

Leicester Newsletter

June 2026



March winds and April showers brought forth May flowers.

From my garden by Margaret Potter

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION *from Angie Barnes, Membership Secretary.*

Membership stands at 342

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR – Bob Collins

The Spring Bank Holiday week has been unusually hot and dry, but what June brings we shall have to wait and see.

The committee is beginning planning our 30th anniversary celebrations. If anyone has any ideas, please let a committee member know of them. It is always nice to try something different.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The committee is looking for members who can buddy with the officers on the committee, so they see what the role involves. If anyone wishes to do this please contact Sue Took secretary@leicesteru3a.org.uk to discuss.

As this year is also Leicester u3a's 30th Anniversary there will be various events for you to join in with. More information to follow.

PROGRAMME – Monthly meetings at Christchurch – doors open at 2:00pm and start at 2:30pm.

May Report –

By Glyn Bray

Kenya: Britain's Golden Colony: Mike Burton

On a chilly afternoon in May the u3a audience were treated to an entertaining talk by Mike Burton on the subject of Kenya. Instead of a talk about the animals and the sheer grandeur of the East African country Mike concentrated on giving a well-researched talk on the absorption of the country into the British Empire, the good and bad points of so-doing, the building of the railway which led to Nairobi becoming the focal point for trade and the feelings of the local tribesmen that eventually led to the Mau-Mau uprising (led by Jomo Kenyatta) and Kenya being given its independence in 1963 under the MacMillan government. An excellent talk given by a speaker who spoke for 45 minutes without notes and without taking a drink!

June 9th 2026 – Marys Meals: Roger Neuburg. This organisation feeds one million children around the world every school day.

July 14th 2026 –John Constantine – Magic. John's excellent magic, personable manner and witty approach ensures that everybody thoroughly enjoys the experience.

All MEMBERS COFFEE MORNINGS: *Sandra Barker – Hospitality and Wellbeing* Coffee mornings continue to be well attended and enjoyable. They are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10.00 am onwards at the Quaker Meeting House, Queen's Road. Why not join us for refreshments, friendship, and chat?

WELLBEING AND HOSPITALITY - Enabling everyone to take part. Is there anything that prevents you from fully participating? Christchurch is fully accessible with disabled facilities.

Members of the Wellbeing & Hospitality team are there if you need to have an end of row/front seat. If there is anything else we can do that enables you to take part, please tell us. If you would prefer to talk to someone before you attend, then please give Sandra Barker a call and, if you have any suggestions, we'd be very happy to hear them. wellbeing@leicesteru3a.org.uk

Also, if you know of any member who is unwell or has suffered a loss, then please let us know and we will send a card. Send your notices to - cards@leicesteru3a.org.uk .

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS COORDINATOR - *Sue Took*

Our groups are all going well, but we still are in need of helpers to run groups that had closed earlier in the year, if you are interested in helping or starting a group, please contact Sue Took groups@leicesteru3a.org.uk

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Bus Pass Tours

by Sue Took, Convenor

I wish to apologize to the members who were looking forward to visiting Coventry.

Due to ill health I had to cancel. If any of the members wish to be my deputy so this shouldn't happen again I would be most grateful. Please speak to Sue Took if you can offer any help.

The next 2 visits are: On Thursday 3rd June we will be going to Ashby de la Zouch, leaving St. Margaret's Bus Station, Stand SK Bus 29 at 10:20 (please can you be there by 10:15)

Then in July we are going to Wistow, leaving Haymarket Bus Station Stand HH on bus 44B at 10:15 (please can you be there by 10:10)

I will be sending an email to the bus pass group but if anyone else wishes to join us please give me a call on 07780504006, or email buspass@leicesteru3a.org.uk

Digital Photography

by Anthony (Matt) Matthew

Four members of the Digital Photography group visited Melton Mowbray on 14th May, seeking photographic inspiration. The centre of the town has a variety of historic buildings, the most prominent being St Mary's church. It happened not to be open to the public that day having been taken over for judging artisan cheeses, the town being a centre for making Stilton. Nevertheless, it was possible to look in to see the contestants laying out their products. The town is also known for its production of pork pies, with several specialist

shops, and the group gathered in one for lunch and sampled variations. These specialities featured in the town museum as well as the local tradition of fox hunting.



St Mary's Church

The town centre





Art Deco
Regal Cinema

*Photos by
Matt*

Gardening group

from Angie Barnes, Convenor

In April we went to a National Garden Scheme garden in Cossington. It was a large garden with plenty to see even though it was only April. There were horses in the field at the bottom that came to see us. We all enjoyed tea and cake afterwards.





CARTOON CORNER

Key Rings *by Tony Locke*





PUZZLE CORNER

by Cliff Ault

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ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Delivery The newsletter is normally printed for those who prefer a hard copy. It is available on a first come first served basis at the monthly meeting and coffee morning. If you would like a hard copy but cannot make these events the Membership Secretary is happy to send a copy by post to anyone who sends her a supply of **stamped addressed envelopes (C5)**. It will also continue to be delivered to members by email as a pdf file before each monthly meeting.

