



Great Glen Newsletter

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A very warm welcome to our
new member: Rosalyn Seddon

Chairman's Chat

Hello everyone

Sorry about the misprint in my last chat. When I said 'And as we head for the warmer weather, is there anyone who could lead some gentle rambles in our local countryside?' I inadvertently typed 'warmer' instead of 'wetter'.

But I'm pleased to say that we have some offers to lead such a group so if you are interested in joining in then see the item in this newsletter.

This month's meeting is our AGM and there are some important changes to the committee and to our constitution that need your approval. We shall also be entertained by our Uke3A group before the AGM and with some of Toni's films afterwards so please come along.

I'd just like to drop in a reminder of the Learn Something New session on keeping fraudsters and scammers at bay which is on 23rd May – see the item later in the newsletter. At the moment we have an

excellent Book Group run by Liz Adams but there is a natural limit to the number of members for the Group. So it has been suggested that a second book group might be launched to enable more members to participate. If you are interested then Patricia Mansfield has posted details in this newsletter – see Committee News.

Finally, I am sad to say that Toni Smith is standing down from the committee after many years of service – although the last time she tried to get away we asked her back again - and I think I say on behalf of all members a big thank you for her work on the committee. I know she will continue to help in many ways, so we haven't see the last of her, I'm sure.

My best wishes to you all. Make the most of your U3A membership. There's lots to do so try out a new group this month.

Peter Russell chairman@greatglenu3a.co.uk 271 0889

Committee News

Methodist Hall Repairs

Since we no longer use the kitchen entrance please note that the U3A Notice Board has been repositioned near the main hall door in the corridor. You will find membership forms, blank registers, a summary membership list and copies of the latest newsletter there as well as any notices about forthcoming events.

Please switch the corridor light on so that the notice board is more easily seen.

Group Leaders Meeting

A meeting for all Group Leaders has been arranged for Friday 29th June. Group Leaders should check their email in the next few days for details.

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Possible Second Book Group – New!!

Yes, of course there is already a Book Group, very capably run by Liz Adams on the third Mondays. However the Group is currently full, and some U3A members have expressed interest in joining a second one. So, if there is sufficient interest I should be happy to lead this, probably meeting on the fourth Thursdays at 10.00 a.m. in the Ruth Warner Room. There will be a signing in sheet where you can express interest at the AGM – or contact me direct.

Patricia Mansfield patriciamansfield@btinternet.com

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Proposed New Walking Group

We have two members who are willing to lead a walking group. There are no firm plans as yet on dates/days but routes would be chosen which do not require climbing over stiles, and this might involve travelling out of the immediate locality. If this is

something you would like to join then please contact Elizabeth Cooke as soon as possible.

Elizabeth Cooke cookes@cookes-uk.com 270 4524

Monthly Meetings

Our meeting on 9th May is the Annual General Meeting. This is an important opportunity to understand how your U3A is run and to have your say about future arrangements. Apart from the business meeting, which should be fairly short, there will be entertainment led by Uke3A and a film show.

8 May 2018 *AGM followed by Entertainment*

12 June 2018 *Sherlock Holmes* *John Martin*

10 July 2018 *Masters of Mirth* *Mike Storr*

Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month. Doors open 10.00 a.m. for tea and coffee, event / speaker 10.30 a.m. **Coffee rota – see below.**

Coffee Rota

Coffee, tea and sugar are provided. Please bring milk (2 litres).

8 May – Family History Group

12 June – **Flower Arranging, Needles and Pins and Art Groups**

10 July 2018 – **Bowling Group**

A Penny for Your Thoughts ...

If you have a memory, ‘thought piece’ or anecdote you are willing to share with other members please do send it in to me. The cut-off date submissions for the next Newsletter is noon on **Wednesday 6th June 2018**.

Robert Mansfield robertrmansfield@btinternet.com

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School Holidays

(April Meeting)

Margaret Hudson once again warmed us up, this time with an excellent recitation of ‘Survivors’.

Mike Leonard then at short notice stepped manfully into the breach created by the discovery that our previously advertised speaker had ‘double booked’. We were treated to the remarkable recollections of a retired teacher’s experiences of leading a succession of school trips and holidays, mostly not of his own choosing. Amusing challenges (perhaps not so amusing at the time, though) duly materialised throughout the talk in accordance with Murphy’s time-

honoured law: ‘If it can go wrong, it will go wrong’. This was a story of lifelong learning at its best. And there was a happy ending, for it transpired the participants had loved his leadership. We all enjoyed hearing some echoes of our own teenage years.

Robert Mansfield

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

**How to Protect yourself from Fraud – Date now
Confirmed**

Wednesday 23rd May at 2.00 p.m. in Methodist Hall

Most people now have access to the internet. We use our home computers, phones and other devices to shop or bank online, contact our friends and relatives, along with numerous other tasks. With all the convenience the internet brings, it is important to be aware of potential online risks.

Almost all frauds now use computers or technology in some way. There are many criminals who take advantage of the anonymity of the online world to deceive, hack and steal. This doesn't mean we shouldn't use the internet. A few simple security measures can reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

This Learn Something New Session is an illustrated talk lasting about an hour, to provide guidance on some

of these crimes and tips on how to avoid becoming a victim. You can sign up at the monthly meeting or contact me directly.

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GROUP NEWS

Art Group

The theme for 3rd and 17th May is Spring Flowers in any medium. We meet at 2 o'clock in the Ruth Warner room.

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Carpet Bowls

We meet every Thursday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. New members are most welcome.

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English Country Dancing

During the first week of May members of the English Country Dancing Group were invited to join in the Maypole dancing at the Burton Overy and Rutland (Uppingham) folk dance clubs. All very "Merrie England" and what better way to welcome in the summer - at long last!

