

Rutland u3a newsletter

August 2022

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A note from the Chairman

I hope you have been enjoying the summer. I love the heat but I was pleased to hear the rain last night as my garden was beginning to look very sad.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the August meeting. Fran Sandham was a great speaker.

We will be in very safe hands with our September speaker, Richard Adams. Richard is one of our members and his talk "Do you remember when?" with photographs and music promises to be uplifting, something we need in these uncertain times. If you haven't heard him speak, you have missed something special. It is quite magical how he matches music to photography.

Free tea and coffee will be available.

Our Social calendar is beginning to take off now. If you have any ideas please let Diane Case, our Social Secretary have them.

I am very aware that we only thrive because of our membership so please keep giving us feedback whether it be good or not so good! Looking forward to seeing you then,

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. Please send items for next month to: rutlandu3a.info@gmail.com or via the website

The deadline for publication for the next edition of the newsletter is 22nd September 2022

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Monthly Meeting at the Victoria Hall
Thursday 1 September 10.00 for 10.30am

Do you Remember when?



Richard moved to Rutland in 1973 where he worked as a Chief Officer for the Council for twenty three years and then as Town Clerk for Oakham for a further seven. Richard is well known for his moving Youtube films and for his beautifully presented printed calendars which feature the countryside, towns and villages of Rutland as captured through the lens of his camera.

The idea for the title started when his daughter asked him to let her have a list of some of favourite memories. He will share with us using his love of photography and music some of his memories of significant dates and events in his own life and that of our local community. A welcome respite from the gloomy news and depressing predictions that form the soundtrack of our lives for far too much of the time.

Monthly Meeting

As well as hearing from our interesting speakers, the monthly meeting is an opportunity to meet the committee and other members and in addition find out about social activities and new groups.

You are also be able to enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee on arrival.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.



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Social Events

Ad Hoc Dining



21 members enjoyed meeting up on 17th August over a meal and a drink in the very comfortable surroundings of the Buttercross. . It's always good to see everyone and this time we had four new members join us, which is what the evening is all about. We certainly hope to see Mike, Madge, Sue and Lynne again on future occasions.

Numbers are growing steadily and if anyone else would like to come along on the 3rd Wednesday of the month you will be very welcome. The next evening will be 21st September @ 6.30pm. Just let Helen Shea (07919 273192) or Diane Case (07887 990906) know you are joining us so that we can make you welcome.

Petanque Evening 18 Aug

15 members spent a very enjoyable evening playing a few games outside in the grounds of the lovely village pub, The Old White Hart, Lyddington. before sitting down to a lovely, tasty meal in a beautiful dining room. Conversation was lively and, again, it was great to catch up. We certainly hope to book again next year so why not join us for an evening of fun,



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New groups & groups seeking more members

Groups seeking additional members:

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.

Creative Writing 2 - We would welcome new members of all levels of ability to the group and we encourage members to work together in critiquing one another's contributions. Some of the areas that we are currently covering include:

- Childhood memories
- Something that makes our heart sing or we are passionate about.

We meet on the third Monday of each month, at 2pm, in The Snug at The Wisteria Hotel in Oakham. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Sharon Pratt via Rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com or on 07796931818.

Current Affairs Our meetings start on the last Wednesday morning of the month at 10am and last around two hours including a coffee break. Contact the group leader Marlene Branagh via the group page.

Tai Chi -(Thursdays 2.30pm) Please contact Janet, Tel: 01664 474116

Watercolour - We meet on the first and third Monday of the month at 1.30pm in The Lord Nelson. We currently have 1 vacancy. Please contact the Group Leader via the hyperlink on the group page.

Apps from Scratch - We meet every three to four weeks to explore the technology behind web sites, and more. We would love more people to join us - please email us using the link on our group page.

Basic Computing - Previous meetings have taken place on Wednesday pm in Oakham. Please contact [Phil Grimley](#) for more information.

New groups & groups seeking more members (continued)

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 - First Wednesday of the month (excepting January, when it is the second Wednesday) at 2pm at VAR building, Lands End Way, Oakham. Please contact Pam, Tel: 01572 724387

Play Reading 2 - Meeting on the fourth Thursday morning of the month. Contact Margaret Glenn via the hyperlink on the Play Reading 2 link page.

Intermediate Italian - Meeting on alternate Tuesday afternoons and very keen to hear from anyone interested in developing their skills in Italian. Please contact [Julie Garner](#)

French for Fun - We are a beyond beginners French group and are looking for new members. We meet at 2pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month at The Lord Nelson. Please contact [Sallie Chester](#) if you are interested in joining us.

Poetry Appreciation - We would welcome a couple of new members. We meet in members' homes at 2pm on the third Wednesday of every month (except August). Please contact Charles Lawrence via the group page if you are interested.

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

Contact Sharon at rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com



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News from u3a region

THE LATE-SUMMER QUIZ

u3a

By Zoom

MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2022

All u3a members in the
East Midlands can take part:

Singles 🗳️

Couples 🗳️🗳️

Teams (up to 4) 🗳️🗳️🗳️🗳️ 🗳️🗳️

A handicap system makes it fair for all

No limit on the numbers from
each u3a

To Register send:

Your name & email address

Name of your u3a

Team name (if any)

To: u3alatesummerquiz@gmail.com

You'll receive a confirmation email
within a couple of days
and Zoom details on Sept. 16th

REGISTER NOW – PLACES ARE LIMITED!

