

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER



Worcester Area Group

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Dear Member

Welcome to the August edition of your monthly newsletter – if you have any suggestions for what you want to see in your newsletter – please email publicity@worcesteru3a.org or communications@worcesteru3a.org

Many Thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Group Fair

The group fair will be held on 22nd August at Nunnery wood High School, Spetchley Road, WR5 2LT between 10:30-13:00.

As normal you will have the chance to renew your u3a membership for 2026-2027 as well as the opportunity to join other groups. An email containing full details of the groups in attendance will be issued on 1st August.

On the day we would welcome volunteers for the following tasks:

- Meet and greet new members attending for the first time
- Car Park Duty from 10:00
- Putting out tables and chairs from 10:00
- Putting away tables from 12:45



UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

AUGUST 9

Worcester Show 09:00-17:00 which is held annually at Pitchcroft racecourse Worcester.

GROUP FAIR AUGUST 22

Nunnery Wood High School
10:30-13:00

SEPTEMBER 4

Coffee at the café 10:30-12:30 – Café Piano – social event open to all.

SEPTEMBER 15

Coffee at the café 11:00-12:30
Ego at Manor Farm – social event open to all.

SEPTEMBER 10

Coach trip to Oxford City Centre

SEPTEMBER 17

Coffee, cake and a chance to meet some groups leaders – St Peters Village Hall – 13:30

If you feel you can assist in any of these tasks please contact groupcoord@worcesteru3a.org

TAP DANCING

There are spaces in both beginners and improvers tap dancing classes and anyone who may be interested can sign up at the Group fair on 22nd August 2026 or email Jackie Guy on mills.jacqui@hotmail.com The classes are run fortnightly on Fridays at 14:00 (beginners) and 15:15 (improvers). There will be a small additional charge as the classes will be taken by a qualified dance teacher. This photograph is from the end of year celebrations showing both old and new members of the tap-dancing group.



CREATIVE WRITING

Have you fancied writing a story, capturing a memory, trying your hand at poetry, or simply putting pen to paper? Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced writer with published work, you'll find a warm welcome in our Creative Writing Group.



We are delighted our membership has grown and we now have two creative writing groups. There are currently a few places available in both groups, and we would be delighted to welcome new members.

Both groups meet fortnightly on alternate Fridays from 14:00-16:00 at the Lyppard Community Hub.

The first meetings for September 2026-April 2027 season are as follows:

Group 1 Friday 11th September and fortnightly thereafter

Group 2 Friday 18th September and fortnightly thereafter

If you would like to give your imagination wings and discover the pleasure of writing, choose your group and please contact me. Best Wishes

Jay Jones.

Please use this link to contact Jay https://worcester.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/creative-writing/

POTENTIAL NEW GROUP

We have members looking to get involved in learning Italian- if you are interested in joining this group then please contact groupcoord@worcesteru3a.org

GROUP NEWS

WALKING HOLIDAY OCTOBER 11-15 2027

The next walking holiday will be in Malham, Yorkshire Dales – the hotel is Newfield Hall part of the HF group – the holiday is for 4 nights full board with good choices for the evening meals, very substantial breakfasts and ample packed lunches. The cost is £520 person depending on the numbers booked. There may still be places on this holiday and if you are interested, please email Louise Radford on b.w.radford@btinternet.com

GARDEN GROUP 1

Garden Group 1 had a splendid coach trip to John's Garden at Ashwood Nurseries near Kingswinford at the end of June. Widely regarded as one of the finest private gardens in Britain, it certainly lived up to its reputation. Many of our members thought it one of the loveliest gardens we had ever visited.

It is adjacent to the Worcester and Staffordshire canal and has magnificent shrubs, herbaceous borders and trees around every corner.

After an informal talk by the head gardener, we were free to wander at our leisure and could also visit Ashwood's excellent café, gift shop and well- stocked nursery. Many of us couldn't resist buying plants, which were delivered to the coach so that we were able to continue exploring until it was time to leave.



ITALIAN BEYOND THE BASICS

Please note that this group has changed its meeting day from Tuesday to Thursday from 2-4 pm at various locations.

WORCESTER CITY TOUR GUIDES

We have received an appeal from Marguerite Collins, Group Leader for Local History 1 – Margeurite is also a member of Worcester Walks, a small group of volunteer tour guides who are looking to recruit new volunteers. They take visitors to Worcester on tours of the city, telling them about Worcester's rich history.

The group works with the Tourist Information Centre and Worcester City Council and lead walks from the Guildhall, Tuesday-Saturday each week between April and October. They also conduct tours for holiday companies.

If you are interested in becoming a guide, please contact Marguerite via Beacon via this link

https://worcester.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/local-history-1/

Do not worry if you feel your knowledge of Worcester is sketchy as full training will be given.

Enthusiasm is more important!

Please look at this link if you want to know more about Worcester Walks before volunteering -

<https://www.worcesterwalks.co.uk/regular-walks>

COACH TRIP TO OXFORD – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

Coach Trip to Oxford City Centre – Cost £22.50

Thursday 10th September 2026 – the coach will leave from Croft Road, Worcester at 09:00 to arrive at 11:00 outside the Ashmolean Museum. Return coach leaves Oxford at 16:00.

Booking is required and all information can be found at

<https://worcester.u3asite.uk/events/> Payments should be paid by BACS and completed booking form sent to Chris Scott via email chair@worcesteru3a.org or post to 40, Arundel Drive, Battenhall, Worcester WR5 2HU by 10th August 2026.

Oxford is a great place to visit with world class museums such as the Ashmolean and Pitt Rivers, university colleges to explore, a botanic garden, riverside walks and an 18th century covered market as well as numerous independent shops. There is an excellent open top bus tour of Oxford – a hop-on, hop off experience visiting all the major attractions of the city.

HELP NEEDED WITH ZOOM AND WEBSITE

We are looking for extra helpers to join the technical team managing the online zoom meetings - please contact Helen Rendell webeditor@worcesteru3a.org if you are interested.

We are also looking for people to help with the website management as the current editor is stepping down at the end of this u3a year. If you can help with either of the tasks below please contact Helen Rendell webeditor@worcesteru3a.org

1: Adding content such as new events and updating documents such as the membership forms.

2: Website management – monitoring developments, implementing them, making changes if needed and informing users of the changes.