

## September 2022 Newsletter

### TODAY'S MEETING

"Double Acts" - Graham Robson & Roger Boland

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- October 6th - Annual General Meeting & a talk:  
Mark Bolton - "Threats to Conservation & Wildlife"
- November 3rd - Alan Cutler - "Judge, Jury, Judgement, Justice....."
- December 1st - TBC - Christmas Entertainment

*Note: All talks start at 2pm*

### CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi everyone. Have you been like me and spent too much time watching the Commonwealth Games and avoiding the searing heat? I thought Birmingham put on a wonderful games and introduced a number of brave and courageous changes for the future of the games. However, I had mixed feelings about the opening and closing ceremonies. A bit like the Curate's Egg-good in parts! Stay safe and healthy.

### PAYMENT OF Heart of England u3a SUBSCRIPTION—NOW DUE

Sue Tringham

The annual subscription of **£15** for 2022/23 is due on 1st September. Your annual subscription can be paid in one of three ways, **CASH, CHEQUE OR CREDIT TRANSFER.**

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**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE—U3A COMMITTEE VACANCIES\*\*\***



The following committee positions are becoming vacant at our AGM in October.

**Without a full committee the Heart of England u3a cannot constitutionally continue and would have to close!**

We meet approximately four times a year. With most of the existing committee having been in their posts for many years, we now need others to take over. If our u3a is to keep going members need to come forward to fill these positions. So please look at the following outlines of the roles required, and if you think that you would like to volunteer please chat to or contact a member of the committee. Alternatively, write your name & contact details on the form on the information table, or email our Business Secretary, David Haggarty: [d-haggarty@outlook.com](mailto:d-haggarty@outlook.com)

**CHAIR** - Manages meetings with the Secretary and Vice Chair. Sets agendas. Is aware of the issues to be discussed and where decisions need to be made. Needs to be a good listener and communicator. Helps to promote the u3a and can, if wanted, attend National meetings such as NEC and AGM.

**VICE CHAIR**—Deputises for the Chair, taking on the same roles as required. Works closely with the Chair and Business Secretary to organise meetings.

**TREASURER** — Responsible for the handling the financial affairs of the u3a. Receives the monies from groups, and pays expenses as required. Is responsible for paying annual membership fees to national office and organising auditing.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** —Attend committee meetings and work together with other members to make decisions, progress actions and to ensure that the u3a is run smoothly. Be a link between the members and the committee by gathering feedback. Be prepared to help with organising and/or running events.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**—This role can be performed by an individual or a small group. Group leaders email their updates for the month to the Editor. These are then collated into the newsletter format together with notices from the committee and other sources. Once complete the final draft is sent to the printer. When printed it is collected and collated for distribution at our Monthly Meeting.



## **COMPUTER GROUP**

**Robyn Nicoll**

The course gets underway on **Friday 2nd September 2.00-3.30pm** in the lounge at the Methodist Church. The dates planned are the **1st & 3rd Friday** afternoons in September, October & November. Six sessions altogether. The fee for the course is £15.

One of the afternoons will include '**Learn about Linux**', which is a free, open source operating system which can be an alternative to Windows etc. The date for this will be advertised in the next newsletter and will be open to any member interested to know more about Linux.

This course is now fully subscribed but if you are interested in joining the next computer course please add your name and details on the sheet on the notice board table or contact Robyn: [redbird22@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:redbird22@hotmail.co.uk)

## **CREATIVE CRAFT GROUP**

**Robyn Nicoll**

We are meeting on the 2nd Monday afternoon each month, side room 1 at the Methodist Church **2.00-4.00pm**. Next meeting is on **12th September**.

A creative afternoon was held at Margaret Court in August to entertain the residents there. A donation was requested instead of a fee and £71 was donated to the Nicoll unit at Stratford hospital. If you are interested in finding out more about the craft group or you would like to join us for a 'taster' please contact Robyn: [redbird22@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:redbird22@hotmail.co.uk)

## **GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUP**

**Suzu Genge**

Last month we visited the National Herb Centre near Banbury and viewed the great variety of herbs available there. We were surprised that there were so many varieties of mint available including 'after eight' and 'pineapple'. We also sampled the tasty food and drinks in the café, of course!

In **September** we plan to visit Sezincote House and garden on **Wednesday 14th** (not open on our usual meeting day of a Tuesday) near Moreton in the Marsh. We shall meet in the carpark there at **10.45am**.

## **KEEP FIT**

**Robyn Nicoll**

The Shotton and Heart of England Keep Fit Group will resume on **Thursday 8th September** and will be meeting most Thursday mornings **10.00-11.00am** for the rest of the year. There is a waiting list so if you are interested in being added to the list please contact Robyn: [redbird22@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:redbird22@hotmail.co.uk)

## **PAINTING AND DRAWING**



**Dorothea Finn**

Good news—the group is up & running again! The first meeting is **Tuesday 6th September 1.30—3-30pm** in the New Room at the Methodist Church. Thereafter, on the first Tuesday of the month. The cost per session will be £3, with 3 months payment in advance.

## **PLAY READING GROUP**

**Sylvia Crooks**

In August we started reading Act 1 of 'A letter From the General' by Maurice McLoughlin. We meet again on **Thursday 15th September at 10.30am** at Sylvia's to continue reading this interesting play.

## **SNATTS**

**Mike Genge**

In July we had a most interesting guided visit to the Mill at Charlecote (Hampton Lucy actually). The restored mill is mainly operated by one man, Karl, who receives the grain, winnows it, grinds and makes the flour and delivers it! A fascinating story.

In August we had an external speaker, Jo Worthy-Jones, who gave a most informative talk on Wild Life gardening.

In September we will have another external speaker, Tim Barney, who is an expert on the influence of technology on the development of weaponry throughout the ages. His talk, 'Destroyer of Worlds', will be about the physical effects of nuclear warfare. Something to cheer us up after Covid, Boris, Trump, Ukraine etc! Next meeting is on **9th September at 2.00pm** in the New Room at the Methodist Church.

## **WALKING GROUP**

**Lin Randall**

The next walk will take place on **Wednesday 14th September at 10.00am** and will start from The View, Hill Farm Marina, Wootton Wawen, B95 6DE (OS ref 162 621). There is plenty of parking. It is an easy walk, well under 4 miles, with no stiles, along the canal and through Austy Wood. On our return we can indulge in a coffee or choose to have lunch in the café whilst enjoying the beautiful views. Newcomers are very welcome to join us. Please contact Lin: [Linlake55@hotmail.com](mailto:Linlake55@hotmail.com)

### **\*\*\* REQUEST TO ALL GROUP LEADERS \*\*\***

Please could you send photographs/notes/reports associated with your group activities to Edwin Lilly for inclusion in our u3a Magazine and Archive. The magazine is exhibited at each monthly meeting in the Welcome area.

A copy can also be found on our Heart of England website. Take a look.....

Edwin: [Edwin\\_Lilly@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Edwin_Lilly@yahoo.co.uk)

### **\*\*\*\*\* NEW IDEAS? NEW INTEREST GROUPS? \*\*\*\*\***

If you can't find a Group to suit your interests, why not set up a new one?

You do not need to be an expert, just enthusiastic. Anyone wishing to do this will always be supported and encouraged.

Alternatively, if you are interested in joining a Group, or finding out more.....

Please contact our Groups Co-ordinator, Sylvia Crooks with any ideas or suggestions you may have [sylviaannsimmons@icloud.com](mailto:sylviaannsimmons@icloud.com)