

Editor: [Sue Anderson](#)

## u3a 40th anniversary celebrations

Bring along friends or family for an afternoon of celebrating and find out about the u3a and what our u3a can do for you.

There will be live music throughout the day with special performances by our u3a Folk Music Group and Val Sinclair, the well known Jazz-Blues singer.

Book the date in your diary now!

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### Special Events



**24 Sept 2022**  
14h-16h  
The Pavilion,  
Pontesbury



**19 October 2022**  
Open meeting

## u3a 40th Anniversary



### Saturday 24 September

14h00 - 16h00

📍 The Pavilion, Pontesbury  
£ Free entrance

Join us for the u3a's 40th anniversary  
Members and non-members alike are welcome  
Come and see what the u3a can do for you!

#### Includes

- ✓ Live music by our Folk music group
- ✓ Special presentations on Shropshire
- ✓ Displays
- ✓ Tombola
- ✓ Free raffle
- ✓ Refreshments

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Learning for fun and friendship, for the retired and semi-retired



Thu	1	<b>Creative writing</b> 10:am—12: noon Pavilion/Zoom hybrid
		<b>Pickle Ball</b> 4:30pm—6pm Mary Webb School, Pontesbury <b>CANCELLED</b>
Mon	5	<b>Table Tennis Pontesbury</b> 1:30pm—3:30pm Congregational Church
		<b>Folk Music</b> 2pm—4pm Minsterley Parish Hall
		<b>u3a Committee meeting</b> 4pm Pavilion, Pontesbury
Tue	6	<b>Cycling</b> 10am—12 noon Pontesbury School Green
Wed	7	<b>Table Tennis Minsterley</b> 10:am—12:noon Minsterley Parish Hall
		<b>Italian</b> 10:30am—12: noon Coordinator's house
		<b>Recorded Music</b> 2pm—4pm Minsterley Parish Hall
		<b>Photography</b> 2pm—4pm Member's house
Thu	8	<b>Walking (Long)</b> 10:am As announced
		<b>Pickle Ball</b> 4:30pm—6pm Mary Webb School, Pontesbury
Mon	12	<b>Walking (Short)</b> 10:am—12 noon Pontesbury School Green
		<b>Family History</b> 10:15am—12:15pm Pavilion, Pontesbury
		<b>Table Tennis Pontesbury</b> 1:30pm—3:30pm Congregational Church

Mon	12	<b>Folk Music</b> 2pm—4pm Minsterley Parish Hall
Tue	13	<b>Cycling</b> 10am—12 noon Pontesbury School Green
		<b>Geology</b> 2pm—4pm Pavilion, Pontesbury
Wed	14	<b>Table Tennis Minsterley</b> 10:am—12:noon Minsterley Parish Hall
		<b>Italian</b> 10:30am—12: noon Coordinator's house
		<b>Literature</b> 2pm—4pm Pavilion, Pontesbury
Thu	15	<b>Creative writing</b> 10am—12 noon Pavilion/Zoom hybrid
		<b>Pickle Ball</b> 4:30pm—6pm Mary Webb School, Pontesbury
Fri	16	<b>Cinema &amp; Social</b> 7:30pm Marton Village Hall "Spencer"
Mon	19	<b>History</b> 10:30am—12:30pm Pavilion, Pontesbury
		<b>Table Tennis Pontesbury</b> 1:30pm—3:30pm Congregational Church
		<b>Art appreciation</b> 2pm—4pm Venue to be advised
		<b>Folk Music</b> 2pm—4pm Minsterley Parish Hall
Tue	20	<b>Cycling</b> 10am—12 noon Pontesbury School Green
		<b>Local History</b> 2pm—4pm Minsterley Parish Hall

