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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF WYCLIFFE LUTTERWORTH U3A**

**AGENDA**

**NOMINATION FORM**

*(See page 5 for further details)*

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**U3A Annual Subscriptions are due from 1<sup>st</sup> April**

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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)

**February:** Ruth A Austin – *Herbal medicine for the 21<sup>st</sup> century*

**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:**

February 8th. - Pat Binnie, Mary Oldham and Marlene Fletcher

March 15thth. - Sally Cook, Yolande Cattermole and Di Holman

April 12th.- Dot Barnard, Judith Godfrey and Paula Erett

## [Report on January Meeting](#)

### **Tax, Care and Toy Boys – Chris Dingley**

Before the meeting started, most people thought that we might be in for a bit of a dry session! How wrong we were! Chris spoke for almost an hour in an engaging, informative but always entertaining manner. And all without notes.

During his presentation Chris covered, in detail, the important topics of “Trusts”, the different types of “Powers of Attorney”, “Inheritance Tax,” “Living Wills” and the many ways that things can turn out completely differently to what people had hoped and expected. Chris explained, by way of some humorous examples, how it was possible for actions in later life (such as 2 people re-marrying) can lead to all sorts of unforeseen problems for the rest of the family and their expected inheritances.

It was clear from the questions asked of our speaker, and the questions he raised with his audience that many of us are not up to date with how the various “systems” work and how it might pay us to re-appraise any actions that we may have taken in the past. In particular “A Power of Attorney” must be created while you are able to make decisions and understand what you are doing.

There are some useful websites that you can go to that offer further help and advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney/overview>

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/power-of-attorney>

Our speaker in February is Ruth A Austin and her presentation is “Herbal medicine for the 21<sup>st</sup> century”.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting of Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A

The Annual General Meeting of Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A will be held on Thursday 15 March 2018, starting 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 meeting day!

### **AGENDA**

- Apologies
- Minutes of 2017 AGM – these will be published in the March Bulletin
- Matters arising
- Chairman’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- To pass a motion to amend our Constitution – see below
- Election of Executive Committee
- Any other business

### Motion to Amend Our Constitution

The Third Age Trust is asking all U3A groups to change the object clause of their constitution 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”.*

If you follow the link below you can see their reasoning behind the change:

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

We have to notify the Third Age Trust by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 that we have/will put this motion to an AGM or EGM before our 2019 AGM. Our motion on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 allows us to comply in full with their request.

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## [Lutterworth Wycliffe U3A Executive Committee](#)

Can you help?

Since our formation in 2007, the Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A has steadily expanded its membership and the number of activities on offer. Your Committee wants this to continue. However, ... read on,

### **Conforming to the rules of the U3A movement**

Third Age Trust rules stipulate that every U3A group must have an Executive Committee made up of between 7 and 12 elected members to manage its affairs. Within each committee there are 5 Officer Roles (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Secretary) & up to 7 non-officer roles. A Committee member can only be elected at an AGM. They serve for 12 months, after which they automatically stand down. However, most can stand for re-election at the next AGM and thankfully many do! Any member in our U3A can volunteer for election to the Committee. The only restriction being that they don't serve on the Committee of another U3A.

### **Committee meetings**

Our constitution requires us to hold 4 Committee meetings a year. Over the past year these short (and social) meetings have lasted between 1hr 15 mins & 1hr 40 mins, not too long to be parted from your TV! Whenever Committee members cannot attend – perhaps due to family matters, health issues, holidays etc this is quite accepted and covered by the others. At the meetings, past and future events are reviewed and the views and suggestions from our wider membership are discussed, decided upon, and fed back as appropriate. Whenever finances are discussed they are straight forward and transparent as, fortunately over the past 2 years, we have managed to generate a healthy surplus of income over expenditure.

## **How would you “fit in” as a Committee Member?**

The work is not onerous or time consuming. You definitely will not get lumbered with having to do anything you don't want to do – e.g. being Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer, and you don't need to speak in public, unless of course that is your forte! If you would like to stand as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer etc, then that would be the icing on the cake and you definitely will not be upsetting any of us.

Please think about becoming involved in the Committee, as the more people who are able to get involved and contribute the better our U3A will become.

You will find a nomination form to fill in on the next page if you would like to join the committee.

Nigel Burt  
Chairman

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**Nomination Form for WLU3A Executive Committee**

We wish to nominate (full name) .....

