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Data Protection in our U3A

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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.

Speaker: Graham Sutherland – ‘Drainpipe Trousers to Rock and Roll’

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:

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

May 10th - Jane Clark, Paul Butler and Sylvia Smith

June 14th. - Marilyn Helmsley, Barbara Ewen and Val Ridley

Data Protection In Our U3A

From May 25th 2018 a new law on Data Protection will come into effect. The new law requires organisations, to be able to demonstrate that they comply with the data protection principles. The good news is that on most counts we already comply with this new legislation. However, we will need to make a number of small alterations to the way we collect and handle our members' personal information. As a U3A, we hold, centrally, on file, a limited amount of information about all current members (name, address, phone number and, if available, e-mail address). A small number of people have also provided, voluntarily, details about skills, mobility problems etc. The information is held in paper format (your original application form) and, also, electronically in a password protected spreadsheet on a password protected computer.

In future, we will only retain, centrally, the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of current members. We need to hold this information so that we can contact you from time to time. In the past we have got your signed permission (on your original application form) to use such data for "administrative purposes". But, of course, we have passed some information on to our group leaders and activity organisers so they can contact their own members from time to time. In this instance, to fully comply with the new legislation, all we need to do is to be more specific in telling you about how we will use your data.

We will do this by putting a Privacy Statement on all application forms which will read as follows:

- *Please sign below that you give us permission to use the information you have supplied in the following ways*
- *To store it securely for membership purposes*

- *To communicate with you as a U3A member*
- *To share with group leaders for those groups that you are a member of*

Also, in the course of the next few months we will be sending all members a “Membership Renewal” form to complete. Again, we have to do this to comply with the legislation. On receipt of the completed and signed form we will destroy any previous forms and details that we are holding. I know this seems tedious, but we are in good company. This morning (29 March) my wife received a letter from the British Heart Foundation – a charity she has supported, & donated to, for over 20 years. This is what they wrote “From 25th May this year, changes to the law mean we will need your permission to continue contacting you – even if you’ve told us we can in the past”. At least we got a stamped addressed envelope to put our reply inside!

Thank you for your time and co-operation

Nigel Burt
Chairman

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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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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2018/19

Can anyone help please? We believe that a U3A member made a payment of £12.00 into Lloyds Bank Lutterworth branch on Monday, 19th March 2018. Unfortunately the bank statement does not identify who this was and the Branch is not permitted to divulge information to us. We are assuming this was a membership renewal fee.

If this was you, please could you contact Sue Creeden (Membership Secretary) either by email: sueandpeter.creeden@talktalk.net or telephone 01455 557888.

Many thanks

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you have renewed your subscription for 2018/19 by bank transfer, please pick up your new membership card when signing in at the monthly meeting. If you are unable to attend the monthly meetings, please contact Sue Creeden (01455 557888) who will arrange to get it to you.

Many thanks

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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 (roughly a finger's width) surround.

Please hand in your used stamps to Sue Creeden at the reception desk at the monthly meetings and she will pass them on.

Also, Sue has a small supply of envelopes for you to recycle used inkjet toner cartridges in aid of Medical Detection Dogs. These will be available at the reception desk.

Many thanks

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BOOK CHAT

Co-ordinator: Mick Curtis 01455 554504

Our book this month was *Hollow Chocolate Bunnies of the Apocalypse* by Robert Rankin. A fantasy novel more suited to teenage boys than our demographic, even though it might be said we have at least one recycled teenage boy in our midst.

This book proved to have more about it than it first seemed and only one of the members who attended the discussion really disliked it. The rest of us found the story of Eddy the teddy bear, turned private eye, and Jack, trying to solve the mystery of the murders of nursery rhyme characters was more entertaining than we were expecting. However not enough that we would read another by this author. We all agreed that it fulfilled our remit of reading outside our comfort zone.

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FRENCH CONVERSATION

Co-ordinator: Sue Hicks 01858 880273

Meeting held on 22nd March 2018

We met in the Methodist Parlour this time, which had been kindly heated to a comfortable temperature. After some general conversation and the introduction of a welcome new member, we divided into small groups to discuss holidays (or whatever else that led to). There was also a small article about champagne bubbles and intoxication.

Advance notice:

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 26th April, in the usual place. The May meeting will be a film at Pearl and Tony's on 24th May.

