



# What's New for September 2024

Autumn is around the corner, so let's hope there is some fine weather still to come. I thought you might like to know about a couple of changes on the horizon. These are at national and local level.



## A new CEO for the Third Age Trust

Iain Cassidy has been appointed as the next CEO and joins the Trust in October. His prior role was as CEO of Open Age, a London based charity that champions an active life for older people. If you wish to know more, please click the link here.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/latest-news/new-ceo-for-the-third-age-trust>

Then, within Worcester u3a, here is a message from our membership Secretary, Beryl Curtis



## Role of Membership Secretary

In March 2022, I took on the role of Membership Secretary for Worcester Area Group u3a, for the customary period of three years. This means that my role will pass on to another volunteer next March. Although very busy, I have found it a delight to get to know so many people.

One of the busiest times of the year is August–September as this is the period when people renew their membership and we also recruit quite a few new members at this time.

One of the best ways to find out more about the role would be to see what is involved at this time of year, and I would be happy during September to show you what is involved in this part of the job. I think I should say at this point that much of the work is computer based, so if that is something that worries or does not interest you, then perhaps another role would be more suitable.

Please give me a call if you would like to learn more about what the Membership Secretary does, and see some of the processes involved in renewing or signing up new members.

Beryl Curtis

07531 000957 or email: [membership@worcesteru3a.org](mailto:membership@worcesteru3a.org)

And now, my thanks to Walking Group 1, who sent in some lovely pictures and commentary on The Wild About Worcester Way Walk. It's always interesting to see what members have been doing within their groups and clearly, they had a good time!

## Wild About Worcester Way Walk



The 'Wild About Worcester Way' walk is a twelve-mile circular route encompassing the city. The walk was established in 2023 by the Worcester Environmental Group in conjunction with Worcester City Council. The route is very well way-marked and joins many of the green and wild spaces on the periphery of the city. Earlier this year seventeen members of our u3a walking group completed the route over two consecutive mornings.

Day 1. Catching the bus from Perdiswell Sports Centre to Worcester Woods Country Park. The walk took us through Nunnery Wood and Cherry Orchard to cross the river at Diglis. From there beside the river, crossing back over the river on the city bridge, to Pitchcroft, Gheluvelt Park and along the canal back to Perdiswell.

Day 2: Again, on the bus from Worcester Woods to Perdiswell to complete the circuit along the canal and through Warndon Villages Nature Reserve back to Worcester Woods where we enjoyed a celebratory picnic.

The weather was very kind to us providing comfortable walking temperatures under blue skies. Everyone enjoyed the walk, even Jan Pallet who lost the sole from her shoe early on day one. Jan finished that day's walk with her shoe held together with several applications of gaffer tape. Other memorable events included the bus driver's look of surprise at seeing a large group of bus-pass wielding seniors on his normally quiet route; walking past the old barn and other buildings at

Trotshill and generally the pleasant surprise of unexplored green corners of Worcester.

Details of the walk are available from the Tourist Office at The Guild Hall  
or [www.theweg.org.uk/wild-about-worcester](http://www.theweg.org.uk/wild-about-worcester)



## Trip to the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

**5th September 2024; 9:00 am.** This Outing is open to all members.

Due to demand a larger coach has now been booked, so thank you to those who are going along to this event. Cost: £32 (£33 if under 65). Booking is

required, so please click on the link for details: [Black Country Living Museum](#)



## Expressions of interest – Racquetball

Is anyone interested in forming a Racquetball group?. If so, please contact Peter Bayliss at his email address: [pb7may11@outlook.com](mailto:pb7may11@outlook.com)



## What's going on

Coffee at the Café meetings will continue with a slight change to days and timings in order to give better choice. They start on:

**6th September 2024**, Friday from 10:30am to 12.20pm at Café Piano, followed by **19th September 2024**, Thursday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at

Café Piano.

Don't forget to check the u3a website for other events such as the online talks. There is one on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm – **Agatha Christie, Queen of Crime.**

Any updates for What's New by 16<sup>th</sup> September please for the October edition.

Email: [newsletter@worcesteru3a.org](mailto: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.