Proposed by (caps) .....

Signed.....

Seconded by (caps) .....

Signed .....

Agreement of the Nominee: (Signed) .....

Date of Receipt by Chairman.....

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 TO:**

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Email: [nigel.burt@which.net](mailto:nigel.burt@which.net) or [nigelhburt@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelhburt@btinternet.com)

Written nominations for the Executive Committee shall be proposed and seconded on the form above, which should reach the Chairman by 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Consent of the Nominee MUST be obtained in advance of submission of this form. In the event of multiple nominations, a ballot will be held. If insufficient nominations are received the members present will be asked for nominations from the floor and a vote will be taken.

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## [U3A Annual Subscriptions](#)

It will soon be time to pay U3A subscriptions again – from 1st April onwards.

To help avoid queues and delays at the monthly meetings and all of the bank document filling we have to complete, could as many of you as possible pay directly into the Wycliffe U3A Lutterworth Bank Account?

The bank account details are:

Lloyds Bank Lutterworth

Sort Code 30-97-17

Account Number 01937581

Where your bank/building society says reference – just put your name (s) and initial.

Full year subs will be £12 unless you are a member of another U3A when the subscription is £8.50

If you don't have access to a computer or smart-phone then a cheque is still acceptable

Thank you in anticipation.

Jan Newman

Treasurer

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### **USED STAMPS**

Liz White of Lutterworth U3A is collecting used stamps on behalf of **Medical Detection Dogs**. They can be any used stamps but please could you ensure they have approximately a 1cm surround. Please hand in your used stamps to Sue Creeden at the reception desk at the monthly meetings and she will pass them on.

Many thanks

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### **BOOK CHAT**

Co-ordinator

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Our book for January was *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. This featured Eddie, a maintenance man at the Ruby Pier, an amusement park in the U.S.

It starts at the end of his life on his eighty third birthday as he lays dying. After his death he meets five people in the afterlife who have been waiting to greet him in heaven and explain his earthly life to him. He discovers that the people may have been loved ones or distant strangers but each have had a profound effect on his life. He discovers that his life was not the failure he had maybe thought it had been. All our members liked this book and it provoked much discussion. We liked the way the author used Eddie's birthday as a way of working through his life introducing each new phase and each new guide. On the strength of this book we would recommend this author.

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

The “Eating Out” groups are informal

Look for the sheets set out at the monthly meeting of Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A

Decide if you want to join the group for that meal, sign up **and** remember to take a coloured Reminder Slip

## BREAKFASTS

This “group” started last January when some of us got coupons for a free Breakfast at Palmers Garden Centre at Ullesthorpe. Since then anybody who fancies eating Breakfast with other U3A members simply rolls up at 9 am – NO BOOKING SHEET for this meal – just come along on the fourth Thursday morning in the month.

You can have a Full English Breakfast, a Traditional English Breakfast or a Breakfast Roll with 3 items of your choice in it. The Breakfast Roll is the Best Value Option as it comes with Tea or Coffee and costs under £4. OR you could simply join us and settle for a cup of Tea or Coffee!

## FIRST WEDNESDAY LUNCHESES

Because of our Annual U3A Lunch, I didn't set up a Lunch in January but for February I booked at The Chequers, Ullesthorpe. I made a provisional booking for 24 and then found that 3 people had entered their names twice!

I hope to book the following places

March - Lutterworth Golf Club

April - The Wharf at Welford

May - The Waterfront at Market Harborough

### THIRD TUESDAY GARDEN LUNCHESES

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – The Manor Farm Shop, Catthorpe

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – The Malt Kiln Farm Shop

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Sapcote Garden Centre

### ETHNIC DINING

Night varies – in November we went to Himalayan Zest in Lutterworth on Wednesday 22 November and in January to the Turkish Restaurant in Broughton Astley on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February we are going to La Tequila in Church Street, Lutterworth. Haven't thought about March yet!!

Bon Appetit

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## ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Co-ordinator

Chris Ridley

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### ESTG January's Visit to Holovis.

This was our second group visit to Holovis, the first being a year ago, and as before we were initially over subscribed to our limit of 20 visitors.

Holovis are basically a technology company of about 110 employees which develops software and (some limited hardware) for the entertainment industry as well as serving corporate companies in areas like Health and safety and product maintenance training, producing **Virtual Reality World scenarios** for people to be **exposed to without the danger** or train on virtual equipment safely without the real hardware being potentially damaged.

