

Littleborough u3a August Newsletter

September 2023

Dear Littleborough u3a members,

Welcome to the September issue of your u3a newsletter. I am continuing to use the font which some people find clear and easy to read but others do not like at all. Therefore I plan to mix it up a little and continue to use Arial and Helvetica, because it is good to include difference and I also have some resistance to corporate branding. I suppose that this is a petty and very minor act of rebellion but I am bound to notice that the u3a national newsletter is written in Arial which is a more traditional font. Okay, so here is a hotch potch newsletter and I leave it to you to judge which font you prefer and whether the mixture offends you.

It feels distinctly autumnal these days and my hope for a further spell of warm summer weather is fading. So, instead of our usual photographs, I have found us a very short and quite easy quiz about autumn. You will find the answers, as usual, at the end of the newsletter.

Our October issue of the newsletter will feature news and pictures from the Open Event at the end of September. After that issue, I will be putting out a call to the groups for further contributions so please give this some thought when you next meet. I am also hoping to produce a one-off newsletter specifically for group convenors and I would very much appreciate any ideas that you may have for this.

In this issue you will find:

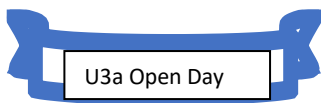
1. News:
 - a. Littleborough u3a annual Open Day – and a call for help
 - b. IT Clinics and Tech Buddy Support
2. September Monthly Meeting
3. Outings and Foodies
4. News from the Groups
5. U3a Interest groups online
6. The Autumn Quiz: Answers

The Autumn Quiz

1. What is autumn known as in North America?
2. Which English Romantic poet wrote "To Autumn" after a walk near Winchester?
3. Bonfire Night takes place on November 5th but in which year did Guy Fawkes try to blow up Parliament?

1. News

a. **u3a Open Day:** Saturday September 30th in the Coach House. There will be free refreshments and we expect that all the Littleborough u3a groups will take the opportunity to showcase what they do. Members who come along can sign up to say they are interested in joining existing groups or supporting new groups to set up. Non-members – and this event is open to all – can come and find out what we do and get information about membership. It's a drop-in event which we hope that our members will support by volunteering to help or by coming along to talk to visitors. Whether or not you are able to join us, please help by telling friends and neighbours about the opportunity. We will be putting up posters and flyers – and on that point we have a special request for help below.



The u3a Banner!! RE-Use Littleborough in the centre of Littleborough has offered to display our Littleborough Open Day Banner on their building from the middle of September if we can erect it ourselves. It would be an ideal spot to advertise our event but we need help to do it. It would involve using a ladder, drilling the wall and inserting hooks to which the banner can be attached with wire, rope or cable ties.

SO –

- IF you could help or
- IF you **know** someone who could help or
- IF you have a ladder or
- IF you have a drill (preferably a high-impact one)

Please get in touch with Sue Temperley (suetemperleyu3a@outlook.com) or 07778422747

See you at the Open Day or up a ladder before then! Thank you for your support.

b. Tech Buddy Support & IT Clinic

Do you have any problems with technology – using your computer/laptop, your tablet/iPad or your smartphone? The tech buddies within our u3a are still here to help and are only a phone call or email away. Below is a matrix of tech buddies and the systems they can help you with:

Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Computer / Laptop			Tablet / Smartphone	
			Windows	Apple	Linux	Android	Apple
Chris Bigmore	07765 590161	chris@cjbmc.co.uk	J		J		J
John Cannell	01706 376 204	jec@manxman.myzen.co.uk			J	J	
Bob Coley	01706 550493	bobcoley_from_U3A_Littleborough@outlook.com	J				J
Alan Longley	07916 538432	alan_longley_965@hotmail.com	J			J	
Mark Pearson	07981 271005	m.j.pearson@me.com	J	J			J
Norma Rigg	01706 372513	vic45ster@gmail.com	J			J	
Barrie Whitehead	01706 373967	barriewatu3a@gmail.com			J		
Lynn Wild	01706 372401	lynnwild.u3a@gmail.com	J			J	
Peter Wild	01706 372401	peterwild532@gmail.com	J		J	J	

Our monthly IT Clinic is running. Held at Hare Hill House in the park, from 2pm to 4pm on the first Monday of each month. You can drop in to discuss your problem with one of the tech buddies who will be there, or come along for the entire session. We sometimes get requests to run workshops on particular topics and the handling of photographs on our devices will be discussed at the next session, on Monday 4th September. All we ask is a small contribution towards room hire and refreshment provisions. Bring your device with you, if possible. Any queries, contact Mark Pearson (details in the above table).

