

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWS

Monthly Meetings in St Peter's Church Wellesbourne CV35 9LS, 2.00 for 2.30pm

Marsupial Misfits who live in Tasmania are the talk subject on 12th September from Cat and David, featuring a glove puppet, someone dressed as a Tasmanian Devil, and a slide show. Who could ask for more, but yes there is more: as it will be our eighth anniversary there will be the usual delicious Birthday Cake to eat when drinking our tea or coffee. Come along and join in our anniversary celebration with your friends.

On 10th October Georgina Ferry, a science writer and author of the biography of Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin, Britain's only female science Nobel prize-winner, will play us a video recording of a live performance of a one-woman play, *Hidden Glory*, which she wrote and produced in 2010, the centenary of Hodgkin's birth, based on her letters and other writings, with time afterwards for questions.

Dene Valley U3A Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 12th September 2017

The September Meeting will also be our Annual General Meeting which is usually a short event. The business of the AGM is to receive the Chairman's written report, receive and accept the annual accounts prepared by the Treasurer and to elect our officers and committee for the next 12 months. Officers required: Chairman, Vice-Chairmen (up to 2), Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee. (The Constitution allows up to 12 committee members including officers and the option to co-opt up to another two members with full voting rights.)

As already stated, the committee plan that the AGM is a short event but we hope provides an opportunity of accountability to the members. With the exception of Judy Badger, currently vice-chairman who is standing down, our current committee are prepared to serve another year but we would like to see some new committee members join the team. Any members who would be interested in joining the committee please contact the Secretary. The formal closing date for people to be nominated is **31st August**.

- Tony Whiteley, Secretary 01789 471036
tonywhiteley@outlook.com

Subscriptions are due.

(Big enough? Now don't say you missed it!) Membership Subscriptions of £15 per annum are now due for renewal for the next 12 months. You can pay by cheque at the monthly meeting or post it to our Membership Secretary. Please see the fuller notice on pages 3-4 for a form to cut off and give/send to Wendy with your cheque.

Chairman: Jackie Williams
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Copy for next month to Peter by the 15th please

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NEW GROUP - Introduction to Family History

The U3A Family History Group now concentrates more on advanced family history and members' talks than the basics of family history research.

Therefore, if there is the requirement, I am planning to run 6 courses next winter as an introduction to genealogy. These will cover Censuses, Birth, Death & Marriage indexes, Church records and the websites which can be used for research. These will probably be on the second Friday morning. In order for this to be viable it would require at least 10 people to attend regularly: currently I have 6 interested. If you are interested then please contact me and I can collect names to see if it is possible.

- Michael Dane 01789 470491

famhist.dane@gmail.com

Can you play Canasta?

There's been interest in starting a Canasta group. If you can play and are interested in playing and prepared to help others to learn, please contact:

- Alison Edwards 01295 688247

alison.mallalieu@btinternet.com

Our Groups**Art**

Our small group of artists still meet twice a month from 10.00 – 12.00 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, in the Bennett Room at the Church rooms. Initially we started off just doing watercolours but have now diversified into Acrylics, Pastels and just sketching. We are a friendly bunch with mixed talents and we aim to help each other. If anyone is interested in joining us we can take two more people. Contact:

- Kate Parton 01789 841073

partonkate@gmail.com

Baking with Interest

Following a very successful event at Peggy's house with the theme of 'Muffins', The INTERESTING BAKING GROUP had a break through July and got together on Thursday 17th August at Linda Yeates' house, with a theme of 'Something you would bake for a picnic'. New members welcome, no cost at all, just lots of enthusiasm!

- Linda Yeates 01789 840408

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Books on Monday

members were unanimous in their enjoyment of Anya Seton's *Katherine*. This epic novel has become a classic since its 1st publication in 1954!

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The novel tells the true story of the love affair that changed history - that of Katherine Swynford and John of Gaunt, the ancestors of most of the British Royal family. Set in the vibrant 14th century of Chaucer, the Black Death, the peasants' revolt and the Plantagenets – Edward III, the Black Prince, and Richard II: a memorable way to digest a part of our history. Seton spent 4 years researching for this novel. Our next book is *The Hundred-year-old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson.

