



What's New for December 2024

Where has 2024 gone to...argh!! Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas even if it is a little bit early for some!



What's going on

Coffee at the Café meetings:

Don't forget, this event is taking a short break but will resume in January 2025 at the usual place, Café Piano. The first date will be **3rd January 2025**, Friday from 10.30am-12.30pm and then **16th January 2025**,

Thursday from 1.30pm-3.30pm.

The Christmas Quiz on **11th December at Woodgreen Church, Warndon** is now fully booked.



New Year Lunch

There are still places available for the New Years Lunch on **Wednesday 8th January 2025**. It runs from **12.00pm - 3.00pm** (Lunch served at 12.30pm) at:

CROWN & SANDYS, MAIN ROAD, OMBERSLEY, WORCESTER, WR9 OEW

You can choose from either two or three courses, which must be pre ordered.

Two courses - £24.00 including tea/coffee

Three courses - £28.00 including tea/coffee

The closing date for payments is FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2024.

All the details for ordering and paying are on the website under the Events page. You are welcome to bring non-members with you if you wish.

Anyone wanting further information, please contact Pat Davis at social@worcesteru3a.org.

Valerie Gorton sent in this contribution from her Travel Group; thank you Valerie.



Talks and Ideas for 2025

The Travel Group have had a varied programme of travel talks since September. Some were energetic, and others reflective and all were presented well, inspiring us to travel more widely again.

If anyone would like to talk about their travels, then please do contact Ruth (ruth.r.saunders@gmail.com), or would like to arrange a visit in 2025, please contact (j.gorton668@btinternet.com).

In the meantime, do continue to check the website for future visits in the New Year such as the visit to King Richard III visitor centre in March (see towards end of this newsletter and website too).

In addition, see below details for a more local visit that has been organised for members.



ENVIROSORT Visit

22nd January 2025

The Travel Group are offering a free visit to the Envirosort facility at Norton near Worcester. The visit will last two hours from 2.00pm and is wheelchair accessible.

This will be a 'get yourself there' trip. It is situated along Woodbury Lane just off the A4103 (old A44). Numbers are limited so it will be 'first come first served'. Those interested can meet for a sociable lunch at The Retreat at midday.

Please contact Liz Hill - ehill473@gmail.com or ring 07812 039188 by 2nd January 2025.



King Richard III - Leicester Trip

FRIDAY, MARCH 7th 2025. COST £20 (for the coach)

This is a trip to the King Richard III visitor centre and will cost £8.50 (on the day) and includes access to the Cathedral. The coach will also go to the Space Museum for those that would like to visit it. The cost for this is £17.95 and you pay on the day as well.

When Richard III was killed at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, his body was unceremoniously buried at Grey Friars Church and all but forgotten about. The destruction of the monastery at the hands of

the Reformation further ensured that his grave would be lost forever. That is until, in August 2012, on the 527th anniversary of the king's death, a team of historians and archaeologists searching for Richard took their investigation to what was by then a car park in a modern city.

What they found – a battle-scarred skeleton in a hastily dug grave – was set to make headlines all over the world but was this really King Richard III?

Just five months after the dig started, DNA experts from the University of Leicester, the birthplace of genetic fingerprinting, proved beyond all reasonable doubt that this was the last Plantagenet King of England. That meant this incredible story, from dynasty and death to discovery and DNA, was ready to be told, and right next to the spot where he was found, the King Richard III Visitor Centre emerged.

Inside, you can unravel medieval murder plots and follow the journey of amazing evidence-gathering that led to the discovery of the long-lost grave. You will be inspired by the forensic science that confirmed the identity of the remains. Then, in final homage to England's last true warrior king, you can see for yourself the very spot where King Richard III lay undiscovered for so long – his original grave site.

The Coach will leave Croft Road at 9.00am, with a pick-up at Sixways at 9.10am. (Please be at your departure point 10 mins before.)

Return: The coach will depart at approx. 4pm

To secure your place(s) please let **Ruth Saunders** have payment by **February 21st** 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: LEICS & 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 February 21st**. 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 – Leicester March 7th 2025

Please post your cheque/return by hand to Ruth Saunders 17 Lobelia Close Worcester WR5 3RR 07795075987 ruth.r.saunders@gmail.com by **February 21st**

Your name(s) _____

Your U3A Membership Numbers:Pick up: Croft Road..... Sixways:.....

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.....

Any updates for What's New by **21st December** please for the January 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.