

A message from the Chairman

I celebrate a milestone birthday this week (the nth anniversary of my twenty-first birthday!) and find that despite the passing years, I am in agreement with HM in that you are as old as you feel. Though perhaps the celebrations may be more in keeping with my present age – and not the hedonistic abandon that accompanied some earlier anniversaries.

I am off to Italy, and it has been an interesting experience working through the bureaucracy involved in organising a trip abroad. But the compensations of some good food and a cultural adventure outweigh the frustrations.

What a pleasure it was to be back in the Assembly Rooms after such a long absence. The auditorium is very nice, though I have to say the rest was a little disappointing and it's a bit of maze finding your way around. The turnout for Andy Griffee's interesting talk was very good and I hope we might see even more faces for the November talk (see page 4) as confidence in getting out and about increases.

At the meeting, I made an appeal for volunteers to join the committee. We are down to seven members. Committee members are only allowed to serve six years (three of those as an officer) so we are in danger of not having a committee at some not too distant time in the future. Being a committee member is not overly onerous – there are typically six or so meetings a year – and what we need initially is people who are able to generate ideas and consider those of others. Of course, some of those members may be looked to as a future chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer. If you are interested in helping secure the future of u3a in Ludlow, please give me a call on 01299 270047.

Dr Robert Hodge
Chairman

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Study group update

Science discussion



The group did not meet during lockdown, but is now ready to start up again and is looking for additional members. Meetings are on the second Tuesday mornings each month and members choose topics to present and discuss science in all its aspects.

Architecture



For those with an interest in buildings, historic or otherwise. A varied programme of members' presentations takes place at members' houses. No previous knowledge is needed. The group is looking for additional members. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday afternoon monthly.

Intermediate French



The group is looking for new members. This group is for those at intermediate level who want to improve their understanding and fluency in an informal and enjoyable way. The group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings.

How do I use my laptop?



A couple of people asked at the last meeting whether or not we might have a group on how to use their laptops. If there is interest, please get in touch and we will see what we can do to get one going.

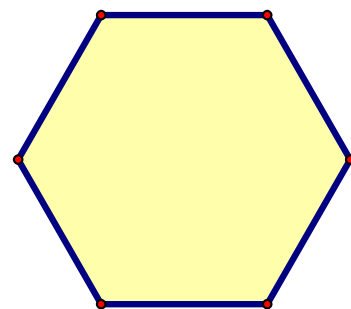
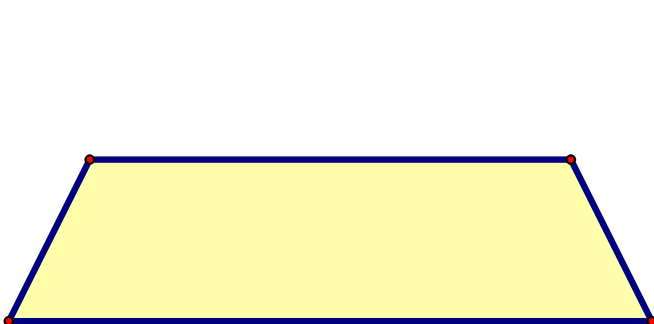
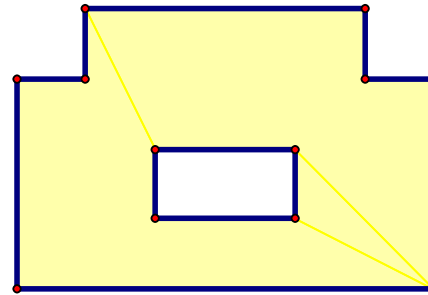
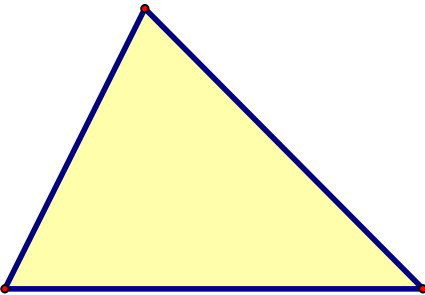
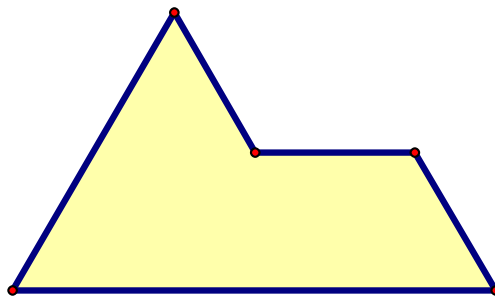
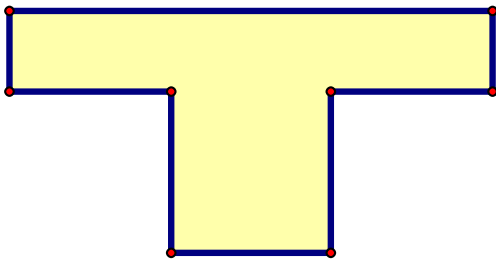
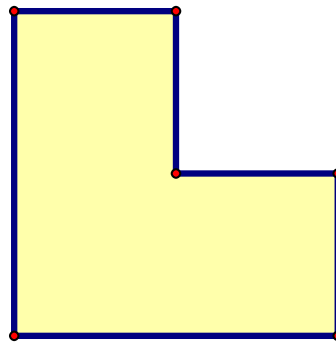
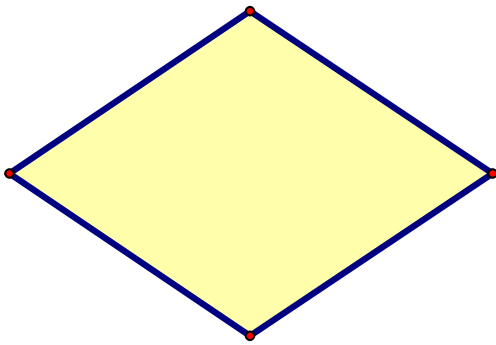
For more information on the above groups please contact: membersadviser@u3ainludlow.org.uk

Exploring Mathematics

Exploring shapes

Cut each of these shapes into four identical pieces.

