



*The Tennis Group enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at the Cricketers Pub in Leamington.*

In the next issue of INFO we shall be trialling a **new section of news items**. If you have anything you feel may be of interest to other WDU3A members, please let Margot O'Keeffe know (see page 24 for contact details).

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In preparation for the AGM  
on 17th February:

Trustees Annual Report for the year from  
September 1st 2008 to August 31st 2009

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## NOTICES

### WARWICK DISTRICT U3A AGM 2010

This is to be held at:  
Trinity School, Bishop Bright Hall, Trinity School, Guys Cliffe Ave, Leamington Spa,  
CV32 6NB  
on 17th February at 2pm

**After the AGM there will be an OPEN MEETING** to enable members to raise any matters notified in advance to the Secretary. Items for inclusion to be sent to the Secretary by the 27th January, 2010. The time devoted to this meeting will depend on the number of items notified.

Please send items for the agenda to Jackie Walker on [Jackiewalker127@aol.com](mailto:Jackiewalker127@aol.com) or 6 Stephenson Close, Leamington Spa CV32 6BS

### New Website

We have developed a new website which has information about WDU3A and what we do, as well as details of the groups.

<http://www.u3awarwickdistrict.org.uk/>

Would all groups who have not yet done so, please supply a few words to explain what your group does and when it does it, together with digital photos if at all possible (if you prefer someone will come to your group's meeting to take photos), to:

[john.innocent@talktalk.net](mailto:john.innocent@talktalk.net) or [margotok@sky.com](mailto:margotok@sky.com)

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron Millard for managing the website over the last few years – even after he had left our U3A!**

### Much of Our Contact Information is Out Of Date!

It is vital that, from time to time, members can be contacted. Many of you have not notified our Membership Secretary of any change of address, phone number or email. A recent email sent to 100 members was only able to be delivered to 50 of them because the others were not correct. Please will you make sure Phyllis Puddifoot has all your details as well as your Group Leaders. Her contact details are on the back cover of this newsletter.

## NOTICES



### Signpost Newsletter

Go to: <http://worldu3a.org> and click on the link to Signpost. Here you will find signposts to educational resources of a (mostly) non-computer nature to be found on the world-wide-web. History, Philosophy, Art and Poetry links are there in profusion.

**U3A-Signpost** is sent out as an advisory email on the first of every month from WorldU3A International Group and U3AOnline Australia to any and all U3A members anywhere in the world.

### Equipment

This is the most up-to-date list of equipment that WDU3A has ownership of. If any group leader wishes to avail themselves of any item on the list they should contact Phil Larvor or Ron Goodey (see back page). Likewise if anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of any of the missing items, or can update this list, please contact Phil Larvor (Equipment Officer).

ITEM	MAKE	TYPE
Display Boards x2	(Portable)	
Guillotine ( <b>Missing</b> )	Cathedral	Creative
Lap Top	Acer	Aspire
Lap-top	Toshiba	Satellite
Lap-top	Dell	Inspiron
Memory Stick	Sietec	
Public Address system	Carlsbro	Traveller
System-Accessory	Gemini	
Printer/Scanner	Epson	
Scanner ( <b>Missing</b> )	Epson	Perfection 610
Screen		Wall
Screen		Tripod
Shredder – Electric	Pcline	Cross-cutter
Slide Projector and Case ( <b>Missing</b> )		
SVGA Video Projector	Sharp	
Projector	Epson	
Projector	Epson	
U3A Banner		
White Board		

### A little useless information from Phyllis Puddifoot



There are **743** U3A's ... with a total of **2,299,871** members ... and we had nearly **700** of 'em! **BUT** 90 of them didn't renew their subscriptions, so that remarkable figure is now below **600**!

What happened? Where did you go?

### The Royal Institution and the U3A

#### *U3A Explores Science at the Ri*

Tuesday 30th March 2010 at 1.30pm  
at the Royal Institute, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1

#### Speakers and subjects include:

- Dr Lewis Dartnell – Extra Terrestrial Life
- Professor Susan Jebb – the Obesity timb Bomb

See our website:  
[www.u3awarwickdistrict.org.uk](http://www.u3awarwickdistrict.org.uk)  
or contact T.A.T.

## NOTICES

**U3A HOLIDAYS (SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!)**  
*This will also be on display at the AGM (see page 3)*

### 12th Annual Summer Schools – The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

**School 1:** Architecture: The Evolution of the English House; Drama: Experiments in Theatre; France: La Bell France; History: Glimpses of 19th Century London; Mah Jong for Beginners; Mahler: The Bridge to the 20th Century; Philosophy: Justification of the State; Poetry: Off the Beaten Track (Poets with a Cotswolds Connection); Psychology: Understanding Human behaviour; Science & Technology: Lasers, Secret Messages and the Science of Photography; Singing: For Pleasure

**School 2:** Art History; Cinema History; Computing Workshop; Geology; Latin American Spanish; Literature – Three Untypical Novels; Music Appreciation – The Ring; Philosophy – Visual Art; Poetry – Three Priest Poets; Storytelling; Writing – Using Our Lives for Fact or Fiction.

