

Rutland u3a newsletter

April 2023

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A note from the Chairman

I am writing this on a sunny Monday afternoon, such a relief to see blue sky after some pretty wet and miserable days.

We had a good turnout for last months meeting. The talk about Hitler's family was well researched and very interesting. The overhead projector brought back memories of student days.

The Quiz last week was excellent and in such a great setting. The fish and chips were so tasty and how they cooked so many portions so well in a van is impressive. So many people said they'd like to make it an annual thing; no pressure dear social team!

There has already been a lot of interest shown for Evita in January. I feel that we are feeling more like doing things now which is great.

You will have received the e mail from Hedley Greaves, our secretary, about the AGM and nominations for the committee. Three key members of the committee are retiring this year so we really do need you to come forward and do your bit to keep Rutland u3a going.

Next month's meeting at Victoria Hall is on Thursday May 4th at 10 for 10.30. Our Speaker, Cathy Shelbourne will be telling us about Lord Nelson and his loves and losses.

Tea and coffee will be available for £1.

If you don't normally come to the monthly meeting, why not give it a try. You can get up to date with what's happening in your u3a and there is the opportunity to meet your committee members and to sign up for social activities and new groups.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ros



Thank-you to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. If you have run or taken part in a U3A activity we would love to hear about it. **THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN MAY** as I am not available. Please send items for June to: rutlandu3a.info@gmail.com or via the website

The deadline for publication for the next edition of the newsletter is **20 June 2023.**

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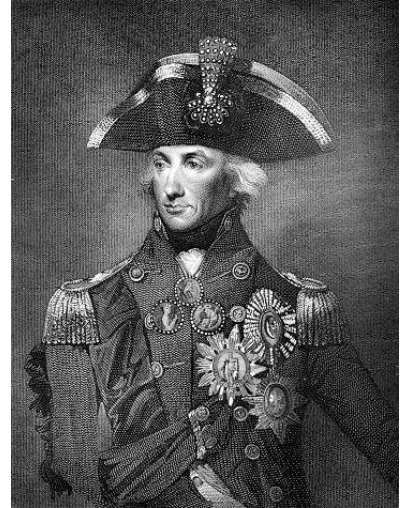
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Monthly Meeting at the Victoria Hall Thursday 4 May 2023 10.00 for 10.30am

Presentation Cathy Shelbourne - Lord Nelson: the loves of his life

Maritime heroes, ships and pirates are Cathy's passion. As she travels the world giving talks on cruise ships, she researches the ports and places she visits for more information on and photo opportunities relating to the naval heroes, explorers, circumnavigators, pirates and privateers sailing the world up to five centuries ago.

Cathy is an experienced speaker, member of Toastmasters International, the Society for Nautical Research and the Yachting Journalists' Association.



Admiral Lord Nelson and his loves and losses:

Not all Nelson's exploits ended in success. He suffered considerable disasters, and died at the Battle of Trafalgar off the coast of Spain. He was renowned for famously turning a blind eye to his commander's instructions – but did the Establishment do the same to his numerous dalliances? We take a quick romp through Nelson's loves and losses.

Welcome to Rutland

New members are invited to an initial meeting with the Chairman of Rutland u3a. These take place each month at The Wisteria Hotel in Oakham. For more information please contact Sharon Pratt, Ru3a Groups Coordinator, via Rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com or phone 07796931818.



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**Monthly Meeting at the Victoria Hall
Thursday 8 June 2023 10.00 for 10.30am**

Please note the change of date from our normal 1st Thursday in the month

Annual General Meeting followed by a presentation from Tony Waldron
"Dolly Shepherd- Edwardian Balloonist"

Tony has a background in heritage conservation (BSc) and enjoys bringing knowledge, experience and passion to all his talks..

The inspirational story of parachute pioneer Dolly Shepherd (1886-1983) is one of daring, bravery and determination and this talk explores Dolly's amazing exploits in this once popular form of pre-aircraft aerial entertainment.

According to BBC History magazine she liked to "go high because I had it in my head that if I had to be killed, I'd like to be killed completely: good and proper!"



Quiz & Fish and chip Supper on 13 April.

This was a great success and we hope to do it again in the future. There were many challenging questions which only helped everyone to work up an appetite for the superb, freshly-cooked, fish and chips which followed.

Thank you to all the Social Team for their efforts, especially Irene Reay who booked the venue, the Quizmaster and the Fish and Chip Van. A very big 'Thank you' to all the members (and some friends in Market Overton) who supported the event.

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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Three principal members of the U3A Executive Committee are stepping down at the AGM in June after long and valuable service. This leaves the Committee desperately short of officers needed to run this large club.

We need more help NOW!

