

# NEWSLETTER



# Lutterworth

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## Lutterworth U3A 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch



**Happy Birthday to us!**

Lutterworth U3A will be marking its 15th birthday with a celebratory lunch in the Wycliffe Rooms on Wednesday February 27th 2019 at 12.30pm. Mike Sole, a talented pianist, will entertain us.

Please join us for a good meal, great company, cake & a surprise raffle

Booking form below and on back page

### LUTTERWORTH U3A ANNIVERSARY LUNCH- WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27th 2019

12.00 for 12.30 at the WYCLIFFE ROOMS £23 per person including raffle

Name

Phone

Please tick one box for each course

#### Starter

Leek & Potato Soup

Smoked salmon with prawns

#### Main

Stuffed chicken breast wrapped in bacon

Mediterranean Wellington

#### Dessert

Citrus cheesecake

Sticky toffee pudding

I enclose my remittance of £23 per person (cheques payable to LUTTERWORTH U3A) Return to: Theresa Phillips, Oaktree Cottage, 15 Church Lane, Husbands Bosworth, LE17 6LS before 1st February 2019, or at our meeting on January 8th. Phone 01858 880075/ 07788130339 for any queries.

**Two more forms on back page**



## **INTEREST GROUPS AND EVENT REPORTS**

Always check online for possible timing variations. Check with the group leader if you are not sure. A number of groups have room for more members. If you wish to join any of them, please contact the Group Coordinator

### **BRIDGE**

**Co-ordinator: Kathy Scott-Simons Tel: 559945**



We had an enjoyable lunch at the Golf Club in December. After the meal, Marian entertained us by reading a couple of poems. Thank you.  
Our year finished on Dec 28th. Thank you June for being our host and providing the refreshments. Thank you to the people who host Bridge when June is on holiday. We are back to normal on Jan 4th. From the Bridge Club we wish you all a Happy and Peaceful 2019.  
We meet at June's home (Tel: 553418) every Friday at 2.00.  
If you enjoy a social game of bridge, please contact me for further information.

**Kathy Scott-Simons**

**NEW AGE KURLING GROUP**  
**Coordinator Roy Maiden 550058**

January dates will be 9th and 23rd. Hope to see you there

**Roy**

**POETRY READING**  
**Coordinator: Betty Wilson Tel: 209790**

In early December, 8 intrepid poetry readers braved the murk and gloom to gather together to read poems about "Fantasies". We found 34 poems of mysteries and imagination giving us

2 hours of pleasure, entertainment and hilarity. There is nothing like a good laugh to brighten up a gloomy day by reading poems like: Do You Think Bruce Springsteen Would Fancy Me by Pam Ayres, Colonel Fazackerley by Charles Causley, My Hairy Toe - Traditional, The Day I Fell Down The Toilet. By Steve Turner and The Pig by Roald Dahl. More sensible poems were: The Listeners by Walter de la Mare, I Remember by Thomas Hood, The Way Through the Wood by Rudyard Kipling and Dreams by June Beresford etc.

After the January meeting re:- Poet Louis MacNeice, the meeting in February is about Weddings and Marriage. Gill will be doing the refreshments.

We hope all had a peaceful and happy Christmas.

**Betty**

### **READING GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: Linda Patton Tel: 556996**

"The Bertie Project" by Alexander McCall Smith was the subject under discussion this month. It is the 11th novel in his 44 Scotland Street series and, although there were some amusing observations on Middle-class life, we felt that as a novel it did not go anywhere. It appeared to be a collection of short stories about a group of people inhabiting an area of Edinburgh whose idiosyncrasies were exaggerated. It was an easy read but we would not recommend it. There was no meeting in January and we shall discuss two books in

February: "This is Going to Hurt" by Adam King and "The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. March's choice is "Howards End is on the Landing" by Susan Hill and in April we shall discuss "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern. Brenda, Sue and Glenys won the Christmas Reading Group Literary Quiz. Well done!

**Linda**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: Alan Shean Tel 283512**

For our December meeting we went out in the early evening rather than in the morning as we normally do. We started in the White Horse in Broughton Astley to discuss techniques for night shooting, whilst downing the tipples of our

choice. Our first shots were of the White Horse which was pleasantly illuminated.

We then moved on to Cosby to photograph the Christmas lights, which were remarkably attractive. The pub was colourfully lit, the white lights on the trees reflected in the stream were certainly photogenic, but the Tithe Barn, decorated with a host of lights and the illuminated church providing a lovely background was arguably the prime location for our cold snappers.

Our next meeting will be at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 1st February. Venue to be confirmed.

