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NOTICE OF 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 27th July 2026 at 2pm BRUNSWICK BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE ST, GLOUCESTER, GL1 2DR

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
(Please notify Mary Kitchen prior to the meeting –
marytaffykitchen@yahoo.co.uk)
2. Receive and approve the Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting held on
28th July, 2025
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Report and Annual Review - Chairman
5. Treasurer's Report - Gerald Robins
6. Approve Examiner of Accounts 2025 - 2026
7. Approve Examiner of Accounts 2026 - 2027
8. Approval of Accounts for 2025 - 2026
9. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2026 - 2027
 - A. To elect Ian Pickup as Chair
 - B. To elect Business Secretary
 - C. To electTreasurer
 - D. To elect Patricia Youngson as Groups Co-ordinator.
 - E. To elect Deborah Green and Diana Roach onto the Committee
 - F. The following Committee Members have kindly agreed to continue in their
roles. If there is no further nominations for these roles, these members will be
re-elected "en block"

Membership Secretary and Vice Chair - Barbara Morgan
Monthly Meetings Organiser - Mary Kitchen
Newsletter Organiser - Sarah Maidlow
10. A O B
11. Date of the next AGM – Monday, 26th July, 2027 (tbc)

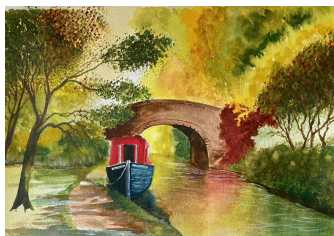
REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

By the time you read this, I will have relocated from Gloucester to my new home in Buckinghamshire. My move has happened more quickly than I anticipated and I am sorry I have not been able to see more of you in person to say goodbye and thank you for your support during my short time as chairman. Being a member of Gloucester u3a played an important part in helping me to build a new life after the sudden death of my partner. I found the Social Group events, concert and other trips, and performances by our choir and recorder groups especially valuable.

Other people will value a very different range of activities. Having a varied range of activities catering for many different interests is the lifeblood of any u3a and all group leaders are to be commended for their willingness to support this. We are always interested in expanding the range of our groups, so please talk to a member of the committee if you have any good ideas. If you're be interested in helping to set up a new group, all the better!

To end I would particularly like to thank all the members of the committee, both past and present, from whose assistance and experience I have benefitted. I am particularly glad that Ian Pickup stepped forward, offering to replace me as Chair. He was co-opted at the March committee meeting and I am glad to leave you in such capable hands.

My best wishes to you all, *Jan*



COMMITTEE NEWS

Three of our Committee members have resigned for personal reasons and we are very sorry to see them leave. Our Chair, Jan Broadway, is moving from the area sooner than expected as her house sale completed surprisingly quickly. We are immensely grateful to her for taking on the role of Chair shortly after joining Gloucester u3a and also for volunteering to be Group Leader of the Horticulture Group. Her input has been invaluable and she has always taken a fair and pragmatic approach in our meetings.

Our Business Secretary, Gillian Talbot, is also moving from the area sooner than expected. She has been an extremely efficient secretary including making sure that the Charity Commission reports have been submitted on time, providing Agendas and Minutes of meetings very promptly and bringing to our attention any matters that needed to be dealt with.

Finally, our Groups Co-ordinator, Bridget Berracloth, has resigned due to ill health. She has been an enthusiastic and diligent Co-ordinator and has provided help to members setting up new groups as well as giving support and advice to existing Group Leaders when needed.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to have had them on the Committee and, on behalf of Gloucester u3a, we would like to thank them for a job well done and to wish them all the very best for the future.

CONTACT TEAM (WELFARE)

I am your point of contact for members' welfare so please let me know if someone is ill, has been (or is)

in hospital or suffers a bereavement as I send cards on behalf of our u3a. It would be of help if you can tell me to which groups they belong and their interests.

MORE HELP NEEDED My team also sign in members and provide refreshments at Monthly Meetings which can get busy. I am looking to recruit some extra members for the team. Please contact me if you think you can help.

