

Rutland u3a newsletter

June 2021



A note from the Chairman

A huge Thank You to all of you who came to support us on u3a Day and for your donations for the raffle.

We had great fun setting the stall up and the weather certainly helped. Sharon, our Groups Coordinator went the extra mile as usual in organising the raffle and delivering all the prizes. Hedley and Diane's help was also much appreciated. Special thanks must go to The Ukulele band who really did make the morning. They certainly drew people to our stall with such great, fun music. Ten new members joined as a direct result of our presence in the Market Place that day which is very pleasing.

The Network Quiz in the evening of June 2nd was well attended and I think Roger Prescott, the Network Coordinator is planning another in the Autumn.

It was a privilege to have Richard Adams speaking to us at the last meeting. I wasn't the only one who was really moved by his fantastic photography and music.

This month's speaker on Thursday July 1st at 10.30am is Ian Davidson who will tell us all about his many successful years of entering consumer competitions and the varied and amazing prizes he has won. I will send out the invitation as usual the preceding weekend.

Many of you will be aware of the plans to turn Victoria Hall into a cinema next year. I'd like to reassure you that the committee have been looking at several venues in Oakham for our monthly meetings should this venture be successful.

I am now going into my garden to try to rescue the plants that have been beaten down by the rain (much needed of course).

With all good wishes to you all,

Ros





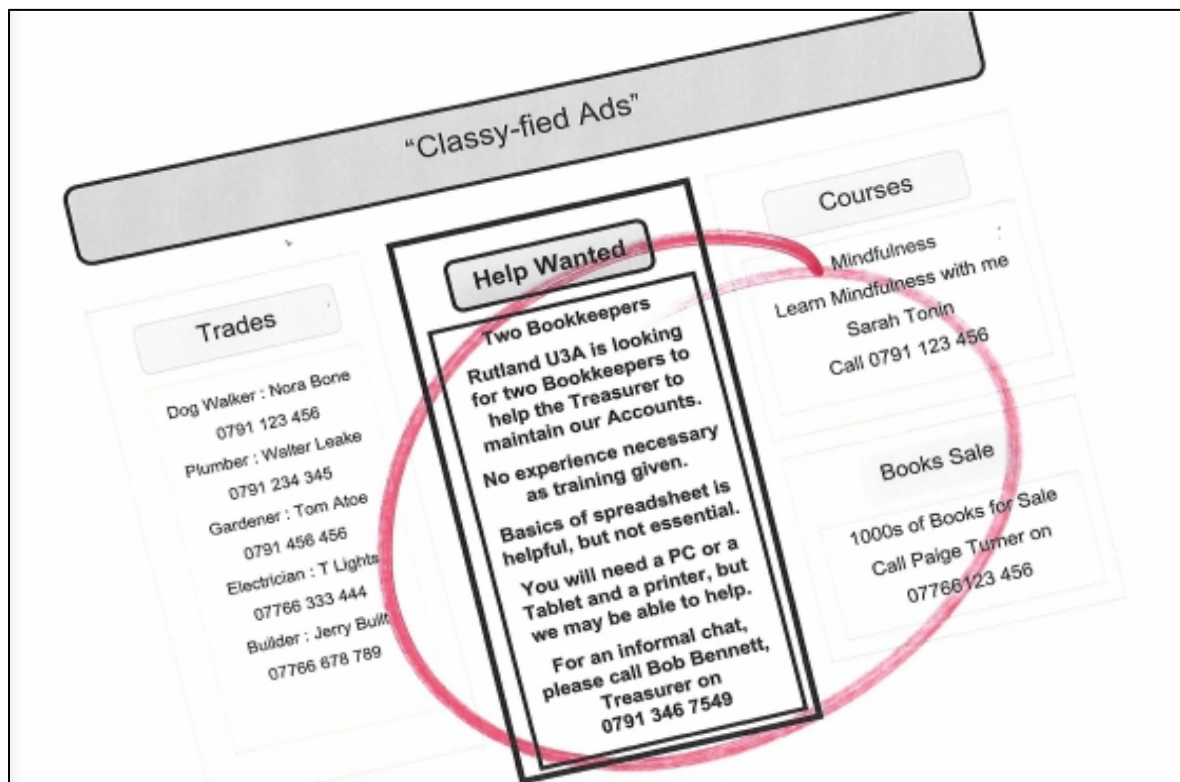
u3a Day in Oakham - 2 June 2021

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Zoom Meeting - Thursday 1st July

Ian Davidson, our speaker has been entering consumer competitions for over 40 years and has won many amazing prizes, travelled to beautiful countries, attended incredible sports events such as The London Olympic Games and met some of the Worlds best known celebrities; they truly do call him 'The King of Comps'

He communicates to audiences in a fun and encouraging way, telling just some of his stories and inspiring listeners to maybe start entering competitions themselves, by giving many of the tips and tricks to entering that he has built up over the last 40 years of entering and winning.



