

NEWSLETTER



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Lutterworth U3A 15th 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.

LUTTERWORTH U3A NOMINATION FORM

We wish to nominate (full name).....

Proposer..... Signed.....

Secunder..... Signed.....

Agreement of Nominee (Signed).....

Position nominated for – please indicate with a tick

Committee member.....

Honorary Office (please state post).....

Date and time of receipt by Secretary (Date).....(Time).....

It is important to remember that everybody on the committee has the role of a trustee, regardless of whether your U3A has registered with the regulatory authorities.

All candidates nominated must be able and willing to sign the Trustee Declaration Form when elected.



WRITING COMPETITION 2019

I have said that I will organise the regular competition this time (at least I cannot win it and I will draft Graham in as a judge so he will not be eligible to win either!) I missed doing it all in time to read the winning efforts at the Christmas meeting, I guess I was waiting for someone else to organise it!! However, maybe the current chilly weather conditions are very suitable for curling up in the warm with a laptop or pen and paper.

CATEGORIES

This year there will be three categories, you can put in as many entries as you like to each category (As long as each is in a separate envelope).

1. FICTION a story of not more than 1000 words.
2. NON FICTION narrative prose, could be relating to past experience or thoughts/ a description of somewhere or something / commentary on something about which you feel strongly/ Again Max 1000 words
3. POETRY rhyming or otherwise to make us laugh, cry or just to make us think.

CLOSING DATE

ENTRIES CAN BE HANDED IN AT THE MARCH OR APRIL GENERAL MEETINGS.

There will be a box on the 'signing in'/ newsletter desk.

Please put each entry in a separate envelope labelled with your invented nom de plume/ secret name and the category it is destined for. A different name for each entry please, who knows you may win twice. Also in this envelope, you need to include a small envelope, again labelled with your secret name that contains your real identity. This will only be opened when the winners are announced at the MAY MEETING.

There will be actual prizes but the biggest prize will be the honour of winning!

Happy writing.

Nohline Ruff

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

TOPICAL/CURRENT AFFAIRS GROUP

Coordinator: Nigel McNeill - Tel: 641634

There was no meeting in January

POETRY READING

Coordinator: Betty Wilson Tel: 209790

The numbers for our January meeting were rather low with only 5 of us studying the work of Louis MacNeice. He was born in Belfast, went to Oxford University where he made friends with other poets, like W H Auden. He lived most of his life in London until he died in 1963 aged 51. His poetry gave us cause for much (often hilarious) discussion as we tried to unravel and interpret his rather complicated, dark and cynical and difficult to understand poems. His imagery at times was confusing

and seemingly irrelevant to the general theme. Some of the poems we read were Sunlight on the Garden, Snow, Meeting Point, Bagpipe Music, Autobiography and Apple Blossom.

Our March meeting topics are poets Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes.
Refreshments - Brian.

Betty

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

**Co-ordinators: John Peverley 553614
Tony MacDonald 553910**

Members of the group brought an example piece of music which has a nickname, a name not given by the composer, but acquired later. So, what is the connection between JS Bach's Suite No.3 in D Maj and our esteemed

Chairman, Ken? (see Lutterworth U3A website)

A very enjoyable morning was spent learning about why each piece played was nicknamed. Examples were The Trout, Archduke, The Art of Fugue, Jeunehomme, Fur Elise and Elvira Madigan. The latter came about 200 years after Mozart composed it. The Trout is in German, but Dilys amazed us by reciting the English version, which she had learned in Primary School.

Next session is at Doe Hall's on February 21st with an operatic theme. If you are interested in joining us, please contact John or Tony.

John Peverley

MUSIC AND MEMORIES Group One
Co-ordinator Nohline Ruff Tel. 556985

We did not meet in January as our time clashed with New Year's Day and a month before none of us really knew what we would be doing!

We will meet at Gwenda's home on February 5th and at Lynne Grindlay's in March.

I will send details in the reminder email.

Nohline

MUSIC AND MEMORIES 2
The second desert island with discs.
Co-ordinator Nohline Ruff Tel. 556985

We were a smaller group this month due to seasonal bugs and other demands on members' free time. Maybe an aversion to eating any more cake after Christmas?! Seven of us sat down for a comfortable afternoon of music and chat.

Alfie Boe's dulcet tones were here again thanks to a Christmas present CD and we appreciated Lee Mead's tuneful voice. He is wasted on Casualty! We heard a duet from jazz singers Ian Shaw and Leanne Carroll and another from Porgy and Bess when Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong sang 'Summertime'.

We went back in time to the talented Swingle singers who used their voices to great effect, no instruments were used in their impressive a capella version of the 1812 overture. Carly Simon sang 'You're so vain' and Elvis told a sad story in 'Return to Sender'. Lloyd Webber played Lloyd Webber, giving us wonderful cello music.

Songs from the musicals always evoke memories amongst the group and we heard tracks from the original cast of Miss Saigon and another from High Society.