Sue

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GARDEN GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden 01455 557888

The weather was not enticing for our first outing of 2018. However, undaunted, 31 members came prepared with boots and raincoats and travelled to Bridge Nurseries, Napton on the Hill. In their introduction the owners, Christine and Philip, explained that they bought the nursery 20 years ago and had built it up and created the garden more or less single-handedly. The soil was heavy clay and, therefore, they specialised in plants and shrubs that thrived in such conditions, especially grasses, willow and bamboo. They explained that competition from the supermarkets and large garden centres made business difficult and the loss of the large polytunnel cover during the winter had caused further problems.

We toured the somewhat waterlogged garden and growing areas for half an hour and some members made purchases. Unfortunately, due to the cold winter, we were too early to see some of the spring plants that would normally be in colour at the end of March.



Christine then invited us in out of the drizzly rain for a propagation demonstration showing us how to plant cuttings and seeds and to divide large

plants. She offered advice and answered our many questions before tea and delicious home-made cakes were served.

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Our next outing will be on **Tuesday, 24th April** when we will be visiting **Bosworth House**, Oxenden Road, **Arthlingworth**, LE16 8LA. This is a 3 acre organic private garden owned by Mr and Mrs Irving-Swift. We will have a guided tour of the garden which includes herbaceous borders, orchard, cottage garden with greenhouse, vegetable garden, herbs and strawberries and a little spinney. Cecile has suggested we bring small paper bags and she will happily give us cuttings.

The minibus will leave Lutterworth Leisure Centre at 1.15 p.m. The cost will be £12.00 (£7.00 for the garden and refreshments and £5.00 for the minibus).

All are welcome. If you are interested and would like to come along, please email Sue Creeden: sueandpeter.creedon@talktalk.net or phone 01455 557888.

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GENTLE CYCLING GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden 01455 557888

We had a beautiful morning for our March ride – a bit fresh but bright sunshine and blue skies. Unfortunately, other commitments got in the way for some, so just three of us were able to enjoy it. We started from the Village Shop in Gilmorton and Judy led us through quiet lanes to Ashby Magna, Willowby Waterleys, Peatling Magna and then up the gated road towards Arnesby. After a short breather we cycled on to Bruntingthorpe, Peatling Parva and back to Gilmorton for a much needed coffee. A ride of roughly 12 miles with just a couple challenging hills. However, the views from the high points definitely made the puffing worthwhile.

As several members were unable to join us in March, we will do a similar ride in April. We can adjust the distance according to the weather and how people feel on the day. **We will meet at the Village Shop in Gilmorton at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 18th April.**

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

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HISTORY GROUP

Co-ordinator: Viv Weller 01455 557136

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Report for the History Group meeting

Our March meeting took us back the period between the two world wars.

Sheila Eggleton's started the topic with an interesting presentation examining the period known as the 'Roaring Twenties'. It was a time noted for 'modernity' and a strong sense that society was breaking with the past and beginning a new chapter after the horrors of the Great War.



Sheila remarked that it seemed the rate of change was different depending on where in the world you look but this had far-reaching social and economic effects on all sections of society. It was a period of continuing urbanisation but also one when many British industries came under pressure from foreign competition. Sheila posed the question 'Were the tensions the same for all sectors of society?' The impact of wide ranging population shifts suggested not. Irish population fell while the USA's and England's grew. Some European states also saw big demographic shifts, partly as a result of war and partly resulting from the border changes implemented at Versailles. There were certainly many examples of industrial unrest and hardship in the UK, aggravated by deep rifts in society and a strong North/South divide. For many, it meant a life of extreme poverty and occasional cries for help in desperate hunger marches and strikes while the wealthy few inhabited a different world of parties and luxury. Modernism expressed itself in many ways, not least in Art, Design, Cinema and Fashion but it was perhaps the new technologies of the Twenties which enhanced the sense of modernism and heralded great changes to that were to transform life in the 20thC. During the Twenties, however, these exciting things were unaffordable for most people. Radio, labour saving household appliances and especially practical and reliable motor cars all represented a Brave New World. British society started to become an aspirational society in the Twenties, believing that things can and will change. A slow process but even the solid barriers of our old Democracy began to break down when women got the vote although it was not until 1928 that all women achieved equal voting rights with men.

Perhaps though, it is the frantic hedonism of the 1920s that has lasted longest in popular memory. This has been strengthened by the influence of novels such as 'The Great Gatsby' and the iconic sound of the Twenties; Jazz. The group discussed some of these issues and we all

noted that it was impossible to look back at this period without coming across dark themes of racism and inequality amid the fun and excitement, which seemed to permeate many aspects of ordinary life. Sheila ended her talk with some Jazz music to remind us of the spirit of the age!