Thelma Miller (xxxxxx)
xxxxxx

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Monthly meetings are held in the Brunswick Baptist Church in Southgate Street, Gloucester. Entrance fee is £1. Please bring the correct change. The doors open at 10.00 when Thelma Miller and her Hospitality Team will be on hand to serve hot drinks. The meetings begin at 10.30.

Monday, **March 23** – Alan Jones, a retired Policeman will talk about humorous anecdotes of his time in the Warwickshire Force and his time in India and working for the BBC. Naturally his talk is entitled “A Policeman’s Lot”

Monday, **April 27** – Peter Gill will take us through some of *the songs of Tom Lehrer*.

Monday, **May 18** – Ashley Jones will tell us about the *History of the Dicken Medal*, now considered to be the VC for animals

Monday, **June 22** – The Gloucester u3a Choir will return to entertain us under their Director of Music, John Merrick, ably accompanied by Elvin Young on the piano.

Monday, **July 27** – AGM This meeting starts at **2.00**. Please see the agenda in the front of this Newsletter.

Monday, **August 24** – *Subs and Clubs*

This meeting starts at **2.00** and is on 4th Monday, as usual. (There are 5 Mondays in August; Summer Bank Holiday falls on Monday, August 31)

This is an opportunity to pay your subscriptions and learn what the groups have to offer in the coming year.

Monday, **September 28** – David Head, *5 new and most weird places on the planet*

Monday, **October 26** – Robert Bryant will return to show us more slides of *Gardens here and there in England*

Monday, **November 23** – Paul Barnet, another return speaker who is walking “*In the footsteps of heroes*”

Monday, **December** (date and venue to be confirmed) The Gloucester u3a Choir will return to entertain us under their Director of Music, John Merrick, ably accompanied by Elvin Young on the piano.

NEW GROUPS

BEHIND THE SCENES GROUP

Clive Harper has organised a number of site visits which many of us enjoyed but has now decided that it has become too much for him to carry on with. It would be a shame if these visits didn’t continue and so I would like to set up a new group, but I do need the help of a team so that we can pool ideas and share the organising. I have been fortunate to have had two offers of help but more would be welcome.

The visits might include the BMW Mini plant at Oxford, Jet Age Museum,

Gloucester Brewery, BBC Cardiff, and Traditional Cheesemaking.

If you are interested in joining the group, please email me at xxxxx or let me know when you see me. If you are willing to join the team, I would be delighted to hear from you. Also, if anyone has suggestions for places to visit, please let me know.

Babs

CURRENT AFFAIRS / WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

If you are interested in what is going on in the world and would like an informal chat about it, why not come along to a revived Group. All you have to do is come along with a newspaper or magazine cutting that has interested you and can be discussed very informally within the hour or so.

It would be held once a month at 10.30. Venue yet TBD.

Let me know if you are interested or if you could also become the Group Leader.

Clive Harper xxxxx

GROUP REPORTS

ART GROUP

Want to paint or draw?

Think you can't?

Well, we think you can!

The u3a Art Group meets every week at the Community Centre in Highnam, **Thursdays, 1.30-3.30**. You will need transport as, unfortunately, the buses do not tie up with our meeting times. However, we do have a large free car park.

We use most media - watercolour, pastels, pencil, coloured pencil, acrylic

etc - but not oils.

We have a wide range of abilities from beginners to those who have had a lot more practice and I do not think there is anyone who has not improved since joining the group - including all the people who hadn't done anything since school! Just relax and enjoy yourself. Please contact me though the Groups page on our branch website so we can have a chat about the way we work, what you will need to bring with you etc and arrange a date to visit us.

Lesley Brain
Art Group Leader

BRIDGE IMPROVERS

The Monday afternoon improvers bridge group were pleased to help Jessie, one of our longest serving members, celebrate her 90th birthday towards the end of January. Not all members were able to attend but were happy to contribute towards a basket of flowers and special card.



We are a small friendly group and welcome anyone to join us who knows the basics of the game or who wants to play again after a long break. There are no set partners. We meet on **Mondays, 1.00-4.00** at the Hucclecote Community Centre. Please contact me for any further help.

