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U3A NEWSLETTER



Up, up and away with U3A
See details on the Travel Group pages

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

At the AGM in November I was honoured to be elected Chair of the Malvern U3A, which was established in Malvern twenty years ago this year; it says a great deal about how belonging to a U3A is good for you, that so many of those first members are still active and enjoying life!

My husband Richard Winterton and I moved to Malvern some eight years ago after I retired; when we were deciding on where we would live during our retirement, apart from reasons to do with family, we had a list of requirements. We looked for a small town with a theatre, swimming pool, railway station and an active U3A. Malvern fitted the bill!

The U3A web pages showed us what would be on offer and how we would be able to find many activities to provide intellectual stimulation and new friends. In the last eight years, we have both enjoyed many different groups and continue to run groups ourselves. I recommend that members do use the website especially now that there is a weekly calendar which tells you what is happening. Richard Owen and Richard Kennard have made this website a very useful source of information – and if you aren't computer literate, we can provide some help.

At a time when many older people feel lonely which can even affect their health and general well-being, I really believe that Malvern U3A provides a great service to its members. This is partly due to the work of all the Trustees, of Sue Lamberton who organises interesting speakers for our monthly meetings, and of all the group leaders who plan, host and lead their own interest groups. We're always happy to help people set up new groups to share their own interests – what better way to keep active and make new friends!

I hope you enjoy the Spring and your U3A activities.

Best wishes

Pam Stanier

Cover photograph, 'Balloon Race', by Kate Jefferies

Trustee focus

From Andrew Hague (Treasurer)

Changes to Subscriptions and Fees

At the AGM there were two resolutions proposed to change our Subscription and Fees structure. One was defeated and the other passed which leaves us with the following subscriptions and fees for 2015-2016.

An annual subscription of £12.00 per year will be charged. This will be reduced to the central U3A capitation fee of £3.50 for anyone in receipt of Pension Tax Credit. Anyone to whom this applies should contact any committee member who will, in confidence, advise the Membership Secretary on their behalf.

Meeting fees will, from 1st January 2015 be £1.00 for meetings held in meeting rooms or in hired sports facilities and 25p for meetings held in people's houses, this latter amount to be retained by the host to cover "wear and tear" on the property. No charge will in future be levied for walks etc.

All organisers may make a charge for providing refreshments, 20 or 25p being the going rate for coffee and biscuits.

Finally, groups may incur ongoing costs for consumable items and study materials. Central funds will pay for items with a long life (two or more years) but items which last less than a year such as course notes, art materials and playing cards, are funded by the individual group. For expenditure of less than £100.00 per year one of the group should keep a simple petty cash book recording what has been collected and what has been spent. Where the groups activities make this expenditure greater than £100.00 per annum good practice is for the group to appoint a small committee to review expenditure and reserves and a statement of accounts to be submitted to the Treasurer of the U3A at the end of each year. It should be noted that the rules of the U3A prohibit the payment of fees to any speakers or tutors who are themselves members of any U3A. Occasional external guest speakers may be engaged by groups for specific topics where internal expertise does not exist.

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From Peter Corfield (Technical Officer)

Access to equipment

Many of our groups operate with no need for any technology at all, but for some being able to call on the equipment owned by our U3A branch can make all the difference. Large groups meeting in a hall will need microphones, amplifier and speakers, groups discussing art might want to display pictures, sculptures etc, gardening groups might want to show photos. If your group has talks illustrated by drawings for example - imagine having to copy them from your computer on to a white board when you could project your original notes onto a screen while you keep talking. We have a collection of equipment that could be useful, including computers, projectors and screens, as well as amplifiers and speakers. If you think your group would benefit from using any of this equipment, if you have any queries regarding the use

of equipment, or if there is a specific item of equipment that would help your group, please contact me to discuss. Please remember that this equipment belongs to us all as members and must be operated only by authorised members and only for Malvern U3A groups. All equipment must be signed out and back in after use.

THE CUBE

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Albert Road North, Malvern, WR14 2YF

As so many of Malvern U3A groups now meet at the Cube, we thought you would find it interesting to know more about its history, its plans and how individual U3A members might want to become more involved. This article was written by Jill Terry, Chair of their Trustees.