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 July 2021

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New groups

Applications from Scratch

Have you ever wondered how the software in your computer, tablet or smartphone works? Would you like to develop your skills and knowledge of this subject?

We are looking to set up a friendly, self-help group to build our own computer applications for use on PCs, tablets and mobile phones.

Some of us have worked in IT and are looking to extend or refresh our programming skills but we would also very much welcome anyone without an IT background who is interested in learning about it by writing some software of their own.

We will be using up-to-date technology, but given the phenomenal pace of change in this area there will always be lots for everyone to learn.

At this stage, we'd like to set up an informal group, to see what interest and expertise we have - everyone is really welcome!

We meet fortnightly on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 via Zoom

*If you are interested, please contact Bob Bennett
on bobbennett999@yahoo.co.uk or you can telephone 0791 346 7549 for an
informal chat*

New Papercraft Group

Are you interested in papercrafts, card making, book folding, quilling etc? We would like to form a small group of interested people to meet once a month (once we can meet again) to share ideas and skills.

No minimum skill level required. If you are interested please contact Jennie Perryman at jenniep@sky.com



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New groups & News from the groups

New Group - Pressed Flower Work

The introductory session will take place in Oakham from 15:45 to 16:45 on Tuesday 7 September.

There are one or two places available. If you are interested please contact Sharon on 07796931818 or via Rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com

Examples of what you can achieve include these beautiful fairy pictures created by Olive Saunders. She will be leading the group. No experience necessary.



Tuesday morning Walking Group

The group have been enjoying walks all over the area exploring the countryside : Wymondham, Foxton Locks, Market Overton and Ryhall. We have been mostly lucky with the weather and the walks have been well supported – usually over 20 members.



Since May 17th we have been able to gather in groups of up to 30 outside and had some pub and cafe lunches.

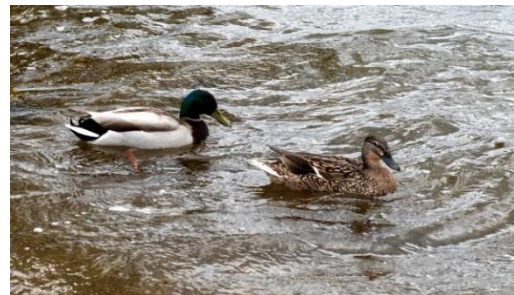


Judy Phillips

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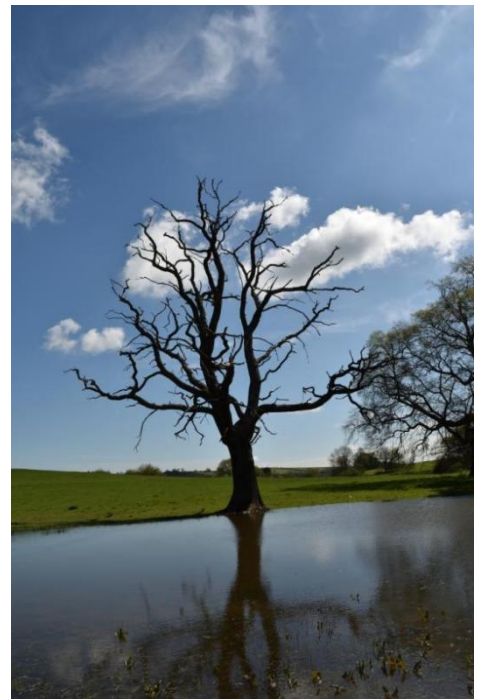
News from the groups

Thank you to the photographic group for some stunning examples of their work.



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Community News

Rutland Village Walks

Members who feel they have exhausted the possibilities of local walks during the pandemic, and are looking for something a bit different, might be interested in a series of village history walks created by the Rutland Local History and Record Society. These 17 walks may be followed using leaflets that can be downloaded from the Society's website:

<http://www.rutlandhistory.org/villagewalks.htm>

They provide details for an informative, historical walk round each village. Most are accompanied by a map and all walks and maps can be printed. Please note that the walks are the copyright of Rutland Local History and Record Society.

Following any of the walks will offer the benefit of fresh air and gentle exercise combined with a dose of culture!



Jane Gillon

People are being invited to comment on proposals for improved pedestrian and cyclist provisions along Burley Road in Oakham.

The proposals involve increasing the width of the pavement that runs along the north side of Burley Road to create a three-metre-wide shared space with markings for both pedestrians and cyclists. Some road signs and street furniture would be moved to accommodate the changes. The plans also propose the removal of a layby close to Burley Road bus stop, to create one continuous unbroken route.

Further information, including illustrative plans for the scheme, can be viewed online at: www.rutland.gov.uk/burleyroad. Copies of the plans are also available to view at Oakham library.

The consultation runs Monday 14 June until midnight on Sunday 11 July.

The consultation is open to all Rutland residents, businesses and organisations as well as visitors to Rutland.

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