Dorothy Farley xxxxx

ELECTRONICS AND ROBOTICS

Keith Bostock has decided to stand down as the group leader from Electronics and Robotics Group and I am happy to take over the group. Keith started the group over ten years ago and over that time we have covered many different aspects from basic principles of electronics down to component level, to building a suitable robot buggy that was entered in the u3a National Robot Constructors Challenges in 2019 and 2022. On behalf of the group, I would like to thank Keith for hosting the group from the beginning, a group that is unique throughout u3a, for his enthusiasm in promoting electronics as a hobby in Gloucester, at the same time feeding us with coffee and biscuits.

Electronics has been a hobby of mine since the age of ten, and now retired from the industrial electronic industry, that fascination in electronics is as strong as ever. Like most branches of engineering, it constantly develops, but an understanding of the basics is still essential.

If you are a novice who wants to have a basic understanding of electronics or for those who have more knowledge and experience that wants to connect with like-minded people, you are very welcome to join our small group.

Chris Westlake xxxxx

ENJOYING MUSIC

This our version of Desert Island Discs. Held each **second Tuesday** of each Month starting at **10.30** for an hour. It is held in the Congregational Church Hall in St Mary's street in Gloucester. There is some limited

parking there. Tea /coffee will be available before the start.

I believe that everyone likes listening to music of some kind or other so here's your chance to do so in the company of other u3a members. One of our members will volunteer to select some their favourite music, of any type, and say why it has been chosen, sometimes with a theme, to be shared at the meeting. They will either present their programme themselves or, if they prefer, I will do this for them.

So I can only ask you to come along and give it a try. What's to lose other than an hour's entertainment along with some friends and listen to some music, which maybe different to your usual choice but will still be enjoyable. So, come along for a taster session if you are a new member.

Clive Harper xxxxx

FOLK BAND

This has been a quiet term for one reason and another (although rarely in the sense of music-making itself 😊). However, we're looking forward to a return visit from folk group members of a u3a branch in the Shrewsbury area before the Easter break.

Potential new members are always welcome to come and meet us, initially contacting me via the Groups page on our Branch website please.

Sarah



HORTICULTURE GROUP

We are very grateful to Carol Tarbox who has agreed to take on the role of Chair of Horticulture. She has worked very hard as Speaker's Secretary ensuring that we have interesting talks at our meetings and we thank her for all her hard work.

Carol has drawn up a programme which will take us up to Christmas.

The talks will be held in the Guildhall Cinema with the café open from **10.00** and the meetings commencing at **10.30**. Admission is £3: please bring the correct change.

Wednesday, April 1 – No meeting

Wednesday, **May 6** – Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group: *getting wildflowers back in hedges*.

Wednesday, **June 17** – Study visit to *Winterbourne House and Gardens* (form in this newsletter)

Monday, July 27 – AGM, Baptist Church, Southgate Street, 2.00

Monday, August 24 – *Subs and Clubs*, Baptist Church, Southgate Street, 2.00

Wednesday, **September 2** – Kate Peake returns this time with films of *Gloucestershire Gardens*. Kate took us on a tour of the road works around the A417.

Wednesday, **October 7** – Duncan Coombs will help us *plan for our Spring Garden*

Wednesday, **November 4** – *Plant hunting in Crete* with Pam Turner

Monday, November 30 – Joint *Christmas Social* with Travel Group at **St John's Hall, 2.00 - 4.00**

If our Horticulture Group is to continue then we need people to take over the role of Speakers Secretary. It would be good if this post was shared.

Remember that we only need speakers for about 6 meetings as we have trips, Christmas Social, AGM, Subs and Clubs and no meeting in January. I have designed a Booking Form which gives speakers all the details they need without you repeating it. We also have access to a Probus Speakers List for future reference. You have plenty of time to settle in as you can see from the programme above. Please come forward if you can help.

Thank you

Carol and Mary

LOCAL HISTORY

We have had two very interesting and entertaining talks this year and there are more to come, so do join us at the meetings. Following Phil Collins talk on Sudeley Castle in January, he has agreed to give a tour of the gardens and chapel of the Castle plus we have arranged some other local trips, details of all of which are given below.

