

Rutland u3a newsletter

May 2022

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A note from the Chairman



Another sunny day here as I write this. The garden is coming back to life and I'm enjoying the longer evenings. Our speaker at last month's meeting, Alex Leger, kept us entertained with his reminiscences about his work on Blue Peter.

Next month we have Jo Golby telling us "Tales of a Tour Guide". She is a seasoned guide having worked in various historic buildings. This Meeting on **June 9th** (note the date) will begin with our AGM. We hope to welcome you to this meeting but, if you are unable to attend, please use your vote online to make sure we are quorate and Rutland u3a can continue. Thank you, Bob for facilitating this. I am ever grateful for your IT skills.

Even though the closing date for nominations for the committee has passed, it is still possible to be co-opted onto it so please consider this, you will be made very welcome. I hope you all enjoy any Platinum Jubilee celebrations that you are planning, maybe you will be tackling the Jubilee Pudding. I am just looking forward to eating it!

With all good wishes 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 June 2022

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Monthly Meeting at the Victoria Hall - Thursday 9 May
10.00 for 10.30am

Jo Golby: True Tales of a Tour Guide

Jo has been an Historical Costumed Tour Guide for over 3 decades at properties such as Warwick Castle, Bosworth Battlefield and Calke Abbey.

Jo promises to give us a light hearted talk which recounts the weird and wonderful experiences she has encountered during her time in this role. From the laughable to the unbelievable, with people and experiences that have been impossible to forget and should be shared with others.

Jo doesn't need to make it up - it's all true.



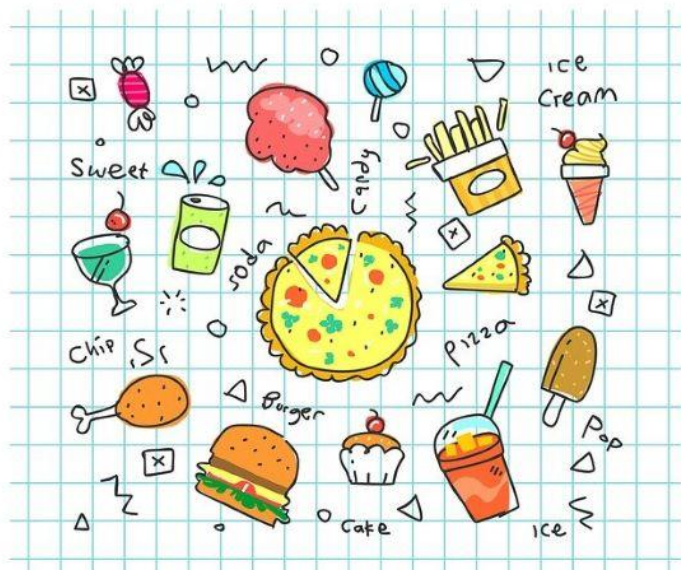
Ad Hoc Dining

This monthly event has started up again after such a long time. Twelve members were very excited to meet up at 6.30pm on 18 May at the Old Buttercross for an enjoyable meal, a drink or two and lots of conversation.

We were made to feel most welcome and we are looking forward to meeting there again next month on 15 June.

Details are on the website for all members, old and new, who might wish to join us.

Diane Case & Helen Shea



<https://u3asites.org.uk/rutland/events>

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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.

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.

Basic Computing - Previous meetings have taken place on Wednesday pm in Oakham. Please contact Phil email: phil.grimley@hotmail.co.uk for more information

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.

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.

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

Social History - We meet at 10am on the third Monday of the month. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lucy Marsland via rutlandu3a.members@gmail.com

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.

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Church Visits Group



Fifteen members (three new) of the Church Visiting Group visited St Peter and St Paul at Great Casterton. The talk was given by the priest in charge Rev. Don McGarrigle.

The church is an attractive building, has a pretty churchyard and a separate church hall. There is an oak door to enter the church.

Part of the church which exists today is from the 13th century, but it has apparently developed from a 12th century building.

The church consists of a nave, north and south aisles, chancel, south porch and an unusual tower which was added later by building it within the nave. There is also a vestry which was added in the early 1980's.

There is a fine example of wall painting, red five-lobed flowers, at the east end of the north aisle.

The font is of an unusual square design with a lozenge pattern and dates from early 13th century. It has a flat oak, locked cover. This is used about six times a year.



There are three stained glass windows, one of Jesus Christ on the cross and one of St Peter and another of what was thought to be St Paul. However, it was later identified as St James, a bishop from the diocese of Peterborough.

The 18th-century wooden pulpit was originally painted blue and gold but in recent years has been returned to its natural colour, wood. It has a canopy to assist the natural acoustics.

The churchyard is entered through an arched war memorial remembering the dead of both World Wars.

In recent years members of the church have decided not to cut the grass in the churchyard. This is to promote the biodiversity and help people to reconnect with nature.

At the far end of the churchyard there is a large modern Church Hall which is used for church council meetings and for the community of Great Castleton.

The poet John Clare married Martha "Patty" Turner in the church in 1820.

The interesting talk was followed by tea/coffee and cake.

Jenny Seccombe

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Since starting the Golf Group nearly a decade ago we have gone from strength to strength with numbers growing until we now have a typical turnout of 12 to 16 golfers playing the Rutland Water Nine hole Par 3 every Wednesday whatever the weather.

We have maintained the original ethos of meeting for enjoyment and exercise but have added the excitement of winter and summer competitions for those who want to be involved. As competitions involve more organisation we have been fortunate in having a succession of Captains taking on the task, starting with Robin Simms (sadly now passed away), then Marc Graves and currently Andy Gillard.

The 18th May marked a milestone in the group's year as it was time to present the trophy to the winner of the Winter eclectic and Knockout. This year won by David Loveday and presented at our meeting. It was also a happy occasion for the Group Sec (me) as the lads had clubbed together to make a presentation marking my 90th Birthday.

A lovely sunny day enjoyed by all.

Mike Churchill

Group Sec

Golf Group



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Papercrafts Group

In April the Papercrafts group used watercolour paint techniques to make background papers which we then used to make greetings cards.

At our May get together we did some upcycling with old magazine and map book pages. We started by making paper beads which we then turned into bracelets and earrings.

Jennie Perryman



Pressed Flower Group



The Pressed Flower Group made bookmarks at their May meeting - examples shown being on card and ribbon backgrounds. The Group Leader, Olive Saunders, ensured that the emphasis was on design. The next meeting is on 29 June with an emphasis on "Swirlies".

Anyone who is interested please contact Sharon Pratt on 07796931818 or via rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com



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The talented members of the photographic group are once again contributing beautiful examples of their work.



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