For three of these shapes this can be done in two or more completely different ways. For which three?



Derek Ball

Send comments if you have any. If you want to do more puzzling why not come to Exploring Mathematics. We meet in Ludlow on a Monday afternoon once a month. If you are interested or want to know more contact me (derek@ludlowballs.force9.co.uk or 01584 879180)

Monday meetings

Back at the Assembly Rooms – 1030 for tea and coffee – 1100 start.

29 November Albania – cut off from the world for 41 years John Butterworth



'I met an Albanian army captain and avid communist, Berti Dosti, who told me about life under one of the cruellest dictators of the twentieth century, the amazing history of this isolated state and the story of his totally different new life today.'

John Butterworth MBE, former journalist and newspaper editor, will draw on his conversations with Dosti to give an illustrated talk on Albania then and now.

There is no talk in December.

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Eglantyne and Ellesmere

Alison Utting



Eglantyne Jebb was born in 1876 in Ellesmere and spent her early life there. She was a member of a fascinating family who worked to improve social conditions nationally and internationally. Eglantyne and her sister Dorothy created Save the Children to help children impoverished and displaced by the Great War. Eglantyne also wrote 'The Declaration of the Rights of the Child' which was adopted by the League of Nations. Her work changed the lives of millions.

Alison Utting's illustrated talk will explore Eglantyne's life and achievements and celebrate her links with Shropshire. Alison, who lives in Ellesmere, is a teacher with a love of public speaking, theatre, amateur dramatics and history.

Upcoming Online Talks: Organised by the Third Age Trust

From the u3a national website a range of events is available, some of which attract a fee.

Here is a sample below, arranged by the Third Age Trust, which are free to access: u3a.org.uk/events

Laughter Yoga workshop series

Join Judith Walker of Edinburgh u3a on the second Wednesday of every month for a Laughter Yoga Workshop. 10 November and 8 December at 10am. To register, click [here](#).

Egyptology series – Pottery in Ancient Egypt

Join Neal Stevenson, u3a subject adviser for Egyptology, for the remaining talk exploring ancient Egypt – 12 November at 2pm. To register, click [here](#).

The Geology of Sedimentary Rocks

John Martin Eales of Sutton u3a will give a series of talks with Q&A. Part 2 – Marine Rocks on 4 November (register [here](#)), and part 3 – Limestones, Coals, Oils and Evaporites on 2 December (register [here](#)) all at 2pm.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

A talk by the National Army Museum – 10 November at 10.30am. Register [here](#).

The numbers you Eat: natures favourite numbers in fruit & veg

An illustrated talk with Q&A by Dr Ron Knott. 9 November at 2pm. Register [here](#).

Maths Activities and Games

Join David Martin, subject adviser for maths and statistics, for an interactive workshop on 11 November at 2pm. Register [here](#).

Crochet Workshop: How to crochet a Christmas tree

Join Chris Winner, groups coordinator for Trust u3a, for this live crochet workshop. 16 November at 1.30pm. Register [here](#).

■ u3a diaries

If you have ordered a diary and not collected it yet, please do so at the next monthly meeting on 29 November.

If you have any useful links that would help advance the education of other members, please get in touch: info@u3ainludlow.org.uk

Committee update

■ The Committee members are currently as follows:

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All the members of the committee are Trustees of the registered charity, u3a in Ludlow. A description of each role, along with a description of the role of Trustee, is available on the Committee page on the website.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please contact Robert Hodge: chair@u3ainludlow.org.uk.

■ Committee

Committee Update November 2021

AGM

The draft minutes for the AGM which was held on 27 September are available on the website on the Documents page <https://u3ainludlow.weebly.com/agm-september-2021.html>.

The u3a Trust has given its consent to our new constitution which was adopted at the AGM. It is currently with the Charity Commission for their approval.

Study Group Coordinators access to Beacon

Study Group Coordinators will soon be given access to our data base managed by Beacon. They will be able to keep their membership list up to date and monitor their waiting list. The committee are concerned about the number of groups that say they are full. We are finding that we are losing potential new members because the groups they want to join are full. Anyone is entitled to come to a taster session of the group even if it is full. Once the waiting list is big enough the study group coordinator will

be contacted to discuss the formation of a second group.

Coordinating Study Groups Guidelines

Study Group Coordinators are reminded of the guidelines for coordinating study groups which are on the website on the Documents page:

https://u3ainludlow.weebly.com/uploads/1/9/6/3/19635567/coordinating_study_groups_2017.pdf

The Treasurer met with the Chairman and Secretary recently and they are working on an updated version of these guidelines.

New Members

At our last meeting the committee agreed that more needs to be done to welcome new members into u3a in Ludlow. The Chairman, Membership Secretary, Members' Adviser and the Communications & Marketing Coordinator met and formulated a strategy to ensure that all new members are welcomed into u3a in Ludlow.

Barbara Ball

Secretary