The group assembled at 9:30 for coffee and an overview by Emily and Dan, who then took 2 groups on a site tour to see the different development areas where members would be given a chance to try Virtual Reality, 3D and 4D which included a personal favourite of mine - "simulation driving" in a racing car..... although erring on the gaming side, some of these experiences had an underlying serious safety message and are designed to give people the result of things "going wrong" whilst standing firmly and safely on the ground.

Back in reception for a wrap- up and Q&A session, we had additional demo's by Dan and Emily including an environment game set in a Virtual world that used every day iPads or Tablets to play.

There were too many interesting subjects shown to the group in our visit to mention here, but our thanks go to all at Holovis for taking time out to demonstrate their skill sets to the members and with my special thanks going to Dan, Emily and our own Andy Hetherington who like last time were all instrumental in co-ordinating this superb visit.

Chris Ridley

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## **FRENCH CONVERSATION**

Co-ordinator

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**25 January 2018**

We discussed the French film “Manon des Sources” to be screened by the French Twinning Association on 29 January, and to which we have been invited. We talked about Christmas and other events of interest and then worked on a French crossword.

The next meeting is on 22 February when we shall be discussing whether everyone has the right to have a child.

Sue Hicks

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## **GARDEN GROUP**

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38 members had to squeeze into Bitteswell Village Hall for our January talk. Keith Bates, Secretary of the Hinckley and District Orchid Society, told us how his passion for orchids began in the 1980's and that he now has four greenhouses kept at different temperatures in which he keeps and propagates many varieties. He exhibits at shows and has won an RHS gold award. He also told us the origins of the different varieties and their habitats. He then concentrated on the phalaenopsis, the most popular and commercially available orchids, and gave us lots of advice on which ones to buy and the best conditions for growing, including watering, feeding, and re-potting. He also gave us helpful general gardening tips along the way. A very interesting talk.

On **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** we will again **meet at 2.00 p.m. at Bitteswell Village Hall** for a **Flower Arranging Demonstration by Ann Jones**. Ann is not a professional florist but someone who just loves creating unique arrangements for friends and family. The cost, including refreshments, will be no more than £3.00 (depending numbers attending).



All are welcome. If you are interested and would like to come along, please email Sue Creeden: [sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net](mailto:sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net) or phone 01455 557888.

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## **GENTLE CYCLING GROUP**

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Our January ride was yet again cancelled due to bad weather. With bitterly cold 20 mile an hour winds, we decided it would not be a pleasurable experience.

As our Leader for that planned route will not be available in February, we will postpone the ride until March. In the meantime we will meet **at Ullesthorpe Garden Centre at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February** for a tour through Bitteswell into Bill Crane Way, the A426 and then across towards Gilmorton returning via Cauldwell Lane, Ashby Parva, Frolesworth and Ullesthorpe. This route is approx.10 miles but can be adjusted according to the weather conditions on the day. There are a couple of fairly steep hills to encounter but we can take our time.

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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## **HISTORY GROUP**

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### History Group report for December 2017

We enjoyed a light hearted 'Quiz of the Year' in the December meeting. The questions were set by Viv and Mike and Mike acted as Quizmaster. The questions ranged across the topics we had looked at during the year; from the Anglo Saxons in Leicestershire to seaside holidays in the 1930s and all things in between. It seemed that most of us had been paying attention some of the time as the scores were very good. However, the worthy winner was our guest, Pat Hunter, who hadn't been to any of the meetings but certainly knew a lot!

### Future topics

**February** 'Oliver Cromwell and the Civil War' This includes a look at the battle of Naseby. (Viv )

**March** a) 'The Roaring Twenties'. (Sheila E.)

b) 'Why did the League of Nations fail to keep the peace?' (Viv )

We have space for a few more people in the group if anyone is interested.

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## **LIVELY DISCUSSION**

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### **The Royal family – what do you think the future is and what would you like it to be?**

Our group was mostly comprised of royalists, but one person would prefer abolition of the monarchy. Concerns were expressed by all members about the privileges and costs of the Royals. The Leicester Mercury reported that the Queen's recent visit cost Leicester £2m, mostly in security. Realistically there will not be a republic in the UK. Nevertheless our republican would settle for changes as outlined on a republican website:

- Parliament to set an annual fixed budget for the monarchy - including an annual salary for the Queen - to be managed and reported on by a government department, not Buckingham Palace.
- All security costs to be made transparent and accountable. (Most disagreed with this for obvious reasons).
- All costs of royal visits around the country to be incorporated into the monarchy's budget, not met by local authorities.
- The institution of the monarchy, and all members of the royal household, to be required to abide by the same tax laws and rules as all other public bodies and private individuals.