The quiz will start promptly at 7:00pm – login from 6:45pm

We aim to finish around 8:45–9.00pm

There will be a 10-minute comfort/drinks top-up break after Round 4

Answers will be given after Rounds 4 and 8

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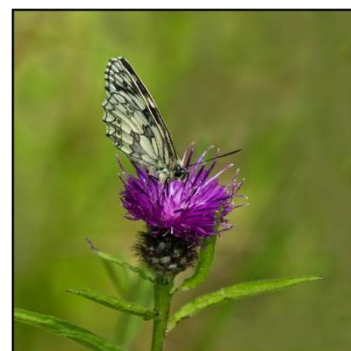
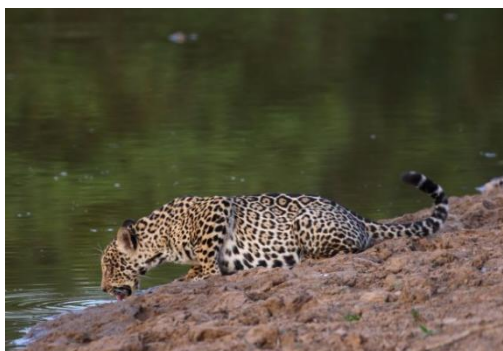
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The photography group have produced some more stunning images this month.



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Art Appreciation Group 3 - Gallery Visit



Photograph from Kotomi

In July the Art Appreciation 3 group went on an arranged visit to the Goldmark Gallery in Uppingham. The staff were very accommodating giving their time and expertise as well as coffee.

We enjoyed viewing the exhibits together, pointing out interesting aspects to each other and observing the techniques applied.

After two hours we departed and went to the Falcon Hotel where we enjoyed more coffee and further discussion. We all enjoyed our visit and all wished to make a return visit in the near future.

Sally Dux

Papercraft Group

Card making is a wonderful creative hobby that lets crafters create beautiful mini pieces of art. Not only is this hobby relaxing, but it can also be rewarding. You can spread joy through these special and personalized handmade cards.

Right are cards that we made at our August meeting.

Jenny Seccombe



Wine Group Visit



The Wine Group (1) visited The Rutland Vineyard this month where they were given a very warm welcome. After excellent coffee and cake the group had a stroll around the nature trail and through the vines before returning to the cool of the cafe. There they all tried a flight of wine with some of the wines on sale. A lovely morning's trip especially as every member was able to come even though it was the middle of August. Julia Haynes

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News from the Groups

Church Visits Group - Reports from their April and July Visits

St John the Evangelist Caldecott Church Visit in April

It was our first visit since pre Covid, and eleven members enjoyed the visit and a lively talk by Mary, the Church Warden.

The first record of a church in Caldecott dates from 1267. The word Caldecott means near a Roman road and there are indications that a Roman temple was once built on or near the site of St Johns.

The architecture is mostly Gothic. The roof is made of Colly Western tiles and the roofers were busy making repairs during our visit. There is an urgency to complete them before May as bats return to roost.

There is a peel of 6 bells that are rung from ground level. Currently the clappers of the bells are being rebushed. The organ is 1909 from Taylors of Leicester. Above the chancel hangs a painting of the lion and the unicorn, the royal arms of Queen Victoria. Towards the altar on the right are two well preserved stone seats (sedilia) for the priests. The font dates from about 1300.

Outside the church near the porch is a large piece of rounded stone which was the tip of the spire that was struck by lightning on 30 July, 1797. There are interesting photos inside the church showing a more recent repair, 2015, of the spire and replacement of the weathervane. In the church yard are 10 large rectangular tomb stones that are listed buildings. There is a sun dial above the porch, also two small holes in the stonework to the left where a walking stick or straight rod could be placed to read the time.

We had a lively talk and tour of the church yard by Mary, the church warden who then provided us with tea and biscuits. Eleven members attended and to show our appreciation we made a donation of £55 to the church funds.

U3A VISIT TO OAKHAM METHODIST CHURCH

On 13th July the Church Visits Group of U3A visited Oakham Methodist Church. The church was opened in March 1998 and is an example of inspired modern church design. It replaced and is on the same site as a Methodist church built in 1865.

During the tour the group received a talk from Pauline Collett, author of *The Parish Churches of Rutland*. The visit started in the Wesley Hall, the main church and worship area on the ground floor.

Pauline gave the history of Methodism in Oakham, originally represented by two churches, Primitive and Wesleyan, which combined in 1932 with Methodist Union nationally.

Pauline highlighted in particular the two foundation stones for the earlier and the current churches, now found in the entrance, and the two 'time capsules', both on display but the current one to be opened at some unknown time in the future.

Architectural features of the church of particular note were: contrasting internal brickwork, windows giving open to outside but disrupted by symbols so as not to be too intrusive, a high open roof with three crosses set into the beams, the way in which the building has turned the different levels of the earlier church, which had become an impediment, to its advantage.

The church had been designed with adaptability in mind so that the raised staging at the front of the Wesley Hall and the chairs (not pews!) can easily be re-arranged for different types of social activity and worship.

Proceeding next to the third level, visitors entered the glass-fronted 'upper room' which overlooks the Wesley Hall. It is included in the sound system so it can take an overflow of visitors on such occasions as funerals or be used for meetings and other activities.

Finally, on the second level the group gathered in the Dean's Hall. This is a large hall used for social gathering, local community group meetings, and is adjacent to a modern kitchen with a serving hatch. Here, Pauline completed her presentation, and our U3A group took advantage of the facilities to enjoy tea and cakes and a chat.

Miriam Tressider

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