



Ludlow u3a Newsletter September 2023

We look forward to seeing you in Ludlow Assembly Rooms on 25th September for the next Monday Meeting.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are available from 10:30 in Oscars. The talk starts in the Auditorium at 11:00.

25 September 2023

How the Stagecoach changed Ludlow and Shropshire

John Butterworth

Popular speaker, and former local newspaper editor, John Butterworth is returning to give another of his illustrated talks. The subject this time is how the stagecoach transformed our area – how it changed the local economy, who were the most famous drivers and who were the people who travelled on the stagecoaches linking Ludlow and Shropshire to other parts of the country.

Details of the Monday meetings in October and November are at the end of this newsletter

News from the Committee Meeting 21st August 2023

We welcomed as an observer a recent Ludlow u3a member, we hope that she will be able to join the committee's ranks in the future.

There are now 560 members in Ludlow u3a, 65 of whom have joined in 2023.

There are currently 57 study groups and, although some are unable to take more members at the moment, none have a waiting list.

We may be able to avoid the small predicted loss in our cash flow this year – just. The rise in yearly subscription to £16 from 2024 will make the finances secure. It was decided that new members of Ludlow u3a joining from 1st November 2023 would pay a membership fee of £16. This would cover November/December 2023 as well as the whole of 2024. No further subscription would be payable until 2025.

It was confirmed that the option to pay membership fees by standing order has been removed.

The committee discussed the modernization of communication and IT within Ludlow u3a. We were quickly aware that our collective knowledge of the subject is very limited. It was agreed that we need expert support. We hope that we can find that help from within the Ludlow u3a membership.

If you have good IT skills and would like to help please let the committee know, or if you have other skills or time you would like to use in support of Ludlow u3a by joining the committee, please contact a committee member.

Please note:

Standing order option no longer available for paying subscriptions, please use cash, cheque or BACS.

**** 2024 Diaries ****

Now available. New design.

£4 each. Please let Grace Wilkins know by Friday 15th September if you would like one ready to collect at the meeting on 25th Sept.

Ludlow u3a Photography Group

Have the pleasure to announce the following:
The club will be showing a selection of the Members' images
at;
The Mascall Centre between 3rd and 30th October 2023.
Open Monday to Friday 9am & 5pm. Free Entry.

Appeal for a lift:

Some of our members are having difficulty getting to the monthly meetings in the Assembly Rooms. Would you be able to offer someone a lift? We have a member living in Bishops Castle who misses the meetings. If you feel you can help, please get in touch with the Chair.

Email addresses

If you have a new or changed email address please let the treasurer know: treasurer@u3ainludlow.org.uk

Any articles for the newsletter?

Please send them to the editor. Many thanks.

Refresher Driving Courses

Twenty-one members attended Herefordshire Advanced Drivers' refresher day on 1st June. The volunteers from that group went out of their way to make sure we had an interesting mixed informative and practical day. Lectures brought us up to date with the changes in the Highway Code of 2022 (including the slightly puzzling hierarchy of priority of road users) and safer driving techniques. Groups studied layouts of accidents (not a word they used) and discussed who was responsible, and how the collision could have been avoided. The best part for me was the drive in our own cars with a volunteer beside us to give friendly advice. My new-to-me car is a hybrid and I picked up several tips. Good to know I am still a competent driver.

Thanks Jan for organising the day.

Pamela Cusack

If you would like to attend a driving refresher then please see the link on the Ludlow u3a website.

Monday Meetings – October & November

30 October 2023

Quiz In Oscars

Bring your little grey cells and your friends – make up a team of four or come along and join other members to make up a team. Enjoy socialising and testing your knowledge at the same time. Bowing to popular demand we promise the questions won't be quite as challenging this year! Voucher prizes for the winning team!

27 November 2023

The History of Jazz Piano

Roger Browne

From Blues, Ragtime, Boogie to Swing, Be Bop, Free Form and Avant Garde, the story of jazz piano has been one of exciting and rapid evolution influenced by creative talents such as Scott Joplin, Fats Waller, Count Basie and more.

Pianist with internationally renowned Manchester Jazz, Roger Browne's talk is illustrated with live musical examples in the style of the great jazz masters and punctuated with hilarious anecdotes about the people, places and events that fuelled the development of this remarkable genre.

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