

Wrekin u3a Newsletter August 2026

From the Editor

July was certainly a scorcher. Wimbledon, the World Cup and the Tour de France kept sports fans entertained whilst closer to home, members enjoyed a very sunny Houses and Gardens trip to Charlecote Park and Come Dine With Us laid on a delicious high tea in Wellington. At our July meeting Michael Blackburn swept us along the River Severn with his informative and entertaining history of its people and places. We look forward to welcoming Andrew Lound back in August with another “watery” theme: The Titanic. Maybe we’ll have seen some rain by then!

If you are taking a summer break from u3a this month, I wish you “Happy Holidays”.

Karen Appleby

August Happenings

Mon 10	Members’ Coffee Morning @ The Park House
Sat 15	Lunch on the 15 th @ The Cow Shed, Boningale
Thur 22	Houses + Gardens trip to Lyme Park
Mon 24	New Member/Visitor Drop-In @ The Park House (please note earlier date due to the Bank Holiday)

From the Groups

Indoor Curling Taster Session

Pam is planning to organise this opportunity for members to have a go at this popular activity. Please let her know if you would like to attend groups@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Well Being

After a summer break, we are resuming our sessions on Wednesday 5 August 12-1pm.
Class fee £3.

Committee Corner

Membership Secretary / Buddies

[Gill Moore](#) ensures everything concerning your membership is processed and managed correctly to enable you to access all the benefits of u3a. She also keeps track of those members without access to email and makes sure they receive important communications via a “buddy” or through the post.

members@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Communications

[Paul Masterman](#)’s background in media, public relations and marketing makes him our ideal communications coordinator. Having joined the committee in 2025, he has already done much to ensure that we are all “singing from the same hymn sheet” in order to keep members informed and involved.

comms@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Volunteer Coordinator / Speaker Secretary

[Erica Widdowson](#) coordinates our invaluable member volunteers who provide support to ensure the smooth running of our monthly meetings. In addition she has recently taken over the job of putting together our programme of speakers and has already secured bookings until January 2028!

volunteers@wrekinu3a.org.uk

What’s New?

To mark u3a week (19-27 Sep), there will be cake at our September monthly meeting! In addition, we hope to have some photographs to illustrate the many great things happening here at Wrekin u3a. Looking ahead, plans for next year’s Annual Lunch are already under way with details to follow in next month’s e-news.

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

TAT's Vision is that everyone should have the opportunity to have a positive and fulfilling later life through lifelong learning. To find out more about how they aim to achieve this, which includes a downloadable Vision and Mission Strategy document visit: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/about/about-the-trust/strategy-governance>

A Selection of Online Events in August

Tues 4 The Aviation Group hosts Flt Lt Colin Bell, former RAF Pathfinder Mosquito Pilot

Wed 5 Building the World's Most Advanced Airliners

Tues 11 Digital Hobbies for the Third Age

Thur 20 The Scottish Colourists on Iona

More info and how to book via <https://www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/events/educational-events>

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 25 August 2pm

Andrew Lound: Titanic, Return of the Dream

The story of the ship from her conception in 1907, to rediscovery in 1985, is told with the aid of audio effects, music and props.

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