- Penny Holbrook 01789 470697

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- Theresa Finkel 01789 842637

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**Wellesbourne Community Cinema**

is proud to present

Their Finest

Film Certificate 12a - a romantic comedy set in wartime, starring Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin and Bill Nighy

4.30pm on **Monday 28th September** - Church Rooms, Wellesbourne Church St CV35 9LS - **ALL WELCOME** - refreshments - Loop for hard of hearing

- William Howard 01789 508831

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Computing Plus

After the summer break, group meetings will recommence at **10.00 on Tuesday 19th September** upstairs in St Peter's Church Rooms, Wellesbourne. We'll have the usual mix of topics and questions so please come prepared.

- Peter Hayes 01789 842686

pete@pjhayes.me.uk

Flower Arranging

No meeting in August due to holidays; meet as usual in **September**.

- Jenny Down 01789 841567

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Geography

In our August meeting we heard all about the people of the Omo Valley in Ethiopia. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday **20th September** at 10.00am, the topic being Norway. If you are interested in geography and would like to come along, please contact me.

- Mandy Wright 01789 470232

brianandmandy1@hotmail.co.uk

History I and II

The next meeting for **Group I** will be at 10 Wellington Close, when we will be discussing James II and the Duke of Monmouth.

Group II will be meeting at 2 Huntington Court and will start to discuss Charles II and his mistresses.

The groups have had some very interesting talks due to the diligent research of members. The enthusiasm of the History groups makes for lively discussion and enjoyment.

- Gail Hayes 01789 842686

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History - Family

At our August meeting we had an interesting talk by a guest speaker, Graham Sutherland about "The Golden Age of Coaching"; we had a number of visitors attend, otherwise we would have been rather low on numbers.

There will be **no** meeting in **September**, back to normal in **October**, and we have speakers planned for the remainder of the year.

- Michael Dane 01789 470491

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History - Local

On **15th September** we go for a visit to the Court House, Warwick. It is a fine old (c18th) building

which is well worth a visit. It was built after the great Fire of Warwick.

- David C Ball 01789 840983

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Line Dance

are looking for new members. No experience or partner required, lovely way to keep fit and enjoy yourself. Cost of class is £3. Instruction given by experienced line dance teacher. Classes held at the Malt House, Alveston 2.30 for 2.45 start, 3.45 finish. Recommence **Wednesday 6th September** then **20th; 4th & 28th October; 1st, 25th, 29th November; 13th December.**

- Mary Wallis 01926 499128

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Luncheon Club

The August holiday season accounted for the rather low turnout at our lunch at The King's Head, the traditional thatched pub in Aston Cantlow where we have been several times before, however, in September we are making a first visit to The Stag at Offchurch, near Leamington. The Stag is also a traditional thatched pub which has been newly renovated and comes highly recommended for its food, service and stylish interiors, together with ample parking and an attractive garden eating area. At a distance of roughly 10 miles from Wellesbourne, it is well worth a visit and we look forward to seeing many of you there. **Thursday 14th September at the earlier time of 12.30: The Stag, Welsh Road Offchurch CV33 9AQ**

- Ann Eccles 01789 841597

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- Jill Haran 01789 841702

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DENE VALLEY U3A - Application for Annual Membership/Renewal

We do hope you will all want to renew your membership for 2017/18. The subscription becomes due in September and remains the same as last year at £15.00. Please complete the Application Form printed overleaf, attach your payment (NO STAPLES PLEASE but paperclips are OK) and either bring them to the next monthly meeting or post them to the Membership Secretary. **Payment by cheque only, please.** This makes for easier handling and also alleviates the need for a receipt. Please make cheque payable to **"Dene Valley U3A"** & send to: Membership Secretary: Mrs Wendy Ironmonger, "Marendy", Ferry Lane, Alveston, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7QZ. If a receipt is required, please enclose an SAE.

