

## **OADBY AND WIGSTON NEWSLETTER** **January 2019**

### *NOTES FROM THE CHAIR*

*Welcome to our first meeting of 2019 - let's make it a flourishing year for our U3A when we continue to develop new interests. New groups such as Family History and "Bus Pass" Days Out have been suggested. If you are interested, or have any other ideas, please speak to our Groups Co-ordinator, Pat, either at today's meeting or tel: 3677038. Many members choose just to attend the monthly meetings with a wide variety of speakers. Today we welcome a return visit from Brian Johnson his subject: The Country Railway Station.*

*Anne*



### **The 3rd Inter-U3A Quiz**

**Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 7pm**

**Venue: Market Harborough Conservative Club, The Lilacs,  
Fairfield Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9QQ**

Teams of 4 (max two teams per U3A) £8 per team incl tea/coffee and homemade cake. Full details displayed on our noticeboard at today's meeting. If you would like to take part contact Anne (2885081) or any committee member and hopefully O&W U3A can send a team. There is room for spectators.

## GROUP NEWS

Group Co-ordinator Pat - 3677038

### ARCHITECTURE –

Next meeting **Tuesday 12 February**, 10.30: a Double Bill!

Grant Pitches will give a talk on Frank Lloyd Wright and his famous Fallingwater House.



Judy and John Wilson will give a presentation on rural architecture of the Haute Savoie, France.

Any queries please **contact Anne on 2885081**.

**BIRD WATCHING** - Please contact **Mike on 2714410**

**BOOK CLUB – For details of dates, venue and books to be discussed please contact Ros on 2708147**

### FILM -

On **Wednesday 13 Feb** we plan to show the 2017 film “Hampstead” at the Phoenix at 10.30 a.m. This is a light-hearted tale based on the true story of Harry Hallowes who lived in a squat on the common after eviction and fights for Squatters rights. It is also a rather lovely tale of love in adversity, and old age. It has a strong cast—Diane Keaton and Brenda Gleeson Simon Callow and James Norton

This film is open to all and you may pay on the day. Please support the film and feel free to bring friends and non U3A members.

Cost £6 including coffee/ biscuits

- **contact Malcolm on 2714402** email - [mjgray220@gmail.com](mailto:mjgray220@gmail.com)

**FRENCH – Contact Jennifer on 2880234**

**GARDENING -**

A big thank you to Di for organising our lunch which was well supported. We will meet on **Monday 11 February** at Wistow. I suggest about 10.30am. - **contact Beryl on 2889164**

**GERMAN –**

There are spaces for new members in this group. For details please **contact Eileen on 2885925**

**HISTORY - Meeting on Monday 18 February** at 10.30 a.m., Pavilion, Peace Park, Wigston: our topic is “ Manorial documents, especially Wigston area.” We welcome our speaker, Simon Neal, from the Record Office.

– **contact Eileen on 2885925**



**ITALIAN for beginners -**

This group is currently full. However a waiting list is available and anyone who wishes to be included should contact the Group Leader **Adriana on 07713251726**

**LATIN – Contact Jennifer on 2880234**

**LUNCH Group -** Our next lunch will be on **Monday 4 February** at Wetherspoons in Wigston at 12.30pm. Please let me know if you wish to come. - **Contact Di on 2888365 or Chris on 2883836**

## **MUSIC -**

The next meeting of the music group will be on **Thursday 14 February** when Ken will be presenting his choice of music to us.

Please come and join us for music, tea and biscuits and very pleasant company. We meet at Wigston Methodist Church at 2pm. You will be most welcome. -

Please **contact Glenys on 2704440**



## **SCRABBLE –**

This group is now full and will continue to meet as usual. If anyone is interested in starting a second group please **contact Pat (group co-ordinator) on 3677038** or **contact Margaret on 2813463.**

**SPANISH – Contact David on 2916138**

## **STROLLERS -**

In February we shall stroll from Wistow Garden Centre, hoping there are snowdrops in the churchyard at Newton Harcourt. Meet in the car park on **Thursday 21 February** at 10.30am. We shall return there for coffee. Any queries, or requiring transport, contact Anne on 2885081



## **THEATRE -**

Ratae Co-operative Players at  
LCPA, Garden Street, Leicester.

**January 30 - February 2, 2019 -**  
"Snow White and the Evil Queen."

**May 15 – 18, 2019 -** Play to be  
announced.

Tickets are £8/£7 concessions.

To book a seat(s) please let me have  
a note of date(s) required together  
with a cheque made payable to O  
and W U3A

**Di (Treasurer)**

## **WALKING**

We shall meet at the Red Lion at Welham at 10.00am on **Tuesday 5 February** for our first walk of 2019. This will be all on country roads, so unless there is deep snow and ice this should be quite doable. Come and join us for some fresh air and gentle exercise. Any queries or requiring transport **contact Dick on 2885081.**

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## **From your Editor**

If any members have contributions they wish to share just email or phone me or see me at the meeting.

**Contact Chris on 07948361984 or [ggalech@hotmail.com](mailto:ggalech@hotmail.com)**

*I received a call from Diane Goodall who wished to thank Di for arranging the Christmas lunch at Leicester College in December. She said it was a very happy occasion and enjoyed by all.*

*I am sure all our members would like to join in thanking Di for all the hard work she puts in to this each year and all the other responsibilities she undertakes for the Oadby and Wigston U3A.*



### **TEA ROTA**

**Please add your name** to the list on the tea table if you can help to keep this service going! It only entails pouring the tea. No washing up etc.

### **U3A EQUIPMENT**

We have a Laptop, projector + speakers (for presentations or DVDs), a projector stand and screen, an extension cable, and an audio system. Any of which may be used by members for U3A purposes. - **contact Dick on 2885081**

### **BOOK SWAP TABLE**

The table at the back of the hall is so well stocked with such a huge variety of books I am sure there must be one that takes your fancy! From crime to romance, biography to classics – its all there. Choose one or two to take home and if you have any you wish to donate Pat will be pleased to have them. Happy reading.

## NEWSLETTER

Items for next Newsletter by **Thurs 21 February** please to:  
Chris on 07948361984 or email: [ggalech@hotmail.com](mailto:ggalech@hotmail.com)

Copies of your U3A Newsletter are available from the Libraries in Oadby and Wigston Magna if you miss your copy or wish to give one to a friend,

The Newsletter can also be accessed on our website:  
[www.oadbyandwigstonu3a.org.uk](http://www.oadbyandwigstonu3a.org.uk)



## History Fair at Age Concern Wigston on Saturday 9 March

O & W U3A will again take a table at this History Fair to promote our activities and hopefully attract interest and new members . Last year was an enjoyable and successful day for all those members who helped on the day.

We are now looking for members to volunteer an hour of their time this year. If you can help, please contact **Anne on 2885081**.

### Your committee -

Chairman:- Glenys - 2704440

Vice Chairman/ Acting Secretary:- Anne - 2885081

Membership Secretary/Treasurer - Di – 2888365

Minutes Secretary/Groups Co-ordinator – Pat - 3677038

Speakers Secretary:- Helen - 2714410

[helenmsnow@btinternet.com](mailto:helenmsnow@btinternet.com)

Committee Members - Richard, Brian, Mick.

Forthcoming Monthly meetings  
held at 2pm  
at the Liberal Club, Bull Head Street, Wigston.

Wed 30 January - Brian Johnson  
“The country railway station”



Wed 27 February - Jam and Journalism – Sandra Herbert

Wed 27 March – A butler to royalty – William J. French