

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

**Doors open to all members at 1:30 pm for socialising  
Refreshments 3:00 pm No charge**

**Wednesday, 24 June 2026**

The meeting starts with our

**Great Glen, Oadby and  
Wigston u3a  
Annual General Meeting**

followed by:

Speaker: **Mike Burton**

*Albert the Great (Prince Albert)*

**Wednesday, 29 July 2026**

**Emma Sheardown**

(motivational &  
disability inclusion speaker)

*There's no such word as can't –  
my personal journey from  
diagnosis to world  
champion and beyond*

**Serendipity**

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

**Second Wednesday in the month**

**Doors open 10:15 am to all members of our  
Great Glen, Oadby and Wigston u3a**

Refreshments - and time to socialise!

**In June**, we shall learn a classic origami fold.

Elegant paper to equal your perfect folds will be provided.

Let me know if you are likely to join us  
as an idea of numbers is helpful for refreshment purposes.

Janet Fanko [Serendipity@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:Serendipity@ggowu3a.co.uk) 0116 462 4679 No charge

**Chat at the Chestnuts café in Oadby 2026**

**Mornings  
10:30 am**

**4 JUNE**

**2 JULY**

**6 AUGUST**

**3 SEPTEMBER**

**Afternoons  
2:30 pm**

**18 JUNE**

**16 JULY**

**20 AUGUST**

**17 SEPTEMBER**

**You are welcome to join us on  
more than one of the dates listed**

Please let me know so that I can  
give the café an idea of numbers.

**Janet Fanko 0116 462 4679**  
[membership@GGOWu3a.co.uk](mailto:membership@GGOWu3a.co.uk)

## Notes from the Chair:

We continue to add different activities to our group offerings, and I'm pleased to inform you of the latest news.

The **Walking Further** Group had their first outing in May, taking a pleasant walk across the beautiful South Leicester Countryside of the Langtons. It was just over 5 miles and was attended by 6 members. The next walk of this nature is being planned for June.

Contact Elizabeth Cooke at [groups@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:groups@ggowu3a.co.uk)

One of our successful newer groups, the **Handbell Group**, is now able to accept new members. If you missed a space earlier in the year or have developed an interest in this activity, please contact Alison Termie at [Handbells@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:Handbells@ggowu3a.co.uk)

The long-established **Carpet Bowls Group** has successfully moved venue. The Great Glen Village Hall will soon be closed for refurbishment, and the Carpet Bowls activity has relocated to the **Bowmen of Glen Archery Society** on Newton Harcourt Road, **LE8 9AB**, close to the roundabout. I know they are enjoying their new location and can welcome new members to this venue with easy parking.

**Peter Williams** [Chair@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:Chair@ggowu3a.co.uk) 0116 281 1812

## For your calendar: Fathers' Day, Sunday 21 June

### ACTIVITIES - in alphabetical order by activity

#### ART GROUPS x 2

##### Art

**First and third Thursdays at 2:00 pm  
Great Glen Methodist Church, LE8 9EF**

The Art theme for June will be communicated to members.

*Rachael Snashall* [art@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:art@ggowu3a.co.uk)

#### **Art Appreciation Third Monday in month, 10:00 am - 12 noon Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF**

**AA** is an easy-going group at which to enjoy a new experience. Attend one of our friendly meetings! We are not at all 'highbrow' and you are welcome to just visit. You may surprise yourself with how much you enjoy looking at all forms of visual art.

*Note our change of group facilitator.*

*With grateful thanks to Ian Bowler and other contributors over the last few months.*

*June Juett* [AA@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:AA@ggowu3a.co.uk) (07484 602348) £2/person

**BOOK GROUPS x 2****Fourth Thursday 10:00 am****Book Group - Thursday G. Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF**25/06/26 **Still Life** Sarah Winman23/07/26 **Northerners: The bestselling history of the North of England** Brian Groom27/08/26 **Me Before You** Jojo MoyesContact: *Elizabeth Cooke* [books2@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:books2@ggowu3a.co.uk)**Book Group - Monday Third Monday 2:00 pm – approx. 3:30 pm  
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF**June ***I am, I am, I am*** Maggie O'FarrellJuly ***A Terrible Kindness*** Jo Browning RoweAugust ***The Glassmaker*** Tracy ChevalierBooklist on the website: [www.ggowu3a.co.uk](http://www.ggowu3a.co.uk)*June Juett* [books@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:books@ggowu3a.co.uk)**CARD GAMES x 2****Wednesday afternoons at Great Glen****Duplicate Bridge (Social) Methodist Church Hall LE8 9EF**

If you do not know the duplicate system, we will explain it to you.

