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Kingfisher near Union Wharf Marina, Market Harborough  
(Photo by Irene Ault)

## **March Meeting: Tuesday 10th at 2.45**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The final documents for this meeting will have been distributed either by email or for those not on email, as hard copy by post after the February meeting. The formal meeting will be followed by refreshments (tea/coffee and cake!) with the compliments of the committee.

## **Next Meeting: April 14th**

Speaker: Peter Amour

A visit to two distinctly different regions of France, showing firstly the world-renowned wine-producing area of Burgundy, followed by an exploration of the Alsace region. Colourful, cultural and historic.

Attendance at the January Meeting: 111

### **Membership 2020 – Additions, Corrections and Updates**

The membership now stands at 413

*Margaret Potter (Membership Secretary)*

## **Speakers**

We are always keen to hear about good and interesting speakers.

If, somewhere other than U3A, you have heard a talk which you would like to recommend for a monthly meeting, please contact the Speaker Finder, Keith Pyne to let him know.

*(Contact details can be found on the separate contacts sheet.)*

## **Committee News**

The minutes of committee meetings are available at the Secretary's table at monthly meetings and also on the members' page of the website.

## **Venues for Group Meetings**

Is your group getting too big for your present meeting place?

Are you thinking of starting a new group? A Suggested Venues List is available from the Groups' Co-ordinator.

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## *Message from the Chair*

This time last year I was busily writing what I thought would be my last Groups Report, as Groups Co-ordinator. But t'was not to be: our AGM turned out to be inquorate (by 8!), so the year moved on and we had to wait till April to get our new Committee. Both Jenny Foxon (the then Chair) and I found ourselves having to write a second last article for the April Newsletter. I've got my fingers crossed that that situation won't happen again: this should be my last article as Chair for the Newsletter, as I won't be standing again at the AGM. Having overstretched myself, I have had to take a step back from most of my U3A activities. Hopefully my brain will appreciate a bit of a rest and I can get back to normal. I will still be Newsletter Editor, and I'll still be around to chat at the Monthly Meetings and the All Members' Coffee Mornings. It is with huge regret that I leave the Committee. I have loved being Chair of this fantastic organization and being on such close terms with so many gifted, amusing, entertaining members. I would like to thank all those members and Committee members who have supported me during my time as Chair. I sincerely hope that sometime in the future, I will be able to offer my services to the Committee again in some capacity. In the meantime, life, the Committee and our U3A goes on. Just about the only thing we can be sure of, is that things change.



*Steph Smith*

### **All Members' Coffee Mornings (AMCM)**

The coffee mornings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at The Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road from ten o'clock and they usually finish when the coffee runs out! There is no need to sign up in advance, just turn up when you like and stay for however long suits you. To cover the cost of the monthly rent a charge of £2 is payable which covers the times when fewer people come. You will get a cup of proper coffee or tea and biscuits and fill-ups are free and we sometimes have home baking as well. It is a good place and time to meet up with old friends, meet new members and explain the U3A to them and meet our community

police officers who call in on a regular basis as part of their brief to engage with the community and enjoy the coffee. All sorts of topics come up and advice offered on everything from where to buy comfy shoes to the latest films on at the Phoenix! Come and join us.

This month we had an impromptu quiz, entitled ‘Who Said It?’, the prize being a voucher for a free coffee next month! It was won by Petrina Walker-Palin, who insisted throughout that she “hates quizzes”, but still managed to beat the rest of us. If you fancy seeing how you would have fared, here’s a copy of the questions. The answers are towards the back of the Newsletter.

### **Who Said It? A Mixture Of Real And Fictional Sayings.**

The answers need the name of the person quoted.

1. The lady’s not for turning.
2. My annus horribilis.
3. Out, damned spot.
4. Kiss me, Hardy.
5. No more twist.
6. Reader, I married him.
7. A horse, a horse! My kingdom for a horse!
8. One small step for man....
9. Non!
10. They are the scum of the earth.
11. Education, education, education.
12. L’etat, c’est moi.
13. I wandered lonely as a cloud.
14. Off with his head!
15. Bah, humbug!
16. Let my people go.
17. Veni, vidi, vici.
18. We shall fight them on the beaches...
19. Please sir, I want some more.
20. I have a dream
21. Paint me warts and all.
22. Ask not what your country can do for you...
23. Will no-one rid me of this turbulent priest?
24. Elementary, my dear Watson.

