org [Phishing](#): Go to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service, SERS report@phishing.gov.uk _Make a report online <https://www.leics.police.uk>. Neighbourhood Alert

alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk The Citizen's Advice Consumer Helpline: 0808 223 1133. www.actionfraud.police.uk 0300 123 20

National Portrait Gallery www.npg.org.uk Has the largest collection of portraits in the world, and currently holds 400,000 images in its archive, back to the reign of Edward VI. In association with Ancestry UK www.ancestry.co.uk has uploaded 125,000 photographs and images of famous people in history and people from all walks of life for its new initiative The Nation's Family Album. Simply put your name in and links may come up or not. We are asked to send in images of our lives, and one of the aims is to increase the proportion of images of women in its collection. Submit images digitally, closing date 30th June.

Ernest Shackleton 2022 is the Centenary of the famous Antarctic explorer's death. Go to www.ernestshackleton.net for the Discovery and Nimrod expeditions, and the Endurance expedition, to cross the 2000 mile Antarctic continent.

Films of the Week *The City that Never Sleeps* (1953), a film noir based in Chicago, is the story of a disillusioned police officer played by Gig Young. *Nobody* (2021) is a must see movie for fans of *Breaking Bad* and Bob Odenkirk, who plays an unlikely action hero fighting a one man crusade against the Russian mafia.

The next Newsheet will be circulated on Saturday 5th March, and thank you as always for your suggestions, contributions and links. Keep on sending them to me at newsheet@leicesteru3a.org.uk and try them out in your groups. All the links, right back to Edition Number 1, will be available on the Leicester u3a website as a Learning Resource for all activity and interest groups to use.

Take Care!

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