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After tea, Viv's presentation looked at the same period but this time examined the international politics between the wars that were going on at that time. This theme was explained through the commentary of political cartoons. Our key question was *Why didn't the League of Nations prevent World War II?* The topic explained the atmosphere of blind idealism, arising from the horror of World War, in which the creation of the League of Nations took place in 1920, as part of the Versailles Settlement. It was believed the League would easily prevent wars because countries would resolve any future differences 'by discussion, compromise and a respect for the Law'.



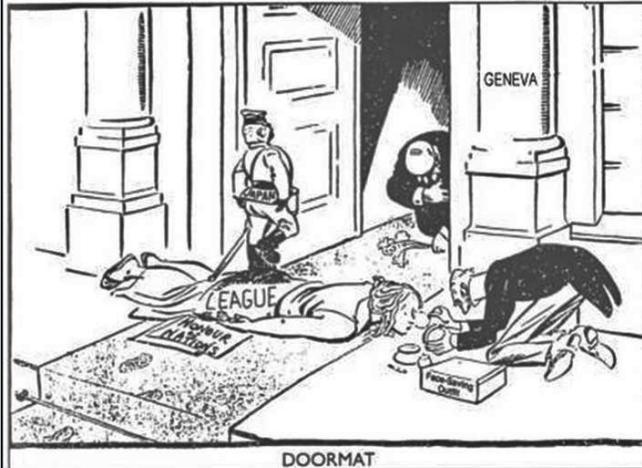
Because of this it was not thought necessary to have any international force to support decisions or tackle future aggressors. Who would ever risk such a war again? It was unthinkable. In addition, the League was weaker because it excluded Germany and other defeated states (as unfit to join because they said they started WWI) while the USA simply turned its back on Europe and entered a period of Isolationism. This left a severely weakened organisation with just Britain, France, Japan and Italy at its head. In many ways, the League never stood a realistic chance of preventing future war. However, in 1920, nobody could have guessed that two of those leading member states would embrace military dictatorship within a few years and change the game so profoundly. Nevertheless, the League promised much but had no political strength whatsoever and soon a series of international crises in the period, precipitated by military aggression, highlighted the damning weaknesses of the League.

If only the leading members of the League had been warned of the consequences of these actions perhaps war could have been prevented? Perhaps they would have behaved differently? Well, actually, they WERE warned repeatedly throughout by political cartoonists, notably the amazingly perceptive David Low in his brilliant cartoons in the Evening Standard.

Viv's presentation used some of the most well known examples to highlight some of the main events and crises of the period.

British Reaction to the Japanese takeover of Manchuria, 1931-32

A cartoon by Low from a British newspaper, 19th Jan 1933:



The cartoon shows Japan walking over 'the league' (and the honour of nations) with dirty boots after invading Manchuria. The building represents the league of nations in Geneva, and the Japanese general is being welcomed by the doorman with a bunch of flowers (trying to keep the peace). The English gentleman on the right is trying to save the face of the league with a bit of make-up.

It was unfortunate that the 1920s and 30s saw the rise of powerful military dictatorships and political extremism which tested it to breaking point. The League had no answer to that phenomenon and as the scale of aggression increased in the 1930s, the League became a political irrelevance. Mussolini invaded Corfu in 1924 as a sort of test run and that localised aggression was rewarded with a special deal at the expense of his weaker victim, Greece. He was so encouraged by this that he began his programme of rearmament and modernisation in Italy which, rather than being criticised, was admired by many. By 1935, his blatant invasion of Abyssinia could not be prevented. It seemed to prove that *'Might is Right'* and Mussolini firmly believed his dream of a second Roman Empire would be allowed to happen. Such successes also encouraged Hitler to pursue his own agenda of rearmament, claim and conquest in the later 1930s. He was right to be

encouraged. When he made his first tentative move by reoccupying the Rhineland in 1936, against the express rules laid down at Versailles, he even gave his generals order to retreat if challenged but nobody stopped him either. Similarly, Japan's bloody invasion of China in 1931 'justified' by an obviously trumped up complaint against China, was strongly condemned by the League but Japan ignored its demand to withdraw. Instead it resigned and continued with its military ambitions to create an Empire in Asia with impunity.