**Alan Shean**

### **MUSIC AND MEMORIES Group One**

**Co-ordinator Nohline Ruff tel. 556985**

December's meeting was held at Anne Gibson's home. Music ranged from Operetta to Elvis and from Tchaikovsky to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Along the way we also heard Doris Day, the Jersey Boys, Eartha Kit, The Louis Lester Band and The Syd Lawrence Orchestra. Rogers and Hammerstein's 'There Is Nothing Like A Dame' featured a rousing chorus from the assembled dames. The selections, of course, contained several relating to Christmas including part of Dylan Thomas's A Child's Christmas in Wales. Refreshments of featured homemade mince pies.

Memories included learning to Ballroom dance, or not in one case. Also remembered was queuing to get into the Palais and seeing Frankie Valli and Frankie Laine at de Montfort Hall. Missing the sound of school carols was also recalled.

There was no meeting in January as it would have fallen on New Year's Day. So, the next time we meet will be at 2.00pm on February 5<sup>th</sup> at Gwenda's home Tel: 01455 556923. As usual, Nohline will e-mail members a reminder nearer the date.

**Graham Ruff**

### **MUSIC AND MEMORIES 2**

**The second desert island with discs.**

**Co-ordinator Nohline Ruff tel. 556985**

We had a lovely afternoon hosted by Kris who gave us delicious Christmas treats to eat with our tea and coffee. Thank you to her and to the technical assistant, who was amazed at our

wide-ranging chat between the musical items played!

Some of our tracks had a Christmas theme. Snow featured in a few, either sung about or played in a new piano interpretation. Eartha Kitt sang a husky 'Santa Baby' with very ambitious requests for gifts. Kathryn Jenkins wished us a merry little Christmas and we were taken back to a scene in the 'Love Actually' film with 'Christmas is all around me'.

A folk group had a cleverly written rant about bankers and commercialism entitled 'Arrogance, Ignorance and Greed' and another folk group amused us with great lyrics and '1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10' rhythmically and tunefully sung as an easily learned chorus.

As is usual, we had many family memories, including a mother singing 'Little brown Jug', we had the Glenn Miller version, poignant as he died at Christmas. We heard a spirited Polish tune that used to be played loudly in the kitchen on Sunday mornings, signalling to a teenager that it really was time to get out of bed! Another track was written by and played on guitar by the contributor's brother.

Many of us appreciate Alfie Boe (and his wonderful voice!!) so were pleased to hear him again. Nora Jones played the piano and sang 'Come away with me'; it is a delight to hear words so clearly. We met on January 3rd at the Ruffs' house to begin another year of music that will be enjoyably familiar or interestingly new. Thank you to radio's Desert Island Discs for the inspiration to start up this group.

**Nohline**

### **GARDEN VISITS GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: Linda Patton Tel: 556996**

Thank you to all who have already booked for the two trips I have arranged for 2019 to Hopton Hall with a stop at Carsington Reservoir for lunch on February 22nd and to RHS Malvern Show on May 10th. Please pay for the February trip at the next meeting if possible. There are still places on these trips if you have not booked yet, as I shall probably be booking a larger coach for the Hopton Hall visit. Cost for this trip is £17 but if more join us, this will reduce. More details online.

**Linda**

### **WHIST GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: Glenys Peverley Tel: 553614**

We next meet on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00pm at Bitteswell village hall. We would welcome new members, so as to have a more interesting session, playing a greater number of people. We award prizes and have a chatty tea break half way through. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Glenys Peverley**

### **TOPICAL/CURRENT AFFAIRS GROUP**

**Coordinator: Nigel McNeill - Tel: 641634**

The discussions this month were based on the following:

**Which of the following activities should be illegal?**

**Cannabis** – the consensus was that its status should stay as it is, with the exception of medicinal cannabis.

**Guns** – compared to America we have a very low ownership of guns and we all felt that this was very good. Where countries had reduced gun ownership death rates from shooting had decreased, sometimes quite dramatically, as in Australia.

**Driving over the age of seventy five** – As we are approaching this age in the not too distant future it concerned us all! We agreed that the current regulations are appropriate but perhaps a medical review of some sort may help to reduce accidents.

**Police in cars knocking 'thieves' off their mopeds** – this was only a short discussion due to the time. There were various opinions from 'Definitely a good idea' to 'a very bad idea'.

**Richard Whittington**

### **QUIZ GROUP**

**Co-ordinator Sue Jones Tel: 556192**

Nohline had prepared a very festive afternoon for our December meeting. The house was beautifully decorated, the questions had a festive note to them and the refreshments continued the theme. Everyone left with smiles on their faces. Thank you Nohline for a very happy end to 2018.

