

Wrekin u3a Newsletter March 2026

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

This month we would like to say a big thank you to our Group Leaders, without whom we would not exist. It was lovely to see so many of them at the recent Group Leaders meeting and to be able to express our appreciation for all their hard work in making the member experience here at Wrekin u3a such a rich and varied one.

I'm hoping March will blow away the incessant rain (and a few cobwebs) as we look forward to the arrival of Spring. As Leo Tolstoy wrote, *"Spring is the time of plans and projects."*

Karen Appleby

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sheila Purbrick is a long serving member of Wrekin u3a who has volunteered her time and effort in a variety of roles. In recognition of her invaluable contributions we are pleased to announce her honorary membership.

Colin and Judith Myers, who have been the friendly faces on reception at our monthly meetings for many years have decided to retire from the desk after the AGM in March. In appreciation of their dedicated service they have also been awarded honorary memberships.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Lunch on the 15th

Sunday 15 March 'The Brewery' High Street, Coalport, TF8 7HZ.

A very comfortable, newly refurbished establishment with new owners. Please note: This is Mother's Day. No deposit required. Order on the day, menu will follow. 12.30 for 1pm sit down.

Come Dine With Us

Saturday 11 April 2-4pm

We will be opening the doors again to invite you to an Easter lunch where we will be serving, **Starter:** Mackerel Paté, **Main Course:** Chicken, **Dessert:** Chocolate Mousse followed by coffee and chocolates.

Drinks: Nosecco and still water.

The food and company will be as good as always, but we have made changes to the ticket sales.

Tickets are still £15. 10 places available on a first come first served basis.

To book your place, please email Erica at ericawiddowson@hotmail.co.uk

You will then receive your confirmation email with venue and payment details.

Two further lunches are planned for August and November. Dates and details will be released nearer the time.

Table Tennis

Wednesdays 6.30pm

Anyone interested in joining this new group at Springwood Retirement Home in Shifnal will be made very welcome. Please contact the group coordinator groups@wrekinu3a.org.uk

MONTHLY MEETING

Signing In

You will have noticed how busy recent meetings have become. Mandatory health and safety regulations require us to record **all** attendees. Please help us to make this as easy as possible by:

1 wearing your name badge

2 ensuring you sign in either at the members' reception table or visitors desk.

A Plea for Books

The book stall is having a clear out and now requires some new stock. Please bring along any donations to the next meeting.

Speakers

If you have any recommendations for future speakers, please contact Erica with further details

volunteers@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Membership Renewal

The renewal fee remains at £13.00 for this year and can be paid by bank transfer, cheque or cash.

An email was sent to all members in January with further details including account details for bank transfers and the address for the Membership Secretary if wishing to send payment by post.

The Membership Secretary will be available again to receive payments at the General Meetings in March and April. We would ask if you could please have the correct amount ready if paying by cash.

Gill Moore membership@wrekinu3a.org.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Documents

All relevant AGM documents will be available shortly on our website and we invite you to read the Annual Report prior to the AGM via this link <https://wrekin.u3asite.uk/agm/>

As we transition away from print to digital communication, there will be a limited number of printed reports distributed via group leaders and to those who do not have email addresses. If anyone requires their **own** hard copy of the Annual Report please request one via the newsletter email by 14 March newsletter@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Timings

Refreshments will be available from 1.30pm with the AGM to start at 2.15pm. The Hadley Orpheus Male Voice Choir will perform for us at approx 2.45pm.

SENDING A CARD

Wrekin u3a cares about its members. If you know of a member who is unwell, has had an operation or has been bereaved, and would appreciate a card, please contact a committee member. An appropriate card can then be sent.

FROM THE THIRD AGE TRUST

u3a Festival 2026 1-3 July University of York

£18 for a day, £50 for all 3 days. Further information and tickets available via

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/events/festival-2026>

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 24 March 2pm

Annual General Meeting followed by Hadley Orpheus Male Voice Choir

We look forward to a performance featuring a variety of musical genres.

You can read this e-news and other recent editions on our website via this link:

<https://wrekin.u3asite.uk/newsletters/>

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