Please note some changes to the group schedule during the summer months; the Group will meet on Tuesdays 8th and 15th May but will NOT meet on Tuesdays 22nd and 29th May. Dancing will resume on 5th June each week until 26th June. Then the group will take a long break during July and August and resume its weekly meetings in September. Watch out for further details in the June Newsletter.

The ECD Group is always pleased to welcome new members. We meet on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. in the Sports Hall. No previous experience is needed as all the dances are explained and walked through before setting them to music. No special clothing needed – just light-weight shoes or sandals and comfortable clothing suitable for gentle dancing. You do not need to come with a partner as we change partners during the dances so that everybody is involved. The only requirement is to be prepared to join in and enjoy yourself!

It's good fun and healthy exercise for both body and brain. Come, join us and give it a try!

Peter Meacock petermeacock112@btinternet.com
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Evening Bridge

I am happy to report the good news that Andy Tyler (Tel 259 2264) has taken over all the Evening Bridge sessions. All these take place at the Chapel Hall except for the third TUESDAY of the month which is at the Library. We do have more room for players who

would like to play Duplicate Bridge. The cost is £1.50 per player to include tea/coffee if required. 7.00 p.m. for a prompt start at 7.15 and finish about 10.00 p.m.
John Lawson jlawson123@btinternet.com 259 3421

Garden Visits

Our next meeting is on Friday 18th May when we shall be visiting Westbrook House, 52 Scotland Road, in Little Bowden (post code LE16 8AX). I have noticed prices are a little higher this year and this visit costs £8 to include tea and cakes. For this we see a 6-acre garden with features such as a walled flower garden, a walled kitchen garden, pond area, spring garden, woodland paths and a wild flower meadow. We shall be in the Village Hall car park to give lifts to those in need and will leave at 2.00 p.m. If you would like to come along please contact Margaret Wright (243 2550) and let her know whether you need a lift or are going straight to the venue. In the event of your not being able to contact Margaret please call me on the number below. I understand there are several members requiring lifts for this visit so we would be grateful to hear from any members who would go to the car park and help out. Many thanks.

Linda Hobart lindahobart@outlook.com 319 8095

History

There is no meeting on 7th May as this is a public holiday. The next session is on Monday 4th June,

which is the outing to Beaumanor Hall. After this, our next meeting at the Methodist Hall is on 2nd July at 2.00 p.m. when the 'gang of four' will be presenting their researches into The Industrial Revolution in Textiles.

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History of Art

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th May when we shall be taken round the National Gallery by Louise Govier to look at British Painting from 1700 to 1850. The meeting will be held in the Methodist Hall as usual commencing at 10.00 a.m. All members are welcome.

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Indoor Bowling

Indoor Bowls at Market Harborough has now finished for the winter season. We begin again at the beginning of October.

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Learn French Together

Would you like to learn French? We are an informal, friendly, self-teaching group of beginners. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 10.00 a.m. in the Ruth Warner Room. Please contact me.

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Mini Bridge

Greetings from John Lawson:

‘I am not as well as I hoped to be by now, but I must thank all my friends for their many good wishes and cards for my health and recovery. It is so pleasing to know Terry has taken over the organisation after 18 years and I am sure it will continue well into the future. Next month I hope to continue to enjoy Tuesday mornings with you again.’

Terry Evans

259 2102

New Age Kurling

If you’ve not tried it then come and have a go – it provides gentle exercise and lots of fun. The next sessions are on Fridays 11th and 25th May at 10.00 a.m. at the Sports Centre.

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Papercraft

At our next meeting on 21st May we shall be using buttons to enhance our creations. If you have any spare ones that have fairly flat backs so that they can be stuck on with glue dots please bring them along. I shall have some to share.

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Quiz Group

We will not be meeting on 28th May, the Bank Holiday Monday. Our next meeting will be on 25th June.

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Sunday Singles Lunch

Meetings for the remainder of the year take place at the Leicestershire Golf Club.

Judith Measom

279 1509

Swimming

Please note there will be no swimming on 30th May and 6th June. The last swim under the current contract will be on 13th June.

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Table Top Games

This month's sessions are on Thursdays 10th and 24th May at 2.00 p.m. at the Methodist Hall. We play a variety of card and board games (word and number), and members old and new are welcome to bring games along to share. One member recently expressed an interest in learning cribbage, so if you are interested too or have knowledge to share, please get in touch.

Helen Edwards 212 7547 *Eileen Appleby* 259 2513

Ukulele Group

We have recently welcomed two new strummers, Allan and Nigel, to the Group. The dates for our next meetings are: 21st May, 4th and 18th June, and 2nd July. Then we have a break for the summer and start again on 3rd September. Our Group Leader is Alan Mawby 259 2599.

Kate Smith

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Summer Tailpiece

Original English

Translation

**Svmer is icumen in
Lhude sing cuccu
Groweþ sed
and bloweþ med
and springþ þe wde nu
Sing cuccu**

Summer has arrived,
Sing loudly, cuckoo!
The seed is growing
And the meadow is
blooming,
And the wood is coming
into leaf now,
Sing, cuckoo!

**Awe bleteþ after lomb
lhoup after calue cu
Bulluc sterteþ
bucke uerteþ**

The ewe is bleating after
her lamb,
The cow is lowing after
her calf;
The bullock is prancing,
The billy-goat farting,

**murie sing cuccu
Cuccu cuccu
Wel singes þu cuccu
ne swik þu nauer nu**

Sing merrily, cuckoo!
Cuckoo, cuckoo,
You sing well, cuckoo,
Never stop now.

**Sing cuccu nu • Sing
cuccu.
Sing cuccu • Sing cuccu
nu**

Sing, cuckoo, now; sing,
cuckoo;
Sing, cuckoo; sing,
cuckoo, now