**Quiz Group Diary**

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** Quiz afternoon hosted by Linda, Squires House, Valley Lane, Bitteswell, tel. 556996

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** Quiz afternoon hosted by June, 8 Lammas Close, Ashby Parva, tel.209545  
Members of this group take turns to host the quiz afternoon in their homes and at the

moment we have reached capacity, therefore I regret to say we cannot accept any new members. However we welcome you to join us when attending pub or charity quiz evenings and if you would like me to keep you informed of these events let me know.

#### **Paraprosookians.**

Two philosophical ones this month.

If I agreed with you, we would both be wrong.

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

Sue

#### **HANDICRAFTS GROUP**

**Co-ordinator Glenys Peverley Tel: 553614**

**We will next meet at Pat's home in Holly Drive on Monday January 21st at 2:00pm.**

Contact me for the house number if you don't know it. Bring anything you enjoy making with your hands, which can be accommodated around a dining table. It is a friendly, chatty session and we would welcome new members.

**Glenys Peverley**

#### **SCRABBLE**

**Co-ordinator: Glenys Peverley Tel: 553614**

We had an almost full house in December so several exciting games; in one, Linda scored more than sixty at one turn and she was also overall winner, of both her games. We will next meet at Brenda's on Wednesday, January 16th at 2:30pm.

**Glenys Peverley**

#### **PLAY READING**

**Co-ordinator: Glenys Peverley Tel: 553614**

We finished "Sitting Pretty" by Amy Rosenthal. Nancy, suffering from depression since losing her job, has joined an art group, not as an aspiring artist, but she is the model for life drawing. Taking her clothes off was not what she expected, but it was the making of her and she regained her lost confidence and love of life! We'll start "Treasure Island" on Wednesday, January 9th at 10:00am at Linda's house. New members would be welcome.

**Glenys Peverley**

#### **THEATRE GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: June Clayton Tel: 209545**

Look for a new season of theatre visits at the January meeting

**June Clayton**

#### **JOINT GOLF SECTION**

**Lutterworth and Wycliffe u3a**

**Co-ordinators:-**

**Peter Moore**

**Tel:-552594 [peter79moore@gmail.com](mailto:peter79moore@gmail.com)**

**Ken Patton Tel:-556996**

**[ken.patton@btinternet.com](mailto:ken.patton@btinternet.com)**

Details of further meetings will be in future newsletters

#### **SHORTER WALKS GROUP**

**Co-ordinators:**

**Lyn Foxwell Tel: 01455 553492**

**Fay Goodwin Tel: 01455 207822**

#### **JANUARY WALK**

Date of Walk: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Meeting Point: Recreation ground car park at 10.00a.m.

The walk will be led by Brenda Barrrows around North Kilworth. We welcome anyone wishing to join our friendly bunch.

**Lyn**

#### **HISTORY GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: Linda Patton Tel:- 556996**

**Group Meetings are on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month in Bitteswell Village Hall at 2.15-4.15pm**

We start the New Year with Henry IV when **we next meet on January 28th**. If you wish to simply listen and enjoy an afternoon amongst friendly faces, do join us at Bitteswell Village Hall at 2.15 pm.

**Linda**

#### **MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP**

**Co-ordinators: John Peverley 553614**

**Tony MacDonald 553910**

We had all listened to the Santa Claus Christmas Symphony which John had

circulated prior to the meeting. This delightful work by William Henry Fry, a nineteenth century American composer, was listened to again as John described the Christmas story behind each section of the work.

Each of us then introduced a piece of music inspired, sometimes tenuously, by Christmas or winter; what a wide range of extracts had been chosen! Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, Mozart's sleigh bells, Tchaikovsky's snowflakes, Corelli's nativity, Glazunov's winter, Rachmaninov's bells, Betjeman's Christmas with music by Jim Parker and Mozart's Requiem. Think of ice and you'll see how Ravel's Bolero slid in. Think of having fun and Arnold's Grand Festival frolics earned a place. To conclude we were treated to Adeste Fideles by the Harry Mortimer All Star Brass Band recorded in 1976 in Leicester's De Montfort Hall.

Thanks to John and Glenys for hosting the meeting and providing festive refreshments. They will also be hosting our next meeting on Thursday 17th January.

**Alan Shean**

### **2nd WEDNESDAY MEDIUM DISTANCE WALKING GROUP**

**Co-Ordinator Mike Chapman 01455 209972**

Last minute update (until 8:45am on the day) see [www.wycliffelutterworthu3a.org/walking](http://www.wycliffelutterworthu3a.org/walking) or follow the link in "Stop Press".