25. We are not amused.
26. The hills are alive with the sound of music.
27. What light through yonder window breaks?
28. One can never be too slim or too rich.
29. It's a far, far better thing that I do...
30. I'm playing all the right notes but not necessarily in the right order.



*Photos by Steph Smith*



Members enjoying the AMCM

Some members were very competitive during the quiz...

*Barbara Penrose, Convener and percolator owner.*

## **Kitchen & Meeter Greeter Rotas**

Last month, a desperate call went out for help in the kitchen at the Monthly Meeting, and also for Meeter Greeters, as there was effectively no-one around to do these jobs. Adverts in the Newsletter, and an appeal from the Chair at the Monthly Meeting resulted in several names for both tasks being put onto the sign-up sheets. Rotas have now been drawn up, to spread the load, so no-one is expected to be called upon every month, just every now and then. So a huge thank you goes out to all those who have volunteered to help, you are now officially a RUM! (Really Useful Member!) But please don't be complacent: there is always room for extra hands, so if you fancy wearing one of our stylish U3A sashes, or manning a washing-up bowl at the occasional Monthly Meeting, don't hesitate to let Sandra Barker, or any Committee member, know.

## ***A Thank You From Our Speaker Finder***

I wish to thank all members who have given me information regarding possible speakers. I appreciate your help and suggestions. I do follow up your recommendations.

I am sure you appreciate the need to plan ahead and with just 8 meetings to fill and with speakers suggested already booked, you may think you have been ignored or forgotten: that is not the case. I have already booked some speakers for 2021 but if you feel you can suggest someone please do, I still have a few dates free.

*Keith Pyne*

## ***News From the Groups Co-ordinator***

Hi everybody,

Everything continues to gather pace as regards our Groups, with many ideas for groups still coming in. Previous advertised suggestions continue to gain support. Bridge Beginners is nearing its Viability Meeting, so please do put your name down on the sign-up sheet if you want to join. Backgammon also still needs members on the games group front. By the time you read this our new Pub Quiz group will have participated in its inaugural foray into



competition, all the time not taking itself too seriously, at the Sir Robert Peel pub in Leicester. The team may or may not have won, as this goes to print. If you wish to join in it would be great, so that we can have two teams representing us.

Also, Quiz-wise, I've received information about the Inter-U3A Quiz, on 26th March. If you're interested do get in touch so that we can field a team, and Kibworth Golf Club are putting on a £5 supper for all the teams and supporters.

Scrabble 2 has a new Convenor, Jenni Shelton, who is keen to increase its membership. She has plans to meet at Evington Library, who are very welcoming and accommodating with their facilities.

Also offering us its facilities is the Knighton & Clarendon Park Club on the corner of Queens Road and Clarendon Park Road in Clarendon Park: our Architecture group will be the first to use it. If your group is a large one please do consider using this, as well as all our listed venues on the website.

Bookworms is a popular, longstanding group in Leicester U3A, and Bookworms 2 is a budding group. If you like all things books please consider joining this, and also Spanish Beginners 2, and World History 2. Remember Drama, which can be reading plays, performing plays, rehearsing plays just for the fun, and also picking up acting skills, or all of the above, whatever the eventual group decides! Critical Thinking needs a few more names on the sign-up sheets, so if learning critical thinking skills appeals to you, then remember to come along to the groups table and sign up.

Just to say that the Irish Language group is suspended until August.

## Budding Groups

Drama

Critical Thinking

Bridge Beginners 2

Backgammon

Local History

Bookworms 2

Spanish Beginners 2

World History 2

Do think about signing up to these groups-and of course to any others you might be interested in, and I'm always keen to hear new suggestions.

See you at the table!

*Neil Taylor, Groups Co-ordinator*

**\*\*\*\* Stop Press \*\*\*\***

Leicester U3A Quiz team WON the quiz at the Sir Robert Peel pub! The £20 prize (£5 each) just about covered their taxi fares on the night. If this has whet your appetite, ask about the Inter-U3A Quiz on 26th March at Kibworth, it would be nice to have more than one team this time!

