

**TWO MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETINGS in JULY
for Great Glen, Oadby and Wigston u3a (ggowu3a)**

Wednesday, 10 July 2024

Speaker: **Colin Stewart**
The Archaeology of Calke Abbey

at **Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF**

Doors open at 10:00 am for hot drinks and socialising

Meeting starts at 10:30 am. Prospective members welcome £1 per person
and

Wednesday, 31 July 2024

Speaker: **Bill Haley BEM**
Life Aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia

at the **Liberal Club, 82 Bull Head St, Wigston LE18 1PA**

Doors open at 1:30 pm for socialising. The meeting starts at 2:00 pm.

Refreshments at 3:00 pm £1 per person

Chair's Chat

Hello everyone

As I started to write this, a sunny morning tempted me to believe that summer had at last arrived. However, the black clouds soon reappeared and heavy raindrops were spattering once more on the patio, so the jury remains tantalisingly out on that score.

On the home front, there seems much that is positive. I guess most members will read this just before our inaugural (as GGOW u3a) Annual General Meeting takes place. I anticipate a good attendance at the meeting, and my thanks to the considerable number who have sent their proxy votes in advance. I am pleased to tell you that the Charity Commission has just signalled its approval of the parts of our new constitution that are special to GGOW u3a.

Membership continues to increase modestly, and we bid our recent joiners a warm welcome. This autumn will see efforts in Great Glen, Oadby and Wigston to make ourselves better known locally and to recruit new members. It is, though, personal recommendation and word of mouth that are the most effective recruitment tools, so I urge everyone to seize opportunities to promote GGOW u3a to friends and acquaintances when occasion presents itself.

Best wishes to you all

Robert Mansfield

chair@ggowu3a.co.uk

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Tea Rota for Monthly Meetings at the Liberal Club, Wigston LE18 1PA

Two volunteers are needed on the last Wednesday in each month.

Please sign up on the Tea Rota.

Contact:

Fay: **0116 281 1812**

Advance notice of the Catering Rota, Monthly Meetings, Wednesday, Great Glen Methodist Church LE8 9EF

Group Leaders, Please arrange with your group to provide 3 members for the meeting shown in the list below. The kitchen should be staffed from 9:45 to 10:30. It is not necessary to bring milk but please bring tea towels. Many thanks,

Elizabeth Cooke groupcoordinator@ggowu3a.co.uk

10 July	Carpet Bowls
14 Aug	Classic Cars
11 Sep	Croquet 1 (Tues)
9 Oct	Croquet 2 (Thurs)

GROUP NEWS (in alphabetical order)

ART GROUPS x 2 First and third Thursdays in the month at 2:00 pm
Art Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF, Ruth Warner Room

The group is **taking a break until 19 September** when we shall recommence meeting on the first and third Thursdays in the month.

Rachael Snashall

art@ggowu3a.co.uk

Art Appreciation Third Monday in the month, 10:00 am - 12 noon.
Fox Pond Pub and Grill, LE2 4RG

In June, members presented Gainsborough and the local *National Treasure*. The *National Treasures* are twelve paintings from the National Gallery, on loan to selected cities. **Leicester Museum & Art Gallery, 53 New Walk, Leicester, LE1 7EA, has Renoir's *Umbrellas (Les Parapluies)* until September 1. The Gallery opens at 11:00 a.m.**

Knowledge of art or art ability is not required to enjoy our group. We are all learning to look, and you will be welcome. We shall **not be meeting in August 2024**.

June Juett

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BOOK GROUPS x 2
Book Group - Thursday Fourth Thursday in the month at 10:00 am
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF, Ruth Warner Room

Our next meeting is **25 July 2024**. The book is *The Woman in the Wood* by Lesley Pearce. New members are very welcome in our inclusive group.

Patricia Mansfield

books2@ggowu3a.co.uk

Book Group - Monday Third Monday in the month at 2:00 pm
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF

The next meeting of the Monday Book Group will be on **15 July**. Our book for July is *Exiles* by Jane Harper. Our book for August is *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn.

Liz Adams

books@ggowu3a.co.uk

CARD GAMES x 2
Duplicate Bridge



Wednesdays at 1:45 pm,
Great Glen Methodist Church, LE8 9EF

If you enjoy bridge, come and join us! If you do not know the duplicate system, we will teach you. We are a friendly (Non-League) Social bridge group playing Duplicate Bridge **on Wednesdays at 1:45 pm for a 2:00 pm prompt start, finishing at approximately 4:45 pm.** We welcome new members.

