



Ludlow u3a Newsletter September 2022

The monthly Monday meetings are back after the summer break.

We look forward to seeing you in Ludlow Assembly Rooms. Coffee and tea are available from 10:30 in Oscars. The talk starts in the Auditorium at 11:00.

26 September 2022

'Jumping' Joe Beyrle

Brian Fernley

'Jumping' Joe Beyrle grew up during the Great Depression but he might have been a renowned international athlete had the war not intervened. He joined the famous 101st Airborne and flew from Exeter to France on D-Day. This was not his first trip to France for the military. How did Joe become the only World War II US serviceman to fight with both the American and Soviet Armies?

Brian Fernley, a former Technical Training Manager and now a volunteer with the educational charity the South West Airfields Heritage Trust, will reveal all in this uplifting story of human will and determination to survive.

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

Ludlow u3a aims to do all it can to ensure members with impaired mobility, hearing or vision can participate as fully as possible in both general meetings and study groups. If you are having difficulties, which are affecting your enjoyment of Ludlow u3a, do contact the [u3a plus committee representative](#), Peter Law (details below)

Philosophy and Ethics Study Group

This group would like to welcome new members. It is a group of interested people, keen to explore ideas by means of presentations and discussions. It is not 'heavy' learning. Each month's focused discussion is based on an article or essay presented by a participant. Meetings take place on the third Friday of the month in members' homes. If you are interested, phone [Penny Rosenthal on 07904 971 866](#).

Italian Conversation group

Currently Ludlow u3a does not have an Italian Conversation group. If you would be interested in joining such a group, please contact Sylvia Duffy sylviaduffy@uwclub.net or telephone the [Study Group Adviser](#), Derek Ball (details below)

If sufficient people are interested, you can all get together and decide how to organise it.

News from the Committee

A major topic for discussion at the committee meeting on 1st September was the proposed increase in subscription fees paid by each u3a to the Third Age Trust. The committee decided unanimously that it would not increase the Ludlow u3a membership fee for 2023 even if the subscription fee is raised by the Third Age Trust at their AGM. However, this will require careful budgeting.

The committee has decided to continue the current Zoom subscription for the use of study groups. If coordinators want to use this facility, they should contact the Study Group Adviser.

The committee updated and approved the following policies: Bullying & Harassment, Data Protection, and Privacy. All policies are on the website and paper copies are available from the Chair.

Committee member, Sue Curthoys has taken on the role of [Beacon Support](#) (details below) for coordinators experiencing difficulties using the Beacon system.

With the aim of attracting new members, committee member, Michael Cooke has written a piece about Ludlow u3a for the 'Local Ludlow' free magazine. He will also arrange for posters to be printed for display locally.

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Café Society Study Group

Our Cafe Society group has vacancies for three or four new members. We meet twice monthly on Wednesday mornings upstairs at the Blue Boar pub at the top end of Mill Street (opposite the Assembly Rooms). Our gathering begins at 10.30am and lasts till around noon. There is no room charge but members are expected to buy a coffee (£3!).

We have wide-ranging discussions of general interest beginning with current affairs and branching into, for example, local planning applications, the NHS and almost any subject members feel should be aired. Conclusions, if there are any, are seldom unanimous.

If you would like to give Cafe Society a try, please contact **Stuart McLaren on 01584 874622** or email themclarens@me.com.

u3a Dairies 2023

To order diaries, contact our **Treasurer**, Grace Wilkins(details on previous page)

Orders received by Friday 16th September should be available at the Monday meeting on 26th September.

Ludlow u3a Website

<https://u3ainludlow.weebly.com>

The Ludlow u3a website is the source of all information about Ludlow u3a and beyond.

There is a new page in 'Links' where details of non-u3a events can be advertised.

If you are involved in an organisation outside u3a (and we know that many of you are) and would like to let your Ludlow u3a colleagues know about an up-coming event, simply send details to the **Chair**. We cannot promise to post everything you send us, but we will do what we can.

Exploring the Novel Study Group

This new group will be discussing nineteenth and twentieth century novels. If you are interested, contact **Study Group Adviser**, Derek Ball.

News from Ludlow u3a

This newsletter has three issues a year in January, April and September. Study Groups News is emailed every month and reminders about the monthly meetings are also emailed to all members.

Concessionary Travel

Did you know that English residents of state pensionable age or over can have a one-year senior rail card at the discounted rate of £9 (normal price £30) instead of a national bus pass?

This is one of four options under the Concessionary Travel scheme administered by Shropshire Council.

Contact the Shropshire Council Concessionary Travel team on 0345 678 9088.

Monday Meetings – October and November (No meeting in December)

31 October 2022

Stories of the English Coinage

Phil Griffiths

Money! Plastic cards and tapping the credit card machine may be more popular these days but for centuries coins have been the most important currency. Phil's talk traces the evolution of coins from Greek civilisation, through the Roman period, the Dark Ages and Medieval period, to decimalisation and the present day, with a glimpse into the future.

JP Phil Griffiths is a Chartered Engineer whose career has spanned the technological advances from steam engines to making electronic controls for jet engines but now he has retired he has discovered the joys of motorcycling – but only in the summer months! He delivers his charity fundraising talks from October to March

28 November 2022

The Discovery of New Worlds

Andrew Lound

In 1781 William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus and 'doubled the size of the Solar System'. Since then, numerous worlds have been discovered and old worlds have had their surfaces imaged by spacecraft. Andrew takes us on a dramatic voyage of exploration to the worlds in our Solar System telling us the tales of the explorers, of the bravery, of the controversies, and offers a glimpse of worlds beyond, all illustrated by amazing images and accompanied by music.

With a background in Astronomy and Planetary Science and also in Media, Andrew has been active in raising public awareness of astronomy and space science since the 1970s. He has frequently been interviewed on radio on astronomy, space and history and he often tours the UK with his Odyssey Dramatic Presentations and Lectures.