After 1933, Britain and France's leniency with Mussolini led to them also bypassing the League with special and rather shameful deals such as the secret Hoare-Laval initiative of 1935. Such behaviour weakened it further. That approach may have partly stemmed from their belief that he must be kept onside to help control Hitler but if so, it was a hope firmly dashed in the Axis treaty of 1936. The problem was that these aggressive states DID want war! By the mid '30s, the behaviour of the League and the failure of even Britain and France to fully support it meant that the League was dead. Mussolini and Hitler were convinced no one else would try to stop them. Both the League and the later policy of Appeasement, which was adopted by Britain and France in the mid 1930s, were treated with contempt. World War, which in 1920 had been dismissed as something never to be contemplated again, became inevitable.

Viv

Future meetings 2018

April - no meeting.

THURSDAY, May 3rd Visit to Harrington 'Carpet Baggers' Aviation museum with a guided tour.

MONDAY June 4th Visit to Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire.

MONDAY July 2nd Historical trail around Market Harborough (VW).
Please note there are no spaces left on this walk.

THURSDAY August 2nd Visit to Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire.

MONDAY September 3rd *The History of Aviation in Leicestershire.*
We have a guest speaker Mrs Anne French, who will talk about early flight and the history of Stoughton Airfield followed by a short film 'Flying over Leicestershire' (venue: Rugby Club).

MONDAY, October 3rd Some aspects of medieval history – tba. VW
(venue: Rugby Club)

MONDAY, November 5th *'Dressing a Knight'*. We have a guest speaker from 'Guarderobe' who will give us a demonstration of medieval armour and the role of a Knight in the 15th C. It is based on a real person from Northamptonshire (venue: Rugby Club).

MONDAY December 3rd. Christmas Quiz (venue: Rugby Club).

LIVELY DISCUSSION

Co-ordinator: Dot Barnard 01455 208190

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In the 21st century are we in danger of forgetting our history and heritage and British values?

Several members of the group had researched British values and what is currently being taught. These include democracy, the rule of law, liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of faiths. Most of us supported this list, however another point of view set out these values as loyalty to the crown and the flag, respect for the law; the work ethic; tolerance decency and; good manners; patron saints; our ancient towns and villages and the seaside; fish and chips; afternoon tea and real ale. There is some overlap as you can see.

We agreed that history isn't well taught as teachers are forced to follow the curriculum set by government and to chase exam results. This means that pupils don't necessarily understand the chronology of events and the outcomes which still affect us today. The recent centenaries of WW1 and women getting the vote have enhanced youth's understanding of more recent events.

All agreed that children are a product of their upbringing. The children that we personally know are hard-working, responsible and know that they cannot expect things without putting in the effort. However, there is a perception that young people today are influenced by TV and celebrity culture and just want to be famous without making any effort for their reward. This together with too much screen time and foreign holidays has resulted in a lack of appreciation of our history and the

beautiful towns, villages, countryside and buildings available to us to visit. Opinion differed within the group regarding the National Trust. One point of view being that young people think it's for 'oldsters', and others have seen many families enjoying days out, picnics and special children's activities at these properties.

Child-centred parenting was raised as a problem. However, it was pointed out that the older generation has always had a problem with the younger generation, but no need to fret as mostly everyone turns out OK. The anti-establishment attitude of the 1960s was seen by some as a good thing and resulted in tolerance (from our first list) of gays, blacks etc., as being second nature – a much more healthy attitude. One member grew up in Notting Hill in the 1960s and had many school friends and neighbours who were black and thought nothing of it, they were just there. Immigration into the country has been happening for centuries, indeed at least 2 people in the group had immigrant ancestors. After WW2 wealth had been destroyed and the divide between rich and poor was less than it is now. After the banking crash and with current policies wealth flows from the poor to the rich which has caused a much greater divide.

Our current culture and attitudes to raising children allow us and them to learn from the bad as well as the good, whereas previously we were expected to do as we were told and not question anything. We still have a class ridden society and tolerance in some people is much lower than it was with people taking offence at the slightest thing – notably the furore on today's news about a scone photographed by the National Trust! It was felt that perhaps we are too tolerant of other religions when the same tolerance isn't necessarily shown to Christianity, around which the UK has developed over thousands of years. Despite upholding the value of our democracy we mustn't be

too complacent when we remember that our voting system returned a government for whom only 25% of the population voted. Most of us are less concerned about the use of screens and phones than some sections of the press seem to be. We had encyclopaedias. They/we use the internet. If we had refused to accept ordinary phones into our lives when they first became generally available, we wonder where we would be now in relation to the rest of society. Nevertheless we are worried about people including children who have or are given no discipline around the use of their screens and some of the unsavoury things with which they could come into contact.