**Walk Organisers:** Tony Allen 01455 552087  
mob 07770 580 828 Paul Butler 01455 699437

**Date of Walk:** Wednesday 13th February 2019

**Meeting Point:** Coventry Road Recreation Ground at 9.20 to leave at 9.30.

**Start Point and Time:**

The Bulls Head, Wolvey, LE10 3LB. Toilets available and optional lunch (to be ordered before departure) was 2 for £10 last March, courtesy of our obliging hostesses Hannah and Jade.

**Directions to Start:**

From the A5 roundabout at Magna Park take the 3rd exit heading West. Two miles after the Fosse Way crossroads fork left just beyond a prominent sign to Cropston Magna. drive down through Wolvey Heath, left at the T junction, go past Galliford Try and up to the Bulls Head on the right. Return trip 16 miles.

**Route and Distance:**

A quite level walk of 5 miles with possibly 3 stiles. Why "possibly?" Well we've included 1.14 "unknown" road/field miles to part of a walk we did in March but, although Paul and I

won't be checking this before this goes to press, we don't expect problems (other than New Year hangovers). Anyway, after leaving the pub, the walk follows the pavement down the dip past Galliford Try and up Mill Road in Wolvey Heath (the way you drove in by) to loop through 3 fields and emerge near Wolvey cemetery. Things will then become familiar to some of us when we strike out East in reverse (but not walking backwards) along field edges that we did before in March and take a tea break in a familiar barn. Leaving the barn with 65% of the walk accomplished, we quickly join a well-surfaced farm road (Coal Pit Lane) to sail back to the pub. Duration no more than 2.5 hours including break.

### **December Walk**

My thanks to Sue and Peter Creeden for organising the joint walk and Christmas Lunch at The Chequers, Ullesthorpe. Another enjoyable get together for all the walking groups.

Thanks also to all who led walks in 2018.

### **2019 Walks**

I have a couple of dates still available. If you would like to lead a walk, please let me know. Available dates can be found at [www.wycliffelutterworthu3a.org/walking](http://www.wycliffelutterworthu3a.org/walking). It doesn't have to include a pub, but should you wish to take advantage of the free parking, (many walkers eat somewhere after the walk), the landlord stands to gain. If you need any help in organising a walk, I'm happy to provide any assistance/advice.

**Mike.**

### **3rd TUESDAY WALKING GROUP**

**Co-ordinator Gordon Jones Tel: 556192**

**Date of Walk:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Walk Organizers:** Mick and Brenda Barrows

**Meeting Point and Time:** Recreation Ground car park, Coventry Road, Lutterworth. Meet at 9.20am to leave at 9.30am.

**Walk Start Point:** Albert's Archive vintage and loved Ltd "Café, Pincet Lane North Kilworth LE17 6NE

**Route and Distance:** 5 miles, mostly easy walking on a level towpath, waymarked footpaths and country road with no stiles

**Lunch arrangements:** At Alberts Cafe.

**Return Mileage From Lutterworth:** 10.

**Gordon**

## **BUFFET SUPPER GROUPS**

**Co-ordinator: Gwenda Jones Tel: 556923**

When you walk into a room that is beautifully decorated with a ten foot Christmas tree and a log fire burning brightly, you know you have made the right choice for your Buffet Supper Christmas Party. It happens every year and every year it is a delight. Liz and David go the extra mile and beyond for us all at this Special Supper of the year. We had a cold buffet this year and what a super supper we had with desserts to die for. We had entertainment after the meal by the U3A 'show-offs' which as usual went down well. We also had a new version of Paper, Scissors, Rock, which was hilarious. An excellent evening with great people what else could you want.

**On January 7<sup>th</sup>** the hosts are Katie and Howard or Sue and Tony and in February they are Nohline and Graham and Linda and Ken, please let your chosen host know what you will be bringing and please be there to start eating at 6.45pm

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE CHANGE OF ONE OF THE HOSTS FOR FEBRUARY, FROM SUE & GORDON TO NOHLINE & GRAHAM. SUE & GORDON WILL NOW DO THE JUNE SUPPER. PLEASE AMEND YOUR ROTA SHEETS OR YOU MAY BE KNOCKING ON THE WRONG DOOR!!**

**Gwenda**

## **JAZZ GROUP**

**Coordinator Graham Ruff -Tel: 556985**

We did not meet in December as Christmas Day took our date. Next meeting will be at 2.00pm on Tuesday 22nd January at Dilys England's home, Ty Inney, Main Street, Peatling Parva 01162478493. Please let her know if you will be coming. As ever, new members will be very welcome to join us for some interesting music and chat.