The February meeting we will be hosted by Pat Deacon in Broughton Astley (details later by email) and in March, we will be back at the Ruffs' house.

*We have space for a couple more members. We are restricted to a group size that can be comfortably fitted into someone's house, so please phone the co-ordinator if you think you would like to give it a try, no obligation to come again if it is not your cup of tea!

Nohline

NEW AGE KURLING GROUP
Coordinator Roy Maiden Tel: 550058

NB

New venue from Wednesday 23 January at ULLESTHORPE Village Hall 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Tea and Coffee etc.

See you there Roy and Barbara 07786 272029

Roy

READING GROUP
Co-ordinator: Linda Patton Tel: 556996

We did not meet in January as the first Tuesday fell on New Year's Day. We will have discussed two books at the February meeting of the group. In March, we will meet to give our views on "Howard's End is on the Landing" by Susan Hill and our choice for the April meeting is "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern. You are very welcome to join us for a most enjoyable morning.

Linda

WHIST GROUP
Co-ordinator: Glenys Peverley Tel: 553614

We next meet on Thursday March 7th at 7pm 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

QUIZ GROUP

Co-ordinator Sue Jones Tel: 556192

Linda had a round of questions about 2018, this one I found very interesting. The demand for what item of clothing rose by 35% this year? The answer is waistcoats, due to the Football World Cup and the Gareth Southgate effect. Amazing!

Thank you Linda for a very enjoyable afternoon and CAKE!

Quiz Group Diary

Feb 14th Quiz afternoon hosted by June, 8 Lammas Close, Ashby Parva, tel.209545

March 14th Quiz afternoon hosted by Frances, 16 Maple Drive, tel.643171

Members of this group take turns to host the quiz afternoon in their homes and at the moment we have reached capacity. I will keep your name on a list should any vacancies occur. 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.

Paraprosdokians. Two amusing ones this month.

1. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening' and then go on to tell you why it isn't.
2. Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.

Sue

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Co-ordinator: Alan Shean Tel 283512

Our January meeting was held at Alan's home. In the first half, we took photos using full manual settings, practising different combinations of aperture, speed and ISO to achieve a good exposure. After refreshments, we watched a video presentation on how to take better pictures.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 1st of March. Details will be circulated nearer the time.

Alan Shean

GARDEN VISITS GROUP

Co-ordinator: Linda Patton Tel: 556996

Our first visit of 2019 is to Hopton Hall to see their snowdrops with a stop before this at

Carsington Reservoir for lunch. I have booked a 49-seat coach and there are spaces but these must be booked and paid for at the February General Meeting. The cost is £17 per person and we will leave from outside the Wycliffe Rooms at 9.30 am on February 22nd on this visit.

I shall have another visit booked before the meeting so come to the Garden Group table for details. We have our visit arranged to go to RHS Malvern Spring Show on May 10th. As I shall be booking a larger coach for this visit, there will be spaces if you wish to join us. I shall have final costs for this visit at the February General Meeting.

Linda

HANDICRAFTS GROUP

Co-ordinator Glenys Peverley Tel: 553614

We shall not meet again until **APRIL 15th** as both Pat and I are not available to host sessions in February and March. We will then be at my house. Please contact me if you would like to join us, as we would welcome new members.

Glenys Peverley

SCRABBLE

Co-ordinator: Glenys Peverley Tel: 553614

We had an almost full house in January. Jill was the overall winner, winning both her games, but mention must be made of Linda's excellent score of over 400 against me. Well done both of them. We next meet on Wednesday, February 20th at 2:30pm. at Jenni's home in Acacia Avenue, Lutterworth.

Glenys Peverley

PLAY READING

Co-ordinator: Glenys Peverley Tel: 553614

We completed in one session "Our Day Out" by Willy Russell---the school trip from hell! We will begin "Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon on Wednesday, February 13th at 10am at Barbara's home in Marylebone Drive, Lutterworth. Contact me for the number if you are not sure. We would welcome new members.

Glenys Peverley

HISTORY GROUP

Co-ordinator: Linda Patton Tel:- 556996

There was a good turnout at our January meeting to learn about the end of Richard II's reign, Henry IV, Dick Whittington and Henry V's Battle of Agincourt. We shall see if there is more to learn about Henry V, Joan of Arc and other historical information about this time at our next meeting. Please join us for what is always an enjoyable afternoon with tea and cake and which is not at all like being at school.

Linda

THEATRE GROUP

Co-ordinator: June Clayton Tel: 209545

To kill a Mockingbird - withdrawn. Please collect your refund at the theatre desk

June Clayton

JOINT GOLF SECTION

Lutterworth and Wycliffe u3a

Co-ordinators:- Peter Moore

Tel:-552594 peter79moore@gmail.com

Ken Patton

Tel:-556996 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

Eight walkers went to N. Kilworth for our walk led by Brenda. It was a lovely day and the sun shone on us - the righteous! We went through part of the golf club. There are some lovely houses in Kilworth. Albert's cafe and antiques, which was shown on an Antiques Road Trip on TV, provided a very nice lunch. We all had a poke around the antiques section, which was like an Aladdin's cave. Thank you Brenda There will not be a walk in February and if anyone would like to lead a walk in March please contact Lyn or Fay. We will meet at Coventry Rd car park at 10am on March 26th

Fay

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 or follow the link in "Stop Press".