Music Appreciation

In July Scott hurt his foot and couldn't host, so Peter stepped in. This gave us the opportunity to listen to music on a variety of media including cassette and vinyl LP, though the equipment didn't recognise William's DVD, so that will be played on a later occasion. One person even turned up with an empty CD case: You Tube came to the rescue, (though not with the same recording). We enjoyed: Rimsky-Korsakov – Capriccio Espagnol Shostakovitch – Jazz Suite 1 Bellini – Oboe Concerto Brahms – Ein deutsches Requiem: Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit Widor – Symphony No. 5: Toccata Elgar – Enigma Variations: Nimrod. At 10.00am on Thursday 28th September we return to Scott's home, 21 Gloster Gardens CV35 9TQ, when hopefully his foot will have recovered. - Scott Read 01789 842264

Philosophy

Group meetings will recommence at 10.00 on Thursday 7th September at 2 Daniell Road, Wellesbourne. Because of the long break, the group has decided to restart "Philosophy and the Science of Human Nature" from the beginning. If you're considering joining the group now would be a particularly opportune time. - Peter Hayes 01789 842686 pete@pihayes.me.uk

Rock and Roll and More

We next meet at the YHA, Alveston at 2.30pm on Monday 11th September. We are pleased to welcome Colin James of Alcester U3A who will play music that traces the roots of rock and roll. He will also use videos. He welcomes "requests" so have a think. New members are always welcome. - Tony Whiteley 01789 471036 tonywhiteley@outlook.com

Science (4th Tues 10am 8 Brookside Ave CV35 9RZ)

In our 26th September meeting we shall be finding out What Babies See from another of the Guardian Science Weekly podcasts. How does perception develop from birth onwards and how is it affected by language and culture? You don't need a scientific background to join this group, only a lively curiosity about how the world works, so come and learn and share with us. 24th October's topic tba. On 28th November we shall welcome back my friend Phil Aspinall who will talk about Managing Risk in Chemical Factories. - Christopher Lamb 01789-842060 / 07973-746314 christopherlamb00@gmail.com

Trains Planes & Automobiles



In June we went to visit the last car manufacturer still building cars inside the perimeter of Coventry City. The company is the London Taxi Company, not perhaps the most widely know of car manufacturers but its product will be familiar to any one visiting London. The company began the manufacture of purpose built taxis in 1948, based on components supplied by Austin. Over the years the company has had many owners and is presently owed by Geely, who are also the owners of Volvo Cars.



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The present car production is coming to an end, and will be transferred to a new factory on the outskirts of Coventry. Not only is it the end of the factory but the model currently being built is also to be replaced with a new model which will be electrically driven. This change of model is to meet the requirements of London where only electrically powered taxis will be allowed to be bought in London after 1st January 2018.



The factory we saw was a shadow of its former self with only the final assembly been undertaken. All parts are now manufactured in China and then shipped to the UK.

Production is currently 3 or 4 vehicles a day compared to 20 per day when at full capacity. Hopefully a trip to the new factory will be part of next year's visit programme.

- Peter Finkel 01789 842637

peterptrfnkl@aol.com

Walking

On 20th September we are doing a circular walk around Welford on Avon. Meet at Wellesbourne Village Hall car park at 9.30am to share lifts to the start of the walk at Church Street, Welford at 10am. It is a 5 mile walk and suitable walking gear is always recommended. For more details, contact

- Brenda Pengelly 01789 841439 /

07747 62222 brendajp@btinternet.com

OUT & ABOUT with Sandra and Carol

Friday 15th September 2017
ITINERARY FOR NEWARK



- ✚ Please meet outside Wellesbourne Village Hall at 8.30am ready for coach boarding.
- ✚ Arrive at National Civil War Centre between 10.15 and 10.30am where we will have morning refreshments on arrival. Your entry tickets for the Centre will be handed out.
- ✚ Please bring your English Heritage card/ Art Museum card if you have paid the reduced rate. **You will need to produce them.**
- ✚ After refreshments in groups we take a guided tour (1 hr – 1hr 15mins) taking in the Civil War Trail.
- ✚ Use this opportunity to look around for a good lunch spot. Remember there are 10 great pubs in 1 square mile.
- ✚ The afternoon is free to visit the Centre at your leisure. Take time to visit St Mary Magdalene Church opposite the centre. It is a beautiful church with many rarities. OR you may choose to visit and explore the castle.
- ✚ Please be at the drop off point ready for boarding at 3.45pm. Subject to traffic home 5.30pm – 6.00pm.

