

Members Bulletin

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Monthly Meeting

Our January **Monthly Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday 13th January 2022 at 10.00am at Lutterworth Cricket Club

The January 2022 presentation is by Hamish Paterson and is titled:-

"Walking Hadrian's Wall for Cancer Research U.K. "

It will cover:

The "highs and lows" of the Wall and the Walk
The challenges faced by Cancer Research U.K. in combating the disease.
The people and incidents throughout my journey

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Committee membership

It is proposed that due to the curtailed activities during the last 2 years, the entire Committee is willing to stand again as representatives of the Membership, despite having served for three years. This will be raised as an issue at the AGM on Thursday 10th March 2022. There is a vacancy for one new member, should you be interested. Application forms will soon be available in the Bulletin or on the website. Please think about how you might make a positive contribution to our future programme and join the supportive Committee.

Thank you.

Chris Brady
Chairperson, Wycliffe Lutterworth u3a

Notices

Age Concern Lutterworth

Age Concern Lutterworth & District needs a Treasurer to serve on our Board of Trustees.

Please contact us on 01455 557116 for more information if you have a financial background plus a knowledge of Excel.

We are a friendly group and hope that you would like to join us.

Carole Harrington

U3A Whist

I wonder whether any of Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A members would be interested in playing whist

The proposed date and time is the 2nd Monday in the month, from 2-4pm in Bitteswell village hall.

So far we do not have enough interest from Lutterworth members to make it viable, so I would be grateful if you could sound out Wycliffe members.

Theresa (Lutterworth U3A)

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PLEASE SAVE STAMPS

Please cut off the stamps from your Christmas cards - and any other mail that pops through your letter box. Liz White of Lutterworth U3A is collecting used stamps on behalf of **Medical Detection Dogs**. They can be any used stamps (even just 1st or 2nd Class) but please could you ensure they have approximately a 1cm (roughly a finger's width) surround.

You can give them to Sue Creeden at the monthly meetings. Alternatively, you can pop them through her door – 25 Holly Drive, Lutterworth. Sue will then pass them on to Liz.

Many thanks, Sue LIVELY DISCUSSION

Co-ordinator: Dot Barnard

Meeting held on 13th December 2021

Call My Bluff

In line with the current situation we took lateral flow tests before attending the last meeting of 2021. Pleased to be back to a type of normality we reverted to playing Call My Bluff for our Christmas meeting. You may remember it was a TV programme where teams of contestants were given 3 possible definitions of the same word and had to find the correct one. Here are a few of the words for you to exercise your grey

cells:

Congoblate:

a) Goblin-shaped. b) Describing a person originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo. c) Anything formed into a ball such as a lump of clay or a

pat of butter.

Edacious:

a) A garden or flower bed with attractive borders or edges. b) Voracious, devouring or gluttonous. c) Desiring an education, but prevented from

having one as with women in history.

Sockdollager:

a) A small loom for commercial production of socks. b) A slang term for a

person working at frame work knitting in their own home. c) American slang

for something sensational or exceptional.

Abecedarian:

a) A beginner, anyone learning the rudiments of something, based on the

first 4 letters of the alphabet. b) Name given to the first known bee

keepers. c) A person who studies the alphabet.

The correct definitions are shown below:

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Congoblate - c Edacious - b Sockdollager - c Abecedarian - a

Coffee after the meeting included a few seasonal treats rather than our usual cake.

Visitors welcome, please contact Dot Barnard dot.barnard@uwclub.net

01455 208190

We meet on the second Monday morning of each month.

2022.Topics

- January Has corruption in government become normalised?
- February Should we really get rid of everything to do with slavery in our past?
- March Is every criticism of Israel anti-Semitism?
- April What does woke mean? Free speech where should we draw the line?

Dot

GENTLE CYCLING GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden

01455 557888

Unfortunately, the original day for our December bike ride was a complete washout and so had to be re-scheduled. Not to be outdone, five members were available to make the second attempt, on a Monday this time instead of our usual Wednesday. This was a much better day, dry and mild.

We cycled from Lutterworth through Bitteswell and then turned left into Woodby Lane, a guiet track that leads up to the back of Magna Park. Once in Magna Park the roads and footpaths are big and wide and, despite a few lorries, the estate is very safe. We also noticed how carefully landscaped and well kept it is. We made our exit from the complex down Mere Lane and continued across at Ullesthorpe Garden Centre to Ashby Parva. A couple of us were chatting away and didn't notice until we stopped at the junction that the other three were nowhere to be seen. Panic, what had happened! It transpired that one member had got a rather large piece of grit in his tyre that was making his wheel clank along. Should he pull it out and then possibly have a flat tyre or should he leave it in which case it would almost certainly give him a puncture before too long? He risked the former and thank goodness the tyre was fine. We cycled on to Ullesthorpe and down and up to Frolesworth past Ullesthorpe Court Hotel. We turned right and right again in Froslesworth and pedalled our way up back to Ashby Parva. We needed a bit of a breather here, the road seemed to climb forever. Once refreshed we made our way through Bitteswell and back to Lutterworth.