**Graham**



## **LIVELY DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Co-ordinators: Dianne and Brian Thorp Tel: 01455 209584**

**There was not a meeting in December** but Discussion will resume on Thursday 17th January at the home of Linda Patton when members will discuss "Marriage". Any U34 member wishing to join this friendly group is invited to contact the Group Leader Dianne Thorp on 209584

**Brian Fowler**

## **GROUPS ONE AND TWO STROLLING**

**Co-ordinator Group One: Gwenda Jones**

**Tel: 556923**

**Mobile: 07986905319**

**Coordinator Group Two: John Lee Tel: 556923**

After enjoying the Christmas General Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, forty five members of the Strolling Groups made their way to Lutterworth Golf Club for our annual Christmas Lunch. It was a most enjoyable meal in a very festive atmosphere, with both groups being able to meet each other. Both Gwenda and John were overwhelmed by the generosity of their Christmas Gift from all the members and are looking forward to finding and purchasing a picture for their lounge wall with it in the New Year; hopefully something that will remind them of some very enjoyable Tuesdays. Many thanks to you all.

**GROUP ONE** will be going to The Waterfront in Market Harborough and will meet at the recreation ground at 11.30am

**and**

**GROUP TWO** will be going to Stanton Lakes and will also meet at the recreation ground at 11.30am.

**Happy New Year to you All.**

**Gwenda & John**



### **TEN PIN BOWLING**

**Co-ordinator: Richard Whittington 209021**

If you are right handed, left handed or ambidextrous and you enjoy exercising with a friendly group of people, join us for ten-pin bowling. We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 9.30am on the car park at the recreation ground to arrive at the Nuneaton MFA Bowling, CV10 7SD, at 10.00am. Contact Richard Whittington for more information.

**Richard Whittington**

### **TABLE TENNIS**

**Co-ordinator: Carole Harrington Tel: 553438**

We meet every Monday (except for Bank Holidays) together with Wycliffe U3A from 2pm to approx.4pm at Walcote Village Hall. **New members are always welcome.**

**Carole Harrington**

### **UKULELE GROUP**

**Co-ordinators: Peter Sneath and Barbara Wilkinson Tel: 553254**

The ukulele group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Bitteswell Village Hall from 9.30 until 11.30. New members are always welcome. No previous musical ability required and no need to read music. We have several spare ukuleles available so you can try before you buy. If you are interested, please contact either Peter or Barbara.

**Barbara Wilkinson and Peter Sneath**

### **CANASTA GROUPS**

**June Hartopp Tel: 553418**

June Hartopp runs the Canasta groups for Wycliffe U3A on the first Friday of the month 10:00 – 12:00 and third Wednesday 10.00-12.00. She has offered to extend participation to our members. Please contact June if you are interested in joining.

### **WINE APPRECIATION GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: Sue Sharp Tel 556255**

Meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month

### **DAYS OUT GROUP**

**Co-ordinators Gordon and Sue Jones Tel: 01455 556192**

Future Days Out will be announced in newsletters

### **LINE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS**

**Co-ordinator: Carole Harrington Tel: 553438**

**There was no December meeting as this fell on Christmas Day.**

Please ring me if you would like to join as a new member

**Carole**

### **ART APPRECIATION GROUP**

**Co-ordinators: Rae Flowerday Tel. 556942 & Sue Woodhead Tel. 01455 558037**

**October report - omitted in error from November newsletter**

For the group's October meeting we completed our look at the development of Russian Art as interpreted by Andrew Graham-Dixon. This took the 'story' from the eve of the Russian Revolution in 1917 up to the present day and the programme was aptly titled 'Smashing the Mould'. As with our previous month's discussion of the work of the Chinese artist Ai Weiwei, there was a heavy dose of revolutionary politics that acted as a backdrop to the work of artists since their country's respective revolutions. In many respects it was remarkable that the creative and independent spirit of artists managed to survive (and continues to do so) in an age where conformity is the rule.

For the group's most recent meeting on 06/12/2018 we looked at the life and work of the American portraitist, **Alice Neel** [1900-1984]. Perhaps the most remarkable revelation from our session was that nobody in the group had ever heard of the artist. This was all the more remarkable given the virtuoso quality of her work as one of America's finest portrait artists of the C20. As with many artists, her creative genius was bought at the cost of emotional instability, a succession of failed personal relationships and, ultimately nervous breakdown. Her art was, by contrast, powerful, expressive and able to capture something of the essential character of her sitters. She had a prodigious work ethic and a large output of work but, we felt, she wasn't strong on

parenting skills. However, if you get the chance to see her work....take it!  
Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 7th February** [10am-12 noon] when we will be looking at the second in the series on the art of China.