ORGANISER FOR THE DAY IS SANDRA,
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sandrawhiteley@hotmail.com



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS - 27th November 2017

DERBY AND TISSINGTON HALL - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

We will make a stop in Derby for you to lunch or shop before our tour of Tissington Hall.



Tissington Hall, Derby, wish to welcome us this Christmas Season. We will walk into a tale as old as time, see the Beast's Castle, open the door to the snow covered chandelier hall and visit the Beast in his dark Chamber. Will you be brave enough to pick a rose from the Enchanted Garden? Climb the stairs to a hidden room to see just what kind of feast "Lumière" has provided for you.

After our 90 minute tour of the Hall we will have coffee/tea and a mince pie before we board our coach for the homeward journey.

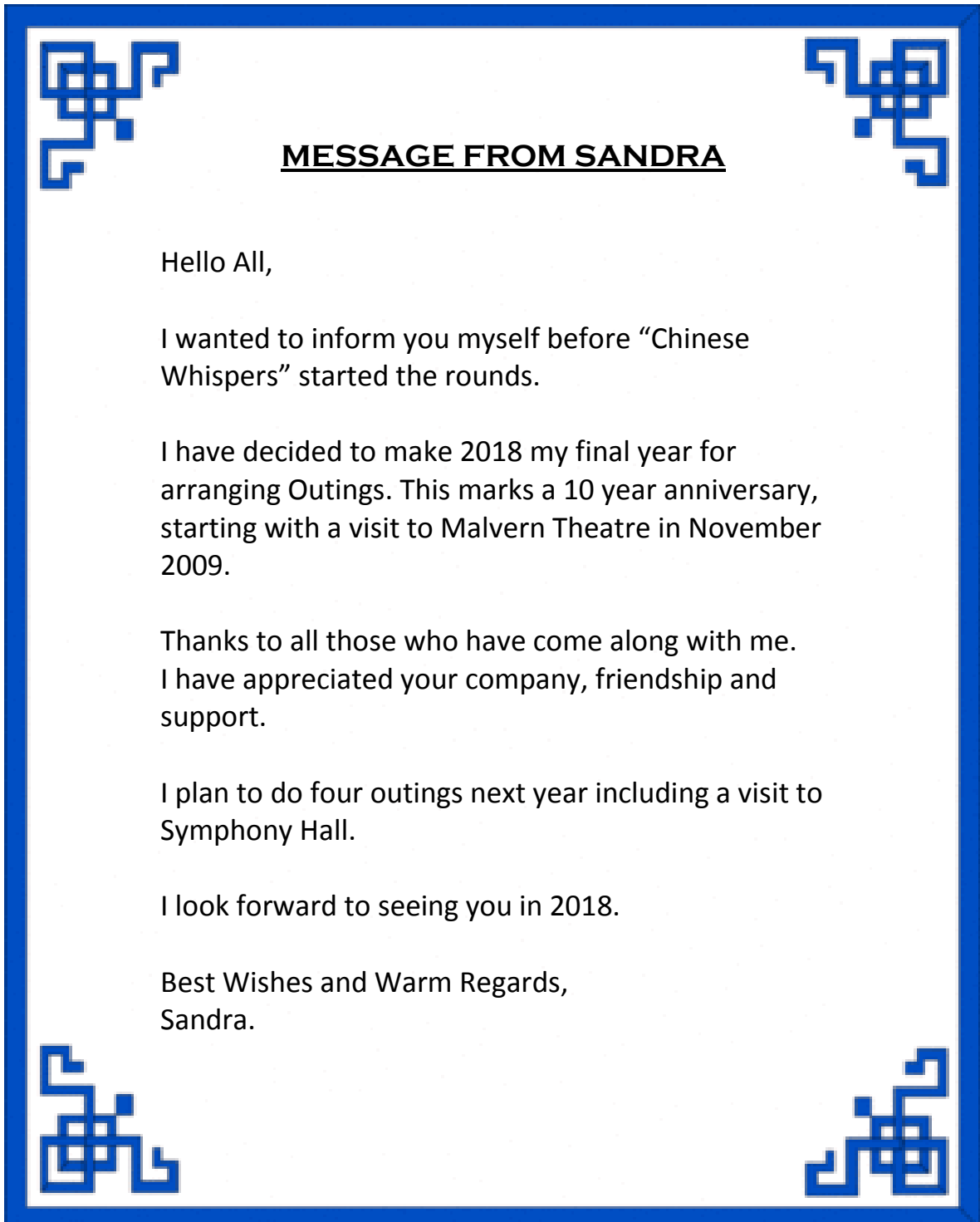
<i>Leave Wellesbourne Village Hall</i>	<i>9.00am</i>
<i>Arrive Derby drop off Full Street</i>	<i>10.30am</i>
<i>Leave Derby from Full Street</i>	<i>1.30pm</i>
<i>Arrive Tissington Hall</i>	<i>2.00pm</i>
<i>Split into two groups. Tour starts</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>
<i>Coffee/Tea/Mince Pie</i>	<i>4.00pm</i>
<i>Leave Tissington</i>	<i>4.30pm</i>
<i>Approximate time back at Wellesbourne Village Hall</i>	<i>6.15pm</i>

