

Countesthorpe U3A What's On

MARCH 2025

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

Tues, 8 Apr: Astride the Garden Fence - (Speaker : Fern Nursery)

Tues, 13 May: Annual General Meeting followed by entertainment

PICKLEBALL

Alternate Saturdays 11-12 or Sundays 2-3 pm in Countesthorpe Academy Sports Hall. Dates may vary according to Academy schedule. Currently, dates unavailable, but please contact Sheila for details and advise her if you plan to attend.

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

ITALIAN CONVERSATION

Wed, 19 Mar, 2 and 16 April then usually every first and third Wednesday, 4-5 pm at 24 Waverley Rd, Blaby. Only basic Italian language skill required, as members will learn from each other. £2.

Details from David Hebblewhite on 0116 479 0945

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Mon, 17 Mar and 7 April (no class on 21 April) (every first and third Monday), 10-11 am. **Usually** in small lounge, Village Hall, though venue may vary if the room is unavailable, so it is essential to phone for details. Only basic French language skill required, as members will learn from each other. £2.

Details from Dorothy Ivatt on 07411 163396 or Gill Fairgrieve on 0116 284 8171

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

Mon, 17 Mar: "Tina" (Tina Turner Musical) at Curve, Leicester. Easy access seats, row N £65, or rows U and V £55 payable by 9 Dec. Leave Cosby Nook 5:55 pm, then VH, SQ, Coll, SW, then MC approx 6:15 pm

Sat, 12 April: Free time before 2.30 pm performance of "Deathtrap" at Market Harborough theatre. £35 payable by 11 Feb. Leave Cosby Nook at 9.30 am, MC approx. 9.35 am, then SW, Coll, VH and SQ approx. 10.am. Return approx. 6 pm.

Tues, 17 June: "Chicago" at Curve, Leicester. Easy access seats, row N £62, or rows V and W £54 payable by 11 Mar. Leave Cosby Nook 5:55 pm, then VH, SQ, Coll, SW, then MC approx 6:15 pm

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

OUTINGS

(Pay by BACS: Sort code: 08-92-99; A/c No: 67252231; A/c name: Countesthorpe U3A Outings Group)

Thurs, 20 Mar: Visit to **Lichfield** for Cathedral, Samuel Johnson's Birthplace and the family home of Erasmus Darwin, plus interesting historic streets with independent shops, plus modern shopping arcade. £25 by 11 Mar. Leave **MC** at 9.30 am, then SW, Coll, VH and Sq approx. 9.45 am. Return approx. 5.15 pm

Tues, 29 Apr: Visit to **Oxford** - see the Ashmolean Museum, or the Bodleian Library; stroll through this historic city of magnificent buildings and take in the Colleges, museums, churches or even enjoy a river cruise. Shop in the Covered Market, Queen Street, or browse the independent shops in the historic city streets. £30 by 8 Apr. Leave **MC** at 9 am, then SW, Coll, VH and Sq 9.15 am. Return approx 5.45 pm

Book/pay at desk in small lounge or contact June on 0116 277 6330 / email: june.norris45@talktalk.net

HOLIDAYS

Thurs 19 – Mon 23 June 2025. Holiday to **Kent**, visiting Chatham Historic Dockyard, amongst other places. From £440 pp. At time of printing, one single room remains, with several double/twins available. For more details, see website or visit the Holiday/Travel desk in small lounge, or call

Jill Clayton on 277 7154 or 07946 517139

UKULELE for BEGINNERS

"Pop-up" 4-session course for complete beginners will be held when interest is shown. If you would like to learn to strum to simple tunes, contact Sue Howard on sulizhow@hotmail.com for more information.

FIT 4 LIFE

Usually Mondays (except bank holidays, so NO class 21 April) 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

Wednesday, 2-4 pm in Methodist Church, Wigston Street.

Details from Pat Hillyard on 277 4187

LITERATURE

2 pm at Brook Court. 50p for room, 50p for refreshments

Wed, 19 Mar: Any book by Denzil Meyrick

Wed, 16 Apr: The Glassmaker by Tracey Chevalier

Details from Beryl Lishman on 277 0405

FLOWER ARRANGING

Wed, 12 Mar and 9 Apr (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

LINE DANCING

NO dancing 14 March; usually every Friday 11.30 am – 12.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Details from Maud Greasley on 07941 759856

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Mon, 17 Mar, 7 April (no class 21 April) at 26 Shetland Way. Each first and third Monday (usually!), 2 pm.

Details from Ursula Wild on 277 5881

CREATIVE WRITING

Mon, 17 Mar: 2 - 4 pm at Brook Court. Theme: "As the mist cleared, I saw . . ." 50p each for refreshments, and 50p for room.

Details from Mikki Wilde on 277 5509

DISCUSSION

Fri, 28 Mar: 10 am–noon at Brook Court. 50 p tea/coffee, 50p for room. Topic: "Trump – the latest"

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

BIRDWATCHING

Thurs, 3 Apr: Coombe Abbey. Leave VH in shared cars at 9.30 am. Lunch at the Bull's Head

Details from Janet Easey on 277 2544

SOLO SUNDAY LUNCH

Sun, 16 Mar: 12.15 for 12.45 pm at The Waterfront, Union Wharf, Market Harborough LE16 7UW. Copy menu in small lounge.

Details from Carol on 277 8999 or Hilary on 277 1176

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

SWANS

Tues, 18 Mar: Everard's Meadows. 10.30 am in Meadows overflow CP below Jenno's

Tues, 1 Apr: Kilby Bridge to Glen Parva. 10.30 am at toadside, near Navigation pub at Kilby Bridge

Tues, 15 Apr: Aylestone Meadows. (9.30 bus to meet for) 10.30 am in Aylestone Meadows CP

Details from Pauline Woodward on 07936 555048

SCRABBLE

Wed, 2 April 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! 50p for refreshments, 50p for room

Details from Carol Kenneth on 277 8999

LUNCHEON CLUB

Thurs, 27 Mar: Noon for 12.30 pm at The Shires, Peatling Parva. Menu in small lounge and let Sue know if you are attending by 21 Mar.

Sue Wyllie on 284 9959 or susanvwyllie@hotmail.com

WALKING (CARE)

Thurs, 27 Mar – leave VH at **9.15 am**. Walk for 4 or 4.5 miles from The Cedars, Evington. Please see pub's website for menu as your meal must be ordered BEFORE the walk; the pub itself will be closed when we arrive for the walk (loos available not far away). Contacts for this walk are Allen and Irene on 0116 277 3665.

General information available from Jenny Barradell on 277 3396 or Malcom Skerritt on 277 2599

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.*