How Malvern Cube came to be

Following a strong public campaign to save the Youth Centre in Albert Road North from demolition, a group of professionals volunteered to form a Charitable Trust: Malvern Youth & Community Trust. We took over the operation of the building in May 2011 from Worcestershire County Council as leaseholders. The Trustees are a Management Committee overseeing the operation of Malvern Cube and employ a full-time Manager, Jon White. Over the past two years Malvern Cube has really established itself as a thriving youth and community centre which operates successfully due to a huge volunteer effort.

The Trust's Vision is to provide an inclusive and accessible community resource built on working proactively with all sections of the community. Malvern Cube now gives access to social, learning, entertainment and sports/leisure activities for young people, families and older people and it provides a welcoming hub which is accessed by people from across Malvern. The volunteers (including Trustees), - whether people who wish to build connections and offer their experience (e.g. retired volunteers) or to develop their work experience (young unemployed) - find reward in the opportunities afforded through working for community benefit.

Who uses Malvern Cube?

Malvern Cube provides the base from which many organisations are able to operate and provide an extensive range of activities, events, performances, training opportunities, disability support, and youth work. The users of the centre are from across the generations (toddlers to the elderly), and from all spectrums of the local community. The youth club 'Tribe' meet several times a week and see up to 90 young people attending sessions. The range of regular groups include Pilates, Yoga, Disability Sport, Ballet, Brass Band, Drama, Toddler dancing, Child & Adolescent Counselling, Crime Reduction Initiative. The full weekly programme can be viewed on our website. The U3A offer approximately one third of the regular group activities at the Cube, with Bridge, French, Geology, Human Body, Latin, Literature, Northern Heritage, Plate Tectonics, Play Reading, Poetry, Recorder, Scrabble, Shakespeare, Table Tennis, Travel, Ukulele. The U3A groups are soon to be listed on the Malvern Cube website under Cube Calendar section.

How might U3A members help?

As a completely volunteer-led charitable organisation, Malvern Youth & Community Trust is absolutely dependent on hire income and on volunteer effort to keep the place going. Whilst we have made significant improvements to the building over the last two years – it had been left to rot for a very long time – we are acutely aware that there remains much to do. We have now established a fund raising strategy group to look at both the short to medium term improvement needs, and also more ambitious longer term plans. We would very much welcome one or two U3A members to be part of this group, especially those who might have good knowledge and experience of potential sources of funding. We would also very much welcome other volunteer contributions, particularly with administration, and our social enterprise café, The Cake Tin, is always looking for help – from taking orders to washing up.

The Trustees are very pleased that U3A groups and their members now account for such a significant proportion of the Cube's activities. We would very much welcome your support in helping us to find ways of maintaining and improving the experience of everyone who visits Malvern Cube, and of course we will always welcome your feedback.

Jill (Dr Jill Terry, Chair of Malvern Youth & Community Trust)

News from Groups

Beer Group

The newly formed U3A beer group beer started after registration day in September, modelling itself on the successful wine sampling Grape Group. We have around 20 registered members, but would welcome more. Events to date have included bottled beer sampling, pub visits and a brewery trip. Our aim to develop knowledge and experience of good beer by mixing theory and tasting in convivial company.



The beer group enjoying a guided visit and beer tasting at the Friday Beer Co brewing, Malvern.

Contact Richard Newton on 01684 - 565 626 or e-mail richard@renewton.plus.com

Family History

An update on the group.

The Family History Group generally meets fortnightly on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 12 at the Baptist Church, Abbey Road. Due to other hall commitments it is occasionally necessary to have a 3 week gap so please check with the programme. There are 25 – 30 members present at a typical meeting.

The group includes members with a wide experience of researching family history ranging from 30 or more years through to the complete beginner. All personal research is undertaken outside of meetings with members using methods most appropriate to their circumstances and working at their own pace; many now make use of resources available by computer in addition to referring to original records.

Our aim is to enable members to compile an accurate record of their family history using all available resources including the knowledge and expertise of more experienced members. No set course is followed but individual assistance is available to new comers if required and all members are encouraged to bring any problems or notable successes they may encounter, for discussion within the group.

