

# Countesthorpe U3A "What's On"

## A P R I L 2 0 1 9

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday, 14 May from 1.30 pm. AGM and renewals of annual subscriptions will be taken. Remember to complete a new membership form, please!

### HOLIDAYS

**Mon, 27 May – Sun, 2 June. Historic Gems of Guernsey.** £659 pp. Bournemouth and Guernsey with return overnight stay in Poole. For spaces due to possible last minute cancellations call Jill.

**Mon-Fri, 14-18 Oct: Bournemouth, Riviera Hotel.** £309 pp on half-board basis. Choice of twin and double rooms; no singles left. Two NT visits – Montacute House and Stourhead. £50 pp deposit by 14 May.

*Book/pay at Holidays Table, or email: jillclayton1@talktalk.net (call Jill only if necessary: 277 7154)*

### OUTINGS

**Thurs, 22 Aug – Halfpenny Green Vineyards** (Staffs). Tour, lunch, wine tasting. Leave VH 8 am, other pick-ups TBA. £49. £5 deposit on booking. Some places still available

**Fri, 27 Sept – Coombe Abbey Medieval Banquet.** Four-course feast, drinks, full stage show and post-banquet disco. £50.95 (£5 deposit on booking) Leave VH 5.15 pm – other pick-ups TBA. Return 11.30 pm

**Thurs 24 Oct – Tetbury and Westonbirt Arboretum.** Leave Littlethorpe Sq at 8.05 am, then MC 8.15 am, VH 8.30 am and SQ 8.35 am. Leave Tetbury at 3.15 pm, return VH approx 5.30 pm. £25 just Tetbury, or £33 for Arboretum. Pay by 10 Sept. *(In conjunction with Garden Appreciation Group)*

*Book/pay at Outings Table, or call Isobel McDonald on 07940 548973 or email: issywiz@yahoo.co.uk or Teresa on 07882 604623 or email: darzona70@icloud.com*

### THEATRE

**Wed, 15 May: Matthew Bourne's new ballet: "Romeo and Juliet"** at Curve. Leave MC 6.20 pm, then SW and Coll, VH at 6.35 pm, then SQ. £40 payable by 12 March. **FULL** – add names to waiting list

**Wed, 17 July: Losing the Plot** at Market Harborough. Leave MC at 6.30 pm, then SW, Coll, VH at 6.45 and SQ. £22 payable by 14 May.

**Wed, 2 Oct: War Horse** at Curve. Leave MC at 1 pm; SW, Coll, VH at 1.10 pm, then SQ. £48 by 1 July.

**Tues, 3 Dec: West Side Story** at Curve. Leave MC at 1 pm; SW, Coll, VH at 1.10 pm, & SQ. £38 by 1 Sept.

*Book/pay at Theatre Table, call June Hawkins on 277 6330 or email: jhawkins45@talktalk.net*

### GARDEN APPRECIATION

**Thurs, 18 Apr:** Otis Nursery with Bel Grierson, and Gates Garden Centre. £17. Leave MC at 9.45 am, SW, Coll, VH 9.55 am, then SQ. Return 4.30 pm

**Thurs, 16 May:** Felley Priory. Leave VH at 12 noon, then SQ, SW, MC 12.15 pm. Return 6 pm. £22

**Thurs, 20 June:** Dudmaston Hall *(with History Group)* Leave MC 8.45 am, then SW, Coll, VH @ 9 am, then SQ. £18, plus £10 if not in NT. FREE Garden or Art tours. Book/pay at HISTORY table, by 14 May, please.

*Details from Ruth Westley on 277 1533*

### LITERATURE

Brook Court, Countesthorpe from 2 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. 50p room, 50p refreshments.

**Wed, 17 April:** "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris

**Wed, 15 May:** Any book by Cecilia Ahern

*Details from Janine Tibbles on 01455 888289*

### DISCUSSION

**Fri, 26 April:** "Should ISIS Brides be Allowed to Return to the UK?" at Wendy's home, 12 Queen's Close.

**Fri, 24 May:** "Is the Cost of the Olympics Becoming Prohibitive?" at Jill's home, the Barn, 9 The Square

**Fri, 28 June:** "At What Point do Pets Become Pests?" at Mulberry Court (no on-site parking)

*Details from Liz on 240 2296*

### HISTORY

**Thurs, 11 April: Hanbury Hall** (nr Droitwich) + **Church of the Sacred Heart** (mosaics). Leave **VH at 9.00 am** followed by SQ, Coll, SW and MC. £20 (+ £11 for non-NT members). Pay by 12 March.

**TUES, 28 May (note change of date!): Black Country Museum.** £27 payable by 9 April. Leave **MC at 9.00 am**, then SW, Coll, VH approx 9.15 am, SQ. Return approx 5.45 pm. Canal boat trips or mine visits available; payable at museum.

**Thurs, 20 June: Dudmaston Hall** *(with Garden Appreciation Group)* Leave **MC 8.45 am**, then SW, Coll, VH approx 9 am, then SQ. £18, plus £10 if not an NT member. Pay by 14 May. FREE Garden or Art tours.