Talks

All talks take place in Gloucester Guildhall Cinema at **10.30** on the **last Tuesday** of the month.

Tuesday, **March 31** – Our speaker, David Elder, will give an illustrated talk on 'Dr Edward Adrian Wilson: Cheltenham's Antarctic Hero' who was one of the major influences and personalities of the heroic age of Antarctic Exploration and has also been recognised as one of the top-ranking ornithologists and naturalists in the UK during this period.
Tuesday, **April 28** – Simon Chorley will be giving a talk on '50 Years Change in the Auctioneer's Lot'. He has been in the business for 50 years, having begun his career at Bruton Knowles, working with auctioneer Cecil Bruton and specialist

Arthur Negus. In 2006, he bought out its Art and Antiques division and renamed it 'Chorley's Auctioneers', moving to its current location at Prinknash Abbey Park.

Tuesday,, **May 26** – Dr Ray Wilson has given us excellent talks in the past and will be talking about '*The Industrial Heritage of the Cotswolds*'. I have heard this talk and was unaware of the heritage of many of the buildings and artefacts shown in his illustrated talk.

Visits

Thursday, April 30, 6.00 – Visit to *Gloucestershire Heritage Hub*, Alvin Street, GL1 3DW, which will include going inside one of the strongrooms where our documents are stored.

[This tour is now full.]

Monday, May 11, 10.00. Guided Tour of the grounds and chapel of *Sudeley Castle* with Phil Collins. The cost will be £26 for entrance to the Castle and tour. Historic House members only pay £6 for the tour, as entrance for them is free, but make sure you bring your card.

Thursday, June 11, 2.00 - 5.00. Visit to *Stanway House* during normal visitor opening times so no need to book and you pay on arrival. The Tea Room and Watermill will also be open. House and Fountain admission is £9 for Senior Citizens and the Watermill £3.

Tuesday, June 23, 10.30. Guided walk around *Stow-on-the-Wold* by Phil Collins followed by a pub lunch at The Talbot. The charge will be £12 for the tour, then lunch extra.

Booking Forms will be available for *Sudeley Castle* and *Stow-on-the-Wold* at Local History and Monthly Meetings, but please email

babs.morgan50@gmail.com if you want

one sent. A coach will not be provided for any of the trips, but we will try to arrange a lift for anyone who does not have transport.

Marian, Babs and Dave

MAHJONG

By the time you read this Newsletter, Spring will be here officially. Time to think about learning something new? Why not Mahjong?

We are very happy to have again welcomed more new members since Xmas.

When and where do we meet?

St Mary de Crypt, Southgate Street, **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of the month, **2.00-4.00**. Cost £2.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Pippa

PLAYREADING GROUP

It looks as though the Playreading Group could be restarting its monthly meeting later in March, after a break of several months following the closure of the old Gloucester Library, which was the essential and only source of our playlist items.

When the library closed, prior to transferring to a brand new facility at the Gloucester University building, previously Debenhams, the large collection of playsets, along with the library's music collection, were left behind with little forthcoming explanation. A letter from me, published in the Gloucester Citizen, was picked up by a fellow playreading group member from Bishops Cleeve, Vivien Paxford. Within a very short time, colleagues from other u3a playreading groups around the county, from Bourton on

the Water to Cirencester, joined with us to form a lobbying group.

Led by the very energetic Vivien, we all separately tackled local councillors and MPs in a concerted effort to explain how important this collection of more than 1000 titles was to us all, warning that all these groups were faced with closure unless the impasse could be unlocked. At first, we were fobbed off merely with a promise that the playsets 'might' be transferred to 'another library' somewhere in Gloucestershire. It turned out that Gloucester's vast new open-plan library had been designed without storage space in which to keep them.

Eventually, pressure on Council officials elicited the assurance that the sets would indeed be transferred, at some unknown date in the future, to Cheltenham! Far from ideal, but better than no playsets at all and the inevitable closure of the u3a groups around the county. Then, came worse news, that the sets would need to be ordered by phone, to be collected at a subsequent date. Totally impracticable, so it was back to the authorities, where it became plain that there was a significant breakdown in communicating information between county authorities and their branch libraries.

