

# Countesthorpe U3A What's On

## APRIL 2026

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

**Tues, 12 May:** AGM

**Tues, 9 Jun:** A Look at the Life of a Famous Photographer (Michael Bates)

### KURLING

Every Wednesday 11am in the village hall. Have a jolly hour being competitive, chatting and being sporty - Keep those steps up! Pusher stick available if you can't bend. *Details from Ian Paterson on 0116 277 6259*

### UKULELE STRUMMERS

Every Monday afternoon 11-1 pm at a Members Home. Formed as a follow on from the "Pop-up" sessions to meet and consolidate learning in a supportive group. *Details from Sue Howard on sulizhow@hotmail.com*

### FRENCH CONVERSATION

**Mon, 20 Apr and 18 May - No Sessions on April 6 or May 4** (usually 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's essential to phone for details, or join the WhatsApp group. Only basic French language skill required, as members 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*)

**Tues, 24 Mar 2026:** "Mamma Mia" at Curve, Leicester. £60 payable by 13th January 2026.

Leave Cosby Nook 5.55 then VH, SQ, Coll, SW then MC approximately 6:15 pm.

**Thurs, 23 Apr 2026 Matinee (2:15):** "Sunny Afternoon" at Curve, Leicester. £47 pay by 12th Feb 2026.

Leave Cosby Nook 12:45 then VH, SQ, Coll, SW then MC approximately 1:05 pm.

**Sat, 23 May 2026 Day Out in Market Harboro and Matinee (2:30) of "Breathing Corpses".** £35 pay by 10th Mar 2026. Leave Cosby Nook 9:30 am MC, SW, Coll, VH and SQ approximately 9:45 am.

**Thurs 23rd Jul 2026:** "Waitress" at Curve, Leicester, 2:15. £48 payable by 12th June 2026.

Leave Cosby Nook 12:45 then VH, SQ, Coll, SW then MC approximately 1:05

**\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Thurs 3rd Sep 2026:** "Barnum" at Curve, Leicester, 2:15. £50 payable by 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026.

Leave Cosby Nook 12:45 then VH, SQ, Coll, SW then MC approximately 1:05

**\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Thurs 11 Mar 2027:** "Annie" at Curve, Leicester, 2:15. £52 payable by 29th Jan 2027.

Leave Cosby Nook 12:45 then VH, SQ, Coll, SW then MC approximately 1:05

*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)*

**We have a programme of visits planned for 2026 :** Full details in the small lounge or on the website.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026** Hereford & Hop Pocket Craft Village

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026** Ashbourne & Tissington Well Dressing

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026** York

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026** Royal Windsor

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2026** Ely Cathedral and Christmas Market

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

### HOLIDAYS

**Warner Bembridge Coastal Resort, Isle of Wight is Sold Out** (Mon Apr 27 - Fri May 1 2026).

**Dunoon is Sold Out** (Sun Sept 20th to Friday 25th 2026).

*Book/pay at desk in small lounge or contact Jill Clayton on 277 7154 or 07946 517139*

### BIRDWATCHING

**Thur, May 7th:** Coombe Abbey. Meet at VH 9.30, shared cars. Lunch at The Bull, Brinklow

*Details from Janet Easey on 277 2544*

### HANDBELLS

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

*Details from Zoe Paterson on 07495 768006*

### LINE DANCING

Usually **every Friday** 11.30 am – 12.30 pm in the Village Hall.

*Details from Maud Greasley on 07941 759856*

## **FLOWER ARRANGING**

**Wed, 13 May:** (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*

## **LITERATURE**

**15 Apr:** The Names by Florence Knapp

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

**20 May:** Anything by JoJo Moyes

*Details from Teresa Morgan on 07882 604263*

## **CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS**

**Mon, 20 Apr and 4 May** at 26 Shetland Way. Each first and third Monday (usually!), 2 pm.

*Details from Ursula Wild on 277 5881*

## **CREATIVE WRITING**

**Mon, 20 Apr:** 2 - 4 pm at Brook Court. Theme: Marriage.

50p each for refreshments, & 50p for room.

*Details from Mikki Wilde on 277 5509*

## **DISCUSSION**

**Fri 24 Apr:** 10:00 - 12:00 in Brooke Court, Countesthorpe - residents' lounge.

Topic: "Recycle".

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

## **FIT 4 LIFE**

**Mon, 20 Apr** and 27 Apr. Every Monday (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*

## **SOLO SUNDAY LUNCH**

**Sun, 15 Mar:** 12 for 12:30. Shoulder of Mutton, Foxton, LE16 7RB.

Pre-orders required, menu will be in small lounge.

*Details from Carol on 277 8999 or Hilary on 07539 523726*

## **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 21 Apr : 10:30** - Foxton Locks, Top CP (pay & display), Foxton.

**Tues 5 May : 10:30** – Grand Union canal & Gee's Lock. End of New Bridge Rd, former County Arms traffic lights

*Details from Pauline Woodward on 07936 555048*

## **SCRABBLE**

**Wed, 6 May** from 2 to 4.30 pm at Brook Court (First Wednesday each month). Also Upwords and Rummikub.

Help and support available for new members. 50p for refreshments, 50p for room

*Details from Carol Kenneth on 277 8999*

## **LUNCHEON CLUB**

**Thur, 23 Apr, 12.30.** The Dovecote, Narborough. Pre orders not required, let Sue know by 17 Apr if you are attending.

*Contact Sue Wylie on 284 9959 or susanvwylie@hotmail.com*

## **WALKING (CARE)**

**Thur, 30 Apr:** Meet at the Village Hall at 9:30, leaving in shared cars to travel to the Chandlers Arms in Shearsby. The walk is likely to be about 5 miles. Contact for the walk is Robert Hancock 07946 095176.

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

## **PICKLEBALL**

Every Saturday 11-12 am - Countesthorpe Academy Sports Hall, Winchester Rd. £4 per session.

Age appropriate sport which combines tennis, badminton and table tennis.

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

**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, Fit for Life, Line Dancing, Ukulele or Kurling?**

*Information for inclusion in What's On or website to Neill Brown on 07857 769871 or by email to [info.cu3a@gmail.com](mailto:info.cu3a@gmail.com) **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*