- The Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall to be fully investigated by parliament with a view to transferring them into public ownership, with all revenue going to the Treasury.
- The Crown Estate to be renamed 'the National Estate' and its status clarified through amendment of the Crown Estate Act.

Leanne Wood, leader of Plaid Cymru, would go further, she wrote:

‘The monarchy represents a hereditary class system which perpetuates inequality. The Royals are an unaccountable, privileged elite allowed and encouraged by government to expand its wealth through the patronage of the civil list, the honours system and the land assets their ancestors pillaged from common people. The income they can make from the Crown Estates land in Wales in future years is money that could be well used by the cash- strapped Welsh government. It is worth remembering that while millions of pounds of taxpayers’ money is spent every year on maintaining the Royal family and their hangers-on in the style they are accustomed to, adults and children are going hungry because they have no money to buy food.’

### Monarchy Costs

It’s difficult to get up-to-date information on this. A few years ago the Queen was worth £2bn so presumably is worth more now. About £40m comes from sovereign grant plus she has income from the Duchy of Lancaster and Prince Charles has income from the Duchy of Cornwall (inherited wealth) and there will be investment income. The Queen owns Sandringham and Balmoral Castle. Through our taxes we pay for Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London. As mentioned in the Mercury we foot the security bill for royal visits. It is often said the monarchy costs us less than a pound per head per year.

According to the Daily Telegraph the Royal family bring in vast amounts, close to £500 million every year for British tourism with The Tower of London, Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace being the most popular Royal destinations. It is unlikely that people only visit these places because we have a monarch. Many of us have visited historic places in countries around the world regardless of whether there is a monarchy or a president or even a dictatorship.

The group expressed concerns over costs, but the majority are strongly in favour of retaining the monarchy. The reasons given were the benefit of having an apolitical head of state, more cheerful news bulletins, the glamour associated with their visits and the fact that the royal family at last seem to be able to relate to normal people largely due to the influence of Princess Diana and her sons.

It was surprising that of 11 people in our discussion group today 5 of them had met the Queen and/or other members of the Royal family. One member had received his army commission from the Queen and brought the document to show us. Several people favoured abolition of the House of Lords who are unelected and felt that the Monarchy is much more valuable. This cost saving would be most welcome. If we became a republic we could be in danger of being 'governed' by someone like Trump and continuity would be a much bigger problem than it already is with the current politicisation of the NHS, the police and our transport systems.

The discussion turned towards the members of the Royal family. The most admired members in our group are the Queen, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Princess Diana, and William and Harry.

**The Queen:** because she has dedicated herself to the country as she promised to do at her coronation, even if we think she sometimes got it wrong as when Diana died. She will be very hard to follow. Some

members felt she should have handed over to Charles when she reached 80. Also the Duke of Edinburgh has done much for young people including his award scheme.

**Prince Charles:** has been waiting all his life and will be 70 in November. It's possible he will die before the Queen and so William would succeed. Charles has been ahead of his time in promoting and operating organic farming and preserving the countryside and wildlife. The Prince's Trust, founded in 1976, enables many young people to succeed in earning a living. It is unfortunate that Charles wasn't allowed to marry Camilla originally as he is clearly happy and contented now.

**Princess Diana:** As a result of the protocol at the time which meant that she married Charles she had a hard time. However, without her influence it is hard to see that the Royals would have made the progress in modern life which they have. William and Harry, despite a few hiccups have turned into well rounded, caring young men. Diana's dedication to the clearance of mines, AIDS victims, children and her many other charities is laudable.

**Princess Anne:** is the Royal who carries out the most engagements every year. She is patron of many charities and takes her responsibilities very seriously. Despite her packed schedule she clearly has a sense of humour illustrated by her comment 'When I appear in public people expect me to neigh, grind my teeth, paw the ground and swish my tail - none of which is easy.'

We admired the way she has brought up her children to stand on their own feet and earn their own livings. Unlike other Royals not in direct line of succession, such as Prince Andrew and his daughters and Prince Edward and his family who we considered should not expect to be kept by the public, but pay for their own lives.