Cost: £26.00 includes - Tour of Tissington Hall/Coffee, Tea Mince Pie/Coach and Driver's tip.

Interested contact: - Carol Turland 01789 841295 carolturland@gmail.com
or Sandra Whiteley 01789 471036 sandrawhiteley@hotmail.com

Full payment required 12th September 2017





MESSAGE FROM SANDRA

Hello All,

I wanted to inform you myself before “Chinese Whispers” started the rounds.

I have decided to make 2018 my final year for arranging Outings. This marks a 10 year anniversary, starting with a visit to Malvern Theatre in November 2009.

Thanks to all those who have come along with me. I have appreciated your company, friendship and support.


I plan to do four outings next year including a visit to Symphony Hall.

I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Best Wishes and Warm Regards,
Sandra.

Note to Wheelchair users: All meetings in public locations are accessible to wheelchair users. For group meetings in members' houses wheelchair users should contact the group leader directly for further help and information.

Group	Group Leader	Meeting and comment	C&Tea
Art	Kate Parton 01789 841073	10am-12 2 nd & 4 th Mondays The Bennett Room	Dec'18
Art Appreciation	Jackie Williams 01926 640286	4 th Wed various galleries, homes, etc.	Jul'18
Baking with Interest	Linda Yeates 01789 840408	2.30pm 4 th Thu (or as agreed); various venues	Jun'18
Books on Monday	Penny Holbrook 01789 470697 Theresa Finkel 01789 842637	2.30pm 3 rd Mon at various houses	Apr'18
Bread-making	Roger Goodman 01295 688199	1pm 3 rd Tue, Village Hall Wellesbourne	Mar'17
Bowls – Short Mat	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	10.00-12.00 every Wed	at Alveston Village Hall (Malt House)
Bridge Club 1 (social)	Alison Edwards 01295 688247	2.30-4.30pm every Mon	
Bridge Clubs 2 & 3	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	3.00-5.00pm every Thu	
Bridge Club 4		10.00-12.00 every Tue	
Community Cinema	William Howard 01789 508831	4.15 for 4.30pm 4 th Mon St Peter's Ch. Rooms	-----
Computing Plus	Peter Hayes 01789 842686	10.00am 3 rd Tue upstairs Ch. Rooms	
Flower Arranging	Jenny Down 01789 841567	10.00am 2 nd Wed, Carr Room, St Peter's	
Folk Dancing	Maggie Hosking 01789 842776	2.00-3.30pm 1 st & 3 rd Tues, Ch. Cen (in recess)	
Geography	Mandy Wright 01789 470232	10.30am 3 rd Wed, various locations	Sep'18
History 1	Gail Hayes 01789 842686	2.00pm 2 nd Wed, various locations	
History 2	Gail Hayes 01789 842686	10-12, 2 nd Mon, 2 Huntington Ct Wellesbourne	
History – Family	Michael Dane 01789 470491	2.30pm 2 nd Fri, Carr Room, Church Centre	
History – Local	David C Ball 01789 840983	2.00pm 3 rd Fri Village Hall, School Rd	
Jewellery Making	Charles Goodman 01789 841816	10-12, every Tue, at Charles' home	Oct'18
Kurling	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	7.00-9.00pm 1 st Sat every month, Alveston VH	
