

## March Newsletter

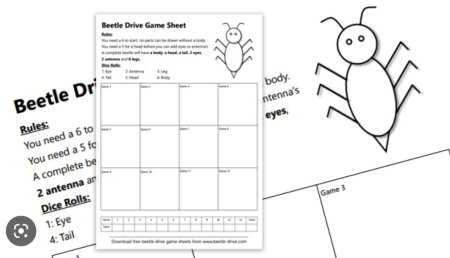
Hi, {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }}. Welcome to our March newsletter.

**We meet at the Baptist Church Hall, Nobles Green, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 5PY on 3rd Tuesday of each month. Doors open 1.30pm. Meeting starts at 1.45pm. Speaker approximately 2pm. Meeting closes at pm**  
**Please remember to bring your ICE card to all meetings just in case we need to access your emergency contact details.**

### From Our Chair

*The March meeting was very well attended with Karen Lawrie proving to be an entertaining and popular speaker. Members did their best to follow the exercises as well as keeping to the beat so well done everyone. We certainly earned our cup of tea! Understandably the refreshment break took longer than usual and a big thank you to all those who helped. If you think you have some good ideas or skills that would benefit NE please come forward and consider joining the committee as we need more nominations by the end of the month. At the meeting in May we have a Coronation Tea with tables of six as we had at the Platinum Jubilee Tea Party last June. This time it will be bring your own food so we can suit ourselves and avoid waste. This month we have a Beetle Drive and as we haven't tried one before it should be most entertaining so good luck and have fun. Looking forward to seeing you on the 21st.*

Catherine



### Our Next Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 21 March  
We will be having a Beetle Drive.

### Membership and Gift Aid

Thank you for renewing your membership. We now have 72 members but only a third of us have signed up for Gift Aid. Please do consider signing up for this if you are a tax payer. If you have questions please talk to Mandy.

### Beetle Drive!

Our March meeting will be a Beetle drive. This simple game will allow us

to meet new people whilst having fun. There will be a small prize for the overall winner!

**Please remember that donations for refreshments are for the benefit of our u3a and not for any charity which speakers may represent.**

## April Meeting and AGM

As you are aware our April meeting will be our AGM. For those who have not attended before please be aware that the AGM part of the meeting is VERY short. Then we resume with our speaker for the day as we do for regular meetings. If you did not receive the AGM notice which was sent to everyone, please contact Gill on [gillcomneu3a@gmail.com](mailto:gillcomneu3a@gmail.com)

Our speaker will be Lisa Evans who will be talking to us about Lifequakes of a Baby Boomer.



LISA EVANS

SPEAKER | COACH | FACILITATOR | STORYTELLER |  
PODCASTER | AUTHOR

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## Groups update



### Men's Group

If you are interested in joining the mens group, please get in touch with John Thacker [address removed for website] .



### Art Group

Our Art Group is up and running and has room for one more. It meets on 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am. If you are interested please contact Gill on [gillcomneu3a@gmail.com](mailto:gillcomneu3a@gmail.com)



## BSL Group

Would you like to learn British Sign Language? Come and join our group! We currently meet on 3rd Thursday at 10am, but might be able to change this. Contact Gill [address removed for website]



## Smart Phone Group

If you wish you knew how to get the most from your smart phone, then this is the group for you! Contact Mandy [address removed for website]

### ***Your u3a needs you!***

*We are in need of meeter/greeters for monthly meetings and also additional committee members. Please talk to any committee member to find out more.*

## What is it like to be u3a secretary?

I have enjoyed my role as your secretary for the past 3 years. All our executive posts have a 3 year term, except the treasurer. This is a sensible rule because it encourages movement within the committee and also new committee members. Talking of which we are looking for a secretary to come forward for nomination at the AGM, as I will be standing down having completed my term.

I joined the u3a movement 12 years ago and was founder secretary of my other u3a Hockley & Hawkwell. Back in the day HQ used to send all articles and guidance through to secretaries to pass on to the members. As secretary you are expected to run the administration side of the guild. Nowadays everything is sent through via email from HQ, so the only real necessity is that any secretary would need a computer for storing some admin and the ability to send out emails. We have a minute secretary. We have a system whereby emails to all members can be sent out en masse which is quick and efficient, So the job is much easier and according to our constitution we do need one to properly function, so I am hoping to encourage someone to come forward to fill the post. I will give them all the support necessary and go through as many times as needed, what the job entails.

All the work your committee undertakes on your behalf is voluntary and we like to make it as enjoyable as possible. Your committee has lots of plans and ideas for 2023 but we all have other interests, families and friends and we need a full committee to function satisfactorily and to ensure all the members enjoy our u3a. So please will someone come forward to fill the post of secretary for our u3a.

Why not come along as an observer to a committee meeting, any member is entitled to do that.

If you have any queries please contact me on gillcomneu3a@gmail.com or speak to any committee member who will be only too pleased to answer any questions.

Gill Newman  
Secretary



## Rotary Club of Leigh on Sea

In association with the Music Man Project

Presents

### An Evening with the Music Man and Friends

Featuring David Stanley and the Famous  
Music Man Project Ambassadors

Saturday 29th April 2023  
Doors Open 7.00pm  
Thorpe Hall School

Tickets £12 - All proceeds to Music Man Project and  
Rotary Charities  
To Purchase Tickets contact: Phil Stepney  
07549 935113 or [plstepney@aol.com](mailto:plstepney@aol.com)

## The Music Man Project Charity Concert

The Music Man Project has appeared to entertain us on more than one occasion.

There is now an opportunity to see David Stanley in concert with some of his musician friends followed by the Music Man Project in concert.

This is a charity concert being promoted by the Rotary Club of Leigh on Sea with proceeds going to the Music Man Project and Rotary Charities.

It is being held at Thorpe Hall School Theatre on Saturday 29 April (doors open 7pm).

If you want to support these good causes tickets are £12 each and can be purchased from Phil Stepney. [address removed for website]

**Phil Stepney**

## Your committee

***We are in need of additional committee members. Please do consider standing for election. We particularly need a Business Secretary (see Gill's thoughts above). If you would like to know more, please ask an existing committee member.***

**Details for contacting committee have been removed for this public version. Please use the contact page on our website to get in touch.**

### New Eastwood u3a

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