**William and Harry:** Despite losing their mother 20 years ago, the love and care which she showed them has helped to make them very popular with people of all ages. They reach out to young people and

have helped to modernise the monarchy in many ways. Previously most royal supporters were older. Obviously Prince Charles has helped with this too, but his influence is less apparent, probably due to what appeared to be his stilted childhood where his mother shook hands with him when she returned from an overseas trip and he was only about 5 years old. Diana would be very proud of her boys' charity work and the Invictus Games.

So in summary, most of us would keep the Monarchy, but favour abolishing the House of Lords saving a huge amount of money. We think any people not in the direct line of succession should support themselves, every member of the Royal family should pay for the upkeep of their own homes and pay taxes in the same way as everyone else.

The Queen would do well to hand over to Prince Charles now. In view of Charles' age perhaps he should give William a few years to bring up his family whilst they are young and then hand over to him. Luckily for us we don't live in the goldfish bowl which is a royal existence.

### **TOPICS 2018**

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Is the lottery a good idea?

Mar 12<sup>th</sup> – In the 21<sup>st</sup> century are we in danger of forgetting our history, heritage and British values?

Apr 9<sup>th</sup> – How attitudes have changed, is respect a thing of the past?

May 14<sup>th</sup> – TBA

Jun 11<sup>th</sup> – What is the future of the High Street?

Jul 9<sup>th</sup> – The future of British farming

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> - HS2

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – TBA

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – The pros and cons of mass air travel

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – What is the effect of mass media on the young?

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Xmas meeting

## **Future Topics 2017**

### **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)

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## **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

Co-ordinator:

Michael Bates

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January's meeting was chaired by Mike Chapman and commenced with a review of 2017 including the group's accounts.

The attendees then considered what activities they would like in 2018, prompted by a suggested list from Michael Bates, together with possible subjects for the monthly photographic project.

As part of the discussion, members reported on the software they used for post processing, which would help to define the teach-ins planned for the coming year.

The meeting concluded with a review of the members' photographs of "Winter".

Although a presentation on "Photography on a budget" was planned, there was insufficient time for this.

This month's picture project is "Wheels"

Contact and photos to [wlu3acamera@outlook.com](mailto:wlu3acamera@outlook.com) as usual.

Mike Chapman

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## POETRY GROUP

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### Poetry Group 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

As the U3A annual lunch was held on this day there were only a few people at this meeting. Nevertheless we covered Science, the Arts and a little of Robbie Burns work. He was well known for writing epitaphs as well as his poems. We heard his poem 'To a Mountain Daisy' which was written in 1786 and there was some discussion as to whether the daisy was a metaphor for a woman.

Under the heading of The Arts we heard 'Musee des Beaux Arts' by W. H. Auden, 'Leaving the Tate' by Fleur Adcock, Elizabeth Jennings' 'Rembrandt' about his self-portrait and 'The Ex- Art Student' by Roger McGough.

Under science there were two poems entitled 'Global Warming', one by Pam Ayres and the other by Roger McGough which was much shorter. We also heard 'The Computer Swallowed Grandma' – author unknown, 'Love is a Lot Like Physics' by Maureen E. Doallas, 'Lunchtime Lecture' by Gillian Clarke, two poems by Wendy Cope – 'Motorway Music' and 'The Concerned Adolescent'. Including nature as part of science allowed us to hear 'Trees Cannot Name the Seasons' by Roger McGough and Thomas Hardy's 'Weathers'. For those who are interested see '**The Computer Swallowed Grandma**' on next page.

Our topic for next month is Valentines, Love and Sex.

## **The Computer Swallowed Grandma**

The computer swallowed Grandma  
Yes, honestly it's true!  
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view

It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the internet,  
But nothing did I find

In desperation, I asked Google,  
My searches to refine  
The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found online

So if inside your 'Inbox'  
My Grandma you should see  
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her  
And send her back to me.

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## **QUIZ GROUP**

Co-ordinator

Joan Coiley

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The January quiz group met at the new venue, the Town Hall. We were a reduced group of just 6. Hardly surprising as the first Tuesday in January was the 2nd. Joan, as question setter presented the group with 'fun' questions to herald the New Year. Most of them were on entertainment and some of them turned out to be quite challenging. It's an age thing! Whereas we could all remember films, TV programmes etc. from our earlier years the knowledge of more modern entertainment was sadly missing. Nevertheless, we learnt 'bits and bobs' and enjoyed the morning.