The good news is that we have now been assured (but watch this space!) that the system will be just as it was in Gloucester, being able to go in person and browse and select suitable single samples kept on public shelving, to be then supplied as sets from storage. Result! We hope.

So, apart from my unwelcome necessary monthly trip to Cheltenham, our Gloucester u3a Playreading sessions

should be up and running, beginning on the usual **fourth Tuesday afternoon** of the month, **March 24**. Members of the group will, of course, have been notified individually by the time this newsletter goes to press.

Ian Smith

Playreading Group Leader

POETRY

Although events have conspired to move some planned dates around this term, we've continued to meet in person every few weeks as well as enjoying our wintertime online sessions, which finish at Easter. If you think you might like to join us, please contact me via our branch Groups page in the first instance – you'll be very welcome.

Sarah

The Cut on the Look

Jean-Luc Godard once said
the most natural cut
is the cut on the look.

The voice must use
word and sound,
but the look ...

the language of the eye –
the wink, the glance the stare –
'So What?' is there.

Cedric Pickin

RECORDER NEWS

The Group continues to thrive, with attendance of about 20 at the fortnightly **Monday meetings** (**10.00 - 11.30** at Matson Baptist

Church, GL4 6LA). Several new members have been added. The Group is not for beginners, as a high standard of music reading is needed, particularly in playing music in up to 8 parts. The group plays music from over 4 centuries, ranging from Renaissance Church music, through the Baroque to jazz, pop and folk.

Our founder and conductor, John Thorn has been absent with illness over the last 18 months, during which time the group has been ably led by Stephen Ayland. Recently, John has returned and is now sharing conducting duties with Stephen.

The Group only rarely undertakes performances, but in 2025 they successfully played for the u3a AGM and in the Cathedral for a flower festival.

Members play all sizes of recorder, from descant down to 8-foot Contra Bass and we have a repertoire of nearly 400 pieces of music. Pieces played recently include 'The lass with the delicate air', by Michael Arne and a medley of Morris Dance Tunes. The aim is to have fun whilst expanding our musical abilities, horizons and knowledge.

John Thorn

SINGING TOGETHER

"Oh No" I hear you say as your first reaction! But read on. You do not have to, sing that is!

Words and music are provided for you to choose what to hear, from a list of songs that will be familiar to you. But do you know all the words? You will after after a session. You will be surprised how you cannot resist joining in Whether you sing to yourself or out loud or just listen It's up to you.

Held on the **Third Tuesday** of each month at **10.30** at St Mary's Congregational Hall in Gloucester, you will be glad you came after the hour. Some parking is possible on site so not far to walk.

Clive Harper xxxxx

SOCIAL EVENTS GROUP

We welcome new members who would like to go to various local events such as tours, quizzes, live music, theatre and coffee morning meet-ups with other like minded u3a members. Many of the events are planned at fairly short notice so it is best to sign up with the Social Events group either through the website or sending me a message, so that you will receive our monthly email. We also have a WhatsApp group that is really useful for arranging meet-ups and lifts at short notice.



Forthcoming events include:

Quiz nights at Dr Foster in the Docks - **third Tuesday** of the month. We meet in the back of the pub for drinks at 6.30 and the quiz starts at 7.00. It is for fun and you will be made welcome. Next dates for quizzes: **March 17, April 21** and **May 19**.

Coffee meet-ups are in walking distance of the City centre on various days and in various places. This has become quite popular so we are on the lookout for interesting places that can

accommodate over 20 people and give good coffee.

The next dates and venues are:

Wednesday March 25, 10.15 at The Daily Grind Cafe at 94 Eastgate Street – it is on the corner of Eastgate Street and Wellington Street. On this morning the whole cafe is made available to u3a members and friends. There is a good range of coffees and teas and reasonably priced cakes. The decor is very pleasing. It is run in aid of the 'Can You See Me' charity. (People who have lived in Gloucester a while will know the venue as Ivy House).