Lang – French Conv.	Jim Brown 01295 678990	4-6pm 1 st & 3 rd Tues, in members' homes	Nov'17
Lang – German Conv.	Margaret Howard 01789 508831	2.15/3.15pm 2 nd & 4 th Fris, 21 Daniell Rd	Apr'17
Lang – Imp. Spanish	Eileen Newton 01789 470824	10.30-12.30 Fntly Weds, 10 Oldborough Drive	Jun'17
Lang – Fur. Spanish	Steve Desborough 01926 640358	10.30-12.15 2 nd & 4 th Thus, 26 Combrook	
Line Dancing	Mary Wallis 01926 499128	2.30 for 2.45pm various Weds Alveston V. Hall	
Luncheon Club	Ann Eccles 01789 841597 Jill Haran 01789 841702	12.45pm 2 nd Thu most months in selected hostleries around the county and beyond	
Music Appreciation	Scott Read 01789 842264	10am - 12.15, 4 th Thu in members' homes	
Philosophy	Peter Hayes 01789 842686	10am 1 st Thu in members' homes	
Pilates 1	Ros Bott 01789 842440 Sue Moss 01789 842466	9.30-10.30am every Thu, St Peter's Church Rooms, Wellesbourne CV35 9LS	
Pilates 2	Lynn Hunter 01789 748286 Lynda Coleman 01789 740755	9.30-10.30am every Tue, Village Hall, School Rd, Wellesbourne CV35 9NH (places from Sep)	
Pilates 3	Jean Roberts 01789 840729 Mary Lively 01789 841107	1.30-2.30pm Mons excl. Bank Holidays, Village Hall, School Rd, Wellesbourne CV35 9NH	Dec'17
Pilates 4	Tina Lamb 01789 842060 Gill Thomson 01789 840165	10.45-11.45am Tues, Village Hall, School Rd Wellesbourne CV35 9NH	May'17
Play Reading	William Howard 01789 508831	2.30pm 2 nd Wed in members' homes	Jan'18
Poetry Appreciation	Julie Macbeath 01789 842313	2.00pm 3 rd Thu in members' homes	Jul'17
Quizzing	Sylvia Blundall 01789 840463	2pm - 4pm 1 st Thu, Carr Room, Wellesbourne	Aug'17
Reading	Anne Prior 01789 842103	2pm 1 st Wed, 7 Wyvern Close, Wellesbourne	Sep'17
Recorder	Margaret Howard 01789 508831	4.30pm 1 st & 3 rd Wed, 21 Daniell Rd CV35 9UD	Oct'17
Rock & Roll and More	Tony Whiteley 01789 471036	2.30-4.30 pm 2 nd Mon, YHA Alveston CV37 7RG	
Science, Exploring	Christopher Lamb 01789 842060	10am 4 th Tue 8 Brookside Ave Wb'ne CV35 9RZ	Aug'18
Scrabble	Louise Giblin 01926 641127 Pat Sweet 01789 840276	2-4pm 2 nd Thu, Pat Sweet's home, 10 Redhill Close, Dovehouse CV35 9SP	Feb'18
Singles on Sat/Sun SOS	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	12.30 2 nd Sun & 4 th Sat Hemmingford's Alveston	
Snooker	Brian Badger 01295 688010	2.30-4.30pm 3 rd Tue, 12 Western Rd CV37 0AH	Jan'17
Swimming	Linda Dane 01789 470491	10am - 12 noon on Weds & Fris at Walton Hall	Feb'17
Table Tennis	Alison Edwards 01295 688247	Contact Alison for details.	
Trains Planes & Autos	Peter Finkel 01789 842637	3 rd Thu: visits to manufacturers, museums etc	Nov'18
Walking	Brenda Pengelly 01789 841439	9.30 3 rd Wed Wellesbourne VH for 10.00 start	Mar'18

Coffee etc. supplied by [Jenny Shorrocks](mailto:jenny.shorrocks@btck.co.uk) 01789 470060 twojaysxj6@aol.com & served by Groups: 
The Group Activity Grid is at www.denevalleyu3a.btck.co.uk/OurStudyGroups#grid in table and diary formats.