**U3A Jazz Appreciation Holiday to Rimini** – 22nd June to 28th June 2010.  
Jazz music each evening, plus Bologna and Ravenna. Outstanding seafront hotel accommodation. Superb offer!

### Warwickshire Association for the Blind (WAB)

**Volunteer drivers are required to transport people to and from a bowls club on Friday mornings.**

WAB have a group of visually impaired people who enjoy a game of bowls on a Friday morning. We urgently need more drivers to take people to and from the club (and to assist during the games if you would like). The people who attend all live in Leamington and Warwick. They play indoors in the winter at Gaydon and outdoors in the summer at Wellesbourne.

We have people who would like to join the group and the more drivers we have the more people we can accommodate.

This club operates every Friday morning. Our existing members range in age from 40 to 80; it's a gentle sport for any age. WAB pay mileage and guide training can be given to volunteers if needed.

If you would like to know more or feel you could help, please contact Elaine Ball on 01926 411331.

## OPEN MEETINGS AND FUTURE SPEAKERS

The meetings are held in the Dormer Conference Centre, which is adjacent to St Peter's Church, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa. They start at 2.15pm and last for around two hours. There is a charge of £2 to help cover the associated costs.

- 17th February**     **John Fenner:** actor with the Loft Theatre Company; *The Lighter Side of Travel!* – An 'amuse bouche' after the AGM.
- 10th March**        **Ian Mathie:** having worked most of his life in Developing countries, Ian will illustrate how tribal customs have much to offer Western society. (www.ianmathie.com)
- 14th April**         **Gardening and Gardens 1:** a return visit by Roger Umpelby; this time on *All Bugs Bright and Beautiful*.
- 12th May**          **Gardening and Gardens 2:** Tamsin Rosewall, local historian, gives an illustrated talk on the history and restoration of the Elizabethan gardens at Kenilworth Castle.
- 14 July**            **Mr A F Adams of the George Eliot Society** on The Life of George Eliot
- 8 September**     **Dr S Parissien, Curator, Compton Verney,** on the history of and the current activities at this gallery TBC.

### Requests for Speakers or Topics for the Open Meetings

If anyone has a particular request, please would they contact Tony Eastaugh, the Speaker Secretary, on 01295 680708 or AntonyEast@aol.com

### Open Meetings – Tea Rotas

- Co-ordinator Phillippa Davies (425021). Each group should provide 4 members + 3 pints of milk. If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to find a replacement group.
- 17th February AGM – Tennis AND Garden Group 1
- 10th March – Garden Group 2

**Tennis Group and Garden Group 1 – please note your groups are scheduled to provide the tea at the AGM. Further information from Philippa Davies on 425021**



## VISITS, TRIPS AND THEATRE

### OUTING TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDENS

**A trip has been arranged to Buckingham Palace Gardens for Saturday 24th April 2010.**

We were unlucky not to be able to book last year due to the demand. This year we have been given the opportunity to go but unfortunately the only time we could get which would suit our group was for the 24th of April. All other dates were booked apart from 9.30am and 4.30pm entry times which would be difficult for us.

- The coach will leave Leamington Spa at 9.00 a.m.
- First entry to the gardens will be at 12.30 p.m.
- Second entry will be at 1.15 p.m.
- The visit begins with a 20 minute talk where tea and coffee is served.
- The guided tour of the garden is for one hour.
- You will then have time for lunch and looking around London
- The coach will leave London at 5.00pm, arriving back in Leamington for 8.00pm.
- The total cost for this outing will be £32.00 payable to Warwick District U3A.

Contact  
Pam Ponting  
01926 859975

***I need bookings to be with me by 1st February – sorry for the short notice.***

*Please note that you will need to have a current photograph of yourself plus an address confirmation such as a utility bill. If you do not bring this with you you will not be allowed into the Palace Gardens.*

*Please notify me when booking if you would like to get the coach at Newbold Comyn or Newbold Terrace.*

### LOFT THEATRE VISITS

Interested in going to the Loft Theatre with other people?  
There is a good programme available in libraries and Tourist Offices.

Phone Liz Matthews for details (01926 425575).



## GROUP NEWS

### JOAN ROSE – AN APPRECIATION

Joan Rose. Warwick U3A. Painting for Beginners – January 2001 to Spring 2009

It is now five years since I joined Joan's Art group. Having promised myself a new interest on my retirement, painting was top of my list.

It was with trepidation that I went into the 'creche' room at St Paul's church on an October morning. I need not have worried. Joan sat me down and suggested I choose one of a range of pictures she showed to me. She wanted to know what colours I could see in the sky in one of them. Then Joan suggested I have a go at painting that picture!

