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NEWS SHEET

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Welcome to the 68th 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!

Coffee Mornings have begun again, taking place on the third Tuesday of the month at 10.15am onwards at the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road. The last one was great – really well attended and full of smiles and laughs. Thank you to everyone who dropped by. Our Wellbeing and Hospitality Co-ordinator Sandra Barker ensures a warm, friendly welcome, and our next meeting is Tuesday 16th November, and do give us a visit.

Monthly Meetings have also re-started. Social distancing and face coverings are in place for what we are sure you will find to be a comfortable, entertaining and informative time. Next meeting is the second Tuesday of the month as usual, 9th November.

Christmas Social In December we would not normally hold our Monthly Meeting but this year, by popular demand, and after all we've had to go through with the lockdowns, we thought it would be nice to have a get together. No speaker, just a Christmassy chance to talk. And there might be a mince pie or two...! More details to follow!

Film Club is nearly ready to start! It continues to be advertised, and please get in touch with me initially on groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk to express your interest. More information to follow!

Groups inviting New Members As we get back to normal, you may think you have room in your group (and living room!) for new members. The following have got in touch with me so far. ***Cryptic Crosswords 1*** Please contact the convenor Diana on cryptic1@leicesteru3a.org.uk ***Cryptic Crosswords 2*** is one of the many Leicester u3a groups to have met on Zoom from very early in the pandemic. Convenor Barbara Russell invites new members, and contact her on cryptic2@leicesteru3a.org.uk ***Table Tennis*** Please contact Convenor Jackie Caunt personally on tabletennis@leicesteru3a.org.uk ***History 1*** is open to two new members, and contact Convenor Debbie Hartridge initially on history1@leicesteru3a.org.uk to talk. ***History 2:*** Convenor Mike Bates invites two new members. Please get in touch with Mike on history2@leicester.org.uk ***Bookworms*** meets at The Good Earth just off Halford Street. Contact Convenor Nick Arlett on bookworms@leicesteru3a.org.uk

New Groups Knitting and Craft: Our member Janice Provis asks if anyone would be interested in joining her for this group, as a result of other groups being full. She has space for 8 people in her living room. With things happening apace nationally and internationally would anyone like to join a *Current Affairs 3*? Again, the other groups in this subject are full. Do have a think about these, and other ideas for new groups you may have, and contact me on groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk

The National u3a www.u3a.org.uk then *Online Events*. In November join Maria Chester u3a Subject Adviser for American Archaeology for a series of lectures on Mayan Civilisation, Aztecs and Incas to follow, Mondays, 4.00pm, Free online via Zoom; The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a talk by the National Army Museum, on Tuesday 9th November 10.30am; *Maths Week* takes place from the 8th November to 13th November with The Numbers You Eat Tuesday 9th November 2.00pm; and Maths Activities and Games, with David Martin, u3a Subject adviser Maths and Stats, Thursday 11th November 2.00pm. All is free to book through Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk

Anti-Social Behaviour Neighbourhood Watch has launched a "Say No to ASB Campaign" running until the 21st November. Police, councils and housing associations are reporting that incidents have increased over the last three years. Find information on recognising, reporting and reporting anti-social behaviour on www.ourwatch.org.uk Under webinars on the website book a place for Say No to ASB with the charity ASB Help on Monday 15th November at 5pm

Suspicious Text Messages Phone providers allow you to report suspicious text messages for free using 7726. If you forward a text, your provider can investigate the origin of the text and act, if found to be malicious. If 7726 doesn't work, you can find out how to report a text message by contacting your provider.

Useful Links and Numbers 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 **Useful links and numbers** 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 2040

The Royal Voluntary Service www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk Hold a variety of regular events under the title First Time For Everything. Upcoming is Ballet at Clarence House, Age UK Friday 12th November 11.15 am to 12.30pm; Mono Printing Session at Leicester Print Workshop, Monday 15th November 11.00am to 1.00pm; and Strictly Ballroom Exercise at Clarence House, Age UK 11.15am to 12.30pm. All events can be booked free.

And finally... On the 30th October 1973 The Bosphorus Bridge was completed connecting Europe and Asia; on the 1st November 2018, in an attempt to protect its vulnerable coral reefs Palau became the first country to ban sunscreen; on the 3rd November 1906 The International Radiotelegraph Conference in Berlin selected SOS as the worldwide standard distress signal for help; on the 6th November 1860 Abraham Lincoln was selected as the 16th President of the United States

The next Newsheet will be circulated on Saturday 13th November. Thank you as always for your suggestions and keep on sending them to me at newsheet@leicesteru3a.org.uk Do try them out, and 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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