Wed	21	<b>Table Tennis Minsterley</b> 10:am—12:noon Minsterley Parish Hall
		<b>Italian</b> 10:30am—12: noon Coordinator's house
Thu	22	<b>Walking (Long)</b> 10:am As announced
		<b>Pickle Ball</b> 4:30pm—6pm Mary Webb School, Pontesbury
Sat	24	<b>U3a 40th Anniversary</b> 2pm—4pm Pavilion, Pontesbury
Mon	26	<b>Walking (Short)</b> 10 am Pontesbury School Green
		<b>Table Tennis Pontesbury</b> 1:30pm—3:30pm Congregational Church
		<b>Folk Music</b> 2pm—4pm Minsterley Parish Hall
Tue	27	<b>Cycling</b> 10am—12 noon Pontesbury School Green
Wed	28	<b>Table Tennis Minsterley</b> 10:am—12:noon Minsterley Parish Hall
		<b>Italian</b> 10:30am—12: noon Coordinator's house
		<b>Café Society</b> 2pm—4pm Minsterley Parish Hall
Thu	29	<b>Pickle Ball</b> 4:30pm—6pm Mary Webb School, Pontesbury

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## u3a News

### From the Chair ...

September brings us plenty to feel good about – many of our groups start up again after a summer break, child minding duties may be reduced as the new school year begins and of course we are all celebrating the u3a's 40th Anniversary – and having our own celebration on Saturday 24 September at The Pavilion between 2-4pm

This newsletter contains plenty of information about this event so please read it carefully and also look out for emails and Facebook posts over the next few weeks. The committee and group leaders have been working hard for several months now – so we're hoping for a wonderful afternoon with plenty of our members (and

prospective members) coming to join us. Alongside our own members, we've asked some of the famous Friends Of Pontesbury Library cake makers to work their magic and there will be displays and demonstrations from many of our groups.

The nursery has very kindly allowed us to use their car-park so parking should not be a problem – just keep fingers crossed for a dry and sunny afternoon.

I'm sure many of you have or will be thinking of what you were doing back in September 1982 when the u3a movement began. I was beginning my final year at teacher training college in Lancaster and looking

forward to getting my first job and getting married the following year.

Prince William was born in June 1982 – Jimmy Connors won the men's singles final at Wimbledon (he was always my favourite), Italy won the World Cup and Great Britain won the Falklands War. Ozzy Osborne allegedly ate a live bat on stage somewhere during 1982 but of course the most important thing was the start of our amazing organisation.

Looking forward to seeing you all there on 24th.

Chair: [Janet](#)

P.S. Don't forget the Tombola prizes!!!

### New members

Please could you extend a warm welcome to our new members, if they attend any of your interest groups

Allan Price

Ray Atherton

Roy Forbes

Dave Greetham

### The Curlews are back!

On the 19th October Open Meeting, the long awaited talk by Amanda Perkins on the Curlews will take place.

Members and non-members alike are welcome, so make a note for your diary and bring along a friend.



Members and non-members Welcome!

 Curlew Country

"Curlew Country"

Speaker Amanda Perkins, Curlew Country

Date Wed 19 October 2022

Time 14h00

Place Minsterley Parish Hall

OPEN MEETING

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## u3a News

### u3a 40th Anniversary – Organisational Matters

Our 40th anniversary celebrations in September are fast approaching and donations and help from the members will be greatly appreciated to make this an amazing event.

#### TOMBOLA PRIZES

Chair: [Janet](#)



Thank you to those who have already donated but more prizes are still needed for the Tombola, please. Bottles, chocolates, unwanted (and unused) gifts etc. are welcome – in fact anything that you might like to win yourself if you picked a lucky ticket..

Gift donations can be left at the Pavilion or brought to me at 10 Yarlington Orchard – email me at [japa.walsh1@btinternet.com](mailto:japa.walsh1@btinternet.com) to sort out the best time. I need the donations no later than Wednesday 21 September 2022 please, so I can get all of the tickets organised. Thank you in advance.

#### FREE RAFFLE PRIZES



Susan Lockwood's superb handmade quilted bags are up for grabs – one free raffle ticket per attendee.

#### REFRESHMENTS



Refreshments will be available on the day.

#### CAKES

Vice-chair: [David](#)



Further donation of cakes would still be gratefully received. Please could you let David know if you are able to provide one. Cakes will need to be delivered to the Pavilion at 1pm on the 24th September 2022, so these can be prepared in advance of the opening. Could the ingredients of each cake be clearly labelled for any allergies.