Her gentle encouragement, her natural warmth and her common sense approach (so long as you don't use black!) opened doors to this creative, challenging medium in a way that quickly enabled my confidence to grow and for me to be able to enjoy the Monday morning sessions.

Watercolour painting is a complicated, tough discipline; often frustrating, difficult to get the right effect – undaunted, Joan maintained an atmosphere of calm positivity when the would-be painter felt like tearing his hair out!

Joan was in charge of the group from January 2001 to the Spring of 2009. I know she enjoyed her role; she said it had enabled her to achieve something that she thought had passed her by. In the process of her achievement she enabled many others to attain their aspirations, giving pleasure, accomplishment (and frustration), always in a cordial and lighthearted atmosphere. All of us in the present group, as well as those over the years, would like to say 'THANK YOU, JOAN'.

**Peter Barritt**

(This appreciation should have appeared in an earlier issue of INFO. Apologies. Ed.)

#### A New Golf Group

I would be interested in being part of a golf group. Please would any like-minded people contact me so that we can explore the possibilities. Margaret Foden 01926 338939

#### INFORMATION NEEDED

**Computer Skills:** please would you let me know if you would like help with some aspect of computing and, if so, which one(s); on the other hand, if you would be willing to give help to members who need it, please tell me in which areas can you help. Hopefully, we can then bring learners and helpers together.

**Members' Interests:** have you an interest that you would be willing to talk about to a small group of members (or to a large one, if you are happy doing that) or even run a short course on the subject? We know that members have a wide range of interests and it would be good to give others the opportunity to share in their knowledge and enthusiasm.

*If you would like to contribute, please let me have your details.*

**Deborah Bates (Group Co-ordinator)**  
60, Leicester Lane, Leamington Spa, CV32 7HF  
01926 334700  
e-mail : [dabates60@aol.com](mailto:dabates60@aol.com)

## GROUP INFORMATION

Group Co-ordinator, Deb Bates, is happy to assist anyone who is interested in starting a group, or who is having difficulty in running or developing a group. (01926 334700)

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

### ART

**James Henly (01926 330899)**

We meet on alternate Thursdays from 2.00–4.00pm in the crèche at St Paul's Church. There is a charge to cover the cost of hiring the room, usually about £7 to £8 a term. Bring your own materials. There is one vacancy.

### CARD & CRAFT

**Margaret Perks (01926 491378)**

**Thelma Dawkes (01926 422742)**

Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 98 Lillington Road at 2.15pm. Details from Margaret or Thelma.

### THE WOOLPACK

**Maggie Anscombe (01926 831090)**

**Vicky Holland (01926 337110)**

We meet in members houses at 11.00am to 12.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday every month from September to April. Our aim is to pursue our interest in knitting by sharing experiences, patterns and skills. But mostly to enjoy the company of other wool lovers and to talk. Beginners are welcome.

**PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS** Peter Barritt (01926 490331)

Mondays 10.30am–12.30pm. Upper room at St Paul's. Water colours, acrylics, pastels. Bring own materials. Your own choice of subjects. Contact above.

**COMPUTING & DIGITAL IMAGING**

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**DIGITAL IMAGING** Alison Sanders (01926 426763)  
David Hoare (01926 330955)

Weekly, Mondays 2.00–4.00pm at The Old Library, Leamington Spa.

**NOTE NEW VENUE** Cost £2.00.

Learn how to correct faults with your photographs, such as under- or overexposure, create colour balance, remove intrusive objects like cars or litterbins. Learn how to make greetings cards, create collages and prepare slide shows for your computer or TV.

**DANCING**

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**FOLK DANCING** Vic Gardner (01926 422958)

Fridays 10.00–11.30am (coffee break included) at St Paul's. All welcome, including beginners. Not necessary to come with a partner.

**LINE DANCING** Pam Ponting (01926 859975)  
Chris Venn (01926 881229)

We have a new venue: The Royal Naval Association Club in Archery Road. Mondays at 9.30am, term times only. The cost due to a drop in membership will now be £3.00 for the hour if all previous members attend.

Car parking is free but you must display an orange label to say you are visiting the Royal Naval Association Club; these will be distributed on arrival and collected in on departure.

**SOCIAL DANCING** Bob and Sylvia Fair (01926 492550)

Mondays 2.30 – 3.45pm at St Paul's.

Unfortunately we are having a break, as our numbers are too low for us to pay for the hall and the teacher. With a few more people we would be able to start up again. If we have enough people we could start again in March. All abilities are catered for and beginners are welcome. We learn ballroom dances such as waltz, quickstep, foxtrot, tango, rumba. Please phone us if interested.

**FOOD, WINE & DINE**

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**NEW LOOK AT FOOD** Margaret Sternfeld (01926 775399)  
Jane Hedderwick (01926 613543)

We meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month 10.00–12.00am. Normally a cooking demonstration followed by tasting and discussion. Possible spaces. Please contact Margaret.