Joan

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## **SNAILS PACE GROUP**

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### Snails' Pace Walk Friday 16th February.

We will meet at the Hercules Revived pub, Main St, Sutton Cheney, Hinckley CV13 0AG, at 11.00am. It is ok to use their car park, but there is also roadside parking. We will pre-order lunch at the Hercules Revived - the menu is on the internet and there is a winter lunch menu, sandwiches and baguettes, soup and side orders - the chips are to be recommended! We will aim to set off walking at about 11.15am along the gated road between Sutton Cheney and Market Bosworth. It will take us about 40 minutes to arrive in Market Bosworth. If we allow about 15 minutes in Market Bosworth for a toilet break, before returning along the same route to Sutton Cheney, we should arrive back at the pub at about 1.00pm ready to enjoy lunch.

### Directions to the Hercules Revived pub, Sutton Cheney.

From Lutterworth, there are multiple routes possible - perhaps take the A5 towards Hinckley going 'over' the M69 junction; continue on the A5 under the railway bridge and past Payne's Ford garage. At the next roundabout, take the (2<sup>rd</sup> left) A47 Hinckley bypass road signed 'Barwell/Market Bosworth'. Follow this road for about 1.5 miles (over mini roundabouts) until reaching the Windmill/Morrisons roundabout - Go straight over – and, at the next crossroads + traffic lights turn left onto the A447 Ashby Rd heading North (probably signed for Stapleton/Market Bosworth). Continue on the A447 for 3 miles through

Stapleton and past Woodlands Garden Centre. 400yds after Woodlands, turn left - follow the signposted road to Sutton Cheney. Hercules is towards the end of the village. Journey time approx. 35 minutes. CV13 0AG.

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### Report on January 19<sup>th</sup> Lutterworth Walk

On this occasion we met for an afternoon stroll, rather than our usual morning walk. It was a very cold but dry afternoon as we set off from the recreation ground on Coventry Road. The recent wet weather meant a change to the original route, the country park was too muddy under foot to risk muddy shoes, given we were all going to afternoon tea at the end of our walk. Instead we did a circular walk, all on hard standing, around the recreation park, along St Mary's Road, Woodmarket and Cunningham Drive back to the Coventry Road and thence to the tearooms in the High Street, where we all enjoyed a lovely tea to celebrate our fifth birthday.

My thanks to all "snails" for your help in keeping this group going, for your friendship and kind card/gifts.

Sheila Eggleton

## Snails Pace Celebration Tea



.....sadly missing Dave our photographer!!

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

Co-ordinator:

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**Date of Walk:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Walk Organisers:** Peter and Jean Child - Tel 01788 811765 or  
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**Meeting Point:** Car park at Coventry Road recreation ground.

**Meeting Time:** 09.15 to leave at 09.20.

**Route and distance:** About 5 miles of canal, field paths and a bit of road.

**Lunch:** will be at the Middlemore Farm Pub, Hidcote Way, Daventry. Choose from a 'From £5' menu or, if you wish, from the main menu before setting out.

**Directions to Start:** Take the A5 South to Kilsby. At the island in Kilsby turn onto the A361 to Daventry. At the first island on the edge of Daventry turn right into housing, signed Middlemore. At the next island turn right, Hidcote Way. Drive along Hidcote Way about 200 yards and when you reach a length of brick wall on the right take next right up to the pub and park there.

**Return Mileage** from Lutterworth: 28 miles.

## **2nd WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

Co-ordinator: Mike Chapman 01455 209972

see [www.ashbyparva.net/u3awalk](http://www.ashbyparva.net/u3awalk)

**Last minute updates** will be posted on the U3A website (via a link under **STOP PRESS**) by 8:45am on day of the walk.

**Date of Walk:** Wednesday 14th February 2018

**Walk Organisers:** Tony Allen 01455 552087 (07770 580828) & Paul Butler 01455 699437

**Meeting Point:** Coventry Road Recreation Ground at 9:15 to leave at 9:25.

**Start Point and Time:** Main Street, Gumley, LE16 7RU

**Directions to start:** The least stressful route to Gumley is via Lubenham. You take the first left in the village SP Foxton/Laughton/Gumley and head to Foxton for 1.5 miles, then left at the T junction and immediately left again for 1.5 miles to Gumley.. Beware the killer S bend on the way! Survivors should park considerately in the wide Main Street. Return trip 26.5 miles.

