

Dear u3a member,

Welcome to our July Newsletter..

The Moseley in Bloom Open Gardens event proved to be really interesting on Sunday 28th of June, and, for a change, being led up the garden path proved to be a most enjoyable experience for me.

Please let me know of any outstanding achievement you would like to share with our members, and send your letters, creative works and local photos to: [ken's email](#), putting the word 'Newsletter' in your email subject box. The deadline for receipt of information or articles for the August Newsletter is Friday 31st of July..

Ken Fisher, Editor.

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A Message from our Chair, Carey Baff

Usually we'd say we hope you're keeping warm, but this week it's keeping cool we want. Glad I have some fans!

Those of you who use email will have had the papers for the AGM from Ray (if your newsletter is posted the papers will be with it). We'd be very pleased if you could come along, the business need not take long but it is, of course, an opportunity for you to ask us questions about the running of our u3a. We need at least 50 people present or voting by proxy, so if you can't join us it would be very helpful if you could nominate a proxy to vote for you. It can be a friend who is a member though they would have to be present at the meeting. If you don't name anyone I am the default proxy holder.

After the AGM we shall have a speaker, very good as always, thanks to Janet who, after serving us for an additional year, is standing down from the role of Speaker Secretary.

A note on contacting us. Email addresses for all committee members are at the end of the newsletter. If you don't use email you can write to us c/o The Shires 218 Wake Green Road B13 9PQ, and if you'd like to speak to one of us, please put a phone number in your letter. We shall be pleased to give you a telephone call.

Events and reminders

Drop in for a coffee and chat



For members of Moseley and Kings Heath u3a or anyone interested in finding what the u3a has to offer, join us in Fletchers Bar in York Road, Kings Heath on the second Friday of each month from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Access is through the Kitchen Garden Café. You just need to order and pay for your own drink at the counter in The Kitchen Garden Café and then make your way to Fletchers Bar.

The next dates are: July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th and December 11th.

Any questions, please call:

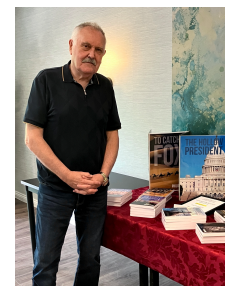
Tessa Bidgood or contact Jeff Baker

Monthly Meetings

9th of June at the Shires

Philip Caine. From Barrow to Baghdad

Phil Caine gave a very entertaining 'old school' talk with no illustrations that kept the attendees fully attentive to his anecdotes of his extremely varied career. He had tales of his work, from cheffing to project management to becoming a novelist and shortly to seeing his work on tv in the Autumn. It'll be the Shackleton series. Some of his novels were available to buy.



AGM. 14th of July at the Shires

Steve Bruce: Buying and Selling at Auction with stories from the Auction Rooms.

Following the AGM we shall hear from Warwickshire based auctioneer Steve Bruce. He has been a fine art auctioneer and valuer for several well known houses, and in 2008 set up his own Antique business. He is happy for a few articles to be brought in by our members so he can do a sort of Road Show ending to his presentation.

A farewell message from Janet Burgess our Speakers Secretary

I will be stepping down after this meeting and I'd like to thank you all for your support over this interim time. I've enjoyed working for you all and wish you all a successful and enjoyable year ahead. I, of course, hope someone (or a pair of members) soon take on this interesting and rewarding Speaker Secretary role. There is a full list of the speakers and details since 2022 to assist and I'd be happy to give support at the beginning.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be at the Shires on Wake Green Road at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 14th of July. A quorum of at least fifty (including proxies) of our members is required. Under our Constitution. Below are our members who have been nominated to serve on the new Executive Committee. All are existing members of the Executive Committee.

Proposed new Executive Committee

Carey Baff, Chair

Mark Sharp, Vice Chair.

Ray Tier, Secretary

Sue Charvis, Treasurer

Jude Kearns. Membership Secretary

Rosalind Napier Interest Group Coordinator

Elizabeth Rasheed Interest Group Coordinator

Ken Fisher, Communications Secretary

Interest Group Matters

Local History Group

A message from Julia Frances

The Local History group has vacancies and we would welcome new members. We meet on the third Friday of the month mostly going on visits and occasionally having talks.