Walk Organisers: Gill & Roger Watmore
01455 552431

Date of Walk: Wednesday 13th March 2019

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

Start Point and Time: Park near the Old Smithy Pub, Church Lawford (CV239EF).

Directions to Start: From Lutterworth take A426 to Rugby. After going under the Railway bridge turn right at the roundabout B4112, left at the next roundabout A4071 (A428). At the traffic lights turn right on to the A428. Turn right into Church Lawford and park near the Old Smithy Pub, (CV239EF).

Route and Distance: This is a circular walk of approx. 4¼ miles on footpaths to Little Lawford & Long Lawford crossing the river Avon twice with 5 stiles.

January walk

24 people and 2 dogs met at the edge of Binley Woods on a crisp but sunny winter's day for the easy 5 mile walk, with no stiles. Although the wind was chilly, most of the walk was sheltered by the trees lining the bridle paths. Through the woods towards Brinklow, then sharp right to Bretford, where we stopped at the playing fields for coffee, before returning to the cars. A good first walk of the year, which removed a few of the calories, added over the holiday.

Mike

3rd TUESDAY WALKING GROUP

Co-ordinator Gordon Jones Tel: 556192

Date of Walk: Tuesday 19th February 2019

Walk Organizers: Brian and Diane Thorp. Tel. 07811821139

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

Walk Start Point: Malt Kilns Farm shop at Stretton under Fosse.

Directions to Start: Go to the Magna Park Island on the A5 and take the Pailton road, B4027. At the road junction in Pailton, bend right, signed Coventry. Leave Pailton and at the next crossroad turn left. After just over half a mile as you enter the 30 limit, the farm drive is on the left. Go to the far end of the drive by the shop and park as directed.

Route and Distance: 5 miles, easy walking on field paths, no stiles.

Lunch arrangements: At the Farm Shop café.

Return Mileage from Lutterworth: 14.

Gordon

BUFFET SUPPER GROUPS

Co-ordinator: Gwenda Jones Tel: 556923

Group 1

Katie and Howard were one of the hosts for the start of 2019 and we were treated to an excellent meal in their very stylish home.

How big we all are on travelling nowadays, put a dinner table full of U3A members and you can guarantee the world is now very small. We have been very nearly everywhere between us which makes for extremely interesting after dinner conversation. After moving on to our younger days and lives, always a popular conversation with the over sixties, we finished with discussing the quality of today's chocolates. This turned into a competition of an enormous calorific content of chocolate tasting with leftovers from the Festive Season. Katie and Howard now have more room in their cupboards. A lot of fun and a great evening with our generous hosts.

On February 4th our hosts will be Glenys and John and Linda and Ken and in March we will be visiting the homes of Brenda and Mick, Tel: 556570 or Nohline and Graham, Tel: 556985. Please let your chosen host know what you will be bringing and PLEASE be there for 6.45pm.

Gwenda

Group 2

Twelve of us gathered for the January meal, including one new member.

As ever the menu was varied and most enjoyable.

We ate in two groups of six - 6 at the table and 6 with lap trays, courtesy of Gwenda.

The groups changed slightly after the meal, ending the evening with one group of ladies the other of gentlemen. The conversation ranged widely, covering books, the NHS - leading to gender reassignment and holidays (ladies), cars and travel generally, including driving railway locomotives (gents).

An excellent evening.

Tony and Sue

JAZZ GROUP

Coordinator Graham Ruff -Tel: 556985

Another enjoyable afternoon listening to a variety of forms of Jazz. We heard Gene Krupa and his group playing 'I hope Gabriel likes my music'. Well, I don't know about Gabriel, but the rest of us did! We followed that with an early recording of 'East St. Louis Toodle-oo' played by Duke Ellington from the Cotton Club, then a lovely relaxing piece, 'So tired' played by Russ Morgan, to which we were all able to sing along, quietly. Then we heard Glenn Miller followed by the intriguingly named 'The Ginger Pig New Orleans Band', and then Lionel Hampton very quietly playing 'Ole Man River' before the rest of the group joined in. We heard George Melly singing a very politically incorrect song, but being of a certain age; we are not easily offended, though there were some snowflakes outside at the time! After a break for tea and conversation, we continued with the music, listening to Glenn Miller, Louis Armstrong, Ed Hall playing 'Clarinet Marmalade', Russ Morgan again and Dave Brubeck.

Our next meeting will be on Feb 26th kindly hosted by Bob Davis at 5 Lammas Close, telephone no. 01455 209518. Please let Bob know if you will be attending.

