

Countesthorpe U3A "What's On"

JANUARY 2022

A Happy New Year to all our Members!

NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS:

Tues, 8 Feb: Doors open at 1.30 pm. "Woodland Trust" (*Ian Retson*)

Tues, 8 Mar: Doors open at 1.30 pm. "Mountains and Midges – Walking the West Highland Way" (*Wendy Martin*)

THEATRE

Thurs, 27 Jan: "Goldilocks" – traditional pantomime at Concordia Theatre, Hinckley. £25 payable by 14 Dec. Leave MC at 6 pm, then Southway, College, Village Hall and The Square.

Tues, 22 Feb: "Porridge" at Concordia Theatre, Hinckley. £20 payable by 11 Jan. Leave MC at 6 pm, then Southway, College, Village Hall and The Square.

Wed, 20 Apr: "Private Peaceful" at Birmingham repertory. Matinee. £35 payable by 8 Feb. Leave MC at 11.30 am, then Southway, College, Village Hall and The Square.

Thurs, 9 June: "Cluedo" at Curve. £35 payable by 12 April. Leave MC at 6 pm, then Southway, College, Village Hall and The Square.

Call Janine on 07970 648979 or Gill on 0116 275 2525.

SILVER STROLLERS

Very short, gently-paced walks on first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 10.30 am, ending with coffee!

Tues, 18 Jan: Bouskell Park. Meet at Homebase car park (**NOTE: Change from print version**)

Tues, 1 Feb: Northfield Park, Blaby

Tues, 15 Feb: Blaby Golf Club (**NOTE: Change from print version**)

Details from Pamela Runacres on 277 2653

COMPUTING

Mon, 7 Feb: 7 – 8.30 pm at 35 Station Road, Countesthorpe. First part of evening will be general computing knowledge, followed by specific applications. Please let Barry if you wish to attend. *Tel: 0116 277 4187*

LITERATURE

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

Wed, 19 Jan: "The Woman in the White Kimono" by Ana Johns

Wed, 16 Feb: "The Architect's Apprentice" by Elif Shafak

Details from Mikki Wilde on 277 5509

BIRDWATCHING

Thurs, 3 Feb: Welney WWT site. Leave VH at **8.30 am**, using shared cars (Please note earlier time!)

Thurs, 3 Mar: Brandon Marsh. Leave VH at 9.30 am, using shared cars

Thurs, 7 Apr: Draycote Water. Leave VH at 9.30 am using shared cars

Details from Janet Easey on 277 2544

DISCUSSION

Fri 28 Jan: "The Future of Personal Transport" 10 am – 12 noon in Residents' Lounge, **Brook Court**, Countesthorpe.

Details from Liz Lockwood-Jones on 240 2296

HISTORY

A short season of talks, 10 am – noon. £4 at Methodist Church. No booking necessary. Pay on the day

Thurs, 13 Jan: Peter Little on "**Big Houses and Gardens**"

Thurs, 10 Feb: Stewart Fergusson on "**Coventry**" (with a follow-up visit later in year)

Thurs, 31 Mar: Visit to the **Museum of Brands**, Notting Hill. London. Explore 200 years of social change, culture and lifestyle. Leave MC at **8.15 am**, then SW, Coll, VH and Square. £30. Pay by 8 March 2022.

TUES, 26 April: Bury St Edmunds. Free time to explore the historical and literary links to this very pleasant city. Details of a self-guided walk available on the day. Leave Mulberry Court at **8.45 am**, then SW, the College, Village Hall and The Square. £23, payable at History desk by 8 March.

Details from June on 277 6330 or email: jhawkins45@talktalk.net

CREATIVE WRITING

Mon, 17 Jan: Topic: "He/she or they lay (or sat) wondering" This can either start, end or feature somewhere within the piece of writing. 2 - 4 pm at Brook Court. 50p for refreshments

Details from Mikki Wilde on 277 5509

SWANS

Tues, 18 Jan: Castle gardens and Bede Park. Meet at corner of Bonners Lane approx. 10.30 am

Tues, 1 Feb: Blaby 'Industrial' walk. Meet outside Iceland, Blaby at 10.30 am

Tues 15 Feb: Wistow and Newton Harcourt. Meet at 10.30 am, Wistow Rural centre overflow CP

Details from Pauline Woodward on 07936 555048

COUNTRY DANCING

Usually second and fourth Mondays of the month (excluding bank holidays), so our next meetings are 24 January then 14 and 28 February at Countesthorpe VH. 2.00 - 3.30 pm. £1.50

Details from Patsy Paterson on 277 6259

SOLO SUNDAY LUNCH

Sun, 16 Jan: 12 noon for 12.30 pm at VIETA in Lutterworth

Please confirm your name on list in lounge or call Carol on 277 8999 or Hilary on 277 1176

SCRABBLE

Wed, 2 Feb and first Wednesday of every month from 2 – 4.30 pm at Brook Court. Not only Scrabble, but also Upwords and Rummikub. Any level of player welcome; tuition available. 50p refreshments.

Details from Carol Kenneth on 277 8999

LUNCHEON CLUB

Tues, 25 Jan: 12.30 pm at Whetstone Golf Club (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE). Menus available in small lounge. Details or information from Sue Wyllie on 284 9959

FLOWER ARRANGING

Wed, 12 Jan, and every second Wednesday of the month. 2 – 4 pm in the small lounge, Village Hall

Details from Pat Quinn on 277 2399

BRIDGE

Every Monday, 2- 4.30 pm. Methodist Church, Wigston St. (Masks required, please)

Details from Alan Rooks on 277 2484

CARPET BOWLS

Each Wednesday in Scout Hut, 2-4 pm

Details from Barry on 277 4187

WALKING (CARE)

Thurs 27 Jan: Approx 4.5 miles from The Crown Inn, Tur Langton. Leave VH in shared cars at **9.15 am** (NOTE EARLIER TIME). Contacts for this walk are Pat and John Troake on 277 1055. Masks required.

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

OUR REGULAR GROUPS Don't forget our regular pattern of group meetings – full details are on the Activity Groups List dated September 2021, and on the website. *(There's no space for all of them here, but they include Bridge, Carpet Bowls, Sign Language, Hand Bell Ringing, Science and Technology, and Kurling to name but a few!)* Don't forget our books and DVDs, to take as you wish.

Browse our website: 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 **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: £5 for 2021 renewals only, or £15 lapsed and new members, or £7 Associates) Details and membership form on website

The Garden Appreciation and Photography groups are still seeking someone to lead them, otherwise they will sink into oblivion and be lost to us all! Can you help?
Please contact June on 277 6330 if you would like to discuss helping out with either of these groups.