Here is an example of some of the things we have done last year. We have had guided tours of the Grand Hotel, The Oratory, The Needle Museum in Redditch, The Leather Museum in Walsall, The Cathedral, The Police Museum, the Priory Tennis Club and All Saints Church and had talks about the war memorials in Kings Heath and Moseley and points of historical interest on the iconic number 11 bus route.

In July we have a guided tour of the Mill Pool estate in Harborne and in September a walking tour of significant music venues.

If you would be interested in joining us or receiving more information please contact me and I will get back to you.

Crown Green Bowling Group at Woodlands Bowling Club

A message from Steve Wiseman

If you want a great way to spend a Thursday morning (10.00 a.m.) in the fresh air doing gentle exercise, then this group could be for you. All equipment is supplied and you will be able to enjoy a game of crown green bowls all year round if you are a complete beginner or have some skills already. The green is in Moseley just off College Road (car-parking onsite) and you will be sure of a warm welcome, and a cup of tea afterwards! The cost is £3 per session. Please phone Steve Wiseman if you would like to join us.

Gardening Group

A message and photographs from Barbara Ashworth

The Group had a very successful u3a coach trip in early June, to Lyme Park National Trust, despite very wet weather. Wonderful organisation for those involved. Beautiful rhododendrons, and shrubs, and a lovely estate and house to explore, plus cafes of course. Photographs can be seen on the next page.

Photos of Gardening Group's visit to Lyme Park House and Gardens

By Barbara Ashworth



Scam Watch

Your Apple iPhone has been hacked scam

A scam pop-up which appears after clicking a dodgy link tells you that your details have been found in a data breach and your device is at risk of being compromised. It also gives you buttons to click which typically lead to malware being downloaded on your device.

Netflix scam email

A dodgy email impersonating Netflix tells you that your payment to the streaming service has failed and says that your account will be permanently deactivated in three business days.

It goes on to provide a link to update your payment details. Clicking this will lead to a phishing website designed to take your personal and payment information.

Postcode lottery scams

Fraudsters are impersonating the People's Postcode Lottery.

Reports claim scammers are contacting people via phone calls and fake social media accounts to promote sham version's of the Lottery.

Reporting scams and fraud

Before making any investment, use the FCA's [firm checker tool](#), to confirm whether a firm or individual is authorised. The tool can be accessed via the FCA website and is one of the most effective ways to avoid cloned firms and bogus advisers.

To report scam emails or texts forward them to: report@phishing.gov.uk

Report Fraud. <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>

Report suspicious web sites by visiting [National Cyber Security Centre](#)

Suspicious calls received on an iPhone can be reported to your provider by texting the word 'call' followed by the suspicious phone number to 7726.

On an Android phone, text the word 'call' to 7726. You'll then receive a message asking you for the scam number.

Useful web sites for news and help

Please click on the blue headings to go to each web site.

[Moseley, Kings Heath and District u3a web site](#)

Our u3a's own web site

[Birmingham Council News](#)

This site provides useful information about council services.

[West Midland Police](#)

Help and support in the local area.

[Moseley Together](#)

Community support and news for Moseley and other general information.
tel 07796 668257

[WM Now](#)

WMNow is a free community messaging system that emails you up-to-date information from police and partners after you have registered.

[Betel](#)

If you have furniture to dispose of Betel will collect it and relocate it to people in need.
Telephone number 01564 822356

[West Midlands u3a](#)

News and information from our regional u3a.

[U3a Found in Nature](#)

Where members can share any photos which are 'wild and interesting'.

[u3a free workshops and courses](#)

Details of free workshops/short courses available free to our members.

[U3a Newsletters](#)

Link to the latest and previous National u3a Newsletters

[AbilityNet](#)

Free online resources and a network of over 450 community-based volunteers to help individuals with any disability and of any age to use all kinds of digital technology.
Helpline 0300 180 0028, 9-5, Monday to Friday. Email enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk.

Contact information

You can send a message to the Committee Members below via our web site at:

<https://moseleykingsheath.u3asite.uk/>

Postal address

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Your Executive Committee

● Chair	Carey Baff
● Vice Chair	Mark Sharp
● Business Secretary	Ray Tier
● Treasurer	Sue Charvis
● Interest Group Co-ordinators	Ros Napier & Liz Rasheed
● Membership Secretary	Judy Kearns
● Newsletter	Ken Fisher
● Speakers Secretary	Janet Burgess