#### DISPLAYS



Could all interest group coordinators please update [Doreen](#) (main hall) or [Sue](#) (meeting room) on the status of their display.

Please could you let Sue have all finishing touches to the display templates as soon as possible so these can all be finalised.

A full plan of the event and where everyone will be situated will shortly be provided to the coordinators to help in the group's preparations.

On the 24 September, could the coordinators and those helping finalise the displays please be at the Pavilion at 1pm.

#### CAR PARKING



Parking will be available in the nursery parking.














## u3a national

## National u3a Online learning events

August's free online courses are now available:

[Click here for this months events:](#)

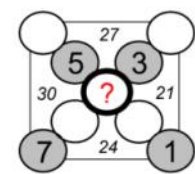
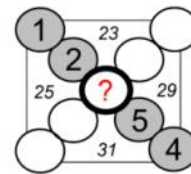
	Exploring World Faiths	Mon 5th Sep 10am
	Introduction to cryptic crosswords	Thurs 8th Sept 10am
	Climate change – subject surgery	Tues 13th Sept 10am
	Laughter Yoga	Wed 14th Sept 10am
	The story of Claudia Jones – Activist	Wed 14th Sept 10am
	Yiddish Theatre	Fri 16th Sept 2pm
	Radio Podcast of the month	Sat 17th July
	Mother & Baby Institutions— Northern Ireland	Thurs 22nd Sept 10am
	Science Subject Surgery	Thurs 22nd Sept 2pm
	Your unique creative writing	Thurs 29th Sept 10am
	Maths Activities & Games Workshop	Thurs 29th Sept 1.45pm

## Logic puzzles for fun

This is from the August 2022 Logic puzzles for Fun published by the u3a National programmes, contributed by Gordon Burgin, Norwich u3a member – Maths Group. Solutions will be posted the month after:

[u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes/logic-puzzles-for-fun](https://u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes/logic-puzzles-for-fun)

In the figures below, the 4 numbers, in italics, outside the 9 circles represent the sum of the numbers in the 5 surrounding circles. The numbers in the circles can only be 1 to 9 and each number can be used only once. Four numbers have been provided to get you started. Find the number (?) that should be in the centre of the X.



## Southport u3a win trophy for 40th Anniversary show garden



Congratulations to Southport u3a for their medal and trophy for their show garden at the Southport Flower Show. The full article can be found here:

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/latest-news/southport-u3a-win-medal-for-their-40th-anniversary-show-garden>

# Interest Groups

## A few snippets from our u3a page

If you are on Facebook, please follow or join our u3a Pontesbury and Rea Valley [Facebook page](#) for up-to-date news. Also, if you feel inclined, like or share any posts, as this raises the profile of our group.



Veronica Simms

11 August at 06:48 · 🌐

The very pretty and historical Church Street-Love it! 🇬🇧❤️



## History



**S**ue Pigott-Forster's talk on the **Black Death** will now go ahead on Monday, 19th September at 10:30. This meeting will be a physical meeting rather than zoom at Pontesbury Pavilion.

If any non-history group member would like to attend, please contact me for details.

**Temporary Coordinator:**  
[David Taylor](#)

## Cinema & Social



**T**he next Friday film at Marton Village Hall will be "**Spencer**" on the 16th September.

After this, the next viewings will be:

21st Oct. The Duke  
18th Nov. Phantom of the Open  
16th Dec. West Side Story

Please contact Judith for further details.

**Coordinator:**

[Judith Rice](#)

01743 792 790



## Short Tennis



**T**here has been some interest in bringing back the super game of Soft Tennis as an individual interest group.

It will appeal to those of us who haven't played any sport in a long while as well as established players.

It's an easy game to learn and great fun, played at a much slower pace than lawn tennis on a badminton court. You can play it in a gentle manner with a soft foam ball or you can play at a faster pace with a harder foam ball. It is a great way to increase your fitness level.

The intention is to be Pontesbury based. Taster sessions and instruction will be given to newcomers to the game.