The programme includes talks on specific areas of research or of special interest, exercises – either simulation or quiz format – to review and practice knowledge and techniques, presentations based on a group project involving all members – this year concentrating on occupations under the title 'My Ancestor was a.....'. It is hoped that all topics will stimulate discussion between members which will continue after a brief coffee break!

Doreen Howes (dhow834@btinternet.com)



Croquet

Croquet, a game that can be played by all ages without any extra strength, a game that exercises the brain in planning moves and different types of stroke. If you have watched Snooker being played you will notice how the player playing will make his ball go to the position for the next shot, after the one played has gone into the pocket. This is similar in Croquet, plus many more tactics. Better players can make many hoops while the other player sits watching, the less experienced player can still win by the fact of having Bisques, which are in fact, extra turns to be used during the game.

We play all day on Thursday at a farm in Castle Morton. You could come for as long as you like for just £1, or start by just watching, or join in with all equipment supplied. Before that you could see an example of good play by looking on YouTube and searching "Ken making a break". Ken is our organiser.

We have not got a waiting list but can only include 16 players so if we get more you may be called in to take places of holiday makers. Please ring Ken on 891 405 or Brenda on 568 567

George Houghton

Creative Writing

We are one of three Creative Writing groups now. The groups can't be too large as it takes time to hear everyone's contribution. Mine is the oldest but the others are both doing well thanks to Heather, who took over Maisie's group and Dorothy who has started the third. None of us tries to 'teach' how to be creative, we enjoy the diversity of everyone's offerings. We miss Maisie, who declared that she had no gift and then moved us so much by her writing.

Mo Brown

Geology Group

The group's monthly talks at The Cube continue to be very popular with up to 100 members enjoying a wide range of topics from Mass Extinctions to Micro Fossils and from Hawaii to Oman. Coming up shortly we have Dr. James Verdon on 'Fracking' on 11th February, Alan Bowring on the Fforest Fawr Geopark in Wales on 11th March, and on 8th April Richard Hamblin will talk about his experiences, as a geologist, of actually being caught up in the Christchurch earthquake.

Our smaller specialist subgroups continue to explore topics like plate tectonics and fossils and another is starting to explore the chemistry in geology. A new subgroup is about to look at the part that geology plays in creating the local landscape we love to walk on.

A full programme of outdoor visits and trips is planned, two highlights being a week in Cyprus and a few days in Anglesey.



Westcombe Bay - Richard Newton

New members are always welcome – please contact Dick Harris on 01886 880699 or at richardlangleyharris@gmail.com

Spirituality and Contemporary Literature Group

We are a group of 4-5, and meet monthly to discuss the chosen book, mainly focusing on the spiritual aspect of the book. Spirituality is defined very broadly and we have 14 definitions to consider! I have found the resulting discussions surprising and thought provoking and it is a very enjoyable meeting. Everyone's views and interpretations are valid and respected. Peter sends us an email with his own reflections on the book before the meeting, as a basis for the discussion. New members and ideas would be welcome.

Ruth Philpott

Page to Stage

The Page to Stage group completes its fourth year and its merry band of idolators moves ever joyfully onwards into 2015.

Our two aims are to read and discuss Shakespeare's plays and to attend as many performances as possible. Sometimes by private DVD group viewing (with delicious buffet) OR by live theatre performances, OR by the wonderful close up Theatre Live productions at local cinemas from The Globe, Royal Shakespeare or National Theatres. Here we enjoy the delights of the "best seats" at minimum cost!

In 2014 we saw live productions at the Tobacco Factory in Bristol including a wonderfully endearing As You Like It! In 2015 we have seats booked for the understudy performances of 'Othello' and 'The Merchant of Venice at Stratford' and are looking forward to a delightful day out in Stratford.

Our reading skills continue to develop confidence as we explore the emotions that lie beneath the iambic pentameters : anger, confusion, joy, despair.

As ever, the discussion is lively ,always fluent, perceptive and often ironic!!

REMEMBER!!

The Play's the Thing!