Dilys

BRIDGE GROUP

Co-ordinator: Kathy Scott-Simons Tel: 559945

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



LIVELY DISCUSSION GROUP

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

The Discussion in January focussed on the thought provoking topic of Marriage. All

present were able to report on their personal experiences as well as taking a deep look at how cultural changes and life has affected a vastly different perspective to accepting marriage as a lifelong commitment as was the case in a former age. Although Henry V111 found Divorce an acceptable way to chop and change (with chop being the operative word), staying together after taking marriage vows was the norm. Divorce, living with a partner without marriage and same sex marriages are much more acceptable today than even 50 years ago.

It was apparent that those of us of a certain age and that really means the majority, had quite strong views on elements of these topics and the discussion progressed well beyond the welcome interlude for coffee and cake kindly provided by our host and topic proposer Linda Patton.

Newlyweds (coming up to their first anniversary) John and Gwenda are a great example of how second marriages can bring comfort to those previously bereaved and we closed out the topic in complete agreement that marriage is a great institution but sadly the word and meaning has been changed.

On February 21st the group will meet at the home of John and Gwenda with John putting forward a very deep subject that may require prior homework. He will ask "*Considering the predictions that may contain some truth of where the future is going, how you think the next few generations are going to cope with their working, social and everyday lives*".

Brian Fowler

GROUPS ONE AND TWO STROLLING

Co-ordinator Group One: Gwenda Jones

Tel: 556923

Mobile: 07986905319

Coordinator Group Two: John Lee Tel: 556923

GROUP ONE

We stayed with our now traditional January stroll of dining at The Waterfront in Market Harborough, excellent food in pleasant surroundings and with courteous staff.

On February 19th, we hope to be visiting the village of Ashby Parva.

Gwenda

GROUP TWO

John assembled the party at the delightful waterside restaurant at Stoney Stanton on

January 15th. January is always a difficult month to predict weather wise so the stroll was merely from car to bar and thence to two delightfully set up tables. The food was very good, the company was exceptional and there were lots of stories about Christmas just past and how the festivities had been celebrated. So on this occasion a stroll down memory lane rather than country lane.

During the interlude between courses, one or two present took opportunity for some bird spotting on the adjacent lake with fingers pointed towards a never spotted grebe and a great turn.

All agreed this was a very pleasant way to start the New Year.

The Group 2 Stroll on Tuesday Feb 19th will be at Cosby.

Brian Fowler

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

Valentine's night skittles evening at Hollybush pub Ashby Parva at 7 for 7.30. Sandwiches and chips £4.50. Please let me know if you are coming ASAP

Sue

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

At January's meeting, we revised 7 previous dances. 12 members attended. If you would like to join this group, please give me a ring.

Carole

ART APPRECIATION GROUP

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

For the group's most recent meeting on 03/01/2019 we looked at the first of three programmes on the art of China entitled 'Searching for Paradise'. What immediately struck the group was where the story began, some 12 centuries BC. The sophistication and artistic imagination of the pieces from that period [mainly statuary and decoration] were

quite remarkable. The role of eastern religions, starting with Confucianism from C6 BC, was crucial to the emergence of artistic themes and the part played by calligraphy was far more important and complex than any of us had appreciated. It was a fascinating introduction to the artistic beginnings of a great civilization. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 7th March** [10am-12 noon] when we will be looking at the third in the series on the art of China. **Venue: 70f Woodmarket. Apologies to Rae [Tel 556942].**

John

BIRD WATCHING GROUP

Coordinator: Rita Nicholls Tel 557412

A damp Journey to Brandon Marsh but cleared up as we arrived and started fine for our first outing of the year. We saw 44 species, so a good start to our year list. We heard of a bittern showing well but we gave it a good half hour, while we had a picnic but no showing. Next time maybe. We all enjoyed our trip out.

"February Fill Dyke be it black or be it white" so we will decide on the day where to visit. February 22nd (4th Friday) Rec Car park 09.30 with drink and pack up. Draycote Water or Coombe Abbey a possibility.

Rita

HOLIDAYS GROUP

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

The New Holiday Group Social Meeting. Members are invited to come to a coffee morning at 10am on Friday 15th February, at The Garden Barn, Cotesbach. This is for time to make friends and chat about past and future holidays.

Caren Simpson

SINGLES TAKEAWAY SUPPER GROUP

Co-ordinator June Clayton Tel:209545

On Friday 25th Jan members of this group met up at Claybrooke Village Hall to join with members of the community who were in good spirits to celebrate the life and times of Robbie Burns. It was a lively occasion with a splendid feast of haggis along with neeps and tatties

spiced up with generous helpings of whisky, known on these occasions as Scottish gravy. The Pipes and Drums and dancers of the Seaforth Highlanders piped in the Haggis with due ceremony, The skirl of the pipes accompanied the excellent dancers as they performed traditional dances and Highland flings with some hilarious audience participation. It was altogether a most enjoyable evening ending with all in attendance linking arms to sing Auld Lang Syne before venturing out into the cold night air with already rosy cheeks.