We are a friendly group playing Duplicate Bridge on Wednesday afternoons at 1:45 pm for 2:00 pm prompt start, finishing at approx. 4:45 pm.

**We welcome new members.***Andy Tyler* [duplicatebridge@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:duplicatebridge@ggowu3a.co.uk)**Minibridge Every Tuesday morning, 9:45 am for 10:00 am start  
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF****New members are welcome.** If you would like to try Minibridge, contact me to arrange for you to attend a meeting.*Terry Evans* [mbridge@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:mbridge@ggowu3a.co.uk)**Carpet Bowls New Venue! Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 pm New Venue****Pavilion at The Bowman of Glen Archery Club  
(Newton Lane, LE8 9AB, near the roundabout)**

to allow for construction work at the Village Hall.

The first meeting at this new venue was a great success  
(further enhanced by celebratory home-made cake!)Parking on site. **New members are welcome.** Refreshments provided.Contact: *Peter Stanley* 0116 259 2152 £2 per session

**Croquet x 2****Croquet (Thursday)****Every Thursday 10:00 – 11:30 am****Great Glen Methodist Church Hall LE8 9EF**This is a small group activity, and **we have a vacancy!**

Call for further information and/or to visit this friendly group.

*Joan Bateson* 0116 259 3191**Tuesday Croquet****Every Tuesday 1:30 – 3 pm****Great Glen Methodist Church Hall LE8 9EF**

Croquet is fun and not strenuous. New members are welcome.

**We have a vacancy**, so call to express your interest – or to visit.*Geraldine Siddons* 0116 241 3947**Dancing x 3****Tuesdays, 2 - 4:00 pm****English Country Dancing (ECD) Burton Overy Village Hall, LE8 9EW**

The group will meet through the end of June, i.e. 30 June. The group will then take a break during the summer months. Dancing will resume in September; date to be announced. ECD is social dancing, conducted mostly at a walking pace. Dancers weave patterns and interact with each other. None of the dances are complicated, and all are great fun! The moves will be taught for each dance before setting them to music.

***The only requirement is to be prepared to join in - and laugh!***

Peter Meacock

[ecd@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:ecd@ggowu3a.co.uk)[0116 279 3600](tel:01162793600)**Line Dancing****Thursdays, 10:30 am – 12.30 pm****Burton Overy Village Hall, LE8 9EW**

If you are returning to line dancing after a break or hoping to learn, you will be welcome in our mixed ability group. We all need a challenge, especially one that is enjoyable! Our dances are new, old, easy - and some a little harder. *Maggie Ward* [linedancing@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:linedancing@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**Line Dancing****Tuesday mornings 10:30-12 noon, Elliot Hall,****Beginners****4 Albion Street, Sth. Wigston, Leicester, LE18 4SA**

We are learning lots of steps and easy dances, having fun with both physical and mental exercise, then relaxing over a cuppa.

If you would like to try line dancing, come and join us!

*Maggie Ward* [linedancingwigston@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:linedancingwigston@ggowu3a.co.uk)**Debating****Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, Ruth Warner room****The June subject has not yet been decided.**

The first meetings were interesting and stimulating. We are all new to this and we have some learning to do together. If you have an interest in this new group, please contact:

[groups@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:groups@ggowu3a.co.uk) or Robert Mansfield [vicechair@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:vicechair@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**EATING OUT x 4** The penultimate Wednesday, every month,  
**Lunch Club** at 12:30 pm at *Two Steeples, Bell Street, Wigston*

Search online for the menu – we mostly order from the lunch menu – and come join us! We are about 20 members who pre-order with Lilian or Kath at Speaker meetings or contact:

*Kath Bailey* [lunchclub@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:lunchclub@ggowu3a.co.uk) 07974 523079

**Meet & Eat** Third Tuesday, *Italian Greyhound, G. Glen, LE8 9GF*

We usually meet at *The Italian Greyhound* in Great Glen. Lunch is pre-ordered from the menu with a choice of two courses at £20 or the three-course menu that is now £25, (plus discretionary tip).

