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U3A Anniversary Lunch – still time to book your place – *see page 4*

Murder Mystery Evening - *see notices*

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## Monthly Meetings

**Welcome** to the Wycliffe U3A. We meet on **second Thursday** of each month at the Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome to join.

**10am – 10.30am:** tea, coffee and biscuits available, and an opportunity to meet friends old and new. Book exchange, information about trips etc. Group co-ordinators will be available to answer any queries.

**Speakers** - (10.30am)

**January:-** Oliver Hill - Presenter Chris Dingley of Collective Legal Solutions - Tax care and Toy boys

**Visitors:** may come to one monthly meeting (payment of £1), after which they must become a full member if they want to come again.

**Membership:** to interest groups is limited to full members only.

**Interest Group Dates and Times** can be found on the website under [‘summary’](#)

Please contact the group co-ordinator to ask for further details if you would like to join a group. If you have an interest/hobby not covered by the existing options, why not think of joining with like-minded people to form a new group.

Contact Viv Weller (01455 557136) for assistance and advice.

### **Refreshments:**

January 11th - Tony Allen, Mary Pedlar-Perks and Barbara Jelley

February 8<sup>th</sup> – Pat Binnie, Mary Oldham, Marlene Fletcher

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Sally Cook, Yolande Cattermole and Di Holman

## **Anniversary Lunch 2018**

Anniversary Lunch 2018 Thursday 25th January at the Wycliffe Rooms  
12 noon for 12:30 pm

The January meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January is the last chance to put your name down to go to the Annual Lunch. We currently have 94 people who have put their names down to attend. It would be really nice to get to the round 100! There are a few people (6), who have signed up but as yet haven't submitted their choice of dishes & paid.

If you still want to come and can make the January meeting there will be menus there and also the draft seating plans. Alternatively, contact me on my mobile 07976 279454 (voice or text) or e-mail me at [nigel.burt@which.net](mailto:nigel.burt@which.net) and we will sort something out.

Please make your cheques out to Wycliffe U3A.

Nigel Burt

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# WYCLIFFE U3A LUTTERWORTH

ANNUAL LUNCH THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2018  
12:30 for 1PM

## BOOKING FORM

MEMBERS NAME . . . . .

PARTNER'S NAME . . . . .

## MENU

### STARTERS:

- |   |                          |                          |   |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Tomato & basil soup                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A |
| Creamy Garlic Mushrooms served on a bruschetta  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | B |
| Smoked salmon and prawn salad                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | C |
| All the above served with crusty bread & butter |                          |                          |   |

### MAIN COURSE:

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Poached chicken with a leek and brie sauce                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | D |
| Braised steak with mushrooms, baby onions, pancetta & red wine sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | E |
| Cod mornay   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | F |
| Vegetable wellington   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | G |
| All the above served with fresh market vegetables & potatoes         |                          |                          |   |

### DESSERT:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Mixed berry cheesecake   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | H |
| Spotted dick and custard | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | J |
| Fresh fruit salad        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | K |

Tea or Coffee with Chocolate Mints

Price £18 per person

Please complete and return this form with payment to the October/November/December meeting

If you are unable to attend one of the meetings please post to me at 9 Shelley Drive, LE17 4XF

Cheques should be made payable to Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A

If you want to sit with a particular group of your friends, please indicate below

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## **Notice of Annual General Meeting of Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A**

The Annual General Meeting of Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A will be held on Thursday 15th March 2017 at 10.30 am at the Methodist Church, Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth. Please note that this is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** in March and not the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.

### AGENDA

- Apologies
- Minutes of 2016 AGM
- Matters arising
- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Amendment to the U3A Objects Clause (see below)
- Election of Executive Committee
- Any other business

The Third Age Trust has written to all chairmen, and all Committee members of U3A's throughout the UK requesting that they change their object clauses in their constitutions to read as follows:

The charitable purposes of the U3A are **“The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development”**.

The clause currently reads as follows:

The charitable purposes of the U3A are **“to advance and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment in their**

**Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and in the second age of full time employment and/or parental responsibility) residing in Lutterworth and its surrounding district”.**

You can see the reasoning see the full letter from the Third Age Trust by following the link here:

<http://www.wycliffelutterworthu3a.org/stop-press.html>

Nomination forms for the committee will be included in the February bulletin as I wanted to avoid having too many forms, menus etc. in one bulletin.