## **Reports from the Groups**

### **Bus Pass Tours**

In December, thanks to Val and Andy we had two trips - one to the Christmas Market in Nottingham and one on the Santa Special steam train from Loughborough to Leicester and return. Both were great fun with a ride on an old-fashioned Merry-go-Round at the fair (plus a slice of really rich vegan chocolate cake) and the other giving us the chance to meet Santa Claus and a few of his helpers and to enjoy a little nip of something to warm the cockles of our hearts. The weather wasn't kind to us either time so we're looking forward to the Spring.

The next trip, if one is arranged, will take place during the week beginning 23rd March when let's hope the weather is a little drier and less windy, even if not much warmer. If anyone has a suggestion for somewhere interesting, indoors, during that week please let the Convenor know.

*Denise Buchan (Convenor of BPT group)*

### **Digital Photography**

The Digital Photography Group met in February to share images and thoughts around the topic 'vertical'. This took us in a number of

different directions, finding a prevalence of verticals in nature as well as the built environment, not the mention the results of looking up - or down - vertically. Verticals don't always look like that when recorded on



*Boats by Cliff Ault*



*Straight Up by Richard Taylor*



*VJ Patel Building Interior by Irene Ault*

The topic for our February meeting was 'Vertical'. In this case the building wasn't but the photograph is. *Matt Matthew (member of Digital Photography Group)*



Looking Up  
by Irene Ault



Looking Down  
by Richard Taylor

a camera and the use of software to correct this was also covered. Here are some examples of the images shown.

A programme for 2020 is being developed and will include topics such as 'light' and 'moving objects' as well as a visit to a photographic exhibition and a day out taking photographs together.

Branches  
by Richard Taylor



*Richard Taylor (member of Digital Photography Group)*

\*Eds note: Richards tree photo shows something of interest to botanists: crown shyness, the tendency of canopy branches not to touch, even when crowded together.

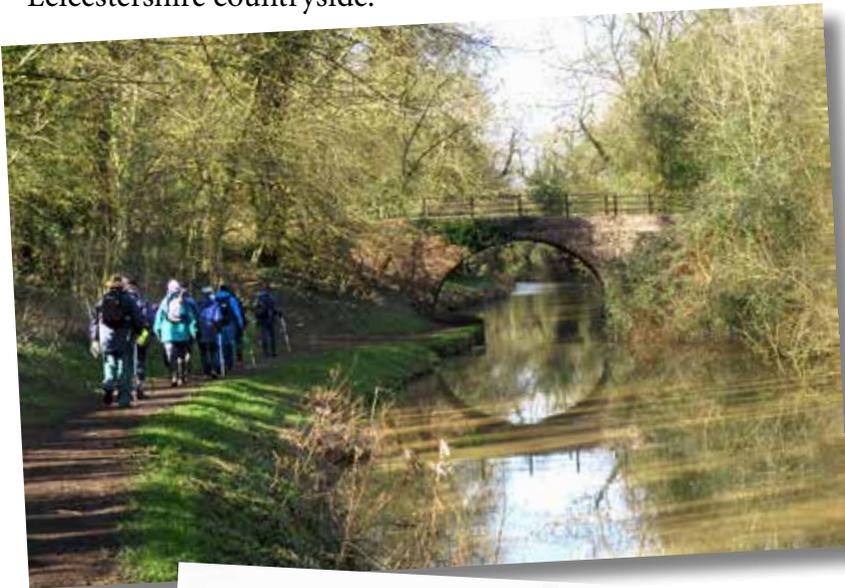
**Needlework and Knitting**



Erica Canfield  
wearing the  
beautiful shawl  
which she knitted.

## Rambling

On a bright sunny morning, the Rambling Group enjoyed a walk from Great Bowden to Market Harborough Marina and back. Because of previous wet weather, the route had to be mainly on roads as well as the canal towpath. Near the Marina, the walkers were entranced by a kingfisher patrolling its stretch of the canal. Luckily, the field path back into Great Bowden was dry enough to walk and gave views across the Leicestershire countryside.