Brian

4th WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Co-ordinators: - Sue and Peter Creeden

Tel: 01455 557888

Next Walk: 27 February 2019

Walk Organisers: Roger & Gill Watmore.

Tel: 01455 552431

Meeting Point and Time:- Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.20 am to leave at 9.25am.

Start Point and Time: Dog & Gun Pub Main Street Kilby (Postcode LE183TD). Walk starts at 10.00 am.

Directions to the Starting Point: Leave Lutterworth on the Gilmorton Road and go through Kimcote and Walton and turn right at the 'T'-junction, SP Shearsby & Arnesby. Turn left at the A5199 SP Leicester. After approx. 3 miles turn right, SP Kilby. The Dog & Gun Pub is on the right in the village.

Route and Distance:- A 5 mile walk to Wistow & Newton Harcourt on paths & canal towpath.

Lunch Arrangements:- Meals to be chosen before the walk

January 2019 Walk Report

A very cold morning did not deter 20 hardy souls from tuning up at the Shilton Arms. They were rewarded with a bright sunny day and with a fairly brisk start, we soon managed to get the blood circulation going and shake off the shivers. The walk took us along the edge of Ansty golf course and then across it to reach the Oxford Canal. There was quite a long stretch along the canal passing Ansty and then under the M69 to eventually reach Carters Bridge where we stopped for a break. We then made our way to Sowe Common to find a footpath that went behind some allotments and then to reach open fields. Walking along the

edge of several of them, we reached Barnacle. After passing through the village we headed back towards Shilton on a mixture of lanes, fields and tracks. No red or yellow cards were issued so it must have been an OK walk. Most stayed afterwards to enjoy lunch at the pub.

Peter Creeden

**SINGLES DINING GROUPCo-ordinator: Val Howson. Tel: 552130
Email:- <mailto:vhowson4@gmail.com>**

Monthly lunch organisers vary

The lunchtime diners made the short trip to Lutterworth Golf Club for the first lunch of 2019 on January 24th. With drinks sorted, they occupied themselves in lively conversation whilst seated in the warmth of the restaurant whilst looking out at the cold scenes of the golf course through the window. Lunch was enjoyed by the 15 members present and plans were made for following months.

The next opportunity to dine with lunchtime friends will be on Thursday 21st February at Ullesthorpe Court Hotel, another close to home venue. Lunch will be taken in the delightful and welcoming Lincoln's Bar Restaurant with a choice from the Bar menu or the carvery. Those wishing to join on this date should sign in at the Wycliffe Rooms general meeting or by phone to Brian 01455 209336 or e mail fowlerclaybrooke@aol.com

Brian

1st WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Joint Co-ordinators :-Peter and Irene

**Moore. Tel:- 01455 552594.email:-
peter79moore@gmail.com**

Date of Walk:- 6th March 2019

Walk Organisers:- Peter & Irene Moore.

Driving distance:- 11 Miles each way.

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

Start Point: The Shilton Arms Pub, Church Road, Shilton, Nr Coventry. CV7 9HX.

Leave 10.00am. Toilets available.

Directions to Start :- At Magna Park A5 island, take 3rd Exit & on into Wolvey. Continue on towards Coventry on B4065 (the old A46). The Shilton Arms in centre of village just past the traffic lights.

Please be careful, as entrance to pub is a sharp left turn. Car Park at rear. Please park at the far end.

Order lunch before starting walk.

Route and Distance:- Starting from Car Park, heading towards Wolvey and skirting Withybrook, then onto Hopsford and return via canal and Anstey village. Mostly on footpaths and farm tracks.

There is a short stretch of quiet road walking to join it all together.

5.35 miles in total - Only 2 Stiles.

Good choice of Food from £4.95, on the extensive Lunch menu. Gluten Free Food available.

Nice pub and excellent food. The choice of desserts is very varied and not expensive. What could be better? Enjoy!

Summary. A good winter walk. Mostly on firm ground. Interesting walk, Great Pub & Excellent food. Only needs your support. Hoping for Snowdrops.

Next Walk. Wednesday 3th April 2019. The Daffodil Show at Newnham Paddocks. From the Sarah Mansfield Pub, Willey. A 5.4 Mile walk with a good display of Daffodils (weather permitting)

NB. The pub at Willey is offering to cook for us *Proper Pies* but it will need to be pre-ordered. Choice of Steak and Ale or Steak and Stilton. Please let me know if you wish to order one.

Peter and Irene Moore

MUSIC FOR FUN - SONGSTERS GROUP

Bill Tomkins Tel: 01455 552864/07913

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bill_karen26@hotmail.com

Songsters have resumed after the Christmas break and as I write our third session of the new year is scheduled for tomorrow morning. We are hoping that the weather won't be too unkind to us!