We were rewarded by a seasonal mince pie and a drop of warming mulled wine.

Weather permitting, the next ride will be on **Wednesday 19th January 2022**, details to be announced. If you fancy joining us, we will be very pleased to see you. Electric bikes welcome. Just give me a call on the above number or email me - sueandpeter.creeden@taltalk.net.

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GARDEN GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden 01455 557888

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday afternoon 25th January 2022 at Gilmorton Village Hall starting at 2.30 p.m.** Our speaker this month will be Karen Gimson, an award-winning Garden Designer and travelling Head Gardener for estate gardens. She writes for Garden News magazine and has been on local radio. The title of her talk is 'My life as a Landscape Gardener'.

This will be followed by refreshments. Unfortunately, Karen's fee is a little higher and so the cost will be £5.00 per person.

If you would like to come along, you will be very welcome. Please just let me know by email: sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net or the phone number above.

Sue

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HISTORY

Co-ordinator: Viv Weller

Report for the History Group - December 2021

We held our December meeting at the old School room In Cotesbach this month. The

historic room was decorated with greenery for Christmas so it looked very festive.

The Yard Café supplied hot drinks and cakes, and everyone showed they still know a

thing or two in Viv's light-hearted quiz. There were some excellent scores on a variety

of topics ranging from identifying famous faces in History, working our a few dates

and identifying some festive pop songs over the years. Congratulations to the winner,

Dot. It was lovely to have our first indoor meeting since March 2020 and we all

enjoyed it.

Our future meetings are scheduled for the first TUESDAY in the month. The next one

is on February 1st. from 2 'til 4 pm. We are meeting in the Rugby Club, as we used

to. The fee is still £2 pp at present. I'd be grateful if you could bring the correct

change.

I'm hoping Covid doesn't ruin our plans. As I write this, things seem distinctly dodgy

again. I will send everyone an email before the meeting to confirm arrangements so

remember to look out for that.

If anyone else wishes to join the group or receive History group emails, please let me

know on vwellerz@aol.com

Viv

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JOINT WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUPS

December 2021 Walk Report

The walk started near Bulkington on a cloudy but quite mild day. This was the Christmas lunch walk and it attracted an excellent turnout of 31 walkers. Peter and Irene Moore were the leaders and we set off along the road from the Old Crown pub soon to join a footpath into the countryside. We crossed several fields before joining the Coventry Way to reach the B4109. Crossing this road we then passed through Hollyhurst fishing lakes to eventually reach the Coventry Canal. We then joined the Centenary Way and walked along the towpath to Hawksbury Junction. This is a very interesting place with the junction of the Coventry and Oxford canals with lots of barges, locks, bridges and a pub. Crossing the bridge (one of us taking a shortcut across the lock gate – see the photo) we then kept on the Centenary Way to walk along the Oxford Canal towpath, almost in the opposite direction for a while, to leave it at the next canal bridge and join the road back to the pub, for those who had booked, to enjoy a well-earned Christmas Lunch. The pub did us proud. Thank you Peter and Irene for leading the walk and booking the pub.



Peter Creeden

FOURTH WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Co-ordinators: Sue and Peter Creeden (Please use your U3A website if you need to contact us)

Wednesday 26 January 2022

Walk Organisers: - Sue and Peter Creeden

Sorry, but in view of the uncertainties of Covid restrictions, we have decided not to walk from a pub.

Meeting Point and Time:-. Lutterworth Recreation Ground Car Park at 09.20 am to leave at 09.25 am.

Start Point and Time:- On West Street, Welford around St. Mary The Virgin Church and its cemetery. Toilets will **not** be available.

Directions to the Starting Point:-:- Leave Lutterworth on the road to Market Harborough. (A4304). After passing through North Kilworth take the first right (just after going over the canal). Turn right at the next T junction onto the A5199. After approximately a mile you pass the Wharf Inn and just after you enter High Street, Welford, turn right into West Street. Make your way along to the church. Parking is on West Street

Route and Distance: We will do the Mary Gilbert Walk heading off down West Street before passing the Wharf Inn and joining the canal towpath heading for the junction of the spur with the Grand Union Canal. If you have walking poles we would strongly advise that you to take them as there is a short stretch of towpath that is a little narrow, on a slope and could be slippy. We then encounter two stiles as we cross the bridge to start walking along the towpath towards South Kilworth. At the bridge where the footpath from North Kilworth crosses we leave the towpath and join that footpath which is heading back to Welford. Climbing and crossing a few fields along tracks we reach the concreted farm road which goes all the way back to the start. A distance of 5 miles with just the 2 stiles.