**SATURDAY LUNCH GROUP** Carol Andrews (01926 831737)  
Marilyn Waters (01926 651010)

The Christmas lunch went well, with 19 of us attending and having an enjoyable time. **(See the website for photos.)**

As we are growing in numbers, please could you let either Carol or Marilyn know if you will be attending at least three days beforehand as we need to pass the numbers onto The Angel Hotel as a courtesy to them.

We aim to have twenty five members in the group therefore we still have vacancies so if you wish to join please contact us and let us know.

Next meetings: 27th February, 27th March, 24th April

**GAMES (INDOOR)**

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**BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS** Rosemary Randerson (01926 429744)

October is the best time for beginners to start. This group is intended to introduce new players to the game and prepare less confident players for the Friday sessions. Mondays 10.00am at 128 Leicester Lane, Leamington Spa. Please ring Rosemary if you are interested.

**BRIDGE** Larry Treacy (01926 336500)  
Ken Griffiths (01926 852100)

9.15–11.30am on Fridays in St. Paul's Upper Room. New members welcome. Not necessary to come with a partner. Friendly duplicate bridge. Please note we assemble at 9.15am so as to commence playing at 9.30am.

**CARD & BOARD GAMES** Rosemary Randerson (01926 429744)  
128, Leicester Lane, Leamington Spa

About twice a month on Mondays at 2.15pm. We enjoy playing games, well known and new ones, that members bring along and explain.

Next meetings: Feb 1, 8; Mar 1, 8, 22

**SCRABBLE 1 (EVENING)**

**Kate Smallman (01926 494403)**

Members' homes alternate Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm. Group now full.

**SCRABBLE 2 (EVENING)**

**Sheila Ireland (01926 425316)**

Alternate Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm. Max of 6.

**SCRABBLE (AFTERNOON)**

**Freda Dolley (01926 855853)**

Members' homes, alternate Thursdays 1.45pm. **New members welcome.**

**TABLE TENNIS**

**Rosaleen Preston (01926 424701),  
Kate Smith (01926 423391)**

Mondays 2.30-3.45pm at Castle Farm Sports Centre, Kenilworth. All equipment provided. A friendly group playing singles and doubles. New players very welcome.

**GAMES (OUTDOOR)**

**BOWLING**

**Derek Dolby (01926 425341)**

We meet Thursday mornings at 9.45am in Victoria Park, Leamington. All you will need is flat-bottomed footwear and casual, comfortable clothing. Bowls can be provided. The weekly charge is the Council's public senior rate. New bowlers are as welcome as experienced bowlers. Tuition is provided. We usually retire at about 12.00 noon to the café at the site for 'Coffee and a Chat'.

**PÉTANQUE**

**Ian Dyson (01926 426615)  
Peter Jackson (02476 414230)**

Castle Farm Sports Centre, Kenilworth. Mondays and Thursdays at 10.00am. New players welcome.

**PÉTANQUE DEUX**

**Tom Smith (01926 852321)  
Mary Turner (01926 772503)**

Castle Farm Sports Centre, Kenilworth. Thursdays 2.00pm. New players welcome.

**TENNIS**

**Betty Blower (01926 424496)  
Brian Tillyer (01926 776968 or 07963 223375)**

We now meet mostly for mixed doubles every Tuesday at 10.00am in Victoria Park, weather permitting. We have a good spread of players and fitness

levels, and are more than happy for any member to come along and knock-up and have a go.

**GARDENING**

**GARDEN GROUP 1**

**Robin Gibbs (01926 423543)**

**FRIDAY 12 February**

Coffee morning Gail Ireland, 10 Highland Road, Kenilworth 10.00am

**Thursday 18 March**

Home Visit Jean Wannop, 149 Greenwood Court, Upper Holly Walk, Leamington Spa 10.00am

**Thursday 8 April**

Long Close, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough 10.30am

**Thursday 15 April**

Exchange Visit with Group 3. Dennis Greaves, 21 The Ridgeway, Warwick 10.30am

Group now full but phone to go on the waiting list.

**GARDEN GROUP 2**

**Sylvia Fenwick (01926 624401)  
Barbara Loe (01926 491241)**

Group now full but phone to go on the waiting list.

**Mar 3rd**

Dovecote, Wasperton. Seed and plant swap, chat, coffee and cake 10.30

**Mar 17th**

Elmclose, Binton Road, Welford-on-Avon, CV35 8PT Meet 10.30

**April 14th**

Dial Park, Chaddesley Corbett, DY10 4QB. Meet 11am.

**April 28th**

GG1 member Beryl Broadbent, 5, Belmont Drive, Leamington Spa, CV32 6LS Meet 10.30

**GARDEN GROUP 3**

**Barbara Derricourt (01926 410990)  
Dennis Greaves (01926 491989)**

There are just a couple of spaces left for new members. Then we will be 16!

