
MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Member

Welcome to the May edition of your monthly newsletter – we are the new editors and would welcome any suggestions for what you want to see in your newsletter – should we focus on U3a news only or would you like information on other events happening in our area? - please email publicity@worcesteru3a.org or communications@worcesteru3a.org

Many Thanks Sharon Ellson and Ann Digby

CONVERSATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY -POTENTIAL NEW GROUP

We have been approached by a member who has suggested running a new group which will be held on the first Wednesday of each month between 14:00 -16:00 at Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club. This will be an informal and non-academic group discussing all aspects of psychology, including marketing strategies (tricks big brands use), our own life experiences and their impact, what they have taught us and everything in between! All suggestions and ideas for topics are welcome. In order to assess interest in this new group members who would like to join should email Stewart White at groupcoord@worcesteru3a.org .



UPCOMING EVENTS MAY 2026

MAY 1

Coffee at Café Piano 10:30-12:30

MAY 6

Worcester u3a Choir Singalong- 10:00 Bromyard road Methodist Church- all welcome

MAY 19

Coffee at Ego Manor Farm 11:00-12:30

MAY 20

Beetle Drive – Lyppard Hub – doors open 13:30

MAY 21

Visit to Hidcote National Trust Garden – booking required via U3a website

SPANISH DANCE OPEN AFTERNOON-JUNE 30

Fancy trying out your inner Flamenco dancer? There are spaces available in the Spanish Dance group and the organiser will be holding a session open to all members to introduce them to the pleasure associated with dance.

Come along, try it out, keep your body/mind active and have fun with fellow members while learning a simple choreography. Tuesday 30th June 2026, 13:00- 15:00 at the Masonic Hall, Rainbow Hill, Worcester, WR3 8LX.

There is ample parking onsite.

What to Wear - Shoes with a thick block heel are preferable or ordinary court shoes (trainers and shoes with taps attached are not suitable). If you have a wide skirt that would be good but not essential.

If you would like to reserve a place, please email Christine Tait on mcgtaait@gmail.com and your name will go on the list.

Christine would love to meet you on the day.



HIDCOTE NATIONAL TRUST GARDEN VISIT MAY 21ST

Hidcote is an Arts and Craft inspired garden with intricately designed outdoor spaces in the rolling

Cotswold Hills. In addition to the beautiful gardens there is a bookshop, Café, Plant shop and a picnic area.



Coach leaving Croft Road, Worcester at 09:30- arriving at 10:45, returning to Worcester at 16:00. Cost £15 – coach only for National Trust members, £34 coach and entry fee for non-National Trust members. Please see under Events on the website, scroll to Hidcote, open that and then onto



EVENTS IN WORCESTERSHIRE

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL SUMMER RECITALS

Thursdays at 12:15 on 7th, 14th and 21st May – free admission but donations welcome.

THE SHAKESPEARE CIRCLE- THE HIVE WORCESTER

Explore the world of Shakespeare through play, interaction and discussion.

Romeo and Juliet 12th May and Measure for Measure 16th June – 18:30 – 20:00 – this is a free event book tickets via the hive website.

the Booking form.

GROUP NEWS



BIRDWATCHING AND WILDLIFE – LEADER MARGARET WHITE

This is a fairly new addition to the Worcester U3a catalogue of interest groups.

There are 45 members in the group and they meet monthly at birding/wildlife sites across Worcestershire. Members have varying levels of expertise – from expert birdwatchers, keen enthusiasts to absolute beginners.

The latest group outing was to Slimbridge Wetland Centre in Gloucestershire on Friday 27th March. Despite some inclement weather the group enjoyed a great day viewing a wide variety of beautiful birds. If you are interested in wildlife and would like to learn more about our feathered friends, please join the group via the U3a website. Margaret would love to welcome you to the group.



WALKING GROUP 1 – LEADER PETE AGER

Just seven miles north of Worcester and on the west bank of the River Sever are Shrawley Woods. Covering an area of about 250 acres it is the largest area of small-leaved lime tree woodland in the country and is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The woods are also home to a wide diversity of both native broadleaf and conifer trees.

However, the undoubted splendour of Shrawley Woods is the native bluebells that carpet the woodland during April and early May. For this reason, our walking group 1 decided to make the pathways of Shrawley Woods their destination for a mid-April walk. The group was rewarded with some stunning views on the walk and enjoyed refreshments after in the local hostelry – The New Inn Shrawley – thanks to Pete for this update.



BETTER DRIVE



Our next Open Social Meeting is the ever-popular Beetle Drive

When: - 20th May 2026 - Doors open 1.30

Where: - The Lyppard Hub Community Centre. Anchorage Green,
Worcester WR4 0DZ

Why: - Come along and meet friends old and new. Enjoy some light refreshments and of course build a Beetle! Will you be there? It would be nice to know if you are going to attend to help with planning the catering but this is not essential – Let me know if possible.

If you have any queries, you can contact me on social@worcesteru3a.org.

Many thanks

Annie

Annie Patterson – Social Secretary