**Venue:** 27, New Street      **Apologies to**  
Penni [Tel 556337].

**John**

### **BIRD WATCHING GROUP**

**Coordinator: Rita Nicholls Tel 557412**

A very pleasant walk round Stanford Reservoir was our last trip this year. Very mild for December with fairly good walking. We saw our usual 40+ species. Lots of ducks on the water and small birds a plenty. Tree creeper, great spotted woodpeckers, lots of long tailed tits and winter thrushes were the highlights. We will go out again on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Usual time and pack-up. Weather will dictate where we visit.

**Rita**

### **HOLIDAYS GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: Caren Simpson: mob 07708304858 or landline 01455203554**

**There will be no Holiday Group Meeting in January.**

From February 2019, members will meet on the 3rd Friday every month at the Garden Barn, Cotesbach, from 10am until midday. It will be an informal get together for a coffee and a chat/discussion about holidays.

**Caren Simpson**

### **SINGLES TAKEAWAY SUPPER GROUP**

**Co-ordinator June Clayton Tel:209545**

We all look forward to a new year of suppers.

**June**

### **4th WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

**Co-ordinators: - Sue and Peter Creeden**

**Tel: 01455 557888**

### **Combined Walking Groups Christmas Walk and Lunch report December 2018**

This walk, although held on the second Wednesday of the month, was for Second Wednesday, Third Tuesday and Fourth Wednesday group walkers (who, if the truth be known, are mainly the same people).

The weather was dry, overcast and quite chilly. There were 33 walkers for this walk, which started from The Chequers Country Inn at Ullesthorpe. We set off along Manor Road passing the pig farm where the pigs, which always sound very grumpy to me, were in full "voice". I will resist any further comment. Leaving the farm we encountered some mud as we entered a field and then headed towards the A5. After a little climb, we joined the old railway line on a raised embankment. Off to the left we could see the frameworks for the new Magna Park warehouses, which seemed to have popped up, like mushrooms, overnight. Again, I will resist any further comment. The pace was leisurely and the terrain easy. We stopped for the break at Claybrooke Parva church. It was here that I was in trouble because I had forgotten the flask of hot water for our coffee. Again, I will resist any further comment other than to say it definitely did deserve a red card. After the break we then joined the new Leicestershire Round route to Claybrooke Magna and then on towards Claybrooke Mill but turning early to join the old Leicestershire Round route. It was here I nearly picked up a yellow card because of the mud but I think Peter Moore is getting soft in his advancing years or he has run out of cards. Also, at this point, the cold weather was having an effect on some of the walkers (I will spare the details) and chances had been sparse. They saw an opportunity to attend to their needs (every hedge was taken!). When we reached the road a quick time check suggested that we had been faster than anticipated so the walk was extended a little to return via Manor Road, instead of up the road back to Ullesthorpe.

We were joined after the walk by a further 12 non walkers, to sit down to a Festive (Christmas, to you and I) lunch at the Chequers Country Inn. The food was good, excellent value, and if the noise in the room was anything to go by, everybody enjoyed themselves. However, the new manager has

got a bit to learn about catering for large groups. Again, I will resist any further comment.

Good walking in the forthcoming year and a happy and heathy New Year to you all.

### **Next Walk 23 January 2019**

**Walk Organisers:** Sue and Peter Creeden Tel: 01455 557888

**Meeting Point and Time:-** Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.20 am to leave at 9.30am.

**Start Point and Time:-** Shilton Arms, Church Road, Shilton (Postcode CV7 9HW).

**Sorry but toilets will NOT be available.** Walk starts at 10.00 am.

**Directions to the Starting Point:** From Lutterworth go out on the A4303 to the A5 roundabout. Take the third exit onto Coal Pit Lane. Follow the directions for Wolvey and then on to Shilton. The Shilton Arms is on the left just past the traffic lights. Please park at the far end of the car park. When leaving please take great care as you do not have a very good view of the road.

**Route and Distance:-** From Shilton we head towards the Oxford Canal via Ansty Golf Centre. There is then quite a long stretch of canal towpath passing Ansty until we reach Carter's Bridge. We then head up towards Sowe Common and then via field paths to Barnacle. From there we do some road, field and path walking as we head back to Shilton. A distance of approximately 5.5 miles, total ascent of 276ft and 3 stiles. Although not unduly muddy, a good pair of boots is recommended for this walk to avoid damp feet as there is a wet stretch and a small stream without a bridge to negotiate.

**Lunch Arrangements:-** Main meals are around £5 to £7 and will be ordered on our return.

**Peter Creeden**

### **MUSIC FOR FUN - SONGSTERS GROUP**

**Bill Tomkins Tel: 01455 552864/07913 386476**

**bill\_karen26@hotmail.com**

**We resumed rehearsals on January 7th.** If you want to know more about what we shall be doing then you will have to come along to St Mary's Church in Bitteswell in time for the start at 10.15 am!