We are currently working on a mix of songs from the early years of Songsters and more recently introduced ones, including the finale from *Guys and Dolls* and the finale from *Mamma Mia*.

Forthcoming sessions are scheduled for 18 February and 4th and 18th March. You will be very welcome to come along to any of these to give us a try; don't be put off if you can't read music or if you think your voice isn't good enough; my voice is awful and I'm in charge so

whatever your voice is like it'll be better than mine!

Bill

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

Special thanks to Kate Ayres for her invaluable help in producing this newsletter

Carmel

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.

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MARCH NEWSLETTER ENTRIES

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

December meeting collection

Thank you. The collection taken at the December meeting for the work of EMBRACE resulted in the sum of £75 being sent to that charity

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please be aware that the subscription rate for membership for the year beginning March 2019 will be confirmed at the AGM on Tuesday 12th March 2019. If you are attending that meeting, please remember to bring your cheque book or cash to pay.

If you do not attend the meeting, please check our website after the AGM for details of how to make your payment.

Alan Shean

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 AGM 2019 **15th Annual General Meeting**

To be held in the Wycliffe Rooms, George Street, Lutterworth
On March 12th 2019 at 10.15am

Agenda

1. Welcome by Chairman
2. Notices
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of 2018 AGM
5. Chairman's report
6. Annual subscription
7. Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts
8. Election of Honorary officers
9. Election of other members of the committee¹
10. Appointment of examiner of accounts
11. Other business
12. Date of AGM 2020

LUTTERWORTH U3A MAIN ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS MONTHLY - 2018

<u>Current Account</u>														<u>Current Account</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	<u>INCOME</u>
Subscriptions			£2,956.00	£1,275.00	£270.00	£102.00	£12.00	£32.00	£56.00	£40.00	£32.00	£6.00	£4,781.00	Subscriptions
Miscellaneous										£1,320.00	£880.00		£2,200.00	Miscellaneous
Total	£0.00	£0.00	£2,956.00	£1,275.00	£270.00	£102.00	£12.00	£32.00	£56.00	£1,360.00	£912.00	£6.00	£6,981.00	Total
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Affiliation/Capitation Fees				£1,057.00	£25.00								£1,082.00	Affiliation/Capitation Fees
Hall Hire	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00		£57.00				£711.00	£1,548.00	Hall Hire
Speakers	£60.00	£175.00	£30.00	£50.00	£100.00	£60.00			£50.00	£85.00	£60.00		£670.00	Speakers
Printing	£90.00	£135.00	£95.00	£115.00	£115.00	£115.00	£95.00	£115.00	£115.00	£105.00	£115.00	£115.00	£1,325.00	Printing
Member's Expenses	£13.32		£46.70	£23.50						£117.34	£32.98	£17.35	£251.19	Member's Expenses
Miscellaneous								£149.33			£1,952.00		£2,101.33	Miscellaneous
													£0.00	
													£0.00	
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Total	£293.32	£440.00	£301.70	£1,375.50	£370.00	£305.00	£95.00	£321.33	£165.00	£307.34	£2,159.98	£843.35	£6,977.52	

<u>Current A/C Summary</u>														<u>Current A/C Summary</u>
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	
Opening Balance	£2,231.35	£1,938.03	£1,498.03	£4,152.33	£4,051.83	£3,951.83	£3,748.83	£3,665.83	£3,376.50	£3,267.50	£4,320.16	£3,072.18	£2,231.35	Opening Balance
Payments In	£0.00	£0.00	£2,956.00	£1,275.00	£270.00	£102.00	£12.00	£32.00	£56.00	£1,360.00	£912.00	£6.00	£6,981.00	Payments In
Payments Out	£293.32	£440.00	£301.70	£1,375.50	£370.00	£305.00	£95.00	£321.33	£165.00	£307.34	£2,159.98	£843.35	£6,977.52	Payments Out
Closing Balance	£1,938.03	£1,498.03	£4,152.33	£4,051.83	£3,951.83	£3,748.83	£3,665.83	£3,376.50	£3,267.50	£4,320.16	£3,072.18	£2,234.83	£2,234.83	Closing Balance

LUTTERWORTH U3A MAIN ACCOUNT YEAR END SUMMARY - 2018						
INCOME			EXPENDITURE			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>			<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Subscriptions	£4,439.50	£4,781.00	Affiliation/Capitation Fees		£1,117.00	£1,082.00
Miscellaneous	£29.43	£2,200.00	Hall Hire		£1,180.00	£1,548.00
			Speakers		£528.00	£670.00
			Printing		£1,015.53	£1,325.00
			Member's Expenses		£12.30	£251.19
			Miscellaneous		£145.93	£2,101.33
					£0.00	£0.00
					£0.00	£0.00
					£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£4,468.93	£6,981.00	TOTAL		£3,998.76	£6,977.52