Painting ²

The Painting 2 art group is going from strength to strength, with more members enthusiastically and regularly attending each session on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, from 2-4 pm. We currently have 22 members. We try to vary the subjects covering, landscapes, sea scapes, portraits, still life, buildings, seasons, abstract etc. We are still looking for a tutor who could offer some time, even periodically, to share their knowledge, and maybe offer demonstrations. We are happy to hear from U3A members who would like to join us.



The pictures were taken at our January meeting, with Buildings being the main theme.

Val Bruton, Group contact



'Buildings' by members of the Painting² Group

Table Tennis at The Cube



There are now four good quality tables available for members.



The group meets every Wednesday at 2pm at The Cube.

Quilting



Photograph from Jillian Storey



Creative Writing³ - Change of meeting dates

The group will now meet, still at my house during the winter but meetings will be at 10.15 am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Dorothy

Camera Group

At the last meeting of the Camera Group we had three presentations from members of their pictures on varying themes. Margy Brace showed pictures, (including a meeting with a tiger), taken when she went to India to research her family history; Morris Portsmouth took us on a walk through the mountains in southern Switzerland and Jeni Chesney gave us a tour that started in Malvern and extended as far as Russia and America.

The 'small world' cliché was aptly demonstrated as Morris' forebears had been involved with the Kalka-Shimla railway which featured in Margy's journey of discovery.

The presentations were much appreciated by members, and the format will be repeated in April with three new presentations.

Images from November's theme - Rainbow of Colours - are on the following pages.



Jim Bullett



Stan Hubbard



Mary Geffen



Kate Jefferies

GROUP PROGRAMMES

Strollers

We meet up on the second Monday of each month at 10.15am to pre-order lunch and set off at 10.30am. Walks are approximately 3 miles long and we try to avoid stiles and hills.

Monday 9th March 2015

Leaders: Ann Martin Tel: 01684 - 563 833

Pat Hague Tel: 01905 - 828 249 or e-mail: andrwhg@aol.com

Walk in Eastnor Deer Park. Mostly tarmac path, slight incline - wonderful views of castle, obelisk. For wild life enthusiasts bring binoculars.

Take the A449 Malvern to Ledbury Road. One mile before reaching Ledbury turn left onto the A438 and park opposite the castle entrance at the gravel car park on your left.

Lunch is at The Wellington pub on the A449 near Malvern. Please telephone Ann Martin if staying for lunch so that the necessary arrangements may be organised.

Monday 13th April 2015

Leader: Ann Martin Tel: 01684-563 833

Walk around Castle Morton Common.

Meet at The Plume of Feathers pub (WR13 6JB) on the B4208 Gloucester Road. Lunch at the pub.

Monday 11th May 2015

Leaders: Lauriene and Ken Hubbard Tel: 01684-562 092

Meet at The Brewers Arms, Lower Dingle, West Malvern, WR14 4BQ, on the B4503 road. This walk is to see the wonderful bluebells.



Jeni Chesney
for 'Rainbow of Colours'
theme at Camera Group.

Malvern U3A Family History Group Programme

Meetings at Baptist Church, Abbey Road at 10 am

February 24th

My Ancestor was a Continuing project

March 10th

Why can't I find my ancestor?

March 24th

My Ancestor was a Continuing project

April 14th

Kitty Lloyd Jones

May 5th

Decade of Change – project result

June 9th

Causes of death as recorded on death certificates

April 28th

Pearl Button Making

May 26th

TBA

June 28th

TBA



Low Wood jetty - Lake Windermere

Theatre Studies

February 25th

Talk: "Old Vic" by Moira Miller.

March 25th

Talk: "Donald Sinden (Part 2)" by Alan Starkey

April 29th

Discussion: Our theatre.