Andy Tyler duplicatebridge@ggowu3a.co.uk

Minibridge

Every Tuesday morning, 9:45 am for 10:00 am start
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF

Anyone wishing to join our friendly group will be welcome. If you would like to try Minibridge please contact me in advance, so that I can give you more details. Previous experience of playing Bridge or Minibridge is not required, and we are sure you will enjoy playing!

Terry Evans

mbridge@ggowu3a.co.uk

NEW - Carpet Bowls

Every Thursday, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Village Hall, Great Glen, LE8 9GG

Carpet Bowls is an indoor game played on a long and wide carpet, like outdoor bowling. Use the link to see how to play: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8T0TWoTSzU>. There is limited free parking at the Village Hall with accessible spaces. The cost is **£2.00 per person**. Refreshments provided. New members are most welcome in our friendly group. No previous experience is needed. **Please contact me if you wish to attend.**

Peter Stanley

0116 259 2152

Classic Cars

First Wednesday in the month, 2:00 pm.

Our next meeting is **3 July**. In the summer months we visit other Classic Car gatherings and/or organise a Car Run to an interesting venue. Any car enthusiast is welcome to join. For details of the route of this month's Car Run please contact the organiser:

Bob Smith

classiccars@ggowu3a.co.uk

Croquet x 2

Croquet (Thursday)

First and Third Thursdays in the month 10:00 – 11:30 am.
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall LE8 9EF

This is a small group activity with an occasional vacancy; our next meetings are **4 and 18 July**. Anyone interested is invited to enjoy a hot beverage while watching the action and learning the basics. Call for further information.

Joan Bateson

0116 259 3191

Croquet (Tuesday)

Tuesday Croquet group 1:30 – 3 pm
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall LE8 9EF

This group is currently full, but we can take the contact details of prospective members for the future, when there may be vacancies. Tuesday Croquet will **be closed for the summer** from 9 July. We shall start again on **10 September**.

Geraldine Siddons

0116 241 3947

DANCING x 2
English Country Dancing (ECD)

Tuesday afternoons, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
Burton Overy Village Hall, LE8 9EW

The group is taking a break throughout July and August. Dancing will resume in September and details will be published in the August Newsletter.

Peter Meacock

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Line Dancing Thursday mornings, 10:30 am – 12.30
Burton Overy Village Hall, LE8 9EW

We shall meet on Wednesday, July 3 as the Hall is being using for voting on July 4. Line Dancing is thriving! We have Country and Western, modern, waltz and Latin American music, something to suit everyone. We have dances that are new, old, easy - and some a little harder. We all need a challenge, especially one that is enjoyable! Interested in learning or are returning after a break? Join our friendly mixed ability group. A fun and different way to exercise!

Jackie Jordan & Maggie Ward

linedancing@ggowu3a.co.uk



EATING OUT x 4
Lunch Club

We meet the penultimate Wednesday, every second month,
at 12:30 pm at *Two Steeples*, Bell Street, Wigston, LE18 1AD

There is parking at the rear of the premises. **Our next outing is 24 July 2024.** The food is good and the company convivial. Search online for the menu – we mostly order from the lunch menu. This is a group of about 20 members who each pre-order with Lilian at General meetings or at:

Lilian

lunchclub@ggowu3a.co.uk

Meet & Eat Third Tuesday in the month, at the *Italian Greyhound*, Great Glen, LE8 9GF

We usually meet at *The Italian Greyhound* in Great Glen, but please note that we shall be taking a summer break. **We shall not meet in July and August. Our next lunch will be 17 September.** Lunch is pre-ordered from a menu with a choice of two courses at £15 or three courses at £19 (plus discretionary tip) both including coffee. If you wish to join us in September, please contact:

Trevor Johnson

meetandeat@ggowu3a.co.uk - no later than Friday, 13 September

Pub Lunches

After the U3a monthly meeting,
the 2nd Wednesday in the month. Venues vary

We meet after the Great Glen monthly meeting, 10 July, to enjoy a lunch together in a local pub. We have occasional vacancies and encourage you to call if interested.

Margaret Hudson

0116 271 5064

Sunday Lunches

Second Sunday in the month 1:00 pm
at *Glen Gorse Golf Club*, LE2 4RF

The next lunch is **Sunday 14 July**. Please let me know whether you will, or will not, be coming, by telephone 0116 2791509, no later than the Friday preceding the lunch. This is a popular group, and we need to confirm numbers attending. Looking forward to seeing you.

Judith Measom

0116 279 1509 – no later than Thursday, 11 July.