Nigel Burt  
Chairman

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## Notices

### Murder Mystery Evening

Our next social event will be on the evening of Saturday, 17th March at the Lutterworth Golf Club, and will be in the form of a Murder Mystery evening. This will consist of a two or three course meal, and during the meal, a dastardly murder will take place. No one will be allowed to leave the premises until the murder is solved! If you would like to attend, there will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>) and a deposit will be required”

Best wishes,  
Nigel

### Richard III Outing

Important – Richard III Trip has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Best wishes  
George

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## Group Reports

### **ART APPRECIATION**

Co-ordinator

Ursula Kanetis

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For our December - outing we went to Rugby Art Gallery and Museum to view not only the Open Art Exhibition, but also to be present for their Festive Evening, the speeches and the prize giving ceremony. This years Open is a celebration of the diversity of the creative scene of the area. More than 120 artists entered with over 270 works, and for the first time a new category had been introduced. This is to support emerging artists aged 16 - 25. We looked around critically, discussed individual works and tried to decide on our favourite. With great interest we were listening to the panel's selection of awarding the various prizes, in two categories we agreed totally!. We all were very pleased with this Exhibition, the variety of artworks on display and the lively atmosphere. Definitely a venue to watch!

Next meeting : 12.1.2018 14.00 - 16.00

Joan Coiley's house to view her selection of pictures.

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## BOOK CHAT

Co-ordinator

Mick Curtis

01455 554504

Our book this month was *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See.

The story starts in China before the Second World War and before the invasion of China by Japan. It follows two sisters through the invasion and through their father losing all his money due to gambling. To save himself he “sells” his daughters to a man who wants wives for his sons. They escape to America after horrifying events having been caught by Japanese soldiers, when their mother died. They make it to a detention centre in the States and eventually join their husbands. The book follows their lives on the west coast of America through the war and afterwards.

Only five of us had finished the book, pressures of Christmas, but as always this did not stop the discussion. We were struck with the parallels with the things the Chinese immigrants to America suffered in the early 20th century and Britain today with detention centres and discrimination towards immigrants. Whilst we thought this book was not perhaps the book we had enjoyed the most this year, it certainly taught us a lot and stuck in the memory. A well written book.

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**EATING OUT** – Co-ordinator - Gill Graham – tele: 01455 557117

**PUB LUNCHES** – none in January as we have our U3A Lunch on the 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

The Chequers at Ullesthorpe – always excellent value for money. So far 9 have signed up – still time to add your name to the list.

In December we didn't have a Pub Lunch so I tried out The Bakers Arms in Blaby but found it wouldn't be suitable for us - no place to park and the prices are more fine dining than pub lunch.

**GARDEN CENTRE LUNCHES**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Palmers Garden Centre, Ullesthorpe – an opportunity to look at their post-Christmas bargains and enjoy a good lunch.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – The Manor Farm Shop, Catthorpe – they usually have a full roast on offer as well as other hot meals and a range of Light Snacks. A good local place to visit as they source as much as possible from their own land.

**ETHNIC DINING** – In December 3 of us had Dinner at the “new” restaurant in Lutterworth – “Himalayan Zest” and thoroughly enjoyed it. In fact I have yet to come across anyone who has eaten there and not raved about it!

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – So far 11 of us have booked for the Turkish Restaurant in the centre of Broughton Astley – The Jan Saray Turkish Restaurant, 1 Green Road LE9 6RA. Still time to book if you are picking this info up on line.

## **GARDEN GROUP**

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden

tele: 01455 557888

As mentioned in the December Bulletin, our first meeting of the New Year will be on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January** when there will be a talk on **Orchids** by Keith Bates, Secretary of the Hinckley & District Orchid Society. This, again, will be at **Bitteswell Village Hall, starting at 2.00 p.m.** The cost, including refreshments, will be no more than £4.00 but could be slightly less, depending on numbers.

All are welcome. If you are interested in hearing this talk, please email Sue Creeden: [sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net](mailto:sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net) or phone 01455 557888.

