

# Rutland u3a newsletter

September 2022

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laugh,  
live

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## A note from the Chairman

I was born in 1953 after The Queen's Coronation so have never known a time without her being our Monarch. Whatever one's feelings about the Royal Family, she was a great example of dedication to duty. I found the whole funeral very moving and I am full of admiration for all who played their part to give us such an amazing spectacle.

I have just come back from a walk in glorious autumn sunshine in the gently undulating hills of Leicestershire. We are so lucky to have such fabulous countryside on our doorstep.

Talking of fabulous countryside and it's associated views our talk on Thursday October 6th is "Harringworth Viaduct-a Victorian Gem" given by John Hillier. This promises to give a fascinating insight into this feat of engineering that is just on our doorstep.

Remember that refreshments are free at the meeting.

For those of you who weren't able to be at the September meeting, I announced that the cost of renewing your membership next year will be just £1. (See Bob Bennett, our treasurer's contribution to this month's newsletter)

With all Good Wishes,

Ros



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Rutland u3a on @rutlandu3a



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](mailto:rutlandu3a.info@gmail.com) or via the website

The deadline for publication for the next edition of the newsletter is 20th October 2022

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## September 2022

### Monthly Meeting at the Victoria Hall Thursday 6 October 10.00 for 10.30am



The talk takes us on a journey over the past 200 years or so when the area along on the banks of the River Welland, which form the border between Northamptonshire and Rutland, was transformed into a noisy thriving industrial landscape for about 4 years whilst the viaduct towering some 70 feet over the village of Harringworth was being built.

Our Speaker, John Hillier has authored several books and has recently been involved with filming by the viaduct, this time taking part in a film for the National Railway Museum about the “Flying Scotsman”, an engine that has travelled across the viaduct several times.

The talk will include images taken from many vantage points around the area plus some taken from the air and also from the footplate of “Bahamas” when it crossed the viaduct in October 2021.

### 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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**BIG CHANGES at the BANK!**

## Remember This Time Last year?



Bob the Treasurer

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



Miss A Penny @ Bank

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 @ Bank

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



Use your Debit or Credit Card at our Monthly Meetings to pay your Subs and buy tickets for our Social Events

**See Next page for Results**



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## Results



Bob the Treasurer

Thank you for  
your loyal  
support  
through  
COVID 19



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2 years ago,  
everyone (684) paid  
Subs by Cheque.  
Last year 60% paid  
by Cheque and  
40% paid on line.



Bob the Treasurer

This year, 18%  
paid by Cheque  
and **82%** paid  
on line or by Card.

See Next Page for Our Big  
Thank You

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## Our Big Thank You

Paid this year's Subs?



Bob the Treasurer



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Then you can renew on 1 March 2023 for £1.00

From 1 March 2024, Subs will be £9.00 only



Bob the Treasurer

Please pay your £1.00 Renewal on Line. Otherwise, the Bank will charge £0.40 per Cheque

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## Social Events

### Ad Hoc Dining



On 21<sup>st</sup> September 21 members met up at the Old Buttercross Pub in Oakham for for the monthly Ad Hoc dining experience. Some wine, good food and lots of conversation made for another very sociable evening. It was lovely to welcome some of our newer members too.

The next Ad Hoc dining will be on Wed 19 Oct. @ 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.

### Grantham Canal Cruise

The Grantham Canal cruise on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September was a great success. The 20 members who signed up for the 2 hour cruise, starting in Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir were lucky enough to see swans with their cygnets, a heron, a kingfisher and numerous moor-hens during a very leisurely trip along this restored part of the canal. The calm, warm weather was an added bonus as we enjoyed the lovely Lincolnshire countryside.



