



MONTHLY BULLETIN APRIL 2019

Welcome to the April Bulletin. If the good weather continues there should be many opportunities to get out and about taking part in whatever pursuits you favour. Hopefully the bulletin will draw your attention to some of our many events.

Monthly meeting

On Wednesday 24th April our speaker will be Gordon Rogers with the intriguing story of “Winston Churchill’s Toy Shop“

AGM 2019

Members are reminded that our 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th May at 2 pm. This will be an opportunity for members to elect who they would like to represent them on the committee. A nomination form for members to nominate their chosen representatives together with a draft agenda is on our website.

Following the AGM, our speaker will be Richard Carter with his presentation about the National Leather Collection.

U3A committee

Have you wondered how you could be involved in helping run Towcester U3A?

We continue to grow with new members and with the development of new interest groups. This is thanks to the commitment of the Group Co-ordinators and the U3A Committee. Maybe you would just like to put a face to the names you see on the Annual Report. Perhaps your ideas, skills and experience could help continue the growth of the organisation.

You're very welcome to come and meet your committee over a cup of coffee on Tuesday 7th May 2019 between 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm at The Sawpits Centre (Old Library) Towcester.

By attending there's no expectation that you wish to be more involved. We look forward to seeing you there.

Can't make it? Just speak to one of the committee at the monthly meeting or email.

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Coach Trip - Tuesday 25th June Litchfield

A message from Jeanette Waite

Lichfield seems to have all sorts of interesting places to visit; free museums, a Cathedral [also free]; market; shops [there's a particular beading shop I'll be heading for] and lots of eating places. Look them up on "Visit Lichfield" on the internet for more information.

We will leave Towcester at 9am, departing Lichfield 4pm. The cost is £12. Tickets can be booked with Jeanette. Cheques made out to Towcester U3A, please include your e-mail address and membership number, either by post to 12 Hawthorn Drive Towcester NN12 7AE or at the monthly meeting.

Some members have asked about the **ICE information** that is requested. For those not sure it stands for **In Case of Emergency**. Although many come along with a friend or relative some come alone. There is no obligation to give this information but in the unlikely event of an accident it is useful to know who should be contacted together with their name and phone number. There is no need for an address. Following the trip all this information is destroyed along with e-mails and contact telephone number.

U3A Northamptonshire Network outing for summer 2019

Northamptonshire U3As collaborate on an annual visit. This year it is to **Lampport Hall and Gardens**. The day will consist of a visit the Museum, Church, Gardens and House.

Price includes a cream tea. [Please include any special dietary requirements]

Date: 28th July

Time: 12.45 pm

Cost:£13 per person

For further details or to book a place please email u3anorthantsnetwork@hotmail.com

Please note; this is a private visit for Northamptonshire U3A members only.

Group News

Science for All

Starting with the next meeting on Thursday 2nd May, we have a new venue for our meetings until the end of the year. Meetings will be at the Sawpits Centre in the meeting room. There is

a photograph of the room on the Sawpits Centre website. <https://www.towcester-tc.gov.uk/the-sawpits-centre.html>. On Thursday mornings the big open-plan hall at the Sawpits Centre is used by the WI Market, which runs from 08:30 to 11:30. Some of the market stall holders sell cakes, and the WI Markets have clients from the Olympus Riverside Day Care Centre to sell teas and coffees. I am hoping that we can use their facilities for cake and coffee. I have warned them that they might expect an extra two dozen customers. The meeting on Thursday 2nd May starting at 10:00 am, will be a talk by Barry Prior on “The limits of science - things science can and cannot explain”. David Wilcock.

Next three outings for London Explorers 1.

Thursday 9th May	Museum of the Order of St. John
Thursday 13th May	London Walks “Past the Palace”
Thursday 11th July	Tate Britain

Garden Visits

Wednesday 8th May. Exbury Gardens. **Leave 8.00am** Entry £9. Coach £14. Total £23.

May 2019 Membership card required

Thursday 13th June Peter Beale’s Roses [morning] Bury St Edmunds [afternoon]. **Leave 8.00am** Coach £14

May 2020 membership card required

Tuesday 9th July. Bowood House and Walled Garden Calne Wiltshire. **Leave 8.30am.**

Coach £12. Entry £15.25 includes tea coffee and biscuits on arrival Tour of Walled Garden and free flow of house. Total £27.25

Wed 14th August Kentwell House and Gardens Coach £12 Entry £11.30 Total £23.30 **Leave 8.30am**

Please see Carole at the monthly meeting or call 01327 352564. All cheques payable to Towcester U3A. All members must have valid U3A membership card.

Garden Lovers may like to know the May edition of Gardeners World carrying the 2 for 1 pass is now on sale.

Theatre Group

There are still, at the time of writing, places available for:-

Hair on Wednesday July 17th Tickets £22 .50 each and money to be paid by 21st May (new final payment date)

Other forthcoming shows include:-

The Entertainer (starring Shane Ritchie) Wednesday 4th September 2.30pm £25 Pay by 17th June.

9 to 5 Wednesday 25th September 2.30pm £19.50 Pay by June 17th.

The Exorcist Wednesday 9th October 2.30pm. £17.10 Pay by June 17th (this is straight from the West End).

Saturday Night Fever Wednesday 16th October 2.30pm tickets £ 25.00. Pay by May 21st

Kinky Boots Wednesday 7th Nov 2.30pm £20 Pay by 21st May

Looking ahead to 2020

The King and I Wednesday 4th March 2.30pm £30. Pay by July 4th

We Will Rock You Wednesday March 25th 2.30pm £29.50 Pay by June 20th.

See Marion at the Theatre Group table at the monthly meeting or contact Marion 01604 8642 or email marionjollywilson@hotmail.com

The next New Members Meeting will be on Tuesday July 2nd at Sawpits Centre 10.30 am

Finally Ten years ago next year a small group of inspired and visionary people first met to form Towcester U3A. Such was the energy commitment and enthusiasm they generated that the U3A quickly grew and developed. Today Towcester U3A is valued for being both educational and social. It has helped to remove isolation and contributes to people living happier and healthier lives. Over the coming months we hope to work with our members to plan a celebration of an organisation that has come to mean so much to so many people in our community. I would be so grateful if people would start to think about recalling and recording their memories of Towcester U3A in order that they can be shared in the Tuba. Meanwhile any information for the next bulletin and Tuba should be emailed to lucasr1@aol.com

Thank You Carol