WEBSITE

Updates for the website should be sent to
webmanager@malvernu3a.org.uk

CALENDAR

Entries for the calendar should be sent to
calendar@malvernu3a.org.uk

TUESDAY GARDEN GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME

Held on 1st Tuesday in the month
Group Leader: Cynthia Wolfendale

- March 3rd** **The Weir, Swainshill**, Hereford, HR4 7QF (National Trust)
Meet at 1 Tibberton Road at 12.30 pm (please note earlier time)
- April 7th** **Visit to The Vineyard, Coddington**, Nr. Malvern, HR8 1JJ
Meet at 1 Tibberton Road at 1.30 pm
- May 5th** **Visit to Hidcote Manor Garden**,
Near Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6LR (National Trust)
Meet at 1 Tibberton Road at 12 noon (please note earlier time)
Suggestion: bring a picnic
- June 2nd** **Visit to Astley Towne House, Astley**,
Nr. Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 0RH
Meet at 1 Tibberton Road at 1 pm (please note earlier time)
- July 7th** **Visit to Cowleigh Lodge**, 16 Cowleigh Road, WR14 1QP
Meet at 1 Tibberton Road at 1.30 pm
- August 4th** **Visit to White Cottage, Stock Green**
Earls Common Road, Stock Green, nr. Inkberrow, B96 6SZ
Meet at 1 Tibberton Road at 1.30 pm
- September 1st** **Visit to Hereford Cathedral Gardens**, HR1 2NG
Meet at 1 Tibberton Road at 1 pm (please note earlier time)
- October 6th** **Visit to Bodenham Arboretum**, Nr. Kidderminster, DY11 5TB
Meet at 1 Tibberton Road at 12 noon (early start as it gets dark early)
Suggestion: bring a picnic (or there is a restaurant)
- November 3rd** Planning Meeting at Cynthia's
Time: 2.30 pm Charge £1
Please bring a small plate of food and plenty of ideas for 2016.
Please telephone Wendy Davies (575996) or Janet Jackson (561902)
if you are either able or unable to attend.

PLEASE LET WENDY OR JANET KNOW IF YOU NO LONGER WISH TO BE A MEMBER

We have not given admission prices as they may change

Lawn Bowling Group 2015

The aim is to introduce and enhance the skills of outdoor lawn bowling (flat green) in a friendly environment. We hope to have two 2-hour sessions per week (Wednesday and Thursday afternoons) from May to the end of August, depending on demand, using the facilities of the Malvern Priory Bowling Club, Orchard Road, within the beautiful setting of Priory Park. Bowling equipment can be provided and coaching will be given as necessary. Dress code is informal – the only stipulation is that flat shoes/trainers with soft soles are worn. Beginners and more experienced bowlers are most welcome. Members can flex their preferred attendance day between the two days when the occasion demands.

Leader: Wayne Braddock

Deputies: Sue Nuttall and Dorothy Keeling

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Images from the 2014 season



With apologies to Wayne. This article should have been in the February Newsletter.

Richard

TRAVEL GROUP

News and Trips

The outings and trips are open to ALL members of the Malvern U3A

One doesn't have to be a member of the Travel Group to sign up for one, or all, of the really interesting trips and outings we have planned.

The benefit of coming to a **Malvern Travel Group meeting on the second Tuesday of every month**, is that you get to meet and make friends with new faces and pleasant like-minded people so that, when you come on a trip, you feel at home and thoroughly enjoy the shared experience.

The outings and trips are now also open to ALL members of the Ledbury U3A

Malvern Travel Group is delighted to announce that under a Cotswold U3A Link initiative, we have entered into a cooperative venture with Ledbury U3A, who do not have an operative Travel Group, and we have invited Ledbury members to accompany us on our trips.

Given sufficient notice of events by their Committee, the Ledbury U3A members have been keen to join us in our activities and this has led to some enjoyable shared occasions. We were enthralled by a Riverdance performance in Bristol, an informative Warwickshire Church Crawl and a friendly and absorbing trip to the Avoncroft Museum of British Buildings. We hope that the spirit of cooperation will continue for the foreseeable future.

As can be seen below, we have some amazing trips on offer.

Monthly Meetings

2 pm at The Cube, Albert Rd North - Second Tuesday of every month

Group Co-Leaders: Peter Dennis	Tel: 01886 - 880 838	e-mail: pnjd46@sky.com
Pat Hague	Tel: 01905-828249	e-mail: AndrwHg@aol.com

Come along. This is your opportunity to be the first to hear what new trips have been arranged and to put your names down for them before they fill up.

10th March, 14th April, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August

For details of the talks see the website.

