

Countesthorpe U3A What's On

JANUARY 2024



A Very Happy New Year to You All!



NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS - Doors open from 1.30 pm for 2 pm

Tues, 13 Feb: Hospital Volunteers – speaker TBA

Tues, 12 Mar: Name of talk TBA – speaker Anna Tuinster

PICKLEBALL

New game, combining badminton, tennis and table tennis! Equipment provided. Wear trainers and bring water/suitable drink. Essential to call Sheila if you would like to attend.

Saturday, 13 and 27 Jan at 9-10 am, at the College sports hall. Just £3.

Sunday, 21 Jan at 2-3 pm, at the College sports hall. Just £3

For more details call Sheila Pennington on 07703 290886, or sheepe53@gmail.com

THEATRE (Cheques payable to 'Countesthorpe U3A Theatre Group', or blank for stamp)

Thurs, 18 Jan: "Puss in Boots" at Concordia, Hinckley. £28 payable by 10 Oct. Leave Cosby (The Nook) at 5.45 pm, then VH, SQ, Coll, SW and MC approx 6.05 pm.

Wed, 6 Mar: "Come From Away" at Curve. 2.15 pm matinee. £47 payable by 12 Jan. Leave Cosby (The Nook) at 12.45 pm, then VH 12.50 pm, then SQ, Coll, SW and MC approx. 1.00 pm.

Sat, 25 May: "Blood Brothers" at Market Harborough. 2.30 pm matinee. £35 payable by 12 March. Leave Cosby (The Nook) at 9.30 am, MC 9.35 am, then SW, Coll, VH, and SQ at 10 am. Return 6 pm.

Book/pay at theatre desk in small lounge or call Janine on 07970 648979 or Gill on 07757 007025

OUTINGS

Thurs, 4 Apr: **Lincoln** – cathedral, castle and prison, cobbled streets with shops and eateries. Leave VH at 9 am, then SQ, Coll, SW and MC approx. 9.15 am. £30 payable by 12 March.

Mon, 10 June: **Bakewell** - bustling street market, livestock market in this Peak District gem. Sample the world-famous Bakewell pudding. Leave VH at 9 am, then SQ, Coll, SW and MC approx. 9.15 am. £30 payable by 14 May.

Book/pay at desk in small lounge or contact David on 0116 479 0945 / email: davidheb@talktalk.net

HISTORY

Final talks by the ever-popular Peter Liddle. 10 am – noon in Methodist Church. £4 on the door

- **Thurs, 18 Jan** The Highcross Shopping Centre
- **Thurs, 15 Feb** Bradgate Park

Details from June Norris on 277 6330 or email: june.norris45@talktalk.net

June is relinquishing leadership of the History Group. Anybody who may be interested in taking this over should please contact her as above. Lots of help will be available. Without a new leader, this group will cease to exist from the end of February 2024.

HOLIDAYS

Mon 3 – 7 June 2024: "Scenic Tracks & Best of the Pennines" Holiday, to include a spectacular ride on the Settle to Carlisle Railway, guided tour of the Victorian Village of Saltaire plus a Cruise on the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Full details, prices and booking form are available on the website.

Details from Jill Clayton on 0116 277 7154 or 07946 517139

FIT 4 LIFE

Usually Mondays 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Village Hall. Age-appropriate movement to music to keep you fitter, improve balance and mobility. £5. *Details from Diana Lee on 277 9142*

HANDBELLS

Every Wednesday, 2-4 pm in the Methodist Church, Wigston Road. *Details from Pat Hillyard on 277 4187*

ART

Usually every Thursday, 2-4 pm in the Methodist Church, Wigston St.

Details from Pam Whitehead on 277 8855 or Patricia Brown 291 2241.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Next meetings **22 Jan, 5 and 19 Feb**: 2 pm at 26 Shetland Way, Countesthorpe – though check venue first!
Each first and third Monday. More members sought; help and support available!

Details from Ursula Wild on 277 5881

CREATIVE WRITING

Mon, 15 Jan: 2 - 4 pm at Brook Court. Theme: "Rising" 50p for refreshments

Details from Mikki Wilde on 277 5509

DISCUSSION

Fri, 26 Jan: 10 am–noon at **Brook Court**. 50 p tea/coffee. Topic: "What Does New Year Mean For You?"

Details from David Fagg on 07775 730378 or Janine Tibbles on 07970 648979

BIRDWATCHING

Thurs, 1 Feb: **Eggleton**. Leave VH at 9.30 am in shared cars (*Changed, as Brandon Marsh unavailable*)

Details from Janet Easey on 277 2544

SOLO SUNDAY LUNCH

Sun, 14 Jan: Noon for 12.30 pm at Glen Gorse Golf Club. Sign up in small lounge.

Details from Carol on 277 8999 or Hilary on 277 1176

COUNTRY DANCING

Usually second and fourth Mondays of the month (excluding bank holidays). Our next VH meetings are 22 January, then 12 and 26 February at Countesthorpe VH. 2.00 - 3.00 pm. £1.50

Details from Patsy Paterson on 277 6259

LITERATURE

Wed, 17 Jan: 2 pm at Brook Court. "The 100 Years of Lennie and Margot" by Marianne Cronin

Details from June Norris on 277 6330

SWANS

Tues, 16 Jan: Knighton Park. 10.30 am in park CP. Coffee at Cradock Arms(?)

Tues 6 Feb: Farndon Fields (Millennium Mile in reverse!) 10.30 am in Farm Shop CP.

Tues, 20 Feb: Abbey Park. 10.30 am in St Margaret's Pastures CP

Details from Pauline Woodward on 07936 555048

SCRABBLE

Wed, 7 Feb from 2 to 4.30 pm at Brook Court. Also Upwords and Rummikub. Help and support available for new members – please come and join us!

Details from Carol Kenneth on 277 8999

LUNCHEON CLUB

No details available – contact Sue

Details from Sue Wyllie on 284 9959

FLOWER ARRANGING

Wed, 10 Jan, 14 Feb and second Wednesday of each month. £3. 2 – 4 pm in the lounge, Village Hall

Details from Rosemarie Nash-Smith on 07887 916738, OR Linda Warner on 07951 717779

WALKING (CARE)

Thurs, 25 Jan: Walk 4-4½ miles from The White Horse, Broughton Astley. Leave VH at 9.30 am in shared cars. Contacts for this walk are Allen and Irene on 277 3665. Optional pub lunch.

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

LINE DANCING

Every Friday 11.30 am – 12.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Details from Maud Greasley on 07941 759856

Browse our website: www.countesthorpeu3a.co.uk for details of all activities

Don't forget our regular groups – too many to list here! Why not try Art, Carpet Bowls, Jazz Appreciation, Classical Music, Sign Language, CHEWS (Slimming), Ukulele or Kurling?

Information for inclusion in What's On or website to June on 277 6330 or email to june.norris45@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.) Details and membership form on website or at monthly meeting.*

PICK-UP POINTS: MC = Mulberry Court, Blaby; **SW** = layby on Winchester Rd nr The Southway; **COLL** = the College/Academy; **VH** = Village Hall, Countesthorpe; **SQ** = The Square, outside Manor House, opp Church. **The order of pick-up may change, according to each specific trip, so note your agreed time!** Please **stick to** your stated pick-up point (made when booking), to avoid the coach waiting unnecessarily.