### **SINGLES DINING GROUP**

**Co-ordinator: Val Howson. Tel: 552130**

**Email:- mailto:vhowson4@gmail.com**

### **Monthly lunch organisers vary**

On January 24th, we stay local with a visit to Lutterworth Golf Club. E-mail your interest to fowlerclaybrooke@aol.com

**Brian**

### **1<sup>st</sup> WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

**Joint Co-ordinators :-Peter and Irene**

**Moore. Tel:- 01455 552594.email:-**

**peter79moore@gmail.com**

**Date of Walk:- 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Walk Organisers:- Peter & Irene Moore. Tel :- 01455 552594 :- email:-**

**peter79moore@gmail.com**

**Driving distance:- 8 Miles each way.**

**Meeting Point and Time:** Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.20am to leave at 9.30am.

**Start Point:** Bulls Head, Main Street, Wolvey, Leicestershire. LE10 3LB .

Leave 10.00am. Toilets available.

**Directions to Start :-** At Magna Park A5 island take 3<sup>rd</sup> Left onto Cloudsley Bush Lane into Wolvey. Bulls Head at top of hill opposite Church. Toilets available

**Order lunch before starting walk.**

**Route and Distance :-** Starting from Car Park Via Bramcote Fishing lakes onto Burton Hastings and onto Hinckley Road over M69, return to pub via Burton Fields Farm & Shelford

A very good winter walk, mostly on Pasture land and firm farm tracks. 6.15 Miles.Only. 4 stiles.

**Good Choice of Food on the 2 for £10.00 menu. Gluten Free Food available.**

Nice pub and excellent food. The Desserts at £2.00 must be tried. What could be better? Enjoy!!

**Summary:**

Interesting walk in the River Anker valley, Good Pub & Excellent food, only needs your support.

**Next Walk - Wednesday 6th March 2019.**

**Shilton Arms, Shilton, Nr Coventry.**

**CV7 9HW - 5.4 Miles.**

**Peter and Irene Moore**

## NOTICES AND MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

### HOPING TO JOIN LUTTERWORTH U3A?

If any members have friends who are interested in joining us, please give details of their address, telephone number and email address to our membership secretary, Alan Shean Tel: 01455 283512

Current Committee Members			
Post	Name	Number	
Chair	Ken Patton	01455	556996
Vice-chair	Hamish Paterson	07584	993350
Secretary	Sue Woodhead	01455	558037
Treasurer/ Membership Secretary	Alan Shean	01455	283512
Social Account Treasurer/ Online Co-ordinator	Kate Ayres	01455	209074
Newsletter Editor	Carmel Kerlake	01455	553790
Programme Secretary	Margaret Foster	01455	553258
Minutes Secretary	Gwen Edwards	01455	209649
Groups Coordinator	Linda Patton	01455	556996
Committee Member	Theresa Phillips	07788	130339
Co-opted member	Mick Barrows (Equipment Organiser)	01455	556570
Co-opted member	Peter Sneath	01455	553254
Co-opted member	June Clayton	01455	209545

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

These are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9.45am, in the Wycliffe Rooms, George Street, Lutterworth. Between 9.45am and 10.15am, coffee and tea will be served. The speaker will commence at 10.30am and the speech will last for 45 minutes.

### **FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS**

**February** – Anthony Poulton-Smith – Animal Myths

**March** – AGM

### **NEWSLETTER BY POST; E-MAIL or ONLINE**

**If you change your e-mail address, please let me know so that you do not miss out on your newsletter.**

The newsletter is available on our website:  
<https://u3asites.org.uk/lutterworth/newsletters>

Please contact the editor if you need one posted or e-mailed.

### **Contact details:**

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### **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ENTRIES**

Please ensure group reports, notices and news are submitted before Friday 1st February 2019 pm

## CHARITY CORNER

**Postcards for MAF:-** Please remember to save your postcards and let Brian Fowler have them, either by post to him at 16 Roman Close, Claybrooke Magna LE17 5DU, or at any General Meeting

### **Stamps for the 'Medical Alert' Charity**

Please remember to save your used postage stamps for Liz White, who is collecting these for the charity.