**8th February**

Dial Park, Chaddesley Corbett for Snowdrops. 11am. (Members please note change of date).

**22nd Feb**

Judy Hirst's garden, Lillington, for Helebores. 10.30am.

**8th March**

Mr & Mrs Romer's garden, Leamington Spa. 10.30am.

**22nd March**

Barbara Loe's garden, Warwick.

## **LANGUAGES**

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### **FRENCH (COLLOQUIAL) Dorothy Wyld (01926 334571)**

Alternate Fridays from 2nd October. New members who may like to refresh their memories of French in preparation for holidays are welcome. Vacancies.

### **FRENCH CONVERSATION (LEAMINGTON) Anne Bench (01926 336205) 69 Cubbington Road, Leamington Spa**

10.00am. The 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month.  
February 5th, 19th                      March 5th, 19th

### **FRENCH CONVERSATION (WARWICK) Gail Copping (01926 425343) Margaret Ellis (01926 402235) email: ailenroc@talktalk.net 42 Albert St, Warwick**

February 12, 26    March 12, 26

### **READING FRENCH Nan Eells (01926 315955)**

Fortnightly on Tuesdays at 10am. An opportunity to read and discuss short works in French. There will also be time for general conversation. Please contact Nan for further information.

### **GERMAN CONVERSATION Margaret Ellis (01926 402235). email: ailenroc@talktalk.net 42 Albert Street Warwick**

Thursdays 2.00 – 4.00pm fortnightly. For those with reasonable fluency.  
February 11, 25    March 11, 25

### **ITALIAN STAGE 1 Roger Taylor (01926 490816)**

2.00pm every Friday. Please ring Roger for details.

### **BRUSH UP YOUR ITALIAN June Thompson (01926 773298) jmthomo17@ntlworld.com 75 Cubbington Road**

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 2.30–4.30pm.

### **ITALIAN STAGE 4 – ADVANCED David Frost (david.frost50@ntlworld.com or 01926 339220)**

Level: Relatively advanced. Group full. Phone David to go on the waiting list.  
We meets at members' houses on alternate Thursdays, 2.00–4.00pm.

### **PORTUGUESE STAGE 2**

**Isabel Walker (01926 330955)  
(email: jackiewalker127@aol.com)**

Alternate Wednesdays 10.00–12.00am. Some knowledge needed.

### **SPANISH**

**Carmen Braso (01926 426567)  
5 St Catherine's Cres. L/Spa CV31 2AL**

Beginners/Intermediate: alternate Tuesdays from 2.00–4.00pm  
Conversation Group: alternate Thursdays from 2.00–4.00pm.

## **MUSIC**

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### **ACTIVE LISTENING TO MUSIC Sharon Hancock (612860)**

We meet, we listen, we discuss, we enjoy music. Group now full. 2.30pm on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6, Bamburgh Grove, Leamington Spa. Contact Sharon for details.

### **JAZZ APPRECIATION GROUP Ryan Pratt (01926 402398)**

We meet on the last Friday of each month at 2.30pm. Additionally, visits to live concerts will be made.

26 February	R.J.P's Renaissance – Ryan Pratt
26 March	John Innocent
30 April	Be-Bop Spoken Here – Ryan Pratt
28 May	Val Zand
25 June	Some Like It Hot – Ryan Pratt
30 July	Brian Tillyer

### **OPERA**

**Constance Rollett (01926 856645)**

We meet on Mondays 10.00–12.00 noon to view and discuss opera. Video recordings (mostly DVD) with sub-titles in English. We plan to view a mix of familiar and less famous works and composers. Group now full. Contact Constance Rollett if you would like to go on the waiting list.

### **SINGING GROUP**

**Phillipa Davies (01926 425021)  
Joyce Hall (01926 624456)**

We meet every Friday at 2.30pm at 9 Adelaide Road, Leamington Spa. More tenors are welcome, also altos and sopranos.

## OUR WORLD STUDIES

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### CURRENT AFFAIRS Sharon Hancock (01926 612860)

The group meets at 11.45am for 12.00 noon on the 1st Tuesday at the Clarendon Arms, Castle Hill, Kenilworth. Discussion is followed by bar lunch at 1.15pm.

- February 2nd 'Palestine' – John Hancock  
March 2nd Britain's Colonies. Ken Bean  
April 6th Childhood in the 21st century.

### HISTORY OF ART Pam Ponting (01926 859975) 9, The Meadows, Leek Wootton. CV35 7QQ

December 21st Christmas Party, quizzes and tea. Please bring a plate of food to share, either sweet or savoury. Class begins at 2.15 p.m.

### LOCAL HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES Jeannette Oubridge (01926 421321)

1st Monday in the month at 2.15pm, St Paul's Church lounge. 2nd Monday if the first is a bank holiday. Everyone is welcome to our meetings.