Photos Please remember to get permission from any people in your photos for us to publish them. This permission will be assumed if you send them to the editor.

The deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter (July 2026) is mid-day Friday 19th June 2026. NB – a week earlier to allow for Beauchamp printing closing for the summer holidays.

There is no meeting or newsletter in August or December

Contributions should be sent to the Editor Margaret Potter at: newsletter@leicesteru3a.org.uk if you want to submit your entry as hard copy, please contact Margaret or the Membership Secretary, Angie Barnes, for the address. membership@leicesteru3a.org.uk

Please note the deadline for submission for 2026 are all MID-DAY on the Friday dated:

July	Friday 19th June 2026
September	Friday 21st August 2026
October	Friday 25th September 2026
November	Friday 23rd October 2026

PUZZLE SOLUTION:

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ADVANCE NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE

To celebrate our 30th anniversary, a garden party will be held at the Quaker Meeting House on August 18th. Details have yet to be agreed, but put the date in your diary.

Then on August 31st, a return steam train trip from Loughborough with cream tea is being arranged. The cost to cover it all will be £40. You should by now have received an email with all the details from Sue Took, our secretary, but if not, please contact her at secretary@leicesteru3a.org.uk.

Shrinking newsletter

The entries over the last few months have been getting fewer. This is a plea to all members and especially to convenors.

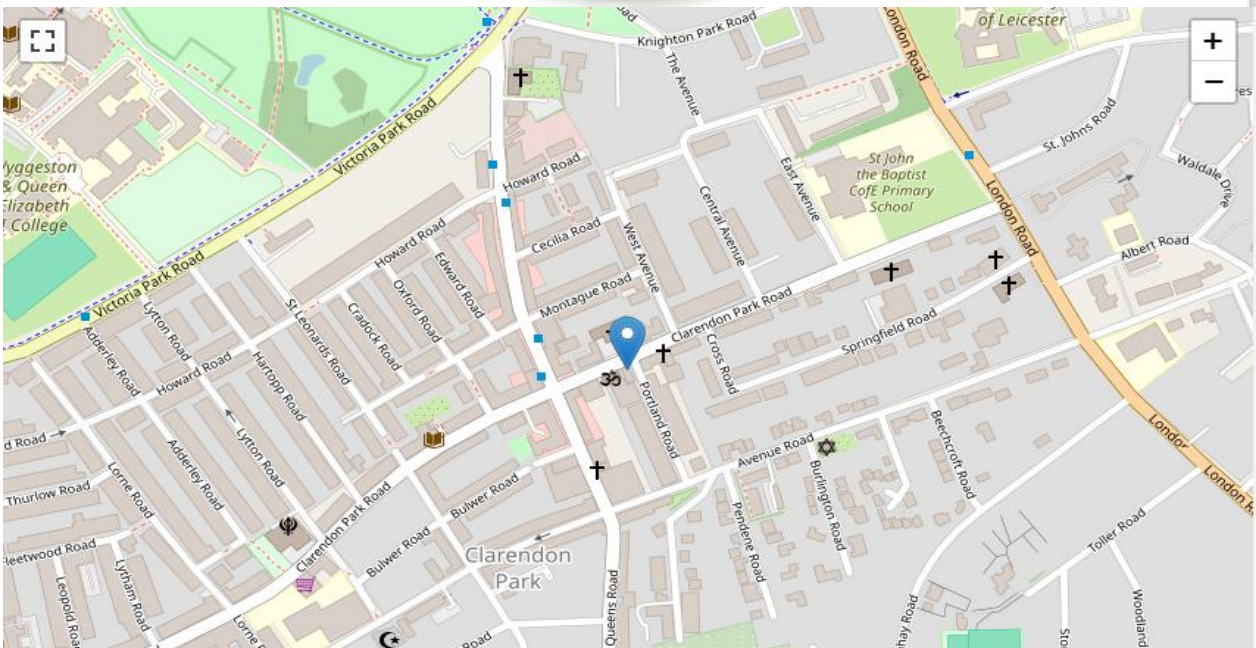
Could you or your group have used this space? We have a few trusty contributors to whom we are eternally grateful, but I know more is going on out there.

It need not be a large article. A few words would suffice with maybe a picture to back it up?

This is your 'call to arms', and an opportunity to advertise your group

Over to you all.

Please send your entries to Margaret and Barbara at: newsletter@leicesteru3a.org.uk



Leicester u3a meets at 2:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month (except August and December) at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, LE2 3AH, and there are special interest groups that meet regularly in member's homes and elsewhere. For more information, or to join, contact the Membership Secretary at membership@leicesteru3a.org.uk or telephone 0116 2152751

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