

### Hello members

Welcome to our November Newsletter. As our days become shorter and Christmas approaches, we hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the Autumn days. I hope you will join us for our AGM on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Tithe Barn for or final meeting of this year.



On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November our long-time member Fred Harris laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service at Broad Green on behalf of Wellingborough u3a. The service was very well

attended with many young people attending and three secondary schools each made a contribution.

Unfortunately we have not heard from anyone who is prepared to take on the role of **Chairman** and I would welcome contact from any member who would be prepared to consider taking on this role. There will be plenty of help from others to help you including myself.

*Sally Muldowney*  
*Chairman Wellingborough u3a*

### RETURN TO THE URC - 2024

As announced in the October newsletter, we will be returning to the United Reformed Church for our monthly meetings as from January 2024.

There is no venue in Wellingborough that is ideal and the division between those who favour the Tithe Barn and those who prefer the URC is almost exactly 50/50. We hope the improvements being made to the URC will eventually make it ideal for us.

I look forward to seeing you at the URC in January.

A full programme of speakers will be sent with our February newsletter and uploaded to the website as soon as possible.

### DECEMBER MEETING – AGM AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

**Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> - AGM – 2.00 pm**

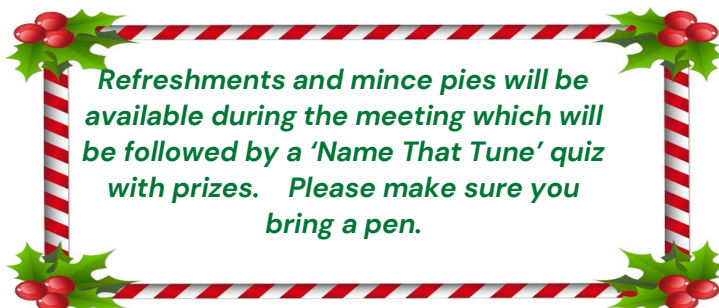
You will have received the formal notification of the AGM with the Agenda as follows:

#### Agenda:

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Agree the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th December 2022 and deal with any Matters Arising.
3. Consider and agree the Financial Accounts for the 2022/2023 financial year.
4. Consider and agree the Committee's Annual Report for 2022/2023.
5. Election to the Committee.
6. Nominations are sought for the following posts: Chair, Vice Chair; Secretary; Groups Co-ordinator; Membership Secretary, Social Secretary and four (4) Ordinary Members. Each of the Ordinary Members will be expected to take on one of the following roles during their term of office: Business Contact Officer, Publicity Officer, Newsletter Editor.
7. To debate any Motions submitted.
8. Any Other Business.

Nomination form should be returned by email, post or in person to Helen Grant, Wellingborough & District U3A Secretary, 89 Alexandra Road, Wellingborough NN8 1EG

Email: [secretary@wellingboroughu3a.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wellingboroughu3a.org.uk) to be received no later than **Wednesday 22nd November 2023**.



## GENTLE REMINDER

We want everyone to keep in touch with their copy of the Newsletter but every month we have some returned with incorrect address. Please find the time to update Beacon with your contact details. This includes phone number home address and email address, and particularly important – your emergency contact details, so that we don't have another instance when we were unable to contact family.

[membership@wellingboroughu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@wellingboroughu3a.org.uk)

## JANUARY 2024 MEMBERS MEETING



Our Speaker for January 2024 will be **Jon Paul Carr** who will be talking about **'Wonderful Wellingborough Women'**. An illustrated look at some of the historically famous ladies, infamous women, and ordinary girls who lived in the area over the last

few centuries. The talk will explore the lives of some of the women and their parts in national and local life.

This will be our first Monthly Meeting on our return to the United Reformed Church and is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 pm

## GROUP NEWS

### Needlecraft Group – Myriorama



The word 'Myriorama' was invented to mean 'myriad pictures', following the model of 'panorama', 'diorama', 'cosmorama' etc.

It originally referred to a set of illustrated cards that 19<sup>th</sup> century children could arrange and re-arrange, forming different pictures. Each card showed people, buildings and other images on compatible backgrounds. They could be laid out in any order allowing a child to create a variety of imaginary landscapes.

When thinking about the exhibition on 1<sup>st</sup> November one member of the Needlecraft group suggested creating a landscape we all could contribute to. Another member had seen a stitched myriorama at

a needlecraft exhibition and so the idea for our myriorama was born.

Each contributor created a piece of needlecraft using various techniques, the common factor being a path which runs through each piece of work at the same level, so that the pieces can be arranged in any order giving an everchanging landscape.

Marian Green

## Tatting Group



Tatting is a beautiful form of lace making that uses a shuttle and cotton. It can be used to create many different edgings, mats, collars or bookmarks.

Gina Starling would like to start a Tatting Group. She has taught Tatting to a number of students, both here and in Romania. She has numerous books and pattern leaflets. and a large collection of tatting shuttles and tatting cotton to get you started. so if you'd like to learn how to do this, contact Gina can teach you.

Plan is for the Group to meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 2–4pm at her house.

Gina Starling [ginastarling@googlemail.com](mailto:ginastarling@googlemail.com)

## RECENT GROUPS – IN BRIEF



### Cuppa and Chat

third Wednesday of the month –  
from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. at  
All Hallows Church Hall, 33 – 34  
Church Street, Wellingborough NN8 4PA

## Birdwatching

Informal group without Group Leader. Message  
WhatsApp Group on 07437 875326

## Guitar Group

1st & 3rd Mondays at 14:00 at the Memorial Hall, Gt.  
Doddington, 42B High Street, NN29 7TQ. Contact  
Nigel [nigel.npr@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.npr@gmail.com)

## Calligraphy

Second Friday of the month at 13 Hillside Road,  
Wellingborough at 2.00pm until 4.00pm.. Contact :  
Margaret Addie, 07773 333287

## Mahjong

This group is now full and are all enjoying the game and having fun.

Contact Jan Stewart. [janetstewart1@live.co.uk](mailto:janetstewart1@live.co.uk)

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you have any news related to u3a activities or your group, tell others about it – either on the website or through the newsletter pages.

Newsletter: [socialsec@wellingboroughu3a.org.uk](mailto:socialsec@wellingboroughu3a.org.uk)

## YOUR WEBSITE

<https://u3asites.org.uk/wellingborough/home>



For the members-only area, you need:

Username: **CrOmwel**

Password: **H1ndhOtel**

Both are case-sensitive, and use zeros and the number 1 (One) If you are a Group Leader and want to add news for your group, just email me at

[webmaster@wellingboroughu3a.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@wellingboroughu3a.org.uk).

*John Garside – Webmaster/ Beacon*

## MEMBERS FACEBOOK

We now have well over 100 members of our Wellingborough u3a Facebook and every week someone new asks to join. Are you missing-out?

It is a great way of keeping in touch with other u3a friends, to share photos and group news. Join today – all you need is a Facebook account. To do this:

1. Go to [facebook.com](https://facebook.com) and click **Create new account**.
2. Enter your name, email address or mobile phone number, password, date of birth and gender.
3. Click **Sign Up**.
4. To finish creating your account, you need to confirm your email address or mobile phone number. You will then you will be able to join other Wellingborough u3a members to chat and post. Give it a try,

### Quick Access

Simply grab your smart phone, select 'camera' and hover over the QR code, then tap on the link that appears.



This will take you to our private Facebook group where we will be posting info on groups and events; press join and pop in your membership number when asked.

### Contact Details for Members of The Committee

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