

Rutland u3a newsletter

February 2022



A note from the Chairman

It was so good to see so many members and prospective members at our last meeting. It was also good to be back in Victoria Hall. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the February Meeting such a success. The bring and buy stall raised £60.

One thing that is very apparent is that many groups are full. If any of you belong to a group but no longer attend it please consider giving your place up so that new members have a chance to pursue their interests. There is also the possibility of starting a new group and Sharon, our groups Coordinator is only too happy to help get these off the ground.

The Speaker at our March meeting on 3rd will be Hazel Griffiths who will talk to us about A Passage through India. We will space the seating to a lesser degree than previously and face masks remain optional. Paul and Sam will be on hand to provide tea or coffee at £1 per cup.

You will be aware that the proposed trip to see Carousel at Kilworth House had to be cancelled as too few showed an interest. Do you have any ideas of places that you think the membership would like to visit? It would be great to get the social calendar off the ground again.

Now to the issue of the Committee. We need fresh blood on the committee. Think about coming along to a committee meeting to see how we work. It really isn't an onerous thing to be a Committee member but it is a vital role. It isn't just the well-being of Rutland u3a that is at stake; it is the difference between us functioning or going kaput!

Membership fees become due in March and Bob (treasurer) and Lucy (Members Secretary) have done their usual good work in preparation for this. We ask that you pay via bank transfer if at all possible; it's easy! However don't worry if you can't pay this way as you can pay by Card at our Monthly Meetings in Victoria Hall on 3 March and 7 April. Our preference for payments via bank transfer and by Card is because our bank now charges £0.40 per cheque paid in. If all 700 members paid by cheque, that would be a loss of £280.00 to our U3A. That's the equivalent of losing the Subs from 23 members!

Here's to normality again!

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 20th March 2022

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BIG CHANGES at the BANK!



Bob the Treasurer

HSBC now charges £5.00 per Account per Month : That will cost £180 pa



Miss A Penny @ HSBC

Close the Deposit Account and Social Account – You can operate more efficiently using a single account for £60.00 pa



Bob the Treasurer

HSBC now charges £0.40 per Cheque and 0.04% on Cash : That will cost over £200 pa



Miss A Penny @ HSBC

Ask your members to pay on-line – It's tried & tested. Last year, 59 million people in the UK spent £80 billion on-line

You can help Rutland U3A by paying your Annual Subscriptions, Activity & Events Fees on Line : That will save over £200 pa and your Committee Volunteers' valuable time



You can pay your Subs by Card at our March Meeting

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[Click Here. Then
press play to sing
along with Bob](#)

Sing Along

with Bob the Treasurer!

Very similar to *On the Sunny Side of the Street* by Jimmy McHugh & Dorothy Fields 1930



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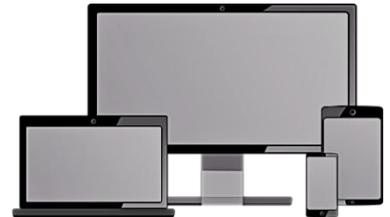
TEA AND TEACH TECH SESSIONS BARCLAYS BANK OAKHAM EVERY FRIDAY

BEGINNERS: 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

INTERMEDIATES: 1.00 pm -2.00 pm

Sessions are run by the Bank Manager Damian and his Digital Eagles. The sessions are designed to help you gain confidence with online activities such as shopping and banking. Please bring your own phone, tablet or laptop.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Sue on rutlandu3a.digital@gmail.com for more details and place availability.



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As we approach our annual renewal of Rutland u3a membership in March, a polite reminder: please can all Group Leaders check that every member of their group has indeed renewed their membership so that the TAT insurance which we are covered by when holding meetings is not invalidated.

It was great that there were so many new faces at the February meeting and folk joining on-line but some people have chosen to do a taster session with a group before committing. That is absolutely fine. However it is important that Group Leaders check that these folk have now signed up should they wish to join a group permanently. If Group Leaders need to check please ask me, the Groups' Coordinator, (via rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com) as I can quickly confirm this.

As for group members please do not be offended, particularly if you have been a member of a group for some time, and your Group Leader asks for your membership number. It is important that we all keep our records up to date.

Sharon, Groups Coordinator

A black silhouette of a mosque with a large central dome and several minarets. The text is overlaid in yellow on the silhouette.

Rutland u3a monthly
meeting:
Thursday 3rd March.
10am doors open for a 10.30
start
at the Victoria Hall Oakham

Our speaker Hazel Griffiths will be taking us on a passage
through India

The meeting is free to u3a members:
See <https://u3asites.org.uk/rutland/home> for more details

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Your Network has reached a really critical position!

The committee of Leicestershire and Rutland Network of u3as is asking for your help, and that of your committee, ex- committee members and all members of your u3a.

The Network committee is five in total and will reduce to four in March when I finish my term of office at our AGM.

To continue as a support for the u3as in these counties we need not only a **new chairperson** but **additional committee members** as well.

