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NEWS SHEET

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Hi everybody,

Welcome to Edition Number 22 of Leicester U3A's Newsheet, listing online activities and more formal announcements, all with the appropriate links and contact details. Use them to follow up interests, existing or new. Thank you for all your responses, and keep on sending in your suggestions, to newsheet@leicesteru3a.org.uk Click on the links!

Heritage Open Days www.heritageopendays.org.uk Some of these events are still going ahead in Leicester, and this year there are 11 events, of course much reduced from previous years, running from 11th September to 20th September, all free, but booking for some events is required. Leicester City Museums Service Museum of Technology www.leicestermuseums.org.uk have Abbey Pumping Station presenting a Tour of the Transport Shed, including City Corporation buses, Dennis Fire Engines, and a 125 year old Aveling and Porter Steam Road Roller, on Tuesday 15th September and Wednesday 16th September, one hour sessions, 11.00am; 12.00; 2.00pm; and 3.00pm, capacity now 6 people. Belgrave Hall www.belgravehall@leicester.gov.uk has Guided Tours of the Hall and Gardens featuring the history of the Hall and the families who lived there taking in also its Walled Garden. Tours take place 16th, 19th and 20th September, 11.15am, 12.30pm, 1.45pm, and 3.00pm. Leicester City, County and Rutland at Risk War Memorials Project, All Saints Church, Highcross Street www.atriskwarmemorials.co.uk has over forty War Memorials taken into care from closed churches, chapels, clubs and factories. Each would have been lost had they not been taken into care. No booking is required, and opening times are Friday 11th September, 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Saturday 12th September 10.00am to 6.00pm; and Sunday 2.30pm to 5.00pm. No booking again is required for the St Peter's Highfields Open Day www.stpetershighfields.co.uk the Church continues to be restored back to its former glory, with its Baptistry and Chancel Windows, painted Chancel ceiling and stained glass windows from the Arts and Crafts movement. Toilets and drinks, Coronavirus safe, are provided.

De Montfort Hall www.demontforthall.co.uk asks you to Go Behind the Scenes of "one of England's busiest and most popular venues for an Online Backstage Tour of the 110 year old Grade 2 listed building. No booking required, from today onwards.

Global Coffee Festival-Virtual www.globalcoffeefestival.com Is already advertising for 30th October, Free and Online. "Tour the greatest coffee cities on earth" and see the History and Future of Coffee Machines; and receive Home Barista Masterclasses; plus, Home Rituals; Brunch; and Coffee Cocktails.

The National U3A High Street Project, exploring and recording changes to our local High Streets. Elisabeth Somogyi has already got Leicester U3A's contribution to this off to a successful start, and volunteers are still needed for this fascinating project. If you are interested, please contact Elisabeth Eks.committee@leicesteru3a.org.uk for more information. If you have already volunteered for the project, would you be willing to write a short piece about your experiences for the October Newsletter? Please contact Margaret Potter at newsletter@leicesteru3a.org.uk or telephone 0116 291 1814. Margaret is also pleased to receive all other contributions for the Newsletter, deadline 29th September.

Theatre and Performance Unicorn Theatre www.unicorntheatre.com presents "a deliciously disgusting" reading of Roald Dahl's The Twits. Streamed for free and performed by Marina Laird and Zubin Varla in three parts it is available to watch until 30th November. Click on the YouTube symbol in the top left-hand corner of the Unicorn website page. Forced Entertainment www.forcedentertainment.com present Tabletop Shakespeare at Home: the Complete Works, using kitchen utensils to represent the characters. Week One begins with Thursday 17th September Macbeth; Friday 18th September Pericles; Saturday 19th September Merchant of Venice; Sunday 20th September Midsummer Night's Dream. Pitlochry Festival Theatre "Scotland's theatre in the Hills" www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com continues Shades of the Tay "A love letter to Scotland" with Saturday Birch Tree Speaks by Timberlake Wertenbaker; and Saturday 19th September Shadows of Tay by Jo Clifford Also watch readings of new theatre renewed weekly. The Lord Chamberlain's Men www.tclm.co.uk the usually perform Open Air theatre. They are now presenting The Tempest and Midsummer Night's Dream online. They "invite you to "Recreate the spirit of the open air, whether on a picnic blanket in your living room or under the stars wrapped up warm".

Courses OpenLearn www.open.edu Has this week, amongst its huge variety of free courses, History as Commemoration: Remembering and Marking our Past, considering ways in which texts, memorials, letters, and photographs can all serve to remember events. In Watching the Weather, the course describes how meteorological observations are made looking from the surface of the earth; and, in Galaxies, Stars and Planets, there is a general introduction including the scale of the universe; orbits and gravity; and the Solar System and the Sun.

And finally... This week: On the 10th 1897 London cabbie George Smith became the first person to be arrested for drunk driving; on the 15th, 1838 HMS Beagle, with Charles Darwin aboard, reached the Galapagos islands, and on the 19th 1978 the Solomon Islands joined the United Nations

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Do scroll up and down to try something out, and of course all the links, from the first Newsheet to 21 and onwards will be available to use in your groups if you wish when we are able to meet up again. Thank you as always for all your suggestions and do keep on sending them to me at newsheet@leicesteru3a.org.uk

Take care,

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