*Photos by Irene Ault*

## Ten Pin Bowling



Here we see this month's winners at Ten Pin Bowling. New members are most welcome. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at Hollywood Bowl, Meridian, at 10.30am. Why not come along and give it a try? You could be our next champion!

*Jan Hall (Convenor of Ten Pin Bowling Group)*

## *Interest Groups*

Please remember, you **MUST** be a member of Leicester U3A and contact the Convenor before joining a group. You can contact the Convenor by email, by adding @leicesteru3a.org.uk to the generic address given with each group. For example, to contact the Architecture Convenor, send an email to [architecture@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:architecture@leicesteru3a.org.uk)

Detailed information on all our groups is also available on our website and members can contact any of the Convenors from there. The information is also available as a "Contacts Sheet" sent out by email and at the Groups Table at all the Monthly Meetings.

If you have difficulty contacting the Convenor, try the Groups Co-ordinator instead.

The list below is a comprehensive list of all our current groups, when and where they meet, the name of the Convenor and the generic name of the group.

- Architecture** Susan Martin-Butt architecture1  
2.00pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month in members' homes.
- Architecture and the Built Environment** Peter Kilty architecture2  
2.00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at people's homes.
- Architecture and Design** Veronica Matthew architecture3  
2.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Leicester Progressive Jewish Congregation Synagogue, Avenue Road.
- Art Appreciation** Mary Neilson artappreciation  
10.00am on the 1st Friday of the month in members' homes or at a gallery.
- Backgammon** Bob Collins backgammon  
10.00am on the 4th Tuesday of the month in members' homes.
- Bones For Life** Jean Stone bones  
10.30am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Leicester Progressive Jewish Congregation Synagogue, Avenue Road. This group is currently suspended, the meetings will resume in the spring, date to be announced.
- Bookworms** Nick Arlett bookworms  
10.30am on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Cafe Roma, Halford Street. Please contact Nick if interested in joining. For more information, plus list of novels so far, see the Bookworms page on the Leicester U3A website.
- Botany** (Steph Smith) botany  
2.00pm on the 1st Monday of the month, at Steph's or at a nature reserve or wood. This group is currently suspended until warmer weather and pending a new Convenor.
- Bridge 1** Bob Collins bridge1  
2.00pm every Wednesday at Bob's.

<b>Bridge 2</b>	Henry Paulinski 2.00pm every Thursday in members' homes. Venue may vary from week to week. Play this wonderful game in congenial company. Ideal for Bridge players with two or more years' experience. Good sense of humour essential!	bridge2
<b>Bridge Beginners</b>	Keith Pyne 2.00pm on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in members' homes.	bridgebeginners
<b>Bus Pass Tours</b>	Denise Buchan Trips are once or twice a month. Dates and venues will vary according to their destination.	buspass
<b>Canasta</b>	Barbara Sheppard 2.00pm on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Barbara's.	canasta
<b>Chess for Pleasure</b>	Graham Williams 10.30am-12.30pm on the 1st Monday of the month at Graham's. Anyone who can play chess is welcome.	chess
<b>Computer Help</b>	Andy Williams Contact Andy for help with computer problems.	computerhelp
<b>Craft</b>	Margaret Potter 2.00pm on the 2nd Friday of the month at Margaret's.	craft
<b>Creative Writing</b>	Stella Memory 10.30am on the 2nd Monday of the month in members' homes.	creativewriting
<b>Cryptic Crosswords 1</b>	Diana Barker 2.00pm on the 3rd Monday of the month at Diana's.	crosswords
<b>Cryptic Crosswords 2</b>	Barbara Russell 2.00pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at Barbara's.	cryptic2
<b>Current Affairs 1</b>	Denise Aaron 2.30pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month in members' homes.	currentaffairs1
<b>Current Affairs 2</b>	Henry Paulinski 10.30am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in members' homes.	currentaffairs2