4. What are the spines or quills of a hedgehog made from?
5. With around 400 players participating, what are the WCC, which are held annually on the second Sunday in October in Northamptonshire?
6. In Australia, Autumn begins in which month

2. Littleborough u3a Monthly Meetings.

Matthew Martin's talk about Tax, Care and Toy Boys was disappointing for the little more than scant reference to toy boys who were probably ageing lethargics in any case (or the female equivalent but we did not take him to task on this assumption). However, once alerted to the risk of mercenary romance in later life, we should not judge him harshly because his talk was full of information and advice about how best to manage our finances to ensure that we are able to leave as much as possible to our families or chosen inheritors whilst protecting our own interests for the rest of our lives.

His presentation was practised and humorous and gave either reassurance or food for thought.

September Monthly Meeting: So now for something completely different. Our speaker on **Monday September 11th** will be **Christine Green** who will tell us about her career as a Digital Designer at the BBC for 13 years, then as a freelance designer. She has worked on a wide range of programmes such as The Queen's Speech, Our Friends up North and Tracy Beaker. Christine was nominated for a BAFTA for her work on Cambridge Spies. I admit I am not entirely sure what a Digital Designer does so I am intrigued by this presentation and look forward to some good illustrations.

Christine was born and brought up in Rochdale and attended Bury Grammar School but moved to London to build her career. Let us give Christine a warm Northern welcome home.

3. Outings and Foodies

a) Outings

Saturday November 25th: Ulverston Dickensian Festival. A trip to this charming town in the south of Cumbria where the annual Dickensian Festival features a parade and a festive market with many costumes and stalls. Cost: £18 for the coach. Sandra will be collecting £10 deposit or full payment for this event at the meeting on September 11th.

For details and to reserve a place please contact Sandra Kokocki on 07828297991 or by email: sandrakokocki12@gmail.com

A Date for your Diary: Monday April 29th 2024: We have been allocated 66 seats for the play **One Man2 Govners at Shaw Playhouse 2**. This performance will be open to all u3a members and their friends and families and tickets will be £10 each. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so if you are interested please put your name down at the monthly meeting.

7. Name the pigment which trees stop producing, thus causing leaves to lose their green colour?
8. Pheasant shooting season starts at the beginning of which month?
9. In Britain, the autumn internationals or November internationals take part in which sport?
10. The Oktoberfest is held annually in which European city?

4. News from the Groups



New Group! Play reading

The first meeting of the Play Reading Group will be at Milnrow Library on Thursday 21st September at 2pm til 4pm. If you enjoy performing, have fun

with accents, short dramas and want to give vent to your inner thespian, please join us. No equity cards required, just a decent voice and a desire to amuse one another in a group. Anyone from Noel Coward to Phoebe Waller-Bridge welcome! Sense of humour essential! For more details email Pat Greenall on patcharon@hotmail.com



????? **Quiz Group** Thursday September 14th in the Red Lion Pub at 2.30pm



Craft Group September 21st: Iris Folding

September 25th: Button Art

Meetings are at Hare Hill House 1pm to 3pm



5. u3a Online Interest Groups

Interest Groups Online Fair

- You may remember that I told you about the national interest groups that meet online. Some of our members have joined these groups which charge an annual fee to members and generally meet online on a monthly basis. There is a wide range of topics and now an opportunity to try out these groups for free – see below.

Interest Groups Online is hosting an online fair where people can try taster sessions for free.

Between **2 and 6 October**, a selection of our group leaders will deliver 30 minute taster sessions, from Laughter Yoga to British Cemeteries, to give prospective members a flavour of what you can enjoy if you decide to join.

Taster sessions are open to everyone, including non-u3a members, so please make note of the date and share this with your friends. You can find out more on [the Interest Groups Online page](#).



6. Autumn Quiz Answers

1. Fall
2. John Keats
3. 1605
4. Keratin
5. World Conker Championships
6. March
7. Chlorophyll
8. October 1st
9. Rugby Union
10. Munich, Germany

That's all for this month. I hope you enjoyed the quiz and I am promised more photos for future issues of the newsletter. The cartoons were sourced from the national u3a website so I take no responsibility for the spelling or risqué concepts. If you have a little illustration that I can use in a future newsletter, please do send it to me.

Very best wishes to you all,

Jo Wiggans