



What's New for June 2024



The Summer Programme

Available on the website and on Facebook (for members only) is a breakdown of all the summer events, right through to and including August.

Here is a quick reminder for June & July:

Café Piano Coffee morning in Friar Street, Worcester. Come along and meet other members and have a chat. It's between 10.30–12.30pm on June 14th & 27th. The latter date is a Thursday.

Café Zest, House of Fraser, Worcester,
June 4th & 18th, from 10am:

An informal social group hosted by Membership Secretary, Beryl Curtis, for "New to Worcester" members and non-members.

Cotswold Link u3s Special Interest Day, Thursday June 4th, (10am –4pm)

A day of talks on the theme 'Our Brave New World' for u3a members at The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham.

Pickleball Open Events: Tuesday July 2nd, St. John's Riverside Centre (10–12) and Monday July 8th, Perdiswell Leisure Centre (11–1).

These events will be open to the public. If you've wondered what Pickleball is and would like to give it a go, give us a call on 01905 887 579. Non-members welcome.

Tap and Line Dancing Open Event: Friday July 12th, Worcester Masonic Hall, (2–4).



An exciting social event for members and the public with demonstrations of both forms of dance and opportunity to have a go! Join us at this social event for members and non-members alike. Mingle, chat, and find out more about the different activities Worcester u3a offers. You will see demonstrations by our wonderful Tap and Line

Dancing group members, and then, if you fancy, have a go! The steps will be easy, and you won't need a partner.

For Tap, Tap shoes are not needed. All you need is a pair of shoes that stay on—so no flip flops! For Line, leave your check shirts, cowboy boots and Stetsons at home — just wear comfortable shoes.

Get ready to enjoy yourself!

Refreshments will be available and there is plenty of parking.



Membership

Yes, it's here again...

From Beryl Curtis, our Membership Secretary.

NEW MEMBERS

We have come to the stage in the year, where we welcome new members to join us for our summer programme and in advance of the new u3a year. The annual subscription is £41 (Standard), £57 (Standard plus) or £16 (Guest).

If you know anyone who would like to join, please ask them to:

- Apply online on our new website,
- E-mail me at membership@worcesteru3a.org, or
- Phone me on 07531 000957

Alternatively pass me their contact details and I will get in touch with them. Thank you.

RENEWALS

I will be contacting all current members during August, when we open our renewals window. Please **do not** try to renew until you hear from me at the beginning of August.

You will then be able to:

- Renew online,
- Renew face to face at the Groups' Fair,
- Renew face to face at a café in your postcode area (times, dates and venues will be published at the beginning of August), or
- Renew by sending your renewal form by post

Thank you,
Beryl



Trip to the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

AWLROIGHT, OW' BIST? Try out your Black Country accent at this venue. Also, this is the official Black Country Flag. The trip is set for the 5th September and the cost is £32 (under 65 is £33). Booking is required via our website. If you want to know more, please do look at the Museum's website at:

<https://bclm.com/>

Below is some more information too.

In 1967 an exhibition about the Black Country was held in Dudley. It underlined the threat to the Region's Heritage and attracted considerable support. The Black Country Society was formed and it is from there that the idea to create the Black Country Living Museum grew. It has been a set for many film and television productions, particularly the first season of 'Rosie & Jim' and the BBC drama WPC 56 and Peaky Blinders.

The Living Museum aims to connect you with stories and bring Black Country back to life from metalworkers and miners to nurses and schoolteachers and even a couple of pubs! The Museum's story spans from the 1700s to the 1970s. For further information to plan your visit-

<https://bclm.com/visit/access/>

For an additional £12.00, payable on the day, you may choose to book and take a 45 min. cruise for the 'Underground Experience' run by 'Dudley Canal & Caverns'.

The Coach will leave Croft Road at 9.00am, with a pick-up at The Oak Apple Pub bus stop (at the top of London Road) at 9.10am. (Please be at your departure point 10 mins before.)

Return: The coach will depart the BCLM at 5pm.

We have arranged for the coach to be open from 4pm.

(If it is wet on the day this may be earlier – decision when we get there!)

To secure your place(s) please let **Ruth Saunders** have payment **by August 19th by cheque**, payable to: Worcester Area Group u3a or BACS.

Please check you have entered your bank details as exactly as shown below:

Recipient name: Worcester Area Group u3a (some banks ask if this is a personal or business account, please choose business)

Bank Account number: 46119168.

Bank Sort Code: 30-90-89

Payment details: BCLM & your surname (this is to ensure you identify the payment is from you)

NOTE: The bank details for trips are different from the ones you may have used to pay your subscription.

Please note that payment must be received by the trip organiser **before August 19th**. After this date, if you wish to cancel your place, you will need to find a u3a member replacement yourself and the financial transaction will be between the two of you. We will not make any refunds after this date.

Please note a member of any u3a can go on one of our trips so please bring along a guest. A non-member can attend one trip, only, after which our Membership Secretary will contact them about joining Worcester u3a.

RETURN SLIP – BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM – SEPTEMBER 5TH 2024

Please post your cheque/return by hand to Ruth Saunders 17 Lobelia Close Worcester WR5 3RR 07795075987 by **August 19th**.

Your name(s)_____

Your U3A Membership Numbers..... .Pick up Croft Rd.....Oak Apple.....

Name and Contact details of Next of Kin_____ Relation..... Contact Number.....

Amount on cheque enclosed. £..... BACS amount and date. £.....

Your contact telephone numbers: Landline..... Mobile.....

Your email address.....

Walking Tennis Sessions



In the last newsletter, there was an invitation to register interest for Walking Tennis. It is a four-week introductory course to walking tennis for 12-16 participants. Dates are not confirmed as yet. We do have some interest already and need a few more; give it a go!

If you wish to know more, please contact Anne Holmes at anneholmes2@gmail.com

Any updates for What's New by 16th June please for the July edition.

Email: newsletter@worcesteru3a.org Or leave an answerphone message on **01905 887579**.

The Worcester u3a website can be found by clicking <https://worcester.u3asite.uk/>

Under 'Groups' there is up-to-date news and a list of the groups you can join with the Worcester u3a. You can also contact individual Committee members by clicking on the 'Contacts' heading. Here you can leave your email address and your comments.