If you are willing to help, please contact one of the Committee to find out more or talk to the Secretary on 07712476621

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April 2023 - Social Events

Ad Hoc Dining

The Old Buttercross was the venue for our monthly social 'get-together' over a meal and a drink. There were 22 of us, including new members, Tony and Wendy, so we hope to see them again. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to 17 May when we meet again.

Diane Case and Helen Shea.

Diane Case 07887 990906 Helen Shea 07919 273192



Tolethorpe Hall Theatre.

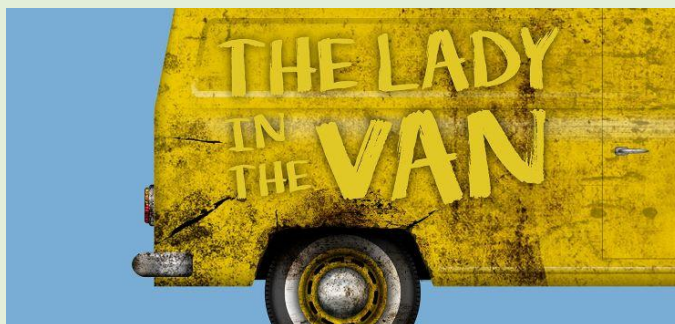
SOLD OUT

Alan Bennett's poignant and hilarious play "The Lady In The Van."

I have reserved a small number of tickets for Saturday 12th August 2023 at 11:30am, which is the new matinee time. The price is £21 pp.

Those of you who like to picnic are welcome to do so after the performance.

Can I remind you that we don't provide transport for this event.



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New groups and those with vacancies

GROUPS SEEKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS:

BOOK GROUP 4 We currently have 2 vacancies. For more information please contact [Rosanne Greaves](#) via the link.

Book Group 4 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 in members' houses.

INDOOR BOWLS - We meet at Melton Indoor Bowls Club on Thursdays' at 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start, with a refreshment break at 3.00 ish. We have vacancies at all levels and experience, but play mainly for social pleasure. Please contact the Group Leader, John Wilson, via the hyperlink on the group page.

Mah Jong - We meet in the Library room at The Admiral Hornblower on Wednesdays' from 9:30 to 11:30. We have three vacancies. Please contact the Group Convenor, Alan Costello, via the group page.

Android Tablet Users Group - We currently have vacancies. Please contact the Group Leader via the hyperlink on the group page.

IPad Users Group - We currently have vacancies. 15:00 to 16:00 on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Please contact the Group Leader via the hyperlink on the group page.

Tai Chi - We meet weekly on Thursdays at 2.30pm. Please contact Janet Bilby via the hyperlink on the group page.

Creative Writing - We meet in a private room in The Admiral Hornblower. We usually meet on the last Friday of every month at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Sylvia Raven via the group page.

British History - We are a friendly group who meet once a month, on the second Tuesday of the month between 2pm and 3.30pm, in The Snug at The Wisteria Hotel in Oakham. There is an expectation that a tea or coffee is purchased. We are interested in the different aspects of British History and their impact on Society, ranging from the Stone Age to the last decade. Two or three members research a topic in detail and report back to the group on the aspects of the work that have interested them. Friendly and informal discussion then takes place. Topics recently considered include: The Romans,

The Industrial Revolution and Bletchley Park. Interested? Please contact Sharon Pratt via rutlandu3a.groups.com. Or phone 07796931818.

Scrabble Group 3 - GROUP LEADER: [Ralph Carter](#). We currently have vacancies - new members are most welcome to come along and join us. No experience necessary. Currently meeting at The Lord Nelson pub, Oakham at 2.00pm on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. There is an expectation that a tea or coffee is purchased at The Lord Nelson.

English Country Dancing - We are a friendly group who meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 2pm at Langham Village Hall. No prior experience necessary. Members are required to wear flat, soft soled shoes and there is currently a charge of £2 per session to meet the cost of the hall; paid in advance as part of a bank transfer prepayment scheme. Interested? Please contact [Pam Hornby](#) via the hyperlink on the group page.