- ↖ Network meetings give u3as a chance to pool their successes, discuss their difficulties and exchange ideas.
- ↖ The Network offers workshops and discussion groups to interested members and committee members.
- ↖ Network quizzes are popular especially when we can start having them at different venues with refreshments.
- ↖ *Network News* keeps you informed on u3a national developments, local matters of common interest, new speaker availability and much more.

This plea is URGENT and needs to be resolved before we prepare for the AGM as the agenda might have to include plans for the dissolution of the Network.

- ↖ We have sent out requests for volunteers for a while now with no success.
- ↖ Please will you all try again to find volunteers?
- ↖ Some former members of your committee might find they have time on their hands and would be willing to use their knowledge and skills to support the Network.
- ↖ New members might also be able to offer their time. I know it is a big ask for serving committee members, so we have to widen our search.
- ↖ The committee meets about five times a year on Zoom, so no time is wasted on travel! There are also two General Meetings each year.

If this plea is not successful it is highly likely the Network will cease to exist. Please respond to chairman@landru3a.org.uk.

SPRING QUIZ

u3a

Monday 21st March 2022 at 7:00pm
by Zoom

WHO CAN JOIN?

Open to:

- ✎ all u3a members in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland
- ✎ Teams of up to 4 members
- ✎ Couples
- ✎ Singles
- ✎ No limit on the number of entries from each u3a

A Handicap system will make it fairer for all

HOW DO I JOIN?

To Register send:

- ✎ Your name
- ✎ Name of your u3a
- ✎ Team name/leader (if a team) To:

coordinator@landru3a.org.uk

Confirmation:

- ✎ By email normally within 24 hours
- ✎ Zoom details will be sent a couple of days before the quiz

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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News from the Groups

Country Dancing

This is a small but enthusiastic group with members ranging from complete beginners to those who remember a little from school to experienced club dancers.

Those who can help others to learn. The object is to have fun whilst learning and having a bit of exercise.

We next meet at Voluntary Action Rutland in Lands End Way, Oakham at 2pm on Wednesday, 2 March. All welcome; including absolute beginners.



Papercrafts Group

Another photo of the Papercrafts Group's efforts. We spent a happy couple of hours upcycling. Using die cutting machines and various shaped dies we cut up our recent Christmas cards to make toppers that we can use to make Christmas cards and gift tags later in the year.

The toppers can be used on cards in a number of ways, either on their own or with backing papers and other embellishments. A good way to recycle and re-use.



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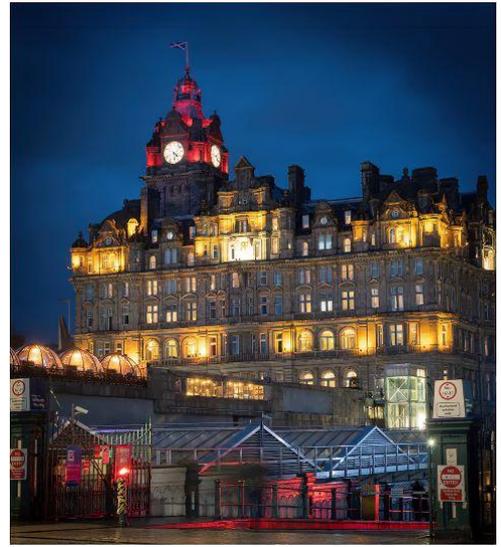
News from the groups

The photographic group continue to share some beautiful shots of frosty nature and the countryside around us.



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News from the groups



French Group re-launch - Beyond Beginners

The French for Fun group, which meets at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at The Lord Nelson in Oakham, is planning to re-start as a Beyond Beginners group and will welcome new members. The group will suit people who have done some French, perhaps 'O' Level many years ago, and who would like to return to learning the language. Anyone interested should please contact the Groups' Coordinator, Sharon Pratt: rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com



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Community News

An exhibition of works from one of our members - well worth visiting.

Alan Oliver – Artist

an exhibition of his work



at Rutland County Museum
12 February - 12 March 2022

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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Opening hours

Tuesday – Saturday

10:00 - 4:00pm

This a new, innovative cafe in the lovely village of Easton on the Hill, just outside Stamford, Lincs. It is partly staffed by young adults with Down's Syndrome and serves the local village community and its many visitors.

It just off the A43 in Easton on the Hill, on New Road, PE9 3NN. It is next door to the Little Lane Nursery. There is Car Parking at rear and disabled access at both front and rear.

Interesting in skiing?

One of our members, Selwyn, is looking for people to join him on a skiing trip. Some of us, like him, are running out of skiing partners due to knees, hips, fixed incomes, and many other reasons.

He is looking to book late and travel in March this year staying in a chalet. Selwyn can provide further details if you are interested whether it be for this year or next.

If you contact rutlandu3a.info@gmail.com details can be passed, with your permission, on to him so that he may contact you for further information



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Committee Members

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Ros Kenny

Company Secretary

Hedley Greaves

Treasurer

Bob Bennett

Data Protection

Bryan Howard

Digital Inclusion

Sue Morecroft

Groups coordinator

Sharon Pratt

Membership Secretary

Lucy Marsland

Speakers Secretary

Wanda Allen

Social Secretary

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Jill Stacey

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Vacancy

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