

Rutland u3a newsletter

June 2022

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A note from the Chairman

I am in reflective mood as I start the third year as your Chairman. This will be my first in "normal" times and I am looking forward to a year where we can be the Rutland u3a that I joined some 6 years ago.

Our social secretary, Diane Case, has got off to a flying start and she and her committee are well on the way to giving us a great social programme.

Our speaker on July 7th is David Templeman who will tell us about Mary, Queen of Scots, The Captive Queen.

I moved to this part of the world knowing nobody. I had been in u3a in Cambridge so as soon as my boxes were unpacked I joined our u3a. I have made such good friends since moving here, many because I joined the committee early on. It really made me feel part of the "club". Are you a new member who is feeling a bit unconnected to us all? Joining the committee is a great way to correct this. You will have plenty of time to test the water as you won't have to fill a specific role this year but can see what appeals to you as the year progresses. You are very welcome to sit in on a committee meeting to see what we get up to. (Of course, this invitation is to you all not just new members!)

We also need volunteers to help us at the monthly meetings. In particular, Jane Gillon needs helpers to welcome new members.

With all good wishes

Ros

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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 2022

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**Monthly Meeting at the Victoria Hall - Thursday 7 July
10.00 for 10.30am**

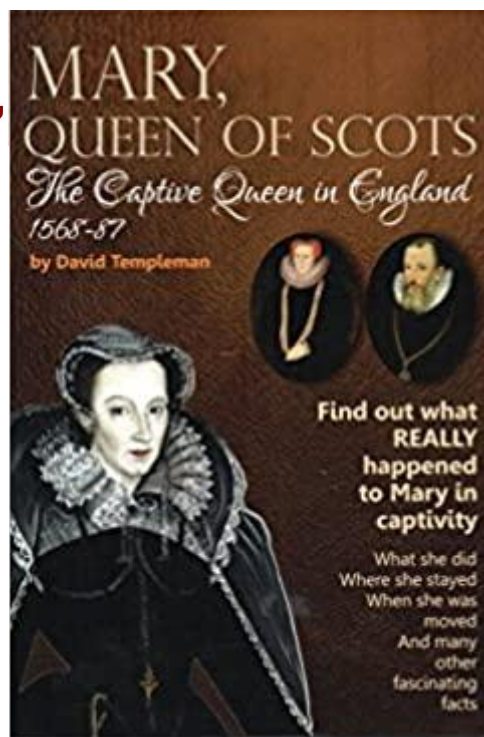
David Templeman

“Mary Queen of Scots: The Captive Queen”

Discover the fascinating story of Mary Queen of Scots' years in captivity in English prisons following her flight from Scotland.

David Templeman specialises in the study of Elizabethan history with local connections and is a national historian, speaker and author. During recent years he has given talks to audiences at Literary Festivals in Sheffield, Buxton and Derby, on location in Buxton Pump Room and at Chesterfield Winding Wheel Theatre and has undertaken a book-tour in Scotland.

Rather than the benign period described by her biographers, David will bring you tales of a time of intrigue, passion, plots and escape attempts. Signed copies of his book will be on sale after his talk.



Ad Hoc Dining



On Wednesday 15 June thirteen members gathered at the Old Buttercross pub to enjoy a meal, a drink or two and some convivial conversation. As usual, we were all made very welcome by Michaela, the manager, and she very soon came to take our orders. We all had a very good evening and now look forward to the third Wednesday in July (20th) when we will meet again. If any other members would like to join us you will be made most welcome. Contact Helen Shea 07919 273192 or Diane Case 07887 990906 to let us know you are coming.

A REMINDER

Don't forget that the **Petanque Evening** is at Lyddington on 18 August. There is still time to complete a booking form and arrange payment if you would like to be included. Contact Diane Case 07887 990906 if you would like more information.

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New groups & groups seeking more members

Groups seeking additional members:

For contact links see: <https://u3asites.org.uk/rutland/groups>

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.

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 email: phil.grimley@hotmail.co.uk for more information

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 Melanie or Derek Grant 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.

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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

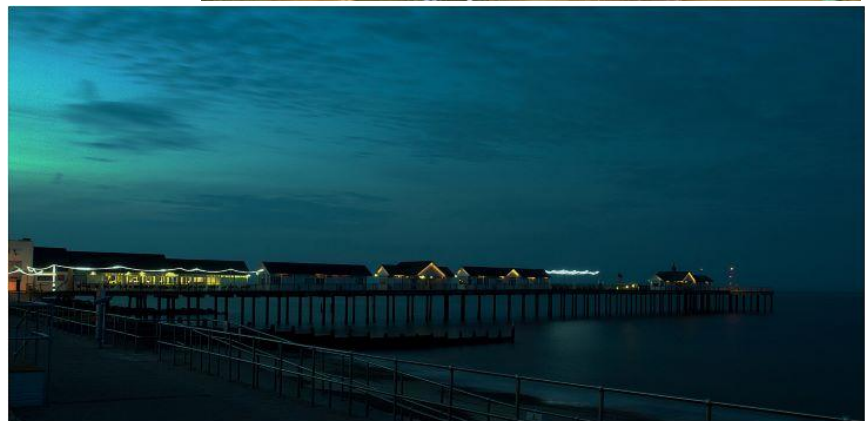
Answers will be given after Rounds 4 and 8

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An interesting variety of subjects from the photography group this month.



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Art Appreciation Three



Five ladies met in The Snug at The Wisteria on Monday 23rd May. We meet at 10am on the 4th Monday of the month - so the next meeting is on Monday, 27th June when member Una Ozga will lead the discussion on Cubism.

On 25th July we will be visiting the Goldmark Gallery at Uppingham for which there are a limited number of places. People who want to join the gallery visit or join this new group please contact Sharon Pratt via rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com or phone 07796931818.

Community News

Sunday concerts at the Bandstand in Cutts Close, Oakham, 2.30pm - 4pm



- ✓ Sunday the 3rd of July - Rutland Big Band
- ✓ Sunday the 10th of July - Lord Lieutenant of Rutland's party in the park: The Blue Bird Belles and Manky Beds (12pm - 4.30pm)
- ✓ Sunday the 17th of July - Uppingham Jazz and Soul Band
- ✓ Sunday the 24th of July - Smokestack blues band
- ✓ Sunday the 31st of July - Rutland Choral Society
- ✓ Sunday the 7th of August - Freudian Slippers
- ✓ Sunday the 14th of August - Hathern Band

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Committee Members

Chairman

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

Diane Case

Additional Members

Janet Bilby

David Leary

Committee advisers and helpers

Publicity

Jill Stacey

Minutes

Vacancy

Website

Phil Grimley

Hall set up and AV

Peter and Jane Hammond

Michael Seccombe

Beacon

Vic Newland

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Social Team

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Norma Hardy

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