<b>Digital</b>	(Angela Jennings)	photography
	2.15pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road. This group will appoint a new Convenor at their next meeting.	
<b>Digital</b>	Bob Hall	photographyhelp
<b>Photo Help</b>	Contact Bob for help with digital camera problems.	
<b>Discussion</b>	Erica Canfield	discussion
	2.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in members' homes.	
<b>Discussion 2</b>	Henry Paulinski	discussion2
	2.00pm on the 1st Monday of the month in members' homes. Topics include "Should we abolish the House of Lords?"	
<b>Drawing and Sketching</b>	Paul McCann	drawing
	10.30am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at Roy Priestley's. At each meeting the group decides what they would like to draw on that occasion: art objects that participants bring in for the day, or flowering pot plants etc.	
<b>Family History</b>	Sandra Barker	familyhistory
	2.00pm on the 1st Friday of the month at the Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society, Pilot House, King Street.	
<b>French Advanced 1</b>	Fiona Oliver	frenchadvanced1
	2.30pm on the first and third Fridays in members' homes.	
<b>French Advanced 2</b>	Peter Hampton	frenchadvanced2
	2.30pm every 2 weeks on Thursdays in members' homes.	
<b>French Intermediate</b>	Ivy Carr	frenchintermediate
	2.30pm every 2 weeks on Fridays in members' homes. All members are involved in choosing topics for discussion, usually 2 or 3 meetings ahead.	
<b>Gardening</b>	Angie Barnes	gardening
	2.00pm on the 2nd Monday of the month in members' homes or on a visit.	

<b>German Intermediate Conversation</b>	Paul McCann 10.00am on 3rd Tuesday of the month at Helen Parsons'	german
<b>Gilbert and Sullivan</b>	Margot Comer Meeting day and time currently under review, TBA soon.	gands
<b>Guitar Playing</b>	Pat Breen 10.30am on the 2nd Monday of the month in members' homes.	guitar
<b>History 1</b>	Deborah Hartridge 10.30am on the 1st Thursday of the month in members' homes.	history1
<b>History 2</b>	Mike Bates 2.30pm on the 3rd Monday of the month in members' homes.	history2
<b>How Hard Can It Be</b>	Sue Howard In the morning on the 1st Friday of the month, time and venue to vary according to the activity.	hhcib
<b>Irish Language</b>	Pat Breen 2.00pm every 2 weeks on Thursdays in members' homes. This group is currently suspended until August 2020.	irish
<b>Latin - Polish Up Your Rusty...</b>	Jean Cloud 2.00pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Jean's.	latin
<b>Little Theatre</b>	Elisabeth Somogyi 7.30pm on Wednesday of the week of performance at the Little Theatre. See advert advert after Groups List for a description of the group's plans.	littletheatre
<b>Mah-Jong</b>	Ann Allsop 10.30am on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Ann's.	mah-jong
<b>Mah-Jong Beginners</b>	Barbara Penrose 2.15pm on 1st Monday of the month in members' homes	

<b>Medieval People</b>	Peter Kilty 10.00am on the 3rd Friday of the month in members' homes.	medievalpeople
<b>Modern Novel</b>	Helen Parsons 10.30am on the 3rd Friday of the month in members' homes.	modernnovel
<b>(Mon) Music Appreciation</b>	Liz Warren 10.30am on the 3rd Monday of the month at Liz's.	music.mon
<b>(Wed) Music Appreciation</b>	Jill Reville 10.30am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in members' homes.	music.wed
<b>Natural History</b>	Richard Edwards 10.00am on the 4th Tuesday of the month in members' homes or at a nature reserve.	naturalhistory
<b>Needlework and Knitting</b>	Elisabeth Watkin 2.30pm on the 2nd Monday of the month at Elisabeth's : due to a clash with Easter, the April meeting will be a week early, on April 6th.	embroidery
<b>Orienteering</b>	Dave Barnes 2.00pm on the 3rd Friday of the month. Venue to vary. This group is now closed for the winter season, meetings will resume in April 2020	orienteer
<b>Paranormal Phenomena</b>	Alan Baker 10.30am on the 3rd Monday of the month in members' homes.	paranorm
<b>Parks and Tearoom Strolls</b>	Marjorie Mallory, Cliff Ault (Deputy) 2.00pm every 2 weeks on Fridays during the Spring and Summer months. Meetings suspended for the winter and will resume again in the Spring 2020.	strolls