Thursday, April 30, 10.15 at St Mary de Crypt cafe in Southgate St (near Cafe Rene) – to be confirmed.

A few of us are also going to the Folk of Gloucester for a tour of the building and cream tea on **Friday, March 20, 1.30**. GF and DF options available. If you would like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible with any dietary preferences.

Triss Pollington
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SPANISH GROUP – Conversational

We are a self-learning group meeting on the **second and fourth Thursday** of each month, from **2.00-3.30**, in a room at Robert Raikes's pub on Southgate Street, Gloucester.

New members are welcome, whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or fluent in Spanish who would like to attend as a way to practice.

Mark Colin

STEAM RAILWAY GROUP

Our last two talks at the Guildhall have been attended by a record number of

members. The quality of the content of our talks presented by our guest speakers I think you will agree has been exceptional. Thank you everybody for your support. It just goes to prove how many of us still hold memories of those wonderful days of steam railways.

I am not able yet to confirm any future dates of our meetings or our annual day out for a number of reasons. However, I hope to be able to do so sometime during May or June and I will confirm what I have arranged by email and in the next edition of the Newsletter.

John Smith

TABLE TENNIS – Intermediate

We would love to have a few new members join us on a **Friday** morning for friendly but competitive table tennis. We meet in the Gambier Parry Hall in Highnam **10.00 - 12.00**. (Plenty of free parking). It is likely you will have played before, albeit maybe in the dim and distant past – there is always the "beginners" group if you haven't. We play doubles, rotating partners, so everyone gets an opportunity to play against everybody else. The only way to find out if it's for you is to give it a try. If you would like to know more, you are very welcome to contact me

Dave xxxxx

TRAVEL GROUP

2026

The talks will be held in the Guildhall Cinema with the café open from **10.00** and the meetings commencing at **10.30**. Admission is £3. Please bring the correct change.

Wednesday, **March 18** – Study visit to Oxford and the Ashmolean Museum

April 19 - 23 - Residential Study trip to Eastbourne

Wednesday, **May 20** – *Cuba, the story of a beautiful island* with Robert Maclachan

Wednesday, **June 17** – Study visit to Winterbourne House and Gardens

Monday, July 27 - AGM

Monday, August 24 – *Subs and Clubs*

Wednesday, **September 16** – *Borneo, mountains, wildlife and white water* with Eric Moore

Wednesday, **October 18** – Study visit to Hestercombe House and Gardens

Monday, November 30 – Joint Christmas Social with Horticulture Group at St John's Hall, **2.00 - 4.00**.

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Wednesday, **January 20** – New Zealand with Ray Sturdy

Wednesday, **February 17** – David Head returns to tell us about *Scapa Flow*. He gave an excellent talk on Iceland, Land of ice and fire last year. Suggestions for further speakers and trips would be appreciated.

WALKERS

Friday Walkers Bird Watching Group: Since the beginning of the year, in addition to the normal Friday Walkers monthly walks, a number of bird watching field trips have been arranged. Most of the group are relatively inexperienced bird watchers but have taken to this new activity with real enthusiasm. Trips to Chew Valley Lakes, The Forest of Dean and Slimbridge have resulted in sightings of nearly a 100 different bird species, which have included rarities like Bittern, Tundra Bean Goose and Spoonbill. Pictured on the latest field trip to Aust and Pilning Wetlands (see front cover) the group is seen heading towards the old Severn

Bridge where a Peregrine Falcon was spotted on top of the tower. After what can only be described as quite a chilly morning the group retired to The Boars Head at Aust for lunch.

Charles Martin

COTSWOLD LINK

SPECIAL INTEREST DAY

Pen to Reader: The Journey of a Book

Tuesday, June 2, 10.30 – 15.30

The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6PN

A day of four lively talks exploring how books are imagined, written, researched, published, and brought to readers.

Bums on Seats Sue Ablett – Founder and Chair of the Evesham Festival of Words, Sue shares a behind-the-scenes look at running a literary festival.