Lunch Arrangements:- The nearest pub is the Wharf Inn. Having not been there recently we cannot comment on it but it if you would like to go it would be prudent to book a table in advance. Their telephone number is **01858 575075**

FIRST WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

<u>Joint Co-ordinators</u>:- Peter and Irene Moore. Tel.- 01455 552594 Mob:- 07931 568792

<u>Date of Walk : Wednesday 2nd February 2022</u>. email.peter79moore@gmail.com

Driving distance: 8 Miles each way.

<u>Walk leaders :-</u> Peter & Irene Moore. email.- <u>peter79moore@gmail.com</u> Tel.-01455 552594

<u>Meeting Point and Time</u>: Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.20am to leave at 9.25am.

Start Point: Red Lion, Crick, Northant's. NN6 7TX. Leave 10.00am.

Toilets available.

<u>Directions to Start</u>: Take M1 south, exit at junction 18, left onto A428 to West Haddon and Northampton, at 1st island turn right signed Crick, left at 1st island, follow road into village, pub on right after passing co-op store on the right.

Route and Distance.

Exit the car park , turn left , after 300 meters turn right into Church Street, at the Church turn right onto footpath at back of school and join Bury Dyke , third left onto Fallowfields and exit to cross main road (busy road take great care) join footpath to canal, turn right and exit at Bridleway, turn left, turn left onto canal. Follow canal back to main road, exit right towards Crick then return to Red Lion for lunch.

No stiles . 4 ¾ Miles

A pleasant walk through farmland and Canal.

Good and varied choice of Food, extensive Lunch time menu. Gluten Free Food available. - Order before walk.

Summary:

<u>Varied Walk</u>, mostly field paths and some quiet road walking, Fairly flat walk.

Next Walk: Wednesday 2nd March 2022. 5 Miles. Queens Head, Bretfford. A lovely country walk through quiet pastures.

Through Bretford and Wollaton with a young River Avon as company.

Peter and Irene Moore

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SNAIL'S PACE WALKING GROUP

Friday 21st January – Gated Road, Sutton Cheney/Market Bosworth



We will meet at the Hercules Revived country inn on Main Street, Sutton Cheney, Hinckley CV13 0AG.

We will start walking at 11.00 am along the gated road heading for Market Bosworth. The walk, all hard standing and flat, will take approx. 45-60 minutes one way, depending upon how fast people walk. Of course, you may decide to do only part of this walk.

You may want to take a comfort break before we complete the return walk back to Sutton Cheney. I estimate having lunch at about 1.00 pm but intend phoning staff at the Hercules when we are getting close to Sutton Cheney.

If you coordinate car journeys, it would be possible to walk just the return route from Market Bosworth to Sutton Cheney.

Lunch

We will have lunch at The Hercules Revived, Sutton Cheney. Phone: 01455 699336.

Staff at the Hercules will need a pre order from those who want to lunch.

I have attached a link to the lunchtime winter menu at the bottom of page.

Could you please let me know if you want to come along and, if applicable, your lunch order by **Monday 17th January at the latest.**

You can you contact me on: 01455 251809 or email mandycutler@sky.com

Any new walkers, please feel free to contact me.

Directions from Lutterworth to The Hercules Revived, Sutton Cheney, CV13 0AG

There are 3 different Sat Nav routes to S.Cheney – all same time/distance.

18 miles, approx. 30-35 minutes – Suggested:

Join A5 (Westbound towards Hinckley)@Magna Park towards M69 Junction.

At M'Way Junction - Stay on A5 North (take 3rd left).

Go under Hinckley to B'ham railbridge and past Paynes Ford (on right).

Approaching Dodswell Roundabout STAY IN RIGHT HAND LANE (A47 North). Take 2nd left up A47N (Hinckley Western Perimeter Road) n.b 30mph. Go 2 miles. Stay on Perimeter Road over mini/major roundabouts.

Turn left at Traffic Lights A447 (Signposted Ibstock/Mkt Bosworth/Barwell) into Ashby Road, Hinckley.

Follow Ashby Road 2 miles, passing Dobbies Garden Centre (Woodlands) on left. 800 yards after Dobbies turn left into Stapleton Lane (Signposted for Sutton Cheney/Battlefield Centre). The Hercules Inn is 1000 yards on your left in the village. Parking on street near pub. Opposite St James' Church.

Menu –follow link:

Hercules Sutton Cheney Menu

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