Trips

Tuesday 17th February

Atmospheric, guided tour of Coventry Cathedral

There are three Cathedrals on this site. The tour lasts approximately 2 hours and covers 1000 years and numerous wonderful works of art. Lunch at own behest.

Cost per person £16.00 which includes coach, drivers tip, cathedral entrance fee AND tour guide. Contact: Ann Martin on 01684 - 563 833

Monday 2nd March

The Imperial War Museum, London

Price: £13 per person, including coach, drivers tip and admission to the Museum.

Contact: Richard Shenton on 01684 - 566 451
or e-mail: richard@shenton21.orangehome.co.uk
or Peter Dennis on 01886 - 880 838
e-mail: pnjd46@sky.com

Friday 20th March

Black Country Church Crawl

Guided tour by Tim Bridges

Visiting St Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, for morning coffee followed by a walking tour of the historic buildings in Dudley. The lunch break will be in Dudley at own account.

After lunch a tour around Gornal in the deepest Black Country, followed by visits to a church in Tipton and finally to Coseley church for afternoon tea.

NB: This trip is complimentary to, and will NOT duplicate, the Black Country Museum and Dudley Limestone Mine Canal trip on 28th May.

NB: This itinerary is PROVISIONAL and could change depending on availability of church staff etc.

Price £13 incl. coach, driver's tip, teas, and guide's fee.

Extras: Donations to the 3 churches suggested at £1 per church.

Contact: Peter Dennis on 01886 - 880 838
e-mail: pnjd46@sky.com

Tuesday 21st April

Chelsea Physic Garden

Tucked away beside the Thames, Chelsea Physic Garden is a celebration of the beauty and importance of plants. This walled Garden was founded in 1673 by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries for its apprentices to study the medicinal qualities of plants. It became one of the most important centres of botany and plant exchange in the world.

Cost: £27.30 which includes coach, driver's tip and entry fee to the Physic Gardens

Contact: Dee Davis at deemdavis@btinternet.com
(Dee prefers not to use the phone so please contact her by e-mail)

Tuesday 5th May

Broadway Tower

A coach trip to Broadway tower and to Broadway, delightful Cotswold village full of galleries (including the Gordon Russell Museum). Lunch at own behest in Broadway.

Depart: Splash at 9am Return for 4.30pm

Contact: Dee Davis (as above)

Friday 8th to Tuesday 12th May

Amazing Amsterdam and Spring Bulbs

Travel to Dover by coach, cross Channel by P&O Ferry and continue by coach to Hague for 4 night stay.

Visit: Panorama Mesdag, enormous cylindrical painting. The Maritshuis Gallery of Old Dutch Masters. The Keukenhoff Flower Festival, Amsterdam. On the return trip stop-over in Ghent.

Trip organised by Tailored Travel

Cost of trip: £429 (incl. Keukenhof entry) plus single supplement £99, and extra for tips for the courier and driver.

Contact: Liz and Neville Mills on 01684 - 568 297 (answer machine) or 07599 - 172-776

Thursday 28th May

Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal and Limestone Mine Trip

TRIP ALREADY NEARLY FULL.

Cost: £24 includes coach, driver's tip, entry fee to Museum and Mine and narrowboat trip.

Optional: additional £5 for lovely afternoon Cream Tea.

Arrive Black Country Museum 10am

Spend time wandering down the old streets of Dudley visiting period shops and factories. Lunch on fish and chips or at their café and at 2.00pm stroll down to their dock on the Dudley Canal. Step aboard a narrowboat for a fascinating, guided boat trip underground through the evocative and eerie Limestone Mines which fed the iron smelting industry of the Industrial Revolution. Arrive at the Mine wharf and disembark for a cup of tea, or a scrumptious cream tea and then catch the coach back home. Depart 4.00 pm.

(Optional: suggest tip of £1ea for boat guide)

Contact: Lis Dobb-Sandi on 01531 - 579 052

or e-mail: higharcturus@yahoo.co.uk

Post cheques made out to "Malvern U3A Travel Group"

c/o 23, Horse Lane Orchard, Ledbury, HR8 1PP

Be sure to put your phone number on the reverse please.

Saturday 20th June

Castles and Cathedrals of the Rhine Cruise

Need 10 people on this trip. There are various prices depending on cabins. The trip is organised by Saga. Give Jean a ring to find out more about the trip.