### NATURAL HISTORY Stan Newton (01926 492315)

Mondays, fortnightly: Meetings at St Mark's Church, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa at 10.00am. **Note new venue.** Away venues 10.00am at site. Visitors are welcome to our illustrated talks. Usual contribution to cost of speaker/guide £2. **If wanting a lift** please phone Sheila Ireland (01926 425316).

The group now has vacancies for a few new members. If you are interested in natural history come and give us a try.

- Feb 1 Illustrated talk at St Mark's by Martyn Bradley of Warwick Uni Geology Dept on 'Warwickshire in the Ice Age'. Please bring 6 smooth pebbles from your garden.
- Feb 15 Illustrated Talk at St Mark's by Kay Reeve, a new 'Photographers' Year'.
- Mar 1 Batsford Arboretum, Batsford Park, Morton-in-the-Marsh. (Adults £6, Concessions 60+ £5.) Please phone well in advance if wanting a lift.
- Mar 15 Coombe Abbey Country Park – Heronries. Either 1¼ miles E of A46 along B4027, Or 1½ miles W of Brinklow along B4027. Entrance on N side of road. SP404790. Car park on right along drive. Parking fee. Boots/wellies advisable. **Note the Change from Last Months Info.**

Mar 29 Illustrated Talk at St Mark's by Peter Bones on 'Chesterton Windmill'.

Apr 12 Compton Verney – Trees.

Apr 26 Hampton Woods – Bluebells.

### PHILOSOPHY Patricia Clipson (01926 853480) 5 Kenilcourt, Clinton Lane, Kenilworth

Thursdays fortnightly at 10.00am. 4, 18 Feb. 4, 18 March.

### WORLD CONTRASTS Peter Muckersie (01926 854266) Valerie Gough (01926 843277)

We meet in the Hall of the United Reformed Church in Kenilworth at 2.15 pm. Buses X17 and No 12 stop outside the church which is opposite to the Abbey fields. New members and visitors will be very welcome.

Wednesday, February 3rd TBA

Wednesday, March 3rd TBA

## RAMBLING/WALKING

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### 7+ WALKING GROUP Margaret Holland ( 01926 853023) email – [margaretholland@talktalk.net](mailto:margaretholland@talktalk.net) Colin Baker (01926 313379) email – [bettycolinbaker@talktalk.net](mailto:bettycolinbaker@talktalk.net)

Margaret takes over as the new leader from the New Year. We walk on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, usually meeting at 9.00am near Sainsbury's car park outside Halfords (for car share). This is occasionally varied according to the start of the walk. So please contact one of the leaders to confirm. The walks are generally between 7 and 10 miles and there is usually an opportunity for a pub lunch, although some prefer to bring a packed lunch.

### DAY WALKERS Brian Haggard (01926 855863) [brian.haggard@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.haggard@btinternet.com)

We walk on the 1st Tuesday of each month, some meeting at a location in Cubbington (for car share), and others going direct to the start of the walk. Walks are between 7 and 10 miles, starting at 10am. Normally with a pub lunch although some prefer to bring a packed lunch (especially in summer). Contact Brian for further details.

**LOCAL WALKERS I****David & Judy Hirst (01926 422591)**

Weds 9.45am. Country walks, 1.5 hours approximately, within short distance of town. Active all year. **Own transport needed.**

The group is full but contact us to go on the waiting list.

Dates for forthcoming walks:

Feb. 10, 17, 24      Mar. 10, 17, 24      Apr. 14, 21, 28

**LOCAL WALKERS II****Sheila Kelsall (01926 883922)  
Glenice Fletcher (01926 886243)**

We walk every Tuesday morning, 10.00am–12 noon. Walks are approximately four miles. We have no vacancies in the group at the present time but please contact Sheila or Glenice to go on the waiting list. **Own transport required.**

**RAMBLERS****Fred Edgar (01926 881543)**

There are limited number of places available. Contact Fred for further information.

Members are asked to carry with them some means of identification and address together with a contact telephone number. Rambles start promptly at 10.00am. Queries about a particular walk to the walk leader. Please share cars whenever possible. Leaders doing a pre-walk should send their reports to Brian Murray (01926 424564; email: bamurrlam@aol.com)

**February 3 Wednesday      Shrewley – Hatton Green 4 miles**

Grid 215674 Explorer 221      Leaders P & D Larvor (854506)

Park in the village hall car park at Shrewley.

**February 9 Tuesday      Hidcote Bartrim – Larkstoke 4 miles**

Grid 176430 Explorer 205      Leader Denys Evans (642052)

Follow the NT brown signs for Hidcote and park in the NT car park.

**Wednesday February 17      Marton – Marton Moor 4½ miles**

Grid 407688 Explorer 222      Leader Bill Wilkinson (745431)

Park in the Marton Country Museum car park off Louisa Ward Road, Marton.

