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## NEWS SHEET

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Welcome to the 69th 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](mailto:newsheet@leicesteru3a.org.uk) Click on the links!

***Coffee Mornings*** Do drop by to our Coffee Morning this coming Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10.15am onwards at the Quaker meeting House on Queen's Road. You are assured of a warm, friendly welcome and a chance to chat, smile and laugh. They're really good, and hope to see you there.

***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, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the new time for Monthly Meetings, of 2.30pm. No speaker, just a Christmassy chance to talk. And, of course, there'll be a mince pie or two! All social distanced and safe, and you can renew your Leicester u3a membership as well.

***Film Club*** "Coming Soon at the Quaker Meeting House near you..." Doors open on the new Leicester u3a Film Club on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm with Belles of St Trinians. Hockey Sticks and Ronald Searle cartoons welcome but not obligatory! Have you a favourite film? Like to chat about films, film history and film stars? The Film Club will show all types of films, serious, and not so serious, and come along and suggest what you would like to see. And we will go on trips out! The Film Club already has a healthy membership and if you are interested please contact me initially on [groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk) More information to follow!

***Groups inviting New Members*** Have you room in your group (and living room!) for new members? Please contact me on [groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk) if you have. The following have got in touch with me so far. ***Cryptic Crosswords 1*** Please contact the convenor Diana on [cryptic1@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:cryptic2@leicesteru3a.org.uk) ***Table Tennis*** Please contact Convenor Jackie Caunt personally on [tabletennis@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:tabletennis@leicesteru3a.org.uk) ***History 2***: Convenor Mike Bates invites two new members. Please get in touch with Mike on

[history2@leicester.org.uk](mailto:history2@leicester.org.uk) *Bookworms* meets at The Good Earth just off Halford Street. Contact Convenor Nick Arlett on [bookworms@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:bookworms@leicesteru3a.org.uk)

*New Groups* *Knitting and Craft* is a suggested group due to other groups being full. 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](mailto:groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk)

*The National u3a* [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) then *Online Learning 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; A Crochet Workshop: How to Crochet a Christmas Tree Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm; Why Did the Spanish Armada Fail? Explore why the "Great and fortunate Navy" was defeated Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am; and Genealogy – Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Family Research Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm. All is free to book through Eventbrite [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

*The Royal Voluntary Service* [www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](http://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk) Hold a variety of regular events under the title First Time For Everything. Mono Printing Session at Leicester Print Workshop, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am to 1.00pm; Strictly Ballroom Exercise at Clarence House, Age UK Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11.15am to 12.30pm; and Christmas Card/Craft session also at Clarence House, Age UK 10.00am to 12.00 All events are free.

*The British Museum* [www.britishmuseum.org.uk](http://www.britishmuseum.org.uk) contacts us about a series of free 90 minute History webinars they are running on Zoom. These courses are free and available to all adult learners across the UK. They do not require travel to the Museum and the talks cover different aspects of British, World, and Museum History. No Prior knowledge is needed and there is chance to ask questions at the end of each talk. For further information about each webinar and to enrol follow the link

<https://www.webenrol.com/camden/Default.asp?page=courses&cat=5> On 13th December 2021, 11.00 -12.30 Collections and Collectors at the British Museum; and on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 11.00 -12.30 Gift Giving at the British Museum.

*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](http://www.fca.org.uk) or phone 0800 111 6768. The Covid Fraud Hotline: [www.covidfraudhotline.org](http://www.covidfraudhotline.org) *Phishing*: Go to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service, SERS [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) \_Make a report online <https://www.leics.police.uk>. Neighbourhood Alert [alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](mailto:alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk) The Citizen's Advice Consumer Helpline: 0808 223 1133. [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) 0300 123 2040

*Anti-Social Behaviour* Neighbourhood Watch has launched a "Say No to ASB" Campaign running until the 21<sup>st</sup> November. [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) Under webinars on the website book a place for Recognising, Recording and Reporting ASB on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm; and

**Streetsafe - How the Public Can Inform the Policing Picture on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
5.00pm to 6.00pm.**

**And finally... On 17<sup>th</sup> November 1558 Elizabeth 1 ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary Tudor; on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007 Amazon began selling the Kindle; on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1951 Snowdonia became a British National Park; and 21<sup>st</sup> November 1871 Emilio Onra became the first human cannonball.**

**The next Newsheet will be circulated on Saturday 27th November. Thank you as always for your suggestions and keep on sending them to me at [newsheet@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto: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!**

**Neil Taylor Newsheet Editor**