

Wrekin u3a Newsletter June 2026

From the Editor

Our recent monthly meetings have served us up some unexpected treats and reminded us of the wealth of talent amongst our very own members here at Wrekin u3a. In April we welcomed David and Diane to the microphone with a very impactful talk about the lives of women and girls in Sub-Saharan Africa. May's meeting then took us into the world of smart technology courtesy of our resident tech guru (and secretary) Mandy. A big thank you to all three for coming to our rescue at short notice to give us their time and expertise.

You will see that we have a new section on this month's e-news which is to be a regular feature. Committee Corner will introduce you to the members of the committee and in addition shine a light on what happens behind the scenes. Wrekin u3a is run by and for its members and it's important for everyone to see what goes into building the u3a we want and need. We hope you will find it interesting.

Karen Appleby

June Happenings

Monday 8 June	Members' Coffee Morning 10.30-12 Park House, Shifnal*
Wednesday 10 June	Away Days trip to Salford Quays
Monday 15 June	Lunch on the 15 th @ The Brewery Inn, Coalport
Monday 29 June	New Member/ Visitor Drop-In 10.30-12 Park House, Shifnal*
Tuesday 30 June	Houses and Gardens trip to Charlecote Park

* Please note **both** Park House gatherings will now start at the slightly later time of 10.30am

Monthly Meeting

Don't forget: Parking is available for Wrekin u3a members at the Park House Hotel for our Tuesday General Meeting if spaces are unavailable in the village car park.

Please note: Notices will be read out at 2pm. If you have any announcements, please pass on the details to a member of the committee when you arrive.

From The Groups

Come Dine With Us

Saturday 25 July 2pm High Tea in Wellington

£15 pp. Please book via Erica volunteers@wrekinu3a.org.uk

From The Comms Team

As we look to keep our website updated, don't forget to send us photos and brief reports of what you have been doing in your groups. There is so much going on and we would like to share the latest happenings with all our members.

We are also looking for volunteers who are interested in joining our small team to help further develop our various communication channels. In particular we would like to hear from anyone with IT skills who might be interested in helping us to create a Wrekin u3a Facebook page.

For more information see Paul, Karen or Mandy comms@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Buddies

For those members who do not have an email address or who have difficulty accessing online information, we operate a buddy system. If you know of someone who is not currently on our buddy list and who would benefit from this support please contact our Membership Secretary, Gill Moore members@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Committee Corner

The latest iteration of Wrekin u3a's committee is now settling in to its new term of office following March's AGM. Joining the 8 re-elected members are 2 new recruits, Paula and Sue, who have joined as members without portfolio. The committee usually meets once a month and the minutes are published on our website. This month the spotlight falls on Pam and Karen.

Chair / Groups Coordinator

[Pam Mundy](#) enters her 3rd term as Chair and has pledged to continue making the member experience here at Wrekin u3a the best it can be. During her tenure as Groups Coordinator she has overseen the creation of 9 new groups. Look out for some new propositions coming your way.

chair@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Vice Chair

[Karen Appleby](#) took on the role of Vice Chair last year and will continue to provide support to Pam and the committee especially at monthly meetings and other general events. She remains team leader for new members and also edits the monthly e-news.

vicechair@wrekinu3a.org.uk

What's New?

Recently the committee has been discussing how best to future proof our various roles. We have experienced at first hand that members may be unavailable/indisposed and the need for someone to step into an unfamiliar role. Over the coming months each of us will be creating a user-friendly guide to what we actually do in our roles. This will enable a seamless transfer if the need arises.

You can find out more about the committee on the website via the following link:

<https://wrekin.u3asite.uk/wrekin-u3a-committee-2024-2025/>

From The Third Age Trust

Inside u3a Membership Survey

Wrekin u3a was specially selected to take part in research to understand the profiles and perspectives of u3as across the UK in 2026. The explanatory email and link were sent out in early May via our secretary, Mandy. The deadline has now been extended to 14 June.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Inside-u3a-survey>

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 23 June 2026 2pm

Penny Wheat: Perils of a Public Speaker

An illustrated talk covering Penny's unlikely and bizarre experiences covering her 20 years of speaking all around the West Midlands.

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