

## **OADBY AND WIGSTON NEWSLETTER October 2018**

### *NOTES FROM THE CHAIR*

*I wonder if you can ever remember being on a train , bus or underground when everything came to a standstill and the shout came 'All change'? Well I shan't be standing outside The Elms shouting this, but we have had to change venue much earlier than anticipated.*

*As the car park at The Elms has been sold for housing we felt that this could well cause difficulties so we approached the Liberal Club who agreed to let us have their premises for our meetings. We gave the management of The Elms three months notice. Immediately following our September meeting, we received a letter from the Chair of 'The Elms' stating that they felt it would be in our interests, (more likely to be theirs), to leave at once. As you can imagine this has caused us considerable difficulties in letting everyone know about this change.*

*Many of you attend interest groups and we have tried to reach as many people as possible this way. We have also encouraged members to pass on the information to others who are not able to meet as a group member. As you can imagine it would be out of the question to send out letters to everyone, so we are relying on word of mouth to reach as many as possible.*

*There maybe some who, even at this late hour, will not have heard. If this is you, the Committee offer our apologies, but as I hope you can appreciate, the circumstances have been beyond our control.*



*Some of you will remember we were guests of the Liberal Club for some time, and we are looking forward to renewing our connections with them. There is parking which, if used carefully, will accommodate a number of cars.*

*Please consider those who have mobility difficulties and let them have first call on the available spaces. There is, of course, parking in Paddock Street, but do be careful crossing the road; pedestrian crossing lights are available!!*

*See you there on the 31st.*

*Glenys*

## **GROUP NEWS**

**Group Co-ordinator Pat - 3677038**

### **ARCHITECTURE –**

Following a meeting of some of the members it was decided to try and continue the group with joint input and co-ordination. To this end, we would like to invite all the members and anyone else who is interested in this fascinating subject to meet at the Peace Park Pavilion on **Tuesday 13 Nov.** at 10.30.



We will be showing a DVD "Magnificent Obsession - Frank Lloyd Wright's Building and Legacy in Japan".

We would also like to have a discussion regarding our future plans. Please come along and have your say.

Any queries please contact **Chris on 07948361984**

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

## BOOK CLUB -

The Group recently read

“ The Girl Before” by JP Delaney

The whole group found this book a real page turner. It is a brilliant psychological look at the offer to live in a perfectly designed house but with a list of rules that must be adhered to.

After living there a while, the tenant discovers information regarding the previous tenant and she starts to wonder if somehow their lives had situations in common.



If you would like to join us the Next Meeting is **Weds 21 Nov** at 2pm when we will be discussing “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman. 5 Cottesbrooke Close, Wigston LE18 3QT.

**Please contact Ros on 2708147** email - [ros47devine@gmail.co](mailto:ros47devine@gmail.co)

## FILM -

An apology for the confusion on 10th October, but at least we got a free showing.

We have made a definite booking for **Weds 14 Nov**, and rights released, for the new re-issue of the American classic 1945 film crime-drama “Mildred Pierce” . It won Joan Crawford her Academy Award for best actress and in 1996 was voted a film ‘worthy of preservation in the Library of Congress Film Registry’ . The film lasts for 111 minutes. The story is based on a novel by James Cain. We will be back in a film studio.

Please support this film and feel free to bring friends.

Cost £6 including coffee/ biscuits and you may pay on the door and don't need to book. - **contact Malcolm on 2714402** email -

[mjgray220@gmail.com](mailto:mjgray220@gmail.com)

**FRENCH – Contact Jennifer on 2880234**

## **GARDENING -**

Our next meeting is on **Monday 12 November** at 10.30am in the Pavilion at Peace Park, Wigston. The speaker will be Chris Huscroft whose NGS garden in Gladstone Street we visited in the summer. Chris will tell us about the changes he rings in his garden, his involvement with the local food bank, and how two local allotment societies provide surplus produce for the food bank.



I am pleased to inform you that Muriel received a Silver Gilt for the 'Best Front Garden' in the Pride of the Borough awards this year.

Di has kindly agreed to organise a lunch in January. Further details at the November meeting - **contact Beryl on 2889164**

## **GERMAN –**

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

## **HISTORY -**

Our last meeting this year will be on **Monday 19 November** at 10.30 a.m. using the Pavilion in Peace Park, Wigston. The speaker has had to be changed at short notice so will be announced as soon as possible.

Thanks to all who participated in our last History meeting – such a varied, interesting crowd! And here's hoping the meeting will also lead to a possible visit to the Family History Society research centre. More news later. **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 meeting will be on **Mon 5 Nov** at the William Wygeston Weatherspoons pub in Wigston at 12.30. Please let me know if you wish to come. - **Contact Di on 2888365 or Chris on 2883836**

## **MUSIC -**

Earlier this month we were entertained by Eileen's choice of music. Apart from being most enjoyable, her programme contained a very wide variety of music which took us to all four countries of the British Isles with some unexpected inclusions.

Next month our programme for the meeting takes on a more serious approach.

Peter Reeves is presenting a programme commemorating the end of the first WW – the war to end all wars- and he and his son-in-law are planning to show a film accompanied by relevant pieces of music.



You may not be able to attend anywhere else to remember that period of time and yet you don't want to miss the opportunity to give thanks for the sacrifices made by so many. Please come and join us on the **Thurs 8 November**, 2pm at Wigston Methodist Church for what I am sure will be a thoughtful and moving occasion.

- **contact Glenys on 2704440**

**SCRABBLE** - We usually meet once each month on the first Thursday. - **contact Margaret on 2813463.**

**SPANISH – Contact David on 2916138**

## **STROLLERS -**

We enjoyed our autumn stroll in South Wigston in the Crow Mills area and coffee in Tesco. Next we shall go to Foxton, meeting at 10.30am on **Thursday 15 November** in the car park at the Village Hall on Middle Street (sat nav LE16 7RE) from the A6 go into the village on Main Street and turn left into Middle Street. All welcome. 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** - Our next walk will be on **Tuesday 6 November** starting at 10.00am from the The Bell, Main Street, Gumley LE16 7RU. This is the final suggestion after trying out 3 other walks which turned to have high stiles, steep hills or heavily ploughed fields! Any queries or requiring transport **contact Anne on 2885081.**

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An event to commemorate the end of WW1

"No Greater Enemy; Leicester and the influenza epidemic of 1918-1919". by Cynthia Brown

**St. Guthlac's Church. Knighton**

**Friday November 9th at 7.30pm**



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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**

## **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 November** 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)

## **Become a Shared Reading Group Leader Volunteer**

**Leicestershire Shared Reading and Leicestershire Libraries are looking for volunteers to help run our successful 'Make Friends, with a Book' shared reading groups in libraries around the county.**



**If you have good communication skills, are comfortable reading out loud and have a passion for literature, then we would love to hear from you!**

**For more information please contact Sally White, Library Outreach Worker on 0116 305 8763 or email [Sally.White@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Sally.White@leics.gov.uk)**

**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  
at the Liberal Club, Bull Head Street, Wigston.  
at 2pm.

Wed 31st October - Sue Ablett  
“Around the world in 80 days”



Wed 28th November -

“Great Ormond Street Hospital Children’s Charity”

Wed 12th December - Bob Massey

“Traditional Christmas – how our British traditions of the Christmas season came about”