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NEWSLETTER: June 2026

Tuesday, July 7th

Music of the sixties

Paul Lillie

DESK AND REFRESHMENT ROTA:

July – Gardening

August – Lunch Club

Duties include checking members in at the entrance desk and serving tea and coffee and washing up afterwards (dishwasher available). Generally 4 members are required. Where groups have difficulty in raising the necessary 4 members, please get in touch with Jan Grant– Group Coordinator. (01789 417721)

Please note that as I don't have a current rota pattern I have gone back to the 2023 list I have. Apologies if you find your group listed above and have recently already done the duty. Kate

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

August - The Weavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild

September - Indian Birds, Tigers and The Taj Mahal Arthur Ball

Thanks

We have received this note of thanks from Warwickshire Search and Rescue, for the donations made at our last meeting. I think we can all agree that the talk was

illuminating and that the service clearly relies on charitable giving to continue their work, Thank you all.

'Thank you very much for having me today. It was a very generous collection - £189.68 including the fee.

Best wishes, Nick.'

New Series – Your input needed!

Have you had your 15 minutes of fame? If so, would you share it with us all in the newsletter? Many people have had an encounter with someone famous, done something noteworthy which gave them 'fame' (or notoriety!). It doesn't have to be major, even a smidgeon of 'fame' would be interesting. We'd love you to write a short piece for inclusion in the newsletter (with photos if appropriate). Send it to:

shotteryu3a@gmail.com

INTEREST GROUPS

We are always interested in expanding the number and range of interest groups that are on offer. If you would be interested in developing a new group, please get in touch with the Secretary via the website group

<https://u3asites.org.uk/shottery/home> .

Poetry Matters - For further details please get in touch with Jonathan Baker at **jonobaker@hotmail.com**

GROUP REORTS

Local History Group

In June we watched part of a DVD about the Avon from Naseby to Tewkesbury, concentrating on the area before Stratford i.e. Barford, Hampton Lucy, Charlecote (potential visit to the churches in cooler weather). We are now interested in learning more about Joseph Arch from Barford founder of the National Agricultural Labourers Union.

Guess what we will open the July session with? Miles

Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club meeting is Thursday 16th July meeting at 12:30 for lunch at 1pm.

Lunch Club is at different venues. Signing-up lists with details are put on the table at the Tuesday monthly meeting, For further information contact David.

Gardening Group

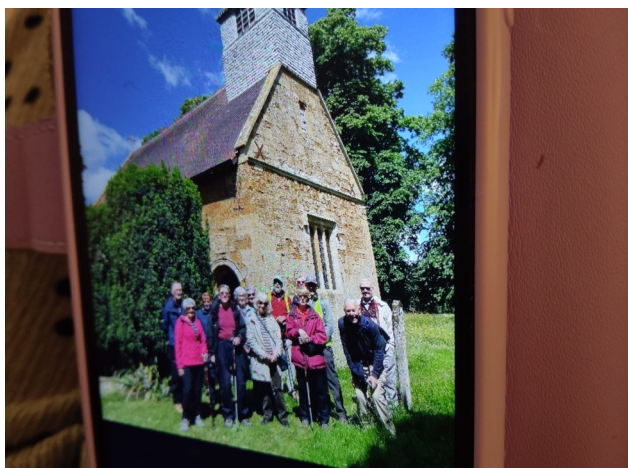
June's visit was to Kiftsgate Gardens. Although when we first arrived there had been a thunderclap the rain cleared away so we were able to enjoy a dry and sunny visit.

In particular the peonies were truly lovely. Unfortunately, the famous rose was not fully in flower but still magnificent to see as is the view from the swimming pool across the vale to the Malvern hills in the distance.

At the time of writing this article July's visit is still to be arranged. Nick



Ambling Group



9 June Amble Alderminster

Fourteen of us enjoyed an Amble in Alderminster led by Nigel Wilkins. We crossed meadows and walked along a quiet gated road before taking a short detour to visit beautiful St. Mary's Church in Whitchurch.

We then walked through more fields and crossed the River Stour. It was a showery day but we only had one short shower, we were lucky fortunately, because when having refreshments at Stratford Garden Centre there was an extremely heavy storm. Many thanks to Nigel for an interesting amble this month. I was on holiday so Jan Jones has kindly stepped in to write this. Margaret.

Rambling Group

In May, the Rambling Group walked 5 miles around several areas of the Heart of England Forest woodland, starting from Giddings Wood near Long Marston. 11 walked on a very hot day, with 8 retiring to The Broom Tavern for a pleasant lunch.

The June Ramble was deferred to July since Tuesday 23rd was part of the Amber Heat Alert issued by the Met Office. I felt it prudent to follow advice and not endanger

anyone. So we'll reserve this walk centred on Yarningale Common for July (and hope for cooler weather!).

This year's remaining Rambles (locations to be decided) will be on;
July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd, October 27th and November 24th.

If you wish to join the group, please write to Martin Young.

Digital Photography

Sadly our June meeting was cancelled due to the hot weather! I missed the last newsletter, so I am reporting the May Meeting. We had a fairly well attended meeting with the subject of 'Close-ups'. There were a wide range of subjects, from flowers to household objects to hip replacements! Our next subject is 'Shadows' on Friday 17th July at 2.30pm at Rickie's. We look forward to seeing as many members as can attend, anyone wishing to join us please contact Frances



Can you guess the flower from the close up? Answer at the July meeting

Play Reading

We finally managed to finish reading Dangerous Corner by JB Priestley at our last meeting. It was a fascinating play and we all appreciated it very much. It wasn't a comedy but it gripped us all and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Our next meeting should be this Friday, if the heat wave permits. We will be reading Family Planning by Frank Vickery. This is a comedy, almost a farce and will be very enjoyable.

We meet on the last Friday of every month at 2:15pm at various locations. If you would like to know more or come along to see if you might like to join us, please contact me. Lauri Scrivens.

Book Group

Our June choice was 'One Hundred Years of Lennie and Margot' by Marianne Cronin. The book focuses on the developing friendship between 83 year old Margot and 17 year old Lennie, both of whom are terminally ill in hospital. They embark on an art project to paint 100 paintings (their combined ages add up to 100) depicting their lives. Along the way they tell the stories of their life. There is sadness but also positivity and humour. And we meet some wonderful characters. There were mixed views on the book but most people enjoyed it. What paintings , I wonder, would you choose to create?

The group currently has one space. If you are interested contact Kate

Keep Fit

Our small friendly group consists of both males and females of mixed abilities. The class is designed for our age group, with standing and sitting exercises

We meet every Thursday morning from 10 -11am in the Parish Centre at St Andrews Church in Shottery. We have an excellent tutor and really enjoy the exercises and a chat.

At present there is a waiting list, but please contact me If you are interested in finding out more about the group. Jan Jones

Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter or enquiries regarding interest groups or membership leaders via the email

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