Contact: Jean Shipley on 01684 - 562 317

Sunday & Monday 5th & 6th July

London's Concealed Culture

Day 1: Coach to London. Visit the Guildhall & underground Roman amphitheatre and art museum and new Heritage Gallery.

Overnight on the luxury yacht, Sunborn. Eat at own expense on board or at many nearby bistros.

Day 2: Full English breakfast included. Then to Tower Bridge, St Johns Museum and Gate (not suitable for mobility problem passengers) and then to Royal Chelsea Hospital for guided tour by a Pensioner.

Not included are driver's tip, (suggested £1 each way) and all drinks and meals except breakfast.

Trip by GB Tours. Cost £139 pp twin, Single sup £35

Contact: Barbara Steele on 01684 - 575 563

Make cheques out to G.B.Tours, NOT to Malvern Travel Group

Trips at the planning stage

Good interest has been shown in these trips.

Watch this space, or come along to our next meeting at The Cube.

Windsor Castle Tour

Date: TBA

Contact: Peter Dennis on 01886 - 880 838

or e-mail: pnjd46@sky.com

Ludlow Food Festival

Spring or Summer 2015

Contact: Pat Hague on 01905 - 828 249

or e-mail: Andrwhg@aol.com

Organisers are needed for the following trips

2015 Magna Carta 800 year Anniversary Trails

15th June 2015 marks the anniversary. There are many functions and celebrations to be enjoyed. It just needs someone to organise getting us there and back.

Very good interest shown

2015 American Museum in Bath (28 Malvern members voted for this trip)

2015 Newstead Abbey

2015 Bristol Museum, Art Gallery, River Front (22 Malvern members voted for this trip)

2015 Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespeare's house, theatre, riverfront, butterfly farm (35 Malvern members voted for this trip)

2015 Cheltenham Literary Festival 2015 (20 Malvern members voted for this trip)

MORE TRIP SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Members have made suggestions - We now require Travel Group members to volunteer to organise these trips. Organising a trip is not difficult and experienced trip organisers will mentor volunteers.

YOUR group needs your support.

Thank you.

To volunteer please phone either Peter Dennis on 01886 - 880 838
or Pat Hague on 01905 - 828 249

The Malvern U3A Calendar

Thank-you to members at the AGM who donated £350 to Medecins Sans Frontieres.

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[Light Green Meeting](#)
[Yellow Trip](#)
[Orange Registration](#)
[Blue Social Events](#)

Geology Group

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Geology Group

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Jan 14, 2015
(U3A Group)

'The Cube' at 10am

Dr Alan Heward on 'Exotic rocks and fossils from NE Arabia, glimpses of a former Permian Ocean.' Alan has spent a considerable amount of his career working in and with the petroleum industry in Oman. Latterly he has returned to 'hands' on geology in a geologically rich corner of the world. His talk will introduce us to what he has found in his research, which is very much still ongoing.

[Geology Group's own website](#)

Location:
The Cube
[Albert Road North, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14, UK](#)

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Is your group making use of the calendar that is now hosted on the website home page?

As well as just showing date and time for meetings the calendar can include details of your programme - as shown for the Geology group's January meeting.

There are also links that will allow you to add calendar entries to your phone or tablet computer.

Most group meetings are now on the calendar, but where groups meet on a fortnightly basis these meetings cannot be added until actual dates are received.

Members are finding the calendar useful, especially where groups include their programme, so to ensure that your group is on the calendar send details to

calendar@malvern3a.org.uk



Neil Storey

If you are impressed by Neil's images of supermoons there are five more opportunities to see one later this year. These are seen when the moon is at its closest to the Earth.

The first two are new moons, and the ones later in the year will be full moons.

The dates are:

February 18th

March 20th

August 29th

September 28th

October 27th

The date on which the moon will be at its closest this year is the September date.

Walking Group Programme

Following Registration, we now have 90 members signed onto the Walking Group.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will participate in leading walks, and if you wish to volunteer please contact the Group Leader, Roger Hales, on 01684 - 576 814. A list of proposed walks has been drawn up for which details can be provided, but if you wish to lead a walk of your own choice then please contact Roger to discuss.