<b>Petanque</b>	Anne Harris	petanque
	4.15pm –6.15pm on the 3rd and 4th Mondays of the month at Leicester Bowling Club, Kenwood Road. A nominal fee of £1 per session will be charged. Please try to provide your own set of bowls. Information as to the starting dates for the 2020 season will appear early in the year. They are usually the 3rd and 4th Mondays in April.	
<b>Philosophy 1</b>	Matt Matthew	philosophy1
	10.00am on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in members' homes.	
<b>Philosophy 2</b>	Judy Hastings	philosophy2
	2.00pm – 3.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at Judy's	
<b>Philosophy 3</b>	Dennis Foxon	philosophy3
	10.30pm every 2 weeks on Wednesdays at Evington Library.	
<b>Poetry Appreciation</b>	Helen Parsons	poetry1
	10.30pm on the 1st Monday of the month at Helen's.	
<b>Poetry for Pleasure</b>	Jane Michel	poetry2
	11.00pm on the 2nd Monday of the month at Jane's.	
<b>Rambling</b>	Jan Hall	rambling
	Every 2 weeks, days and locations vary.	
<b>Reading Music Made Easy</b>	Margot Comer	readingmusic
	10.00am on Fridays every 2 weeks at Margot's.	
<b>Reading For Pleasure 1</b>	Jill Reville	reading1
	2.00pm on the 3rd Monday of the month (usually) at Jill's.	
<b>Rummikub</b>	Barbara Sheppard	rummikub
	2.30pm on the 3rd Monday of the month (usually) at Roy Priestley's.	

<b>Science and Technology</b>	Richard Thompson 2.30pm on the last Thursday of the month at Age UK, Humberstone Gate.	science
<b>Scrabble 1</b>	Bill Manners 2.00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in members' homes.	scrabble1
<b>Scrabble 2</b>	Janet Stratford 2.00pm on the 4th Monday of the month at Janet's.	scrabble2
<b>Shakespeare</b>	Liz Brandow 2.00pm – 4.00pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road. A small contribution is required towards room hire and refreshments. New members are always very welcome.	shakespeare
<b>Singing for Pleasure</b>	Margaret Potter (Deputy) 10.00am on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Quaker Meeting House, Queen's Road.	singing
<b>Spanish Beginners</b>	Lorna Pollard 2.00pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in members' homes.	spanish
<b>Spanish Conversation</b>	Lorna Pollard 2.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month in members' homes.	spanish
<b>Steam Railways</b>	Mike Rowberry 2.00pm on the first Tuesday of the month, venues vary.	steam
<b>Summer Croquett</b>	Janet Connolly 10.15am – 12.00pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Monks Rest Gardens Bowling Club, Vicarage Lane, Old Humberstone, LE5 1EE No further meetings for the winter, The 2020 season is due to commence late April.	croque

<b>Sunday Lunch</b>	Patricia Thompson 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. The Convenor will need definite numbers 48 hours before the meal. An email is sent out a week before to enable the booking to go ahead. We aim for a 12.30 start and would really welcome new members.	lunch
<b>Swanns</b>	Dave Barnes 10.00am every 2 weeks, days to vary. 'Swanns' stands for 'Short Walks And Nearly No Styles' Meetings will resume on Wednesday 18th March.	swanns
<b>Table Tennis</b>	Jackie Caunt, Pat Thompson (Deputy) Every Wednesday at Parklands Leisure Centre, Oadby. The group is being given different times – not always 2.00pm – by Parklands every week. Therefore, it is advisable for new members and those who have missed a week or two to contact Jackie before attending a session. Knowledge of the rules and some previous experience is essential.	tabletennis
<b>Ten Pin Bowling</b>	Jan Hall 10.30am on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Hollywood Bowl, Meridian Leisure Park. The emphasis is on fun, socialising, with tea and coffee at the end. Definitely not competitive (yet...!). Car sharing is available if needed.	tenpin
<b>Ukulele</b>	Ian Knox 2.00pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month in a member's home.	ukulele
<b>Video – Making A</b>	Bob Hall 10.15am on the 1st Thursday of every third month in members' homes.	video
<b>Welsh Improvers</b>	Brenda Worrall 2.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, usually at Brenda's.	welsh
<b>World History</b>	Jenni Shelton 10.00am on the 1st Monday of the month in members' homes.	worldhistory

## *Membership*

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. If you haven't already done so, please collect your membership card from the tables in the foyer. MOST IMPORTANT - please remember to sign in when you arrive. If your name is not on the register, if your badge is not there, or if you have any queries please see Margaret before you take your seat.