[Click here for more information on short tennis.](#)

If any one is interested, please let me know and we can see if a new group is viable.

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### Photography

The new photography group has got off to a flying start:

A superb inaugural meeting Chez Clare where our first exercise, the 100m project – involving photographing anything within a 100m line (well, sort of) – in the beautiful gardens.

This was followed by our first field trip led by Jane Simms to photo the glorious heather at Nipstones.

Membership has now increased from 6 to 8 members. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 14h–16h either at a members house or a field trip.

The next meeting is on Wednesday the 7th September, where we will be analysing the results of our first two projects and preparing our display for the 40th anniversary,

Please click here to go to our website for more information:

[u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley/page/117558](https://u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley/page/117558)

If you have any queries or would like to join the group, please contact me.



**Coordinator:**  
[Steve Anderson](#)  
07861 531 186



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### Interest Groups

Until Merle is able to re-join us, Doreen will be assisting Merle on any assistance the Interest Groups require. Please pass on any queries to Doreen.

**Group coordinator support (Temp):**  
[Doreen Thomas](#)

### Local History

The Local History Group have changed its venue to the Committee Room at Minsterley Parish Hall. It's still the third Tuesday of the month from 2–4pm. There is access to the kitchen so we will still provide tea/coffee etc.

**Coordinator:**  
[Susan Lockwood](#)



## Interest Groups

There are a wide range of life-enhancing and life-changing friendly groups, run by the group coordinators.

Please check out the activities available and if anything takes your interest or you wish to suggest a new activity, please contact the Support team. Some groups have returned to face-to-face meetings

but some are still being held on zoom. Things are changing daily as things get back to "normal". Please always check beforehand if the activity is being held and the venue before attending, as this could be subject to change.

### Group Coordinator Support:

[Merle Traves](#) 01743 790 028  
[Doreen Thomas](#) 01743 790 332

<b>Art Appreciation</b>	3rd Mon of month 2pm–4pm Venue to be advised		<b>Local History</b>	3rd Tue of month 2pm–4pm <b>Minsterley Parish Hall</b>	
<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Under relaunch</b>		<b>Painting &amp; Drawing</b>	<b>Under relaunch</b>	
<b>Café Society</b>	Last Wed of month 2pm–4pm Minsterley Parish Hall		<b>Pickle Ball</b>	Every Thu 4:30pm–6pm Mary Webb School, Pontesbury	
<b>Cinema &amp; Social</b>	As announced		<b>Photography</b>	First Wed of month 2pm–4pm Venue to be advised	
<b>Creative writing</b>	1st & 3rd Thu 10am–12 noon Pavilion/Zoom hybrid		<b>Play Reading</b>	<b>Under relaunch</b>	
<b>Cycling</b>	Every Tue 10am–12 noon Pontesbury School Green		<b>Recorded Music</b>	1st Wed of month 2pm–4pm Minsterley Parish Hall	
<b>Family History</b>	2nd Mon of month 10:15am–12h15pm Pavilion, Pontesbury		<b>Table Tennis Minsterley</b>	Every Wed 10am–12 noon Minsterley Parish Hall	
<b>Folk Music</b>	Every Mon 2pm–4pm Minsterley Parish Hall		<b>Table Tennis Pontesbury</b>	Every Mon 1:30pm–3:30pm Congregational Church	
<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Under relaunch</b>		<b>Walking (long)</b>	Alternate Thu 10am–12 noon Venue to be advised	
<b>Geology</b>	2nd Tue of month 2pm–4pm Pavilion, Pontesbury		<b>Walking (short)</b>	Alternate Mon 10am–12 noon Pontesbury School Green	
<b>History</b>	3rd Mon of month 10:30am–12:30pm Pavilion, Pontesbury		<b>Potential new groups under investigation</b>		
<b>Italian</b>	Every Wed 10:30am–12: noon Coordinator's house				
<b>Literature</b>	2nd Wed in month 2pm–4pm Pavilion, Pontesbury				

- Pilates
- Astronomy
- Scrabble
- Seated Yoga
- Sunday lunch
- Short Tennis