Walks Programme:

23 February Leader: Maggie Rider Tel: 01684 - 568 800
Swan Inn, Newland - 5 miles

30 March Leader: Roger Hales Tel: 01684 - 576 814
Hallow - 4.5 miles

Meet at The Bell at Broadheath – Map Reference Exp 202 814568

27 April Leader: Alan Bull (01684 301033)
and/or Roger Hales (01684 576814)
Spring Walk, Marcle Ridge - 6 miles
Meeting location will be circulated to members.

Further details will be provided in future updates and will be on the website calendar.

Walking Group Contacts

Roger Hales: 01684 - 576 814

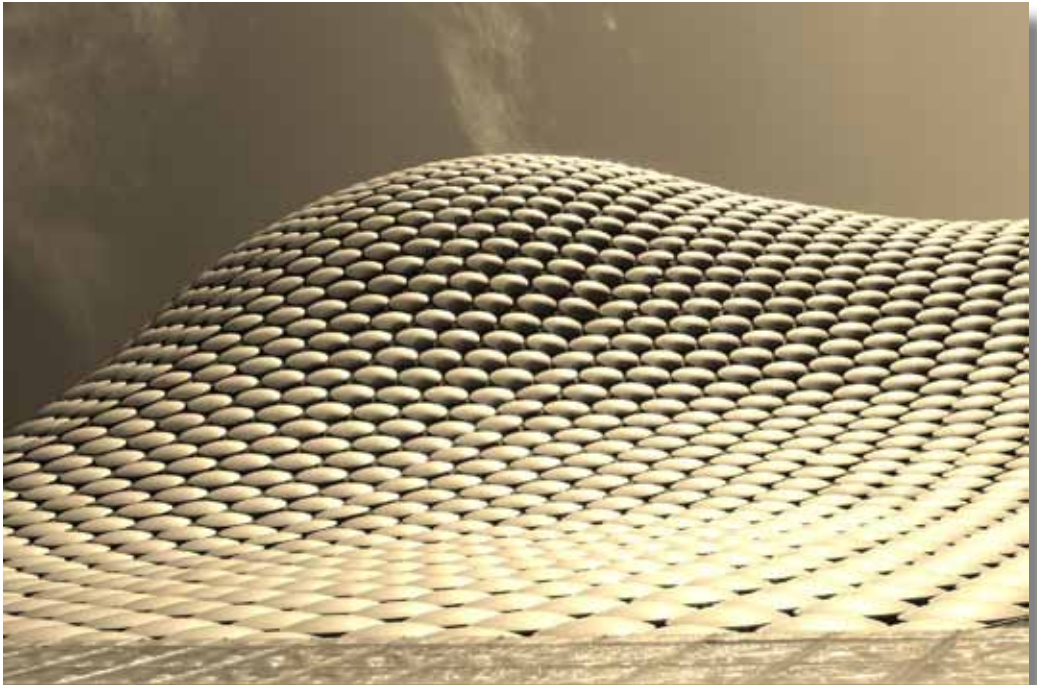
Phil and Janet Uncles: 01684 - 575 060



Speakers for our Monthly Meetings - 2pm at The Cube

- 24th February** We welcome back **Diane Alexander** who will talk about
'The Dymock poets'
- 31st March** The speaker is **Gillian White** who will talk about
'Bess of Hardwick'
- 28th April** **Jan Long** will tell about the life of
'Gertrude Bell: Edwardian Extrordinaire'
- 26th May** If you came to 'Titanic' you'll have seen **Andrew Lound** and
won't want to miss his presentation on ...
'Brunel's Levianthan: The Great Eastern or The Carpathia'

Come for the talk - Say for refreshments and a chat to friends old and new.



Selfridges, Birmingham - Rosemary Romans



Christmas Lunch - 12th December 2014

NEWSLETTER

We are always looking for contributions from groups or individual members for the Newsletters which are published in October, February and May.

All contributions should be e-mailed, (preferably as a Word document), to

newsletter@malvernu3a.org.uk

Photographs should be sent as .jpg files

Please note the deadline for the May edition is

Saturday 25th April 2015