

Wrekin u3a Newsletter October 2026

From The Editor

September's General Meeting saw us mark this year's national u3a week. Paul's rolling photo loop gave us a snapshot of what goes on here at Wrekin u3a as we came together to celebrate with friends and to learn from one of our favourite experts. It was wonderful to welcome back Lesley Smith with another of her compelling performances, this time as Anne Boleyn. The large audience was both captivated and moved by Anne's fascinating story, recounted in the last minutes of her life in the Tower of London. We also learned a little of the meticulous research behind Lesley's riveting storytelling. The delicious cakes were also much enjoyed. As one of our volunteers remarked "I've never refilled so many teapots" and we thank ALL our volunteers who helped to make this such an enjoyable afternoon.

Karen Appleby

October Happenings

Mon 12 Members' Coffee Morning @The Park House 10.30-12
Sat 17 Street Curling Taster Session @Shifnal Village Hall 2.30pm (details below)
Mon 26 New Member/Visitor Drop-In @The Park House 10.30-12
Tues 27 General Meeting @Shifnal Village Hall

Notices

Get Well Cards

If you know of anyone who is unwell and who would appreciate a card, please give details to a committee member and an appropriate card will be sent.

Book Stall

We are unable to accept any further book donations at the present time.

Help Required

Due to volunteer absence we would appreciate some extra help with setting up the Village Hall for this month's meeting on Tuesday 27 October.

From The Groups

Away Days

Wednesday 16 December Black Country Living Museum

The museum will be decked out in its Christmas finery to get our Christmas feeling kick-started before the big day. Leave Shifnal 9.30 and depart BCL Museum 4pm.

Total cost (entry + coach) £34. Names and payments now being taken.

Payment by BACS is always preferred, but cash accepted. See Moira at the General Meeting.

Cultural Visits

Expressions of interest for the suggested visits/dates required by the end of October via:

groups@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Come Dine With Us

Saturday 14 November 2pm in Wellington

To drink: Mulled non alcoholic punch

Main Course: Beef Hot Pot with a Medley of Roast Potatoes

To follow: Apple Snow, Small Cheese Plate and coffee/tea with truffles

11 places remaining. Please reserve with Erica via volunteers@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Saturday 17 October 2.30pm Street Curling Taster Session @ Shifnal Village Hall

£10 including soft drinks and biscuits. Accessible to all and lots of fun.

Sign up with Pam via groups@wrekinu3a.org.uk

Wrekin u3a Annual Lunch at The Hundred House, Norton TF11 9EE

Tuesday 12 January 2027 12.30 for 13.00.

£35 per person. Menu/booking form available via the website:

https://wrekin.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/annual-lunch/

Linda and Erica will also be taking bookings at the October and November General Meetings.

Payment via BACS or cheque. Closing date Tuesday 24 November.

From The Third Age Trust

The 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Third Age Trust will be held on **Wednesday 14 October 2026 at 11am**, as a hybrid meeting allowing delegates to attend in person or online. The in-person event will take place at The Midland Hotel, 16 Peter St, Manchester M60 2DS. You can find further information on the main u3a website:

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

Committee Corner

There was no meeting in September but you can find out more about the committee on the website via the following link:

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

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 27 October 2.15pm

Alison Utting: A Shropshire Lass "Ordinary Lives"

A celebration of everyday life in Shropshire over the last 150 years.

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