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## **GENTLE CYCLING GROUP**

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden

tele: 01455 557888

The ride in December was cancelled due to snow and ice.

However, we plan to try again in January (weather permitting of course!). **We will meet at the Village Shop in Gilmorton at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January**, when Judy will lead us in the direction of Ashby Magna and Willowby Waterleys.

Everyone is very welcome, not just the Ladies. Just call Sue Creeden on 01455 557888 or email: [sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net](mailto:sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net) to let her know you are coming.

Sue Creeden

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## LIVELY DISCUSSION

Co-ordinator : Dot Barnard

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Lively Discussion December 11<sup>th</sup> 2017

Our tradition of playing 'Call my Bluff' was repeated this year. 'Call My Bluff' was a BBC TV panel game hosted by Robert Robinson. Panel members included Frank Muir, Dennis Norden, Arthur Marshall and Marghanita Lasky. The teams were given 3 differing definitions of unusual words and the opposing team had to guess which was correct. Due to the snowy conditions some people were unable to attend. However, there were enough people to form 2 teams so we had a shortened version and the following words were chosen:

Ergatocracy  
Greywacke  
Abayschild  
Pakeha

It appears that some members have a talent for telling porkies!

A member treated us to a reading of 'Wenceslas: the inside story' – very revealing and very amusing. As usual we finished the meeting with suitable festive fare.

We have decided to cover the following topics in 2018, although the timings have not yet been decided:

- Is the lottery a good idea?

- The Royal Family- what do you think the future is and what would you like it to be?
- HS2
- What is the future of the High Street?
- In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, are we in danger of forgetting our history and heritage?
- How attitudes have changed – is respect a thing of the past?
- What is the effect of social media on the young?
- The future of British farming
- What are the pros and cons of mass air travel?
- Should the NHS fund homeopathy and other alternative treatments?
- Should we have a charter of British Values, and if so what should they be?

## **INVITATION TO ATTEND AS A GUEST**

Would you like to come along to the Lively Discussion Group occasionally? The maximum number of people that I can accommodate is 12, and sometimes regular members are unable to attend. We meet on the second Monday in the month at my house 10.30 – 12.30. Please phone or email me if you wish to attend and I'll let you know if there is a space on your chosen date. 01455 208190 or [dot.barnard@uwclub.net](mailto:dot.barnard@uwclub.net)

We have had quite a few guests since this invitation was extended. Some have now joined the group.

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## **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

Co-ordinator

Michael Bates

mobile: 07899937595

A monthly group electronic Newsletter is available, which includes extracts from each monthly presentation. Members attending our meetings will automatically get a copy and distribution to other U3A members can be arranged, if required.

We are happy to welcome any U3A member to our meetings, even if they cannot attend on a regular basis, or are just curious about what we do.

All our members' monthly pictures can be viewed in the gallery section of the Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A website.

For more information regarding the photography group or to receive a copy of the group Newsletter contact us on [wlu3acamera@outlook.com](mailto:wlu3acamera@outlook.com). –

Michael Bates

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## **TUESDAY WALKING GROUP (with Lutterworth U3A)**

Co-ordinator:

Gordon Jones (Lutterworth U3A)

01455 556192

**Date of Walk:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Walk Organiser:** Sue Jones, 01455 556192

**Meeting Point:** Car park at Coventry Road recreation ground.

**Meeting Time:** 09.20 to leave at 09.30.

**Route and distance:** From Bruntingthorpe, a loop of about 6 miles of field paths, tracks and village roads.

**Lunch:** As there is not a pub offering low priced lunches in the village we will come back to the Elms for lunch. This is the first walk and lunch of the year and as we did not have a Christmas lunch all friends are welcome to join us. We hope to be at the Elms by 1.30pm.

**Directions to Start:** Take the Gilmorton Road out of Lutterworth through Gilmorton past Peatling Parva, left at the T junction and follow the road into Bruntinhorpe and Main St. Park in a suitable place, Main St. is wide, then meet up by the village hall, a tatty building with iron railings and a notice board on Main St. almost opposite a cream painted house called 'Cream Cottage'. We will set off at 10.00.