Film Group Second Monday in the month, 2:00 pm. Great Glen Methodist Church LE8 9EF

Monday 8 July 2pm £2.50



Please see the website for information on the current film: www.ggowu3a.co.uk

If you have not attended before, please contact me first.
Peter Russell films@ggowu3a.co.uk 07759 831604

GAMES x 2
Games

Second Wednesday at 2:00 pm at The Menphys Hub
Bassett Street, South Wigston, Leicester, LE18 4PE

The next meeting is **Wednesday, 10 July**. We use the free library area at The Hub which has a selection of table games available, and members often bring their own favourites. We love trying something new! *Line-up 4, Phase 10, Scrabble, UNO, and Whist*, are all popular. Cakes, snacks, and hot drinks are available. This is a popular group, so please contact:

Kath Bailey games@ggowu3a.co.uk for information on available space.

GAMES
Tabletop Games

Second and Fourth Thursdays at 2:00 pm
Great Glen Methodist Church LE8 9EF

Our July meetings are **Thursdays, 11 and 25 July 2024**. An afternoon of fun, friendship, brain exercise. *Canasta* remains a favourite, but we have a variety of board games – number and word ones. Please contact me with questions or for a taster session.

Helen Edwards ttgames@ggowu3a.co.uk 0116 212 7547



GARDEN GROUPS X 2
Garden Visits

Second Friday in the month, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, various venues

We are not meeting in August. In June, we had a successful visit to a garden being rewilded for nature. Our next meeting is **12 July at 2:00 pm** at an Oadby home. The address will be provided by email and phone to members of the group.

June Juett gardenvisits@ggowu3a.co.uk Car sharing encouraged

Garden

Second Monday in the month, at 10:00 am, Venues vary

The Garden group continues, with the next meeting on **8 July at 10:00 am** at **Palmers Garden Centre**. For details, please contact:

Lillian Greengrass 0116 221 9737

HISTORY x 3
Family History

Fourth Wednesday in the month, 10:00 am
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall LE8 9FE

There will be no meeting in July or August.

Dennis Cook

familyhistory@ggowu3a.co.uk

History Group

First Monday in the month at 2:00 pm, Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF



Details for July are not yet known.
Information will be provided to the members of the group.

Please contact me if you have not attended before.

Peter Russell history@ggowu3a.co.uk 07759 831604

Military History

First Wednesday in the month, Great Glen Methodist Church Hall LE8 9EF

We meet next on **3 July**. We are a mixed group with interests in military history. Our programme covers campaigns, battles, and weapons, used over a broad range of time periods.

Alan Mawby

militaryhistory@ggowu3a.co.uk

Knit and Natter

First Thursday in the month at 2:00 pm at the
Menphys Hub, Bassett Street, South Wigston LE18 4PE

Our next meeting will be on **4 July**. In the friendly (free) library area at the Hub, we have access to the café. There is room for around a dozen busy bees so do join us – we have spaces.

Kath Bailey

KnitandNatter@ggowu3a.co.uk

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KURLING - New Age Kurling

First and Third Wednesdays at the
Liberal Club, Kelmarsh Avenue, Wigston, 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm

New Age Kurling is played indoors on a hard floor. Players roll 'stones' close to a target. The nearest stone wins, scoring 1 point. Stones can be pushed by a 1.2m pole for those who cannot stoop, but who can move arms and shoulders. The distance between the pusher and the target is typically 5 to 10m. There are pairs of players in two teams, with 2 stones each. (4 Red stones & 4 Blue stones), over 6 or 8 ends. The team with the highest score wins. **If you have an interest in this activity, please contact:**

Peter Williams

Kurling@ggowu3a.co.uk

LANGUAGES x 2

Latin

Privata visneti

Private venue

A small, friendly group meets in a member's home to read and/or translate from textbooks. For availability and further details, please contact:

Jennifer Bell

0116 288 0234

French

Lieu privé, domicile d'un membre.

Il y a de la conversation et de la lecture dans cette réunion de groupe conviviale.

Private venue

There is conversation and reading in this friendly group meeting in a member's home. For availability and further details, please contact:

Jennifer Bell

0116 288 0234

MUSIC x 2
Music group

First and Third Fridays in the month 10:00 am – 12:30 am
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF

Melodies and hidden gems from a variety of genres await you on **5 and 19 July!** The music group formerly in Wigston has joined with a group in Great Glen. Former members and new members are encouraged to attend. The group welcomes all who share a love of music. Contact:

John Gough

music@ggowu3a.co.uk

0116 259 2430

Ukuleles **Second and Fourth Mondays 10:00 am-12 noon**
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF

We are a friendly group who love to play music together on ukeleles. We have spare instruments if you want to give us a try - without having to buy a uke. New members, who, perhaps, have never played before, are welcome. Why not join us?