Balance Sheet to 31/12/2018						
			<u>2017</u>			<u>2018</u>
			£470.17	Surplus/deficit for year		£3.48
	31/12/2016	£1,761.18		Balance c/f	31/12/2017	£2,231.35
	31/12/2017	£2,231.35		Year End Balance	31/12/2018	£2,234.83

MINUTES OF LUTTERWORTH U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018
Held at The Wycliffe Rooms, George Street, Lutterworth
Commencing at 10.15 am

Present: Linda Patton (Chairman), Sue Woodhead (Hon. Secretary), Gill Alford (Hon. Treasurer), Ken Patton, Gordon Jones, Brian Fowler, Margaret Foster, Mick Barrows, Liz White, Alan Shean, Carmel Kerslake, June Clayton, Kate Ayres, Gwen Edwards, Peter Sneath.
140 members attended the AGM of Lutterworth U3A.

A presentation from Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank, which is part of the Trussell Trust, and event information was given prior to the commencement of the formal meeting.

1. Welcome: A warm welcome and thanks for the excellent attendance was extended to all present by Chairman Linda Patton.

2. Notices: There were no additional notices to those already given.

3. Apologies: Margaret and John Wallace, Brian and Diane Thorp, Richard Stannard, Angela Frost, Marian Wass, Rob and Val Deacon.

4. Minutes of previous AGM: Minutes of the 2017 AGM meeting had been distributed along with the agenda and financial papers in February. There were no comments or amendments required and it was proposed by Joyce Cairney and seconded by Nohline Ruff that they be accepted as a true and correct record. The meeting voted in favour and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5. Chairman's Report: A full copy of the report is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Linda spoke of the continued growth of Lutterworth U3A and the new interest groups which have started. She highlighted the annual summer picnic hosted by David and Liz White, and we are very grateful that this will be held again this year. There have been many days out, theatre visits and holidays in addition to group meetings, giving a wide variety of very enjoyable activities. Linda thanked the organisers for the time and energy put into these events. Our monthly meetings provide us with interesting speakers, and newsletters and the web site keep us well informed.

Particular mention was made of the retiring Committee members, Liz, Gill, Gordon and Brian and also Alan, who sets up the equipment for our speakers. They were thanked for their commitment, and presentations were made to them. Those remaining on the Committee were also thanked for their hard work. Brian's dedication, support and help during Linda's term of office were particularly appreciated.

As Linda's term of office has now ended, Brian thanked her for her passion and commitment in leadership and presented her with a plant. The meeting endorsed his thanks for Linda's unstinting work for Lutterworth U3A. It was proposed by Brian Fowler and seconded by Alan Shean that the report be adopted and this was agreed by the meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report: Hon. Treasurer Gill Alford gave her report before Item 6, so that members had the information to make a decision on the annual subscription. She opened her report with a hope that all members had carefully scrutinised the papers issued one month earlier. The main account summary sheet and the monthly transaction sheet had been signed off as a true statement of the accounts by Independent Examiner Tony Woodhead. The year end balance at 31 December 2017 was £2231.35 and the balance in the account at the date of the AGM was £1196.33. The Treasurer pointed out that the cost of speakers was escalating and the sound equipment has to be hired. It was proposed by Frances Blythe and seconded by Katie Scott that the accounts should be adopted. All were in favour.

6. Annual Subscription: The Treasurer recommended that the subscription should be raised by £1 to £15 per year, to give a better buffer for the increasing costs of speakers and expenses. She pointed out that most Committee members do not claim for expenses and this should not be

expected of them. Acting on the recommendation of the Treasurer and the Committee, Gwenda Jones proposed that the annual subscription for 2018-19 be increased to £15. This was seconded by Graham Ruff and the meeting voted unanimously in favour.

8. Election of Honorary Officers

Chairman: Ken Patton had been nominated by Linda Patton and seconded by Sue Jones. There were no other nominations. It was proposed by Sue Sharp and seconded by Jean Williamson that he be elected Chairman and this was approved by the meeting.

Vice Chairman: There were no nominations and this would be reviewed at a later date.

Treasurer: Alan Shean had been nominated by Linda Patton and seconded by Ken Patton. There were no other nominations. It was proposed by Linda Patton and seconded by Sue Jones that he be elected Treasurer and this was approved by the meeting.

Social Account Treasurer: Kate Ayres had been nominated by Linda Patton and seconded by Sue Jones. There being no other nominations, the meeting approved her election.

9. Election of other members of the Committee: All other remaining Committee members agreed to continue serving on the Committee and this was approved by the meeting. These members are: Sue Woodhead (Hon. Secretary), Alan Shean (Membership Secretary), Margaret Foster (Programme Secretary), Carmel Kerslake (Newsletter Editor), Gwen Edwards (Minutes Secretary), and Mick Barrows, Peter Sneath and June Clayton (Co-opted Members). In addition, Theresa Phillips was nominated as a Committee Member by Sue Sharp and seconded by Nohline Ruff. The meeting approved her election. Kate Ayres is also continuing as Online Co-ordinator.

10. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts: This year the accounts had been examined by Tony Woodhead. Linda thanked him for his service. It was originally thought that, due to a change in the rules of the U3A, he would not be able to continue in this role as he is related to a Committee Member. However, Linda had found out that the new rule does not apply until 2019 and Tony will consider being examiner for 2018.

Groups Co-ordinator: Brian Fowler proposed that Linda Patton should take on this role. She agreed to do it and this was agreed by the meeting.

11. Other Business

1. Charitable status: Linda raised the issue of the charitable status of Lutterworth U3A. A full copy of her report on this matter is attached to the file copy of the minutes. The Third Age Trust had originally advised that there was no need for us to become a charity in our own right. However, this information has been found to be incorrect, and we are now required to register as a charity ourselves. The Third Age Trust is prepared to register us if we change our object clause to the exact wording agreed by the Charity Commission. This is very close to our existing wording. The new wording is: "The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development."

It was proposed by Mary Stannard and seconded by Lynn Grindley to accept this wording and this was approved by the meeting.

2. Renewal of membership forms: These now have to comply with the Data Protection Act, which comes into force on 25 May 2018. This has to ask permission to include members' photographs on the website and in the newsletter, and we must agree to keep data we hold about you secure and use it only for the purpose for which you have supplied it to us. The new form reflects these changes. Anyone who is not prepared to sign it should speak to Alan Shean. For auditing purposes, the form must be completely filled in.

12. Date of AGM 2019: This will be held on Tuesday 12 March 2019.

Signed.....Meeting Chairman

Date.....

LUTTERWORTH U3A GROUP MEETINGS – TIMING GUIDE

GROUP	LEADER	TELEPHONE	FREQUENCY	TIME
MONDAY				
Buffet Supper Club	Gwenda Jones	01455 556923	1 st	From 7.00 pm
Table Tennis	Carole Harrington	01455 553438	Weekly	2.00-4.00
Music for Fun - Songsters	Bill Tomkins	01455 552864	1 st & 3 rd	10.15
Music for Fun - Ukulele	Barbara Wilkinson Peter Sneath	01455 553254	2 nd & 4 th	10-12noon
Handicrafts	Glenys Peverley	01455 553614	3 rd	2.00-4.00
History Group	Linda Patton	01455 556996	4th	2.15-4.15
TUESDAY				
Reading Group	Linda Patton	01455 556996	1 st	10.00-12.00
Music & Memories 1	Nohline Ruff	01455 556985	1st	2.00-4.00
Strolling Group 1	Gwenda Jones	01455 556923	3 rd	am - varies
Strolling Group 2	John Lee	01455 556923	3 rd	am - varies
3 rd Tuesday Walking	Gordon Jones	01455 556192	3 rd	9.30 onward
Short Walks Group	Fay Goodwin Lyn Foxwell	01455 207822 01455 553492	4 th	10.00 onwards
Jazz Group	Graham Ruff	01455 556985	4 th	2.00-4.00
Line dancing for Beginners	Carole Harrington	01455 553438	4 th	2.30-4.00
WEDNESDAY				
Poetry	Betty Wilson	01455 209790	1 st	2.00-4.00
Topical/Current Affairs Group	Nigel McNeill	01455 641634	1 st	10.00 onward
1 st Wednesday Walking	Peter and Irene Moore	01455 552594	1st	As arranged
2 nd Wed Medium Distance Walking Group	Mike Chapman	01455 209972	2nd	9.30 onward
Play Reading	Glenys Peverley	01455 553614	2 nd	10.00-12.00
New Age Kurling Group	Roy Maiden	01455 550058	2 nd & 4th	2.00-4.00
Scrabble	Glenys Peverley	01455 553614	3 rd	2.30-5.00
Joint Canasta Group 2	June Hartopp	01455 553418	3 rd	10.00-12.00
4 th Wed Walking	Sue & Peter Creeden	01455 557888	4 th	9.30 onward
THURSDAY				
Whist Group	Glenys Peverley	01455 553614	1 st	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 nd	2.00-4.00
Wine Appreciation Group	Sue Sharp	01455 556255	2 nd	Evening
Music Appreciation	John Peverley Tony MacDonald	01455 553614 01455 553910	3 rd	10.00-1200
Lively Discussion	Dianne and Brian Thorp	01455 209584	3 rd	2.15-4.00
FRIDAY				
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 nd	10.00-1.00
Holidays Group	Caren Simpson	01455203554	3 rd	10.00
Bird Watching Group	Rita Nicholls	01455 557412	4 th	9.30 onward
VARIOUS				
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.

THIRD AGE MATTERS U3A Publications 2019/2020

It is time to renew or start a new subscription for the U3A publications.

For a payment of £2.90 you can receive five copies of Third Age Matters by post in the year March 2019 to March 2020.

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John Lee, 15 Goscote Drive, Lutterworth, LE17 4ES (Tel 01455 556923)

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