Researching Roman Britain Jacqui Rogers writes two crime/thriller series set in 3rd-century Roman Britain, including the bestselling *The Loyal Centurion*.

The Joys and Perils of Being an Author Colin Wade – Author of seven crime and mystery thrillers, Colin discusses his writing journey, the surprises of publishing, and how his background with Thames Valley Police helps him craft fast-paced, gripping stories.

A Publisher's Perspective Gareth Swain – Managing Director and co-owner of The History Press, Gareth offers an insider's view of modern publishing – how decisions are made, what publishers look for, and how a manuscript becomes a finished book.

Bonus Session Jocelyn Wishart – How one u3a Creative Writing Group successfully wrote and published their own books.

Further info and booking https://cotswold-link.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/special-interest-day/

LOCAL DIGITAL SUPPORT DROP-IN SESSIONS

GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) and DAISI (Digital, Accessibility, Inclusion, Support & Innovation) offer digital support in the local area. Contact details for Emma, the digital triage officer, are given below and she will be able to give details of how to access support.

They run weekly drop-in sessions, where they are happy for people to just turn up, at the following venues:

- Gloucester Library, Northgate, every Tuesday, 11.00 - 12.30
- Longlevens Community Centre (at the Recycled Teenagers group) every Friday 10.30 - 12.00

More information can be found on the GRCC website <https://www.grcc.org.uk> There is a link to this on the Gloucester u3a website. Contact Emma at digital@grcc.org.uk and 07454 066116 (Call, WhatsApp or Text)

GROUP MEETING DAYS & TIMES

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Mon day	German Improvers (2 & 4) Recorders (2 & 4) MONTHLY MEETING (4)	Badminton Bridge {Improvers} Folk Band
Tues day	Book Club (3) Chess (3) Committee Meeting (1) Enjoying Music (2) Local History (Last) Singing Together (3)	[BellyBollyHula & Fun] Family History (1 & 3) Play Reading 1 (4) Scrabble (2 & 4) Tai Chi (2 & 4)
Wed nes day	Crochet (2 & 4) French (2 & 4) Horticulture (1) Travel (3) Walkers {Wed} (4)	Bridge Mahjong (2 & 4) Piano Duets (1)
Thurs day	Table Tennis {Beginners} Current Affairs (1)	Art Circle Dancing (1 & 3) Benvenuti in Italia (1 & 3) Spanish Conversation (2 & 4)
Friday	Electronics (1) Poetry Group (usually 4 / Last) Table Tennis {Intermediate} Walkers {Fri} (2)	Choir
Var ious (any time)	[Concert Group] Kayaking Social Cycling	Social Events & Vists Steam Railway [Theatre]

Key:

() Week in the month the group *usually* meets

[] Group currently in abeyance. Please contact the Groups Co-ordinator if you are interested in re-starting it.

Pictures: Art group pp1, 4, 11; others from relevant groups



VENUES

BBC	Brunswick Baptist Church, Southgate St	GL1 2DR	LMC	Lonsdale Road Methodist Church	GL2 0AT
CCC	Churchdown Community Centre	GL3 2JH	MBC	Matson Baptist Church	GL4 6LA
FMH	Friends Meeting House	GL1 ITS	NH	Northgate Hall, St John's Lane	GL1 2AN
GH	Guildhall	GL1 INS	PV	Park View Care Home	GL1 IAN
HCC	Hucclecote Community Centre	GL3 3RT	RR	Robert Raikes	GL1 2DR
HH	Heritage Hub	GL1 3DW	SMCC	St Mary's Congregational Church	GL1 2QS
HMCH	Highnam Community Centre	GL2 8DG	SMdC	St Mary de Crypt, Southgate St.	GL1 ITP
JS	Jolt Studios, King Sq.	GL1 IRP	TR	The Regal, St Aldate's St	GL1 IRP
KS	King's School	GL2 2BG	WC	Waterstones Café	GL1 INS
LCC	Longlevens Community Centre	GL2 0AJ	WH	Wheatstone Hall (Museum of Gloucester)	GL1 IHP
LL	Longlevens Library	GL2 0AJ	var	various locations	

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