If you haven't renewed please see Margaret as you cannot now attend any groups or the general meetings until you have done so. Thank you in anticipation.

*Margaret Potter (Membership Secretary)*

## *Dates for your Diary*

Tuesday 10th March – Leicester U3A AGM at 2.45pm, at Christchurch

Wednesday 11th March – Film at the Phoenix at 10.30pm

Wednesday 11th March – Little Theatre Visit at 7.30pm – Class

Tuesday 17th March – All Members' Coffee Morning at 10.15am

Wednesday 18th March – Little Theatre Visit at 7.30pm – Blue Stockings

Wednesday 1st April – Little Theatre Visit at 7.30pm – The Producers

Thursday 2nd April – Curve Theatre Visit at 2.30pm – Cinderella

Wednesday 8th April – Film at the Phoenix at 10.30pm

Tuesday 21st April – All Members' Coffee Morning at 10.15am

Wednesday 22nd April – Little Theatre Visit at 7.30pm – Dead Funny

Local Theatre Visits (both Little Theatre and Curve) Group visit details are on a following page.

The All Members' Coffee Mornings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.15am at the Quaker Meeting House, Queens Road. There is a small charge to cover the cost of coffee and biscuits and hiring the room.

Films at the Phoenix are shown at 10.30am on the second Wednesday of each month. Cost: £6.00 including a drink of tea or coffee.

The film to be shown in a particular month can be found through a link on our website. Otherwise contact the organiser, Malcolm Gray, by email at [mjgray220@gmail.com](mailto:mjgray220@gmail.com)

# *Little Theatre*

*Booking is open through the U3A Little Theatre Group  
contact the Convenor via email [littletheatre@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:littletheatre@leicesteru3a.org.uk)*

## *The Producers*

*a new Mel Brooks musical*

*Wednesday, 1 April 2020 7.30pm £15.50*

*Booking open to 15th March 2020*

## *Dead Funny*

*a comedy by Terry Johnson*

*Wednesday, 22 April 2020, 7.30 pm £15.00*

*Booking open to 8th April 2020*

*Interested parties meet for a pre-performance meal in the Mono Vita  
Restaurant, 1 Northampton Street LE1 1PA (just off Granby Street)  
at 5.45 pm before the performance.*

***Contact Diana Barker***

## **KITE RUNNER**

**Wednesday 24th June      2.15pm      £17**  
**Stalls AA & BB - 14 seats      Balanced due 20th April**

Based on Khaled Hosseini's international bestselling novel, this haunting tale of friendship spans cultures and continents and follows one man's journey to confront his past and find redemption.

## **ROMAN HOLIDAY**

**Thursday 16th July      7.30pm      £17.25 (preview price)**  
**Stalls AA & BB - 16seats      Balance due 15th May**

Roman Holiday is a whirlwind 24-hour adventure of romance, European old-world glamour and royal charm, as a privileged Princess escapes her diplomatic dinners and duties whilst on a tour of Europe.

## **CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF**

**Tuesday 15th September      7.15pm      £14**  
**STUDIO 12 seats      Balance due 1st July**

This bold new revival of Tennessee Williams' lyrical Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece is a blazing portrayal of what it takes to survive in a society where we're all desperate to feel free.

# EVENTS

## LOVE NEVER DIES

**Thursday 1st October                      2.15pm                      £29.50**  
**Stalls AA & BB -12 seats                      Balance due 23rd June**

Andrew Lloyd Webber's spellbinding sequel to The Phantom of the Opera. The year is 1907. It is 10 years after his disappearance from the Paris Opera House and the Phantom has escaped to a new life in New York

## MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING

**Wednesday 14th October                      2.15pm                      £29.50**  
**Stalls AA & BB - 12 seats                      Balance due 23rd June**

The smash-hit 90s movie is now a brand new musical comedy and features some of the most iconic pop anthems ever written by the legendary Burt Bacharach and Hal David,

## THE WIZARD OF OZ

**Wednesday 2nd December                      7.30pm                      £18.10 (special  
preview price)**  
**Stalls AA & BB - 24 seats                      Balance due 18th September**

Join the Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Dorothy and her little dog Toto as they follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City in search of a way back home.