**Return Mileage from Lutterworth:** 11 miles

## **1st WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

Joint Co-ordinators:

Roger Watmore 01455 552431 and

Julian Hargreaves 01455 557704

### **December 2017 Walk Report**

This, sadly, will be the last report for the First Wednesday Walking Group. As you know there is a developing issue finding volunteers to lead walks. Until this situation improves there will no longer be a First Wednesday walk. However, there will still be plenty of walking with the Second Wednesday, the Third Tuesday and the Fourth Wednesday walks.

It was, therefore, fitting that we had a big turnout of 42 walkers for this walk which was from The Chequers Country Inn at Ullesthorpe. Admittedly, the Christmas Lunch afterwards may have had something to do with it, but, nevertheless, an excellent number. The weather was dry, quite mild, but a bit overcast. We set off along Manor Lane before taking off onto footpaths, tracks and permissive paths. The pace was leisurely and the terrain easy. We stopped for the break looking across at the site of the medieval village of Bittesby. After the break we then headed back towards Ullesthorpe along more permissive paths and then joined the field footpath back to Manor Lane taking in a viewing of the very noisy pig pens as we passed through the farmyard.

We were joined afterwards by a further 10 diners to sit down to the Festive (Christmas, to you and I) lunch Gail and her team looked after us very well and, if the noise in the room was anything to go by, everybody enjoyed themselves.

We took the opportunity of the gathering to thank Julian Hargreaves, who is leaving the area, for all the varied and interesting walks that he has led in the past 9 years. Also, to thank Roger Watmore, who is stepping down as a co-ordinator, for all the hard work he has put in over the years.

Peter Creeden

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## **4th WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

Co-ordinators: Sue & Peter Creeden

tele: 01455 557888

**24 January 2018**

**Walk Organisers:** Sue and Peter Creeden Tel: 01455 557888

**Meeting Point and Time:-** Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.20am to leave at 9.30am.

**Start Point and Time:-** The Bulls Head, Coventry Road, Brinklow, CV23 0NE. Toilets will be available. Depart at 10.00am

**Directions to the Starting Point:-** Take the A4303 out of Lutterworth towards Magna Park and to the A5 roundabout. Then take the B4027 to Pailton and onto Brinklow. At the T junction in Brinklow take a right turn towards Coventry. The Bulls Head is on the right after approx. 100yds. There is plenty of parking behind the pub.

**Route and Distance:-** The walk does a little tour around Brinklow before heading off across fields to pick up the Coventry Way for a short stretch then taking a small detour to rejoin it again and eventually reach Smeaton Lane. At Grimes Bridge we take the towpath of the Oxford Canal all the way round to Cathiron Lane. We then head back to Brinklow along this lane. The distance is 5.3 miles, it is relatively flat terrain and there is one stile. If you think you are not going to get your boots dirty, unfortunately, there is a short stretch along the canal that is quite muddy and unavoidable (unless you fancy a short swim!)

**Lunch:-** At The Bulls Head. We will place food orders before we leave. The lunchtime mains are £2 for £12

## Committee April 2017– March 2018

|                             |                  |              |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Chairman                    | Nigel Burt       | 01455 554498 |
| Vice Chairman               | Tony Allen       | 01455 552087 |
| Treasurer                   | Jan Newman       | 01455 209179 |
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| Minutes Secretary           |                  |              |
| Speaker Finder              | Michael Perry    | 01455 556724 |
| Interest Group Co-ordinator | Viv Weller       | 01455 557136 |
| Committee Members:          | Ann Hetherington | 01455 203498 |
|                             | Richard Hill     | 01455 556498 |
|                             | Linda Goy        | 01455 554497 |
|                             | Mike Chapman     | 01455 209972 |

You can join the Wycliffe U3A at one of the monthly meetings or you can apply online at [www.wycliffelutterworthu3a.org](http://www.wycliffelutterworthu3a.org)

Contributions for the website should be sent to Mike Chapman  
email: [wlu3acmte@gmail.com](mailto:wlu3acmte@gmail.com)

Articles, Reports, News items etc. for inclusion in the next bulletin should be sent to the editor: e-mail [trudyhaddon.rylands@gmail.com](mailto:trudyhaddon.rylands@gmail.com)

**Deadline for inclusion in the next bulletin:** on the last day of the month.

**Interest Group Dates and Times** can be found on the website under 'summary'

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