**Knit and Stitch** needs volunteers like you to join us at Lutterworth Methodist Church on the first Thursday of each month between 2 and 4pm to help make Linus quilts (for children in need of a hug) or to knit items for charities and good causes. All equipment and help is provided. Knit and Stitch is also looking for donations of cotton fabric, threads, wadding and knitting wool. Just turn up to a meeting or for more information ring Sue Turner on 01455 554455

**Please make better use of our notice board, which will be in the Wycliffe Rooms foyer during every General Meeting if you think there is anything our members might be interested in looking into further.**

### LUTTERWORTH U3A GROUP MEETINGS – TIMING GUIDE

GROUP	LEADER	TELEPHONE	FREQUENCY	TIME
<b>MONDAY</b>				
Buffet Supper Club	Gwenda Jones	01455 556923	1 <sup>st</sup>	From 7.00 pm
Table Tennis	Carole Harrington	01455 553438	Weekly	2.00-4.00
Music for Fun - Songsters	Bill Tomkins	01455 552864	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.15
Music for Fun - Ukulele	Barbara Wilkinson Peter Sneath	01455 553254	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon
Handicrafts	Glenys Peverley	01455 553614	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00-4.00
History Group	Linda Patton	01455 556996	4th	2.15-4.15
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
Reading Group	Linda Patton	01455 556996	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00-12.00
Music & Memories 1	Nohline Ruff	01455 556985	1st	2.00-4.00
Strolling Group 1	Gwenda Jones	01455 556923	3 <sup>rd</sup>	am - varies
Strolling Group 2	John Lee	01455 556923	3 <sup>rd</sup>	am - varies
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Walking	Gordon Jones	01455 556192	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 onward
Short Walks Group	Fay Goodwin Lyn Foxwell	01455 207822 01455 553492	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 onwards
Jazz Group	Graham Ruff	01455 556985	4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-4.00
Line dancing for Beginners	Carole Harrington	01455 553438	4 <sup>th</sup>	2.30-4.00
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
Poetry	Betty Wilson	01455 209790	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00-4.00
Topical/Current Affairs Group	Nigel McNeill	01455 641634	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 onward
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Peter and Irene Moore	01455 552594	1st	As arranged
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed Medium Distance Walking Group	Mike Chapman	01455 209972	2nd	9.30 onward

Play Reading	Glenys Peverley	01455 553614	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00-12.00
New Age Kurling Group	Roy Maiden	01455 550058	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4th	2.00-4.00
Scrabble	Glenys Peverley	01455 553614	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30-5.00
Joint Canasta Group 2	June Hartopp	01455 553418	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00-12.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Walking	Sue & Peter Creeden	01455 557888	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 onward
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
Whist Group	Glenys Peverley	01455 553614	1 <sup>st</sup>	7pm
Music and Memories 2	Nohline Ruff	01455 556985	1st	2.00-4.00
Art Appreciation	Rae Flowerday Sue Woodhead	01455 556942 01455 558037	1st	10.00-12.00
Quiz Group	Sue Jones	01455 556192	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00-4.00
Wine Appreciation Group	Sue Sharp	01455 556255	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Evening
Music Appreciation	John Peverley Tony MacDonald	01455 553614 01455 553910	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00-12.00
Lively Discussion	Dianne and Brian Thorp	01455 209584	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.15-4.00
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
Photography Group	Alan Shean	01455 283512	1st	10.00-12.00
Bridge	Kathy Scott Simons	01455 559945	Weekly	2.00-5.00
Joint Canasta Group 1	June Hartopp	01455 553418	1st	10.00-12.00
Ten Pin Bowling	Richard Whittington	01455 209021	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00-1.00
Holidays Group	Caren Simpson	01455203554	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00
Bird Watching Group	Rita Nicholls	01455 557412	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 onward
<b>VARIOUS</b>				
Garden Visits	Linda Patton	01455 556996	Varies	Daytime
Theatre Group	June Clayton	01455 209545	Varies	Varies
	Jean Williamson	01455 209882		
	Pauline Harrison	01455 209064		
Days Out Group	Gordon & Sue Jones	01455 556192	As Arranged	Varies
Singles Takeaway Group	June Clayton	01455 209545	Varies	Evening
Singles Dining	Val Howson	01455 552130	Varies	Varies
Joint Golf Section	Peter Moore	01455 552594	As arranged	Varies
	Ken Patton	01455 556996		

Always check online for possible timing variations.

Please remember to update your online Group page in order to keep your group members and potential new members informed.



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**12.00 for 12.30 at the WYCLIFFE ROOMS £23 per person including raffle**

Name	Phone
<b>Please tick one box for each course</b>	
<b>Starter</b>	
Leek & Potato Soup	Smoked salmon with prawns
<b>Main</b>	
Stuffed chicken breast wrapped in bacon	Mediterranean Wellington
<b>Dessert</b>	
Citrus cheesecake	Sticky toffee pudding
I enclose my remittance of £23 per person (cheques payable to LUTTERWORTH U3A) Return to: Theresa Phillips, Oaktree Cottage, 15 Church Lane, Husbands Bosworth, LE17 6LS before 1st February 2019, or at our meeting on January 8th. <b>Phone 01858 880075/ 07788130339 for any queries.</b>	

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