Enquiries to [curve@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:curve@leicesteru3a.org.uk)

## ***Wellbeing and Hospitality***

*Enabling everyone to take part*

Do you find it difficult to hear or see at the monthly meetings?

Do you have any mobility issues?

Is there anything else that prevents you from fully participating?

Christchurch is fully accessible with disabled facilities.

Members of the Wellbeing and Hospitality team (easily recognised wearing blue/yellow sashes) are there if you need to have an end of row/front seat.

If there is anything else we can do that enables you to take part please tell us.

If you would prefer to talk to someone before you attend then please give Sandra Barker a call and, if you have any suggestions, we'd be very happy to hear them.

Also, if you know of any member who is unwell or has suffered a loss, then please tell Elizabeth Hassall, a member of the Wellbeing team, and she will send a card.

*[Contact details on the separate contacts sheet.]*

### ***Save the date!***

On Wednesday June 10th 2020 the Architecture and Design Group are planning to go on a coach trip to the Avoncroft Open Air Museum of 30 historic buildings which is near Bromsgrove in Worcestershire. The trip, as in previous years, will be open to all U3A members. See <https://avoncroft.org.uk/>

### ***Quiz Answers***

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Margaret Thatcher        | 11. Tony Blair                        | 21. Oliver Cromwell  |
| 2. Queen Elizabeth II       | 12. King Louis XIV                    | 22. John F. Kennedy  |
| 3. Lady Macbeth             | 13. William Wordsworth                | 23. King Henry V   |
| 4. Horatio Nelson           | 14. The Red Queen/The Queen of Hearts | 24. Sherlock Holmes  |
| 5. The Tailor of Gloucester | 15. Ebenezer Scrooge                  | 25. Queen Victoria   |
| 6. Jane Eyre                | 16. Moses                             | 26. Maria ( <i>Rainer: don't worry, no-one knows this!</i> ) |
| 7. Richard III              | 17. Julius Caesar                     | 27. Romeo  |
| 8. Neil Armstrong           | 18. Winston Churchill                 | 28. Wallis Simpson   |
| 9. General De Gaulle        | 19. Oliver Twist                      | 29. Sidney Carton  |
| 10. The Duke of Wellington  | 20. Martin Luther King                | 30. Eric Morcambe  |

## *About the Newsletter*

### **Delivery**

The Newsletter is normally delivered to members by email as a pdf file with one page per side.

If you have trouble reading the Newsletter from email (or do not have email) and cannot attend the monthly meetings to collect a hard copy, then either

- \* you can have them posted to you for the cost of postage (contact the Secretary for details of the scheme); or
- \* you may be able to collect one from AgeUK on Queens Road or Evington Library where a few copies are deposited each month after the meeting.

### **Contributions**

The **deadline** for items to be included in the April 2020 Newsletter is Sunday 29th March. Contributions (from members) should be sent to the editor: newsletter@leicesteru3a.org.uk

If you want to submit your entry as hard copy, please contact the Editor, or the Secretary, to get an address to which you can send it.

I am always pleased to receive brief reports from groups about their recent activities and I extend my thanks to all the authors who have done so, so far. Please keep them coming. The occasional picture would be welcome as well.

<b>Subscriptions for 2020</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Associate*</b>
Joining between 1st January 2020 and 30 June 2020	£15.00	£11.50
Joining between 1st July 2020 and 31st October 2020	£9.00	£6.00

Membership runs from the date of joining until the end of 2020.

*\*Associate membership is for those who have paid a full subscription to another U3A this year.*

LEICESTER U3A meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August and December) at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, LE2 3AH, and there are special interest groups that meet regularly in members' homes and elsewhere.



### ***INTERESTED IN JOINING?***

You can find out more about joining Leicester U3A by visiting the website or by contacting the Membership Secretary. Application forms are available to download from the website or they can be posted to you on request to the Membership Secretary.

***(Email: [membership@leicesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@leicesteru3a.org.uk) Tel: 0116 291 1814)***

The form includes information on where to send your application and the annual subscription.

(Details of subscriptions for 2020 are on the previous page.)