**Route and distance:** This is a repeat of the February 2016 walk from Saddington which proved popular for 20 walkers and dogs, helped just a little by the perfectly dry clear wintry weather! However unlike last time we will start from Gumley as the views come earlier and parking and pub opportunities are better (i.e. cheaper).

This is a circular walk of 4.3 miles between the Domesday villages of Gumley and Saddington, a mix of roads, meadows and one arable field. There is one low stile, see below, and 2 step-overs, two feet high.

The walk initially follows the Leicestershire Round past Gumley's 14th C. St Helens Church into a meadow and over an unusual post and chain hinged stile. We then cross another meadow and two steep hills, including renowned Smeeton Hill where we pause to take in the splendid panoramic views (or could that be our breath?). With Saddington in the distance and the reservoir on our left we descend to cross Langton Brook and rise up to take our break at the church of St Helen (yes another one!) in Saddington. Leaving the Round we then take a track through Manor Farm Riding School and follow the Mowsley Road before shortly turning left and skirting the reservoir on a little-used road which eventually climbs back up to Gumley.

Those of us interested in pub grub could do worse than spend £5.95 on a lunch (+£1 for pud) at Richard Cross's Bell Inn afterwards. Other miseries can just go home.

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## **January walk**

16 walkers met at Draycote Water car park, and after initial problems trying to work the ticket machine (a bit too technical for some), we took to the footpath to skirt the reservoir in an anti-clockwise direction. The 4.81 mile walk was supposed to be not only a good means of walking off the numerous Christmas puds and Brandy sauce, but to also to provide a wonderful view of the reservoir and its activities. Unfortunately, the descending fog made even the water's edge difficult to see in places.

## **4th WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

Co-ordinators: Sue & Peter Creeden

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### **28 February 2018**

**Meeting Point and Time:-** Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.10am to leave at 9.15am.

**Start Point and Time:-** The Bulls Head, Arthingworth (LE16 8JZ), Toilets will be available. Depart at 10.00am

**Directions to the Starting Point:-** Head out of Lutterworth to the M1. Take M1 south and then onto A14. Leave at Junction 2 and then left onto the A508 (to pass Kelmarsh Hall). After approximately 0.7 miles take the right turn to Arthingworth which leads into Kelmarsh Road. The Bulls Head is on the left.

**Route and Distance:-** We head out of Arthingworth passed the church before taking field tracks (some a bit muddy) to reach a more established track and then a lane that takes us over Newbottle Bridge and onto Thorpe Underwood. We then take more field paths to reach the church of St Peter and St Paul at Harrington. After passing through Harrington we head back to Arthingworth passing "The Falls", extensive and well-preserved earthwork remains of formal gardens and associated fishponds (probably late C17). This path starts off a bit muddy but gets better and eventually reaches the lane to return to the pub. The route is undulating, approximately 5.25 miles with approximately 4 stiles.

**Lunch:-** At The Bulls Head. We will place food orders before we leave.

## January 2019 Walk Report

It was touch and go as to whether this walk was going to happen. The weather forecast was not good. As I set off to the recreation car park there was only light rain so I started to become more optimistic that but by the time I reached the car park the heavens had opened and the rain was coming down like stair rods as forecast. However, undaunted, those that had arrived decided to continue and travel to the start at The Bulls Head in Brinklow. Amazingly there were more people waiting in the car park. By the time we had pre-ordered our lunches the rain had abated back to just light rain. So 17 of us, suitably attired with waterproofs, hats and hoods, set off for a slosh and a slide around the countryside. Plusses in all this were that the temperature had gone up to a dizzy 10C and the route we took either had the wind in our back or we were screened from it. We first did a loop round the back of Brinklow before getting into the fields to reach Walker`s Terrace, then Smeaton Lane and then along Colehurst Lane to reach the Oxford Canal. We joined the towpath, crossing the Smeaton Lane aqueduct, and stopped for the break at the boat repair yard near the Lutterworth Road bridge. After the break we continued our slosh following the towpath round to the car park on Cathiron Lane. We took the lane to get back to Brinklow with a slight diversion to get off the busy road. Most stayed for lunch at the pub afterwards.

Peter Creeden

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