*Book/pay at History table or call June on 277 6330 or email: jhawkins45@talktalk.net*

### CREATIVE WRITING

**Mon, 15 April:** 2 – 4 pm at Brook Court. Topic: "The hinge creaked . . ."

*Details from Mikki Wilde on 277 5509*

## **SWANS**

**Tues, 16 Apr:** Abbey Park. 10.30 am at St Margaret's Pastures (pay & display) CP

**Tues, 7 May:** Burbage Common. 10.30 am at Smith Lane CP

**Tues, 21 May:** Brock's Hill Park, Oadby. 10.30 am in Leisure Centre CP (far end)

**Tues, 4 June:** Oakfield Park, Hospital Lane, Blaby. 10.30 am in Oakfield Park CP

*Details from Pauline Woodward on 07936 555048*

## **LINE DANCING**

Fridays 11.30 am – 12.30 pm in VH. £3.00 per session. **No dancing on 19 April**

*Details from Maud Greasley on 07941 759856*

## **ART**

Each Thursday 2 – 4 pm in Methodist Church room, Wigston Street. £2 includes refreshments.

*Details from Pam Whitehead on 277 8855*

## **FIT FOR LIFE**

Mondays, 11.30 am– 12.30 pm at Village Hall. £4. **NO MEETINGS ON 22 APRIL and 6 MAY**

*Details from Diana Lee on 277 9142*

## **COUNTRY DANCING**

Second and fourth Mondays of the month (excluding bank holidays), so our next meeting is 13 May (ie NO meetings 22 April or 27 May). Countesthorpe VH. 2.00 - 3.30 pm. £1

*Details from Patsy Paterson on 277 6259*

## **TEN PIN BOWLING**

Mondays (term-time only) 29 April, 13 May, 3 and 17 June. From 1.00 pm at Hollywood Bowl, Meridian Leisure Park. £3.10 per game.

*Details: Jo Buswell on 275 0184*

## **CRAFT CIRCLE**

Tuesdays, 23 April, 7 May (NO meeting 21 May), 10 am until noon at 16 Gillam Butts. £1 + materials

*Details from Teresa Morgan on 373 0489*

## **SCRABBLE**

First Wednesday of every month – next meeting 6 Mar from 2 – 4.30 pm at Brook Court. Not only Scrabble, but also Upwords and Rummikub. Any level of player welcome; tuition available.

*Details from Shirley Frost on 01455 285217*

## **WALKING (CARE)**

**Thurs, 25 April:** Approx 5 miles from the Bell Inn, Gumley (LE16 7RU). Leave Village Hall at **9.30 am** in shared cars. Contacts for this walk are Allen and Irene on 277 3665 Optional pub lunch.

**NB Leader(s) wanted** for 30 May walk. Other dates: 27 June, 25 July, 29 Aug, 26 Sept, 31 Oct, 28 Nov.

*General information available from Malcom Skerritt on 277 2599 or Allen Donkin on 277 3665*

## **BIRDWATCHING**

**Thurs, 2 May:** Rutland Water. Depart VH at 9.30 am in shared cars

**TUES, 18 June:** Brandon Marsh. Depart VH at 9.30 in shared cars (Note change of day!)

*Details from Janet Easey on 277 2544*

## **PILATES**

Tuesdays (except second in the month) 2 – 3 pm in Village Hall. £5 per session. **No meetings 16 & 23 April**

*Details from Ursula Wild on 277 5881*

## **SOLO SUNDAY LUNCH**

**Sun, 14 April.** Noon for 12.30 pm at **Ullesthorpe Court**. Please confirm names on list in VH lounge.

*Details from Sheila Holmes on 277 2131*

## **LUNCHEON CLUB**

**Tues, 30 April:** 12.30 for 1 pm at The Dovecote, Coventry Rd, Narborough. LE19 2GN. See menu/sign up in lounge.

*Details and advice of attendance asap to Sue Wyllie on 284 9959*

**OUR REGULAR GROUPS** Don't forget our regular pattern of group meetings – full details are on the PINK Activity Groups List, and on the website. *(There's no space for all of them here, but they include Fit for Life, Carpet Bowls, Sign Language, Hand Bell Ringing, Science and Technology, Kurling to name but a few!)* Don't forget our books and DVDs, to take as you wish. Jigsaws – ON LOAN, so please return afterwards!

**Browse our website [www.countesthorpeu3a.co.uk](http://www.countesthorpeu3a.co.uk) for details of all activities**

Information for inclusion in What's On or website to June on 277 6330 or by email to [jhawkins45@talktalk.net](mailto:jhawkins45@talktalk.net) **no later than first Tuesday of the month, please.**

Please note **MEMBERS ONLY** may participate in activities/visits, etc. (ONE 'taster' visit allowed for each prospective member.) (Membership fee: £13, or £7 Associates) Details and form on website