

# Countesthorpe U3A What's On

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

**Tues, 14 May :** AGM + Entertainment from u3a groups

**Tues, 11 June :** Marilyn Munroe (*speaker – Julie Kinnear*)

### **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. (*March mock exams limit play*)

**Sunday, 14 and 28 Apr** at 2-3 pm, at the College sports hall. Just £3

**Saturday, 20 Apr** at 9-10 am, at the College sports hall. Just £3.

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

### **ITALIAN CONVERSATION**

Wed, 17 Apr, 1 and 15 May. Usually every first and third Wednesday, 4-5 pm in small lounge at VH. Only basic Italian language skill required, as members will learn from each other. £2.

*Details from David Hebblewhite on 0116 479 0945*

### **FRENCH CONVERSATION**

Monday, 15 Apr then 20 May (usually every first and third Monday), 10-11 am in small lounge at VH. 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*)

**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.

**Thurs, 13 June:** “**Here You Come Again**” (Dolly Parton Musical) at Curve, Leicester. £49 payable by 29

April 2024. Leave Cosby Nook 5:55 pm, then VH, SQ, Coll, SW, then MC approx 6:15 pm

**Thurs, 5 Sept:** “**Made in Dagenham**” at Loughborough Town Hall. £37 payable by 11 June. Leave Cosby (The Nook) at 5.40 pm, then VH, then SQ, Coll, SW and MC approx.6.00 pm.

**Thurs, 17 Oct:** “**Murder on the Orient Express**” at Curve, Leicester. £39 payable by 12 July. Leave Cosby Nook 12.40 pm, then VH, SQ, Coll, SW, then MC approx 1.05 pm

**Thurs, 5 Dec:** “**My Fair Lady**” at Curve, Leicester. £53 payable by 10 Sept. 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**

**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*

### **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 (except bank holidays) 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.*

### **LINE DANCING**

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

*Details from Maud Greasley on 07941 759856*

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Each first and third Monday (usually!), 2 pm at 26 Shetland Way. More members sought; help and support available!

*Details from Ursula Wild on 277 5881*

## CREATIVE WRITING

**Mon, 15 April:** 2 - 4 pm at Brook Court. Theme: "An Event" 50p for refreshments

*Details from Mikki Wilde on 277 5509*

## DISCUSSION

**Fri, 26 Apr:** 10 am–noon at **Brook Court**. 50 p tea/coffee. Topic: "Compulsory Military Service – Good or Bad?"

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

## BIRDWATCHING

**Thurs, 2 May:** Stanwick Lakes. Leave VH at 9.30 am in shared cars.

*Details from Janet Easey on 277 2544*

## SOLO SUNDAY LUNCH

**Sun, 14 Apr:** 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 22 Apr then 13 May (No dancing 27 May – Spring BH) at Countesthorpe VH. 2.00 - 3.00 pm. £1.50

*Details from Patsy Paterson on 277 6259*

## LITERATURE

**Wed, 17 Apr:** 2 pm at Brook Court. "Trespases" by Louise Kennedy

**Wed, 15 May:** 2 pm at Brook Court. "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig

*Details from Dorothy Ivatt on 07411 163396*

## SWANS

**Tues 16 Apr:** Crow Mills to Glen Parva. 10.30 am in Crow Mills, (Countesthorpe to S Wigston) CP

**Tues 7 May:** Foxton Locks. 10.30 am in Foxton Locks top car park

**Tues 21 May:** Grand Union Canal and Gee's Lock. 10.30 am at far end of New Bridge Rd (nr County Arms)

*Details from Pauline Woodward on 07936 555048*

## SCRABBLE

**Wed, 1 May** 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

**THURSDAY, 25 April** (NOTE PERMANENT CHANGE OF DAY) at the Cedars, Evington at 12.30pm. The menu will be at the monthly meeting on Tuesday.

*Details from Sue Wyllie on 284 9959*

## FLOWER ARRANGING

**Wed, 10 April, then 8 May** 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 Apr:** Walk 4-4½ miles from The Shoulder of Mutton, Foxton, LE16 7RB. Leave VH at **9.30** am in shared cars. Contacts for this walk are Pat and John on 277 1055. Optional pub lunch.

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

**Browse our website: [www.countesthorpeu3a.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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.