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**Social Events**

**RUTLAND u3a**

**CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH**



**AT BARNSDALE LODGE HOTEL**

**THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 2022**

**£29.50 - 3 COURSES, £27.00 - 2 COURSES**

**INCLUDING GRATUITIES**

**BOOK VIA THE SOCIAL TEAM OR VIA THE WEBSITE**



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# New groups & groups seeking more members

### **NEW GROUP - SOCIAL HISTORY Group 2**

Initial Meeting at 2pm on Monday 10 October in The Snug at The Wisteria Hotel, Oakham. (Further meeting dates, times and venue to be decided at this meeting). All welcome.

For more details contact Sharon Pratt (Groups' Coordinator) via [rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com](mailto:rutlandu3a.groups@gmail.com) or phone 07796931818.

### **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.

**Scrabble Group** - GROUP LEADER: Debbie Rose. We currently have two vacancies - new members are most welcome to come along and join us. No experience necessary. Currently meeting at The Admiral Hornblower, Oakham from 10am to noon every Friday morning. There is an expectation that a tea or coffee is purchased at Admiral Hornblower.

**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](mailto: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 Bilby via the hyperlink on the group page.



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### New groups & groups seeking more members (continued)

**Watercolour Painting** - We meet on the first and third Monday of the month at 1.30pm in The Lord Nelson. This is a group (no tuition) for those who enjoy watercolour painting and like to paint with others who enjoy your hobby. 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.

**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.

**English Country Dancing** - First Wednesday of the month at 2pm at VAR building, Lands End Way, Oakham (until Christmas). Please contact Pam Hornby via the hyperlink on the group page.

**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 via the Intermediate Italian link page.

**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 Admiral Hornblower. 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.

**The Striders** - This walking group would welcome a couple of new members. Please contact the Group Leader Stewart MacDonald. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Walks are between 8 and 10 miles in length and are within a 30 minute travelling distance of Oakham. It is a full day walk usually setting off at 10.30am with a finish time of approximately 3.30pm. All of our walks are circular walks. Walkers need to carry a packed lunch as we have a short coffee break and a lunch break en route. Once a year, usually in June, we have an "away day" where we plan a walk further afield.

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## News from the groups

### Church Visits Group

The Church of St Mary Magdalene and St Andrew Ridlington: Grade II\*

Thirteen members of the u3a Church Visits Group spent an afternoon at this lovely church and enjoyed an informative talk from Debra the church warden. The name of the church is unusual, and it is thought that 'Andrew' is a corruption of 'Andresgil' a minor saint whose day is the same as that of St Mary Magdalene, July 22.



The building is basically Anglo Saxon, early C13, the oldest parts are the pillars and arches on the south side of the nave and the chancel arch. In the chancel is a beautiful stain glass window of St Mary Magdalene and shows a star of redemption on her gown.

Over the north choir stalls is a fine memorial to Sir James and Lady Harrington.

There are four bells rung from the ground. The smallest is the original pre-Reformation Sanctus bell ornamented with a cross, a Tudor rose and sideways the letters 'SSS'. A glass fronted case holds some musical instruments, a bassoon, four oboes, a flute and a violin, and these were played from the gallery to accompany services, the gallery is now filled in. The family of John Thomas Scott had played the instruments and when he moved to Oakham in 1923 he donated them to

Major Victorian restorations were made in 1860. Debra asked all of us to sign the Visitors' book as this can help the church when applying for funding. After the talk we enjoyed a cup of tea and cake. To show our appreciation the group made a donation to the church.

Miriam Tressider

### Scrabble Group 2



There are spaces for two new members to join the Friday morning Scrabble group which meets at the Admiral Hornblower - from 10.00-12.00 every week.