It is likely that in the 21st century some people are in danger of forgetting our history, heritage and British values. It is also likely that some people don't know enough about these things and have a skewed idea which can lead to extremism of many sorts. It is also notable as one matures a greater interest in these things can develop – so there's probably hope that all is not lost.

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

TOPICS 2018

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

May 14th – What is the future of the high street/

Jun 11th – Is the lottery a good idea?

Jul 9th – The future of British farming

Aug 13th – HS2

Sept 10th – TBA

Oct 8th – The pros and cons of mass air travel

Nov 12th – What is the effect of mass media on the young?

Dec 10th – Christmas meeting

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MOTOR CYCLE GROUP

Co-ordinator: Colin Beadle 01455 558013

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For our first meeting of the year we headed to the Triumph Motorcycle Factory at Hinckley. The site now boasts a very impressive (free to enter) visitors centre along with a café.

With weather remaining unpredictable we were very pleased to find that the day brought dry and mild conditions.

Plans for 2018 were considered over some excellent bacon cobs and tea, a tour of the visitor centre followed.

With the good weather still holding - four of the group took the opportunity to develop into the first ride of the year. Kevin led on a circuit that took us out into the country and then Stoney Cove (tea stop) - finally back to Lutterworth.

Next ride out will be weather dependant and all looking forward to such.

Colin

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PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Co-ordinator: Michael Bates

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The March meeting opened with a presentation by John Haddon, delving into the process and programs he used for a talk he gave the group in 2017.

Using “PicturestoExe”, he demonstrated how a few photos can be turned into a full audio/visual experience with the addition of transitions, titles and a soundtrack. The program lets you, amongst other things, adjust duration, transition type and length for each slide independently, and create “movement” by panning the original picture. Showing completed projects from the past, he demonstrated the effective use of picture-in-picture, montage, and transition to tell a story that couldn’t be done just displaying the original pictures. Thanks to John for such an interesting presentation.

The meeting then went on to view members pictures of “Churches”.

This month’s project is “Graffiti”, and the next meeting is on 27th April.

Mike Chapman

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POETRY GROUP

Co-ordinator : Sylvia Hitchen 0116 247 8353

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Our topic was “Tragedy and Comedy”, and while comedy seemed fairly obvious, several of us found it more challenging to define tragedy poems since one person’s tragedy might merely be another person’s misfortune. Nevertheless the poems read were split pretty equally between the two categories.

For comedy, Pam Ayres featured strongly as expected. Surprisingly though two of her poems which were read were really quite bleak, particularly “The Racehorse Fred” which is about a horse drawing up its will before being made to run in the National. Very topical and worth a read.

We enjoyed comic poems by Roger mcGough, Wendy Cope and Dorothy Parker plus a very amusing poem on schoolboy antics (Ogden Nash, “The Boy who laughed at Santa Claus”) and a wonderful poem which concentrated solely on describing a woman’s laugh (Martin Armstrong, “Mrs Reece Laughs”).

I had thought that most poems featuring tragedy were probably war poems, and indeed there were some, namely Miroslav Holub’s “Five Minutes after the Air Raid” and Thomas Hardy’s “Drummer Hodge”, both hugely poignant. Most of the tragedy poems however were on other topics eg Hillsborough, the Twin Towers ,and the assassination of Kennedy. There was a wonderful pacey rhythmic Simon Armitage poem “Killing Time” about time passing all too quickly as we sprint for the finishing line. Also a poem on road rage (John Betjeman

“Meditation on the A30”) and one on our attitudes towards black people (John Lindley “Darkies”).

The topic for **April** is “Art and Science”, for **May** is “Springtime” and for **June** is “Time and Space”.

Sylvia

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TUESDAY WALKING GROUP (with Lutterworth U3A)

Co-ordinator: Gordon Jones 01455 556192

Date of Walk: Tuesday 17th April 2018

Co-ordinators: Gordon Jones 01455 556192

Walk Organiser: Reg Tattersall, 01455 209126

Meeting Point: Meet at the car park by the Leisure Centre

Meeting Time: 09.25 to leave at 09.30.