Julie Franks

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Photography

Third Wednesday in the month, 2:30 pm, Fox Pond Inn, LE2 4RG

The next meeting is **Wednesday, 17 July**. We are a friendly group; new members are welcome. Both cameras and phones are used. If this appeals, why not sit in on a meeting and you can then choose to join the group if you wish.

Peter Russell

photography@ggowu3a.co.uk

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Psychology

First Wednesday in the month, 10:00 am-12 noon, Fox Pond Inn, LE2 4RG

We next meet on **Wednesday 3 July, there is no meeting in August**. We discuss subjects within psychology, with every member contributing. We have explored topics such as aging well, memory, gas lighting, cults, and nature vs. nurture. Our focus for future meetings was discussed and we decided on famous psychologists and their impact on modern psychology.

Contact me and I shall add your name to the waiting list: *Ash Vaja* Psychology@ggowu3a.co.uk

QUIZ GROUPS X 2
Quiz (Zoom)

Fourth Monday in the month: A Zoom Meeting
The next **Zoom** meeting will be **22 July**

If you would like to join our July meeting, please contact me, Rachael Snashall, or Peter Russell, who will give you the details. The person asking the questions on **22 July** is Toni Smith.

Peter Russell/Rachael Snashall

zoomquiz@ggowu3a.co.uk

Quizzers

First Monday in the month, 10:30 am
(except Bank Holidays when it will be the second Monday in the month)
Menphys Hub, Bassett Street, South Wigston (free car park at rear)

Our next meeting is **Monday, 1 July**. We are a small friendly group and while we laugh a lot, we do learn a lot – who knew how many strings worked Muffin the Mule? Tea, Coffee, and Cake are available. If you would like to join us, contact:

Ron and Margaret Gee

quizzingforfun@ggow.co.uk

0116 288 0536

TABLE TENNIS X 2
Table Tennis - Monday

Mondays, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm,
Roger Bettles University Sports Centre, Manor Road, LE2 2LL

We are a mixed ability group. New members are welcome. The University has informed us that, due to electrical and heating work, **the Studio will not be available for the whole of July.** Details for August are not yet known.

Janet Freestone

tabletennis@ggowu3a.co.uk

Table Tennis - Friday

Fridays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Sports Centre
Manor Road, LE2 2LL

We are a mixed ability, friendly group playing mainly doubles, for fun and exercise. As with the above group, the University has informed us that, due to electrical and heating work, the **Studio will not be available for the whole of July.** As our members are keen to continue playing, we are looking into an alternative venue near the centre of Oadby, for July, so new members are welcome. Feel free to contact me by email or message on 07975 905970.

Jay Bhikha

tabletennisFriday@ggowu3a.co.uk

07975 905970

WALKING GROUPS x 3
Easy Strolling

Third Thursday in the month 10:30 am
Various venues, some where parking charges may apply

The next stroll will be on **Thursday 18 July** at the **Attenborough Arboretum, LE2 3TQ.** There is a modest parking area onsite and more availability on **Carisbrooke Road.** We are a group of about a dozen who like a leisurely stroll around a park, or in the countryside, for around an hour, usually with a coffee stop at the end. If you would like to join us, please contact:

Ron and Margaret Gee

easystrolling@ggowu3a.co.uk

Village Strollers *Local History/Heritage venues*

A variety of venues and dates are emailed to members on request. Details and invitations will be sent out at the end of the month. If you would like to be on the mailing list, please contact:
Roger Edwards

villagestrollers@ggowu3a.co.uk

Walking without Stiles

Third Thursday in the month, various venues

The next walk will be on **Thursday, 18 July.** Please contact me if you would like to join us, so that we know whom to expect - and I can let you know if weather conditions mean we must cancel.

Elizabeth Cooke

walking@ggowu3a.co.uk

07957 288 060

Writing for Pleasure

Fourth Tuesday in the month at 2:15 pm,
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall LE8 9EF

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 23 July.** We are lively group with different interests, styles, and preferences. At our meetings we share what we have written, enjoy chatting about related matters and plan next steps. New members are welcome; please let me know in advance if you would like to experience a taster session.

Robert Mansfield

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Your suggestions/feedback on the newsletter are welcome: newsletter@ggowu3a.co.uk.