**Tuesday February 23      Yarningale Common – Langley 4½ miles**

Grid 189659 Explorer 220      Leaders S & B Newton (492315)

In Claverdon turn right for Lye Green, then left for the narrow road to the Common. Park in the car park.

**Wednesday March 3**

Grid 242832 Explorer 221

From the A45 turn off for Maxstoke, then turn into Whitestitch Lane, where parking will be on the verge.

**Whitestitch – Kinwalsey 5 miles**

Leader Ron Goodey (427791)

**Tuesday March 9**

Grid 362722 Explorer 221

Leader Margot O’Keeffe (771549)

Parking is in the layby off the main road just in front of the old school.

**Bubbenhall – Wappenbury Wood  
4 miles****Wednesday March 17**

Grid 516582 Explorer 206

Park in the parking space opposite the village Hellidon, or by the church round the corner.

**Hellidon – Catesby 5 miles**

Leader M Hadley (312772)

**Tuesday March 23**

Grid 151632 Explorer 220

Parking is in the village hall car park/working men’s club car park opposite the pub just after turning off the main road.

**Wootton Wawen – Shelfield 6 miles**

Leaders M & J Weeks (770265)

**Wednesday March 31**

Grid 291879 Explorer 221

Park in the rear car park of the Manor House pub in Fillongley.

**Fillongley – Arley 4½ miles**

Leader J Innocent (02476 412487)

**Wednesday April 7**

Grid 231599 Explorer 205

Park at or near to the Fox & Hunter pub in the middle of Snitterfield.

**Snitterfield – Heath End 4½ miles**

Leader Peter Calcutt (490869)

**Tuesday April 13**

Grid 471559 Explorer 206

Park in the car by the church opposite the Butcher’s Arms in Priors Hardwick.

**Priors Hardwick – Marston Doles 4½  
miles**

Leaders B & A Murray (424564)

**RAMBLERS TOO****Peter Wadsworth (01926 429029)**

Please notify the walk leader if you are attending a walk. All walks will start at 10.00am prompt. Walkers are asked to share cars where possible and carry with them their name, address and contact telephone number.

Anyone wishing to join can phone the Group Leader for more information.

Membership of this group can be renewed by payment of £1.00 at the Feb walks.

**Wednesday February 3 Wellesbourne to Loxley 4.5 miles**

Leaders Roger & Barbara Howes (315074)

Follow the A46 Warwick Bypass over the Longbridge intersection following signs to Stratford. At the next island bear left on the A439 and in 1 mile turn left for Hampton Lucy. Pass through the village to reach Charlecote and turn right. At the crossroads go straight over the B4086 Wellesbourne to Stratford Road, following signs to Loxley and airfield. In ½ mile, with the airfield on your left, after 'Bends for ½ mile sign', park in area marked 'Overflow Car Park' immediately after bright blue 'Take Flight' board.

Explorer Map 205 GR 262548

**Wednesday February 17 Alderminster to Crimscote 4.5 miles**

Leaders David & Pat Carson (773992)

Follow the A3400 from Stratford towards Shipston on Stour to Alderminster. Just past the church on the right, turn right then immediately left into a cul-de-sac. Park alongside the white railings on the right.

Explorer Map 205 GR 231485

**Wednesday March 3 Pillerton Priors to Oxhill 4.5 miles**

Leaders Bob & Sylvia Fair (492550)

Take the Fosse Way (B4455) south. Turn left onto A422. In about 1 mile, soon after entering Pillerton Priors, turn left into Kineton Road. Go beyond the last houses on the left and park on the verge on the left.

Explorer Map 205/206 GR 294479

**Wednesday March 17 Hampton Lucy 5.0 miles**

Leaders Peter & Esther Wadsworth (429029)

Take the A46 west from the Longbridge intersection and turn left onto the A439 towards Stratford. In approximately 1 mile, turn left to Hampton Lucy. Park with consideration in Church Street near to the Church in Hampton Lucy.

Explorer Map 205 GR 255572

**Wednesday April 7 Sheffield to Badbury Hill 4.0 miles**

Leaders David & Pat Carson (773992)

From Warwick follow A4189 towards Henley. Turn left, signed Wootton Wawen. Turn right on A3400 and just past the church fork left onto B4089. Follow this for 2 miles to a minor road junction signed Sheffield and Sperrall. Turn right here and in ¾ mile, park on the left verge. Avoid the two field gates.

Explorer Map 220 GR 310618

**TRAMP AND TREK 1**

**Tony Kirby (855837) Jean Bates ( 339827)**

Walks between 10 and 14 miles on the **2nd Friday of the month**. We have a few vacancies. Details from Tony or Jean.

**TRAMP AND TREK 2**

**Colin Baker 313379, Margaret Holland 853023  
Richard Piggott 07747788681**

Walks between 10 and 14 miles on the **4th Friday of the month**. We have a few vacancies. Details from Colin, Margaret or Richard.

