



What's New for February 2025

I thought I would start by saying "farewell" as this is my last newsletter. I took on the role with effect from last Year's AGM and next month, Ferne Langdon will continue the newsletter. Some of you may know that the Committee has been reviewing its roles and functions in the last few months. One area is Communications and Ferne already has the Publicity and Press mantle and will now incorporate the newsletter production. Any contributions should continue be sent via the newsletter email address for now.

I am currently shadowing Beryl Curtis, our Membership Secretary, who will relinquish this role after this year's AGM, as she has completed her stint doing a wonderful job. This leads nicely to.....



u3a 40th Anniversary Summer 2025 – Planning Group

Many of you will have seen the email, sent by Beryl on the 24th January, asking for ideas and volunteers to help plan for this milestone Anniversary.

For ease of reading, the attachment to that email, is shown below and you will see it includes the Worcester Show on 10th August and Groups Fayre on 30th August as well. The calling note covers a wide spectrum and the 40th Anniversary event underpins the strength of Worcester u3a and its longevity.

Responses are already coming in, so a huge thanks to those members who have already replied. If you prefer, you can complete the survey online, [here](#). The main thing to note is that Beryl needs **responses by 28th February** with the aim of having a meeting with volunteers in early March. Her contact details are:

3, Millbrook Close, Worcester WR3 7BJ, or e-mail membership@worcesteru3a.org, or phone 07531 000957.



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SUMMER 2025 IS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORCESTER AREA U3A

We need your help to make this a celebration!

If you would like to be involved, please tick the relevant box(es) on the attached sheet, and return it to Beryl Curtis, membership secretary by 28th February.

If you have other ideas of ways to help celebrate, please let us know of any extra ideas on the reverse of the sheet.

PLANS SO FAR

Worcester Guildhall - large downstairs hall and outside forecourt

We have provisionally booked the Guildhall in Worcester for 4th or 11th July for our showcase event. We are hoping that many of our groups will showcase what they do at this event.

Other events over the summer

If you have lots of ideas for making this summer special, please join our ideas and planning group.

Regular events – Worcester Show and Groups’ Fayre

We have a stand at the Worcester Show on 10th August, where we will need members who are willing to talk to members of the public about joining u3a.

Our annual Groups’ Fayre takes place at Nunnery Wood High School on 30th August. We had wonderful support from u3a members last year to make this event a great success (over 50 group leaders, and 40 other volunteers who helped with the reception and refreshments/hospitality). If you would like to be a volunteer, please tick the relevant box on the attached sheet.

These are all short-term voluntary roles to ensure that summer events run smoothly.

Volunteers will be contacted by 3rd March.

Group Leaders

Please write below your ideas of how your group would like to contribute to the Worcester u3a's 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Members	✓
I would like to be part of the ideas and planning team for the 40 th Anniversary celebrations	
I would like to help with advertising our 40 th Anniversary celebrations.	
I would be interested in helping with any hospitality / catering that needs to be arranged for any of the 40 th Anniversary celebrations.	
I would like to be involved in organising a big cake to celebrate.	
I would like to be involved in artwork / posters / banner / logo for the celebrations.	
I would like to be involved in taking photos for the events forming part of the celebrations	
I would like to work with others in planning an Audio Visual presentation for the events.	
I would like to produce a write-up of the events to publish for members and to send to "u3a matters" and local press.	
I have other skills that I believe could be useful in planning our celebrations.	
I would like to work with others in the planning of the <u>Guildhall Showcase event</u>	
I would be willing to do anything at the Guildhall to help out.	
I would be willing to work with others on our stand at the Worcester Show (11 th August) to promote u3a to members of the public	
I would like to work in the membership/finance team at the Groups' Fayre (30 th August)	
I would like to work in the hospitality/refreshments team at the Groups' Fayre.	
I am willing to do anything to help at the Groups' Fayre.	

Name

Contact Number



New Year Lunch – Pat Davis

Our first social event of 2025 was the New Year Lunch at the Crown and Sandys on 8th January. There were fifty-seven of us who met in the elegant Conservatory room to enjoy good food, good company and to start the New Year on a high note. The weather was cold but the atmosphere was warm as we caught up with old friends, made new ones and all scratched our heads over the mini-Quiz on events from 2024.

Here are some photos:



King Richard III – Leicester Trip

FRIDAY, MARCH 7th 2025.

There are still places available, so this is a last call for the trip. The options are as follows:

You can just pay for coach trip at only £20 and explore Leicester under your own steam.

Or, Coach & Richard 111 exhibition – £28.50.

Or, Coach & National Space Centre £20 and pay at space centre £17.50.

If you wish to go, please look at the website for more details and follow the booking instructions.



What's going on

Coffee at the Café meetings

The meetings are on the first Friday each month, whilst the Tuesday meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month.

The next Friday meeting will take place on: **7th February 2025, Friday from 10.30am-12.30pm at Café Piano in Friar Street.**

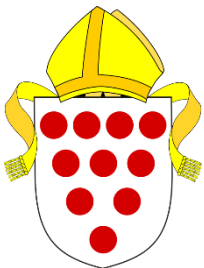
In regard to the Tuesday meeting, a different, new venue is being sourced, so information on this will come out as soon as we know.

These are the talks coming up in February:



Heart Health: Advice on Exercise and Diet – Jenny Davis

This talk will take place on 12th February 2025 between 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. The meeting is open to all members. The address is: Green Centre, Gresham Rd, Worcester, WR2 5QS.



The Tudor Bishops of Worcester: Saints, Heretics and a Poisoner –Philip Bowen

This talk will take place via Zoom at 7pm on 27th February 2025 and a link will be sent out prior to the talk.

Please do check the EVENTS page on the website for talks that are taking place further ahead. Click on <https://worcester.u3asite.uk/events/>

Any updates for What's New by **21st February** please for the March 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 'Get in Touch' heading. Here you can leave your email address and your comments.