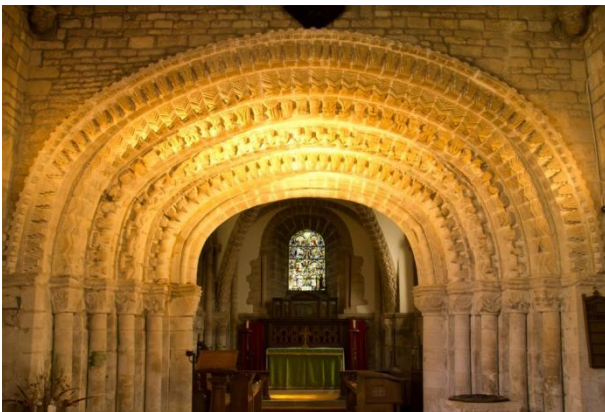
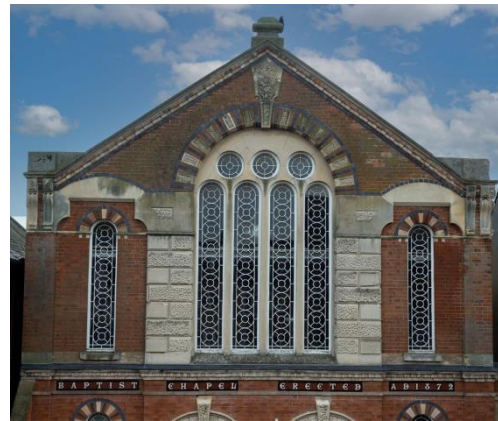
New suggestions are always welcome! You do not have to be an expert to run a group - all that is needed is interest and enthusiasm.

Please remember that you must be a member of Rutland U3A before you can join any group.

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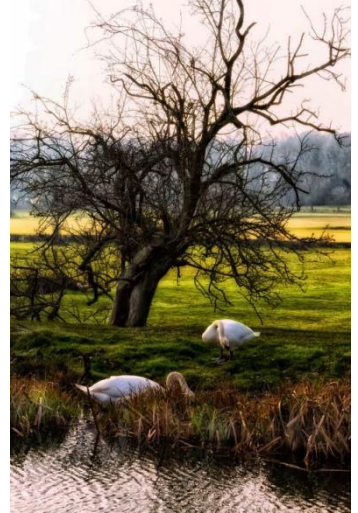
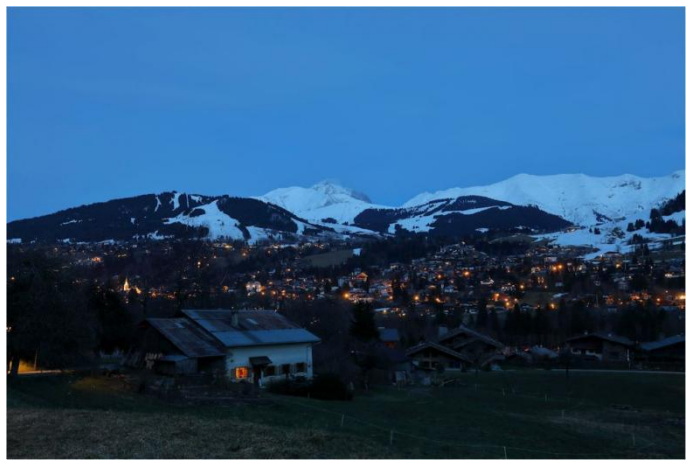
News from the groups

This month we have some more stunning photographs from the photography group including a number featuring local churches.



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Oakham in Bloom has open positions, are you interested in volunteering?

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or
commitment
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Lord Lieutenant of Rutland's

CORONATION CHARITY 'CLEAR OUT TO HELP OUT' CAR BOOT



**Mammoth
Car Boot**

Food and Drink

Fun Fair & Rides

Children's Entertainment

Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 10am til 4pm

All proceeds in aid of: Rutland Foodbank, Citizens Advice, and For Rutland.
Rutland Showground, Showground Way, Oakham, LE15 7TW

www.rutlandcarboot.com

**Good quality items for sale can be donated in the week before
to Oakham Town Council at LE15 6LN or on Sunday 7th at the
Showground between 10am and 12.**

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Stamford Stitchers

Exhibition



at Rutland County Museum
20th May - 14th June 2023

Rutland County Museum, Catmose Street, Oakham
Rutland LE15 6HW Tel: 01572 758440
www.rutlandcountymuseum.org.uk
Open: Mon, Weds, Fri & Sat, 10am - 4pm



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The Museum hosts Cinema for Rutland, an initiative by [Arts for Rutland](#). Cinema showings take place on the first Thursday of the month at the Rutland County Museum.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm showing

Thursday 4th May 2023 – ‘The Railway Children Return’ (PG)

The story continues, following the adventures of a young family evacuated to Yorkshire during the Second World War.

Director : Morgan Matthews – Starring : Beau Gadson, Eden Hamilton, Jessica Baglow, Sheridan Smith and Jenny Agutter.



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Committee Members

Chairman

Ros Kenny

Company Secretary

Hedley Greaves

Treasurer

Bob Bennett

Data Protection

Bryan Howard

Groups coordinator

Sharon Pratt

Membership Secretary

Lucy Marsland

Membership Shadow

Janet Bilby

Speakers Secretary

Wanda Allen

Speakers Shadow

David Leary

Social Secretary

Diane Case

Committee advisers and helpers

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