**READING, WRITING AND POETRY**

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**BOOK CLUB**

**Margaret Cotton (01926 427646)  
Pat Wallsgrove (01926 429586)**

Lillington Library. 2nd Thursday of the month. 10.00–12.00 noon. Vacancies.

**ENJOYING POETRY**

**Pamela Cummins (01926 423279)  
86 Kinross Road, Leamington Spa**

3rd Tuesday 2.00pm.

**PLAY READING**

**Jack Green (01564 782308)  
34 Caesar Road, Kenilworth**

2nd & 4th Thursdays. 9.30 – 12.00 noon. New members welcome.

**READING GROUP**

**Val Dalton (01926 424157)  
Lesley Jones (01926 428011)**

2nd Tuesday at 2.30pm. Now full.

**READING POETRY AND  
PROSE**

**Noreen Connolly (425655)  
Anthony Davies (425021)**

Enjoying, exploring and reading prose and poetry. New members welcome. Tuesdays 2.15pm monthly.

**WRITING FOR PLEASURE**

**Margaret Sternfeld (01926 775399)  
Jeannette Oubridge (01926 421321)  
55 Golf Lane, Whitnash**

We meet the fourth Monday of the month at 2.15pm. A friendly, self help group who write articles, stories, poems or life histories.

Day	Morning	Freq	Afternoon	Freq
Monday	Bridge for Beginners	W	Card & Board Games	F
	Garden Group 3	F	History of Art	M3
	Line dancing	W	Local & Social History Studies	M1
	Natural History	F	Social Dancing	W
	Opera (WL)	W	Table Tennis	W
	Painting for Beginners	W	Writing for Pleasure	M4
	Pétanque	W	Digital Imaging	W
Tuesday	New Look at Food	M2/4	Card & Craft	M1/3
	Day Walkers	M1	Current Affairs	M1
	Local Walkers 2	W	Enjoying Poetry	M3
	Ramblers	M2/4	Italian (Brush up your...)	M1/3
	Tennis	W	Reading Group (WL)	F
	Reading French	F	Reading Poetry and Prose	M
Wednesday	Garden Group 2 (WL)	F	OPEN MEETINGS	M
	Local Walkers 1 (WL)	W	Active Listening To Music	M3
	Portuguese Stage 2	F	World Contrasts	M1
	Ramblers	M1/3/5		
	Ramblers Too	M1/3		
7+ Walking Group	W3			
Wednesday Evening	Scrabble (2 groups)	F		
Thursday	Book Club	M2	Art	F
	Garden Group 1 (WL)	F	German Conversation	F
	Pétanque	W	Italian Advanced	F
	Philosophy	F	Pétanque Deux	W
	Play Reading	M2/4	Scrabble	F
	Bowling	W	Spanish (Conversation)	F
	The Woolpack	M1/3		
Friday	Bridge	W	Singing	W
	Folk Dancing	W	Italian Stage 1	W
	French Conversation (Leam)	M1/3	Jazz Appreciation	M
	French Conversation (Wark)	M2/4		
	French Colloquial	F		
	Tramp and Trek 1	M2		
	Tramp and Trek 2	M4		
Saturday			Lunch Club	M4

**Key to frequency:**

W = weekly F = fortnightly M = monthly Var = varies

M1 = 1st week in month. M2 = 2nd week in month. M3 = 3rd week in month. M4 = 4th week in month.

M1/3 = 1st and 3rd week in month. M2/4 = 2nd and 4th week in month. (WL) = waiting list.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members.

Mrs. Jill BOTHERWAY	Ms. Margaret SHELDON
Mrs. Mary BRIGGS	Mrs. Lisa SHERWOOD
Mr. Ian COLEMAN	Ms. Martha SULLIVAN
Ms. Helen HARRISON	Ms. Elizabeth TURNER
Ms. Val HUNNISETT	Mrs. Judith WILDE
Mrs. Janet KNIGHT	Dr. Malcolm WILDING

## GET WELL CARDS

If you know of any U3A member who would appreciate a 'Get Well' card or one of condolence, please contact Phillipa Davies on 01926 425021, who will send one on our behalf.

## U3A SOURCES MAGAZINE

The theme for the June issue is Health and Well Being – which includes exercise, aerobics and dancing. Editor Tony Thornton welcomes your contributions. Please submit them by the end of March 2010 direct to Tony at: Gelt Mill House, Castle Carrock, Brampton CA8 9NQ. You can send them by e-mail to [tony.thornton@virgin.net](mailto:tony.thornton@virgin.net) (preferred), on disc or cleanly typed suitable for scanning. Contributors are advised to discuss their story with the editor before submission or request a copy of the writers guidelines.

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**Note: Contributions deadline for the April/May issue is 15th March 2010**

If anyone would like to receive INFO via email as a pdf (with full colour pictures where possible) please let me know.

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