Route and distance: Starting from the Queen's Arms in Leire at 10:00 am the walk (of approx 5.5 miles) includes a mixture of field paths, tracks and roads. We leave Leire heading towards Broughton Astley and then continue on to Frolesworth where we join part of the Leicestershire Round to return to Leire. Lunch will be taken at The Queen's Arms where we will have pre-ordered our food before starting out on the walk. The pub will be open for toilets before we leave.

Directions to the Starting Point: From Lutterworth take the road past Morrison's to Bitteswell and turn right by the church. Follow the signposts to Ashby Parva (take the right fork after Cauldwell Lane). Turn right by Ashby Parva church and continue down the road to the Leire-Dunton Bassett road. Turn left and then right by Leire church to enter the Queen's Arms car park

Return Mileage from Lutterworth: 4.2 miles

2nd WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Co-ordinator: Mike Chapman 01455 209972

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

May Walk

Date of Walk: Wednesday [9th May 2018](#)

Walk Organisers: Vicki & Bob Davis 01455 209518

Meeting Point: Coventry Road Recreation Ground. 9.15am to leave at 9.20am

Start Point and Time: Parking by the entrance to Hartshill Hayes Country Park Car Park CV10 0TH. OLDBURY RD. HARTSHILL
N.B. There is a charge of £2.00 to park. Toilets are available on the site.

Directions to start: From Lutterworth access the A5 towards Hinckley and beyond until you pass the junction A444. Take the next road on the left signed Hartshill. Pass under a Railway bridge and continue up hill to cross canal at traffic lights. Continue through town passing church on your left to take a road on your right. Continue uphill to Car Park for Country Park. There are possibilities to park on the road adjacent to entrance but not guaranteed. The post code should take you there if using satnav. We will leave car park at 10.00am

Route and distance: The walk will include Bluebell Woods, Meadowland, Hillsides with views and canal towpath. The Distance will be 5miles.

March walk report

26 walkers met at The Elms car park in Lutterworth, on a sunny but chilly day for the 4.8 mile walk towards Gilmorton, then onto Walcote, where we stopped for coffee at the children's playground. Leaving towards Misterton, we took the path through the church grounds, returning to Misterton Way and back to the carpark.

Although a number were expecting to partake of the carvery at The Elms, unfortunately, there was no water, and it was closed. Many in the group headed off in different directions to other eating houses for lunch.

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4th WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Co-ordinators: Sue & Peter Creeden 01455 557888

25 April 2018

Walk Organiser:- George Robertson Tel: 07986827270.

Meeting Point and time:- Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.10am to leave at 9.20am.

Start Point and time:- The Horseshoes Sywell NN6 0AW. Leave at 10.00am. Toilets will be available.

Directions to the Starting Point:- Head south M1, A14 and leave A14 on A508 towards Northampton. Go first left on roundabout near Brixworth then turn right at first T and left at the next T. Straight across at X road in Holcot, take care here. Go straight across A43 roundabout and go right at mini roundabout in Sywell. The Horseshoes Inn is on the right and the car park entrance is immediately past the pub and before the telegraph pole. Round trip 54 miles

Route and Distance:- The walk takes us from Sywell across fields to Mears Ashby and then on to and around Sywell Reservoir and back to the pub. Good news for some, there are toilets about half way at the reservoir. Walk distance 5.5 miles three stiles and a fence!

Lunch:- At Horseshoes Inn. We will place food orders before we leave. Lunchtime mains £7.75. Sandwiches and baked potatoes at £4.95 and also more substantial meals at £9 +

March 2019 Walk Report

I think there must be a jinx on the Fourth Wednesday walk. This was the third one in a row that was impacted on by the weather. Today it was raining and the sun had completely lost its way. However, it did not stop 18 stalwarts from setting off to stride out in the rain ...and the mud!. With Tony Allen leading us we left The Bulls Head at Wolvey and set off along the Coventry Road shortly entering into fields to pass a caravan site and Five Ways lakes and reach Coal Pit Lane. The lane started off as a nice tarmac road but then petered out into track, and then a very muddy track and then an incredibly sticky path across a muddy field before reaching a grassy path (which I have to admit I have seen a lot worse on previous walks). We stopped for a break in the shelter of a barn where Peter Moore issued Tony Allen with a yellow card for not advising us to wear suitable gear.....I think a snorkel was mentioned! Shortly after restarting we reached some more mud and I sensed the red card quivering in Peter Moore`s pocket but thankfully it remained there. After a few more fields, and a bit more mud, we climbed up to Wolvey passed the church and back to the Bulls Head. Most stayed for lunch after the walk

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