If you are interested, please contact the Group Leader - Debbie Rose via the Ru3a Message Page: <https://u3asites.org.uk/rutland/contact>

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## News from the Groups

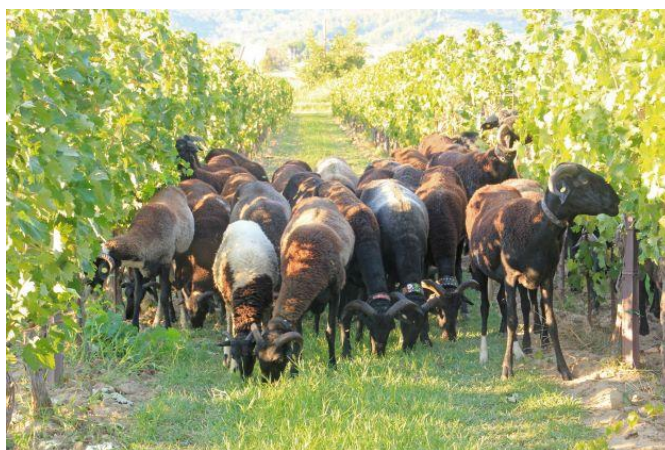
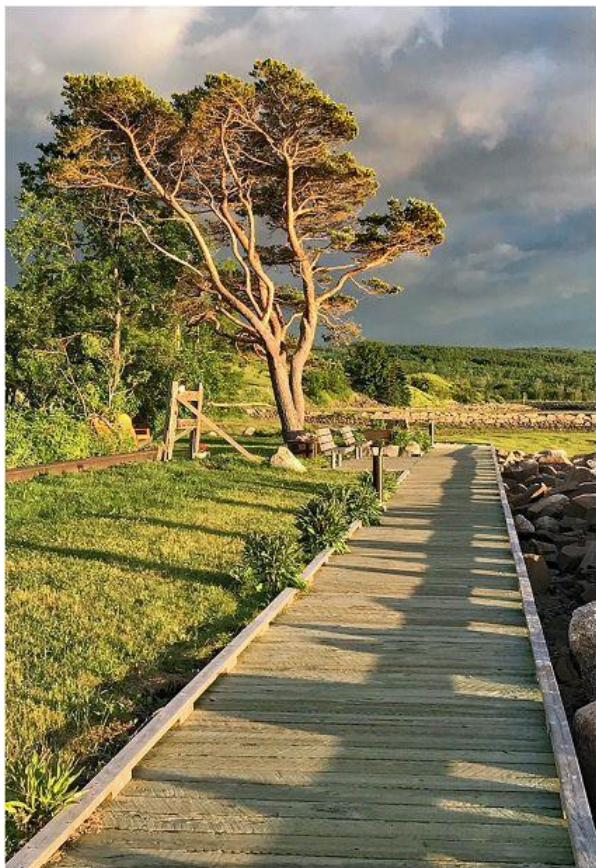
The photography group have produced some beautiful images this month.





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### Tuesday walking group

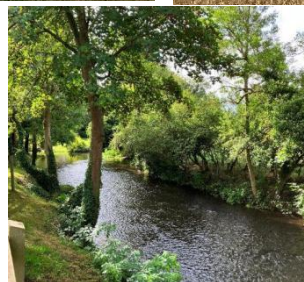
Here is the latest update after a hot and very dry summer. In the last couple of months we have walked all over & just outside Rutland. From Wymondham we did a 4½ mile walk, pausing for a breather at the top of Cord Hill and then again at pretty Edmundthorpe Church and finishing with lunch at the Windmill tearooms.

On a hot August day we walked from Duddington to Fineshade Woods, enjoying the refreshing cool shade in the woods. We saw pretty silver-washed fritillary butterflies and stopped at Top Lodge for a well-deserved ice cream before heading back to the Royal Oak (recently re-opened) for a very good lunch.



Launde Abbey was our next walk. Just 4 miles around the Abbey with some great views across to Belton in Rutland and Eyebrook reservoir in one direction and later across the Chater valley. There were some long but gentle up and down stretches, followed by lunch at the Abbey tea rooms and a wander round the lovely peaceful gardens.

Recently we walked from Belmesthorpe to Ryhall on a lovely sunny morning, passing Tolethorpe Mill and crossing the pretty River Gwash more than once. The Blue Bell opened especially for us and we enjoyed a lovely lunch there.





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### Papercraft Group

The papercrafts group met last week and spent a couple of hours making Christmas cards using a cutting and folding technique to make 3D Christmas trees. These were then attached to cards with additional embellishments.

Jennie Perryman



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### Music Appreciation Group

The music appreciation group is looking for 2 or 3 new members who like classical music and would like to join this group who meet monthly on a Tuesday afternoon

Each member takes a turn at presenting a programme of an aspect of classical music using CDs, videos, U-tube etc. Tmaking" and "Sonata form".

For more information: Please contact John Bagley via the Ru3a message page.



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## Community News

Oakham WI invites everyone to join them for a fun evening. Members of the WI (we are all shapes and sizes) will be modelling clothes from high street stores. All of the clothing is brand new and mainly consists of up-to-date stock with some sale items. After the show you will have a chance to buy the clothes you like. Come on your own or with friends - you will be made very welcome. Any queries contact us on [oakhamwi@gmail.com](mailto:oakhamwi@gmail.com)

Tickets can be purchased by clicking this link:  
[ticketsource.co.uk/oakham-womens-institute](https://ticketsource.co.uk/oakham-womens-institute)



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**PLUS FRENCH + ITALIAN DESIGNER WEAR**

**SIZES  
6 TO 30**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 7pm for a 7.30pm start**

**Oakham Baptist Church, Melton Road, LE15 6AY**

**Please enter via the car park entrance at the rear of the church**

**(free parking in Westgate Car Park: St Anne's Close LE15 6AZ)**

**Tickets £5 in advance to include a drink**

**Tickets can be purchased from a WI member or  
by visiting [ticketsource](https://ticketsource.co.uk/oakham-womens-institute) (see link at the top of this page)**

For more information contact Oakham WI: [oakhamwi@gmail.com](mailto:oakhamwi@gmail.com)

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- Wide-ranging topics including art & art history, music, architecture, ceramics
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- Quarterly Arts magazine
- Monthly newsletters and other digital offerings
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- Special member offers
- Tailored tours within the UK and overseas

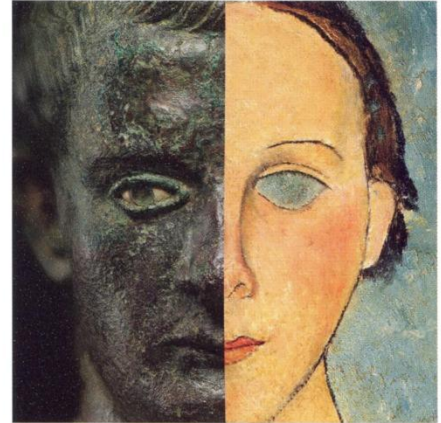
The Arts Society is the UK's leading arts education charity with a network of over 380 local Societies which bring people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. The belief that the arts have the potential to enrich peoples' lives is at the heart of everything we do.

The Arts Society Oakham meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Victoria Hall at 11.00am.

**Find out more:**

visit [www.theartsocietyoakham.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietyoakham.org.uk)

or email us at [oakham@theartsociety.org](mailto:oakham@theartsociety.org)



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Connect with like-minded people and make new friends through a shared curiosity for the arts.



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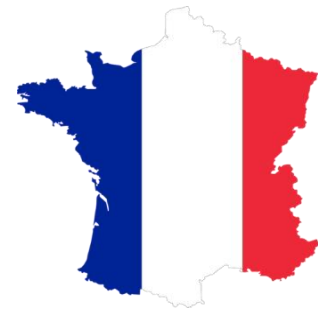
## Leicester French Circle - new season

You may already be a member/friend of Leicester French Circle, or you may never have heard of us! Either way, please find attached full details of our forthcoming programme and membership application form.

The programme consists of 12 meetings. 6 will be in-person at the Oadby (Granville) Tennis Club, Leicester Road, Oadby, LE2 4AB. The other 6 will be via Zoom.

The membership fee for the year is £36 per person.

Interested to know more see: <https://www.leicesterfrenchcircle.co.uk/>





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## Committee Members

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Ros Kenny

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Hedley Greaves

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Bob Bennett

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