*Trevor Johnson* [meetandeat@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:meetandeat@ggowu3a.co.uk) - pre order by the Friday

**Pub Lunches** Second Wednesday in the month, venues vary

Call for information: *Margaret Hudson* 0116 271 5064

**Sunday Lunches** Second Sunday, 1:00 pm  
*Glen Gorse Golf Club, LE2 4RF*

**Please let me know** whether you will, or will not, be attending, by telephone, **0116 279 1509**, no later than the Friday before the lunch. This is a popular group, and we need to confirm numbers attending.

Call for details: *Judith Measom* **0116 279 1509**

**Film Group** Second Monday, 2:00 pm Great Glen Methodist Church

**Please see the website for information on the current film:**  
[www.ggowu3a.co.uk](http://www.ggowu3a.co.uk)

If you have not attended before, please contact me first.

*Peter Russell* [films@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:films@ggowu3a.co.uk) 07759 831604 **£2.50**

**Focus On : NEW GROUPS**

**Singing, Debating, Walking Further, and Playreading**

have all held early meetings. All are still open to new members, and no prior experience is required or expected

**A British Sign Language** group is being investigated by your u3a committee and interested members.

Contact: *Groups Coordinator*, at [groups@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:groups@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**Books!** At the Liberal Club monthly meetings, at the back of the room, there are donated paperback books. You may help yourself! \*Paperback donations are welcome but are not required to borrow a book.

*Ron & Margaret Gee.* **\*Only Paperback book donations please**

**GAMES x 2**      **Second Wednesday at 2:00 pm Menphys Hub,  
Games      Bassett Street, South Wigston, Leicester, LE18 4PE**

We meet in the free library area at **The Hub** which has table games available. Members bring their own favourites too.

Hot drinks are available. This is a popular group, so please contact:

*Kath Bailey*      [games@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:games@ggowu3a.co.uk)      07974 523079

**Tabletop games**      **Second & Fourth Thursdays 2:00 pm  
Great Glen Methodist Church Hall**

We have a variety of board games – number and word ones. Canasta remains a favourite. If you have an interest in joining this group, please contact me first with questions or for a taster session.

*Helen Edwards*      [ttgames@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:ttgames@ggowu3a.co.uk)      0116 212 7547

**GARDEN GROUP**      **Second Monday in the month 10:00 am  
Garden**      Our next Garden club meeting is

**8 June at Palmers Garden Centre**

Contact: *Lillian Greengrass*      0116 221 9837

**Garden Visits** *Visits to local venues are expected to resume in July.*

**The Uni. Botanical Garden offers free entry through 2026. Visit!**

New borders to the right of the pond are unusual and beautiful. The World Food Garden is being planted now (the former Fuchsia beds.) Areas of wildflower displays are scattered throughout the acreage.

**\*Uni. Botanical Garden will charge an entry fee from 1 Jan. 2027\***

Nick Bailey, renowned horticulturalist, has a remit to make the Botanic Garden commercially viable. Many areas of new design are visible now!

**The Attenborough Arboretum**, with its evolutionary theme, interesting sign boards and easy parking, will remain free.

*June Juett* (07484 602348) [gardenvisits@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:gardenvisits@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**HISTORY x 3**      **Fourth Wednesday in the month, 10:00 am  
Family History**      **Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF**

**We shall meet on 24 June**

We expect to take a summer break in July and August.

New members are welcome.

Contact: *Dennis Cook*      [familyhistory@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:familyhistory@ggowu3a.co.uk)      07711 386958

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

**1 June**                      Go West Young Man  
The Sisters of Henry VIII

**6 July**                      The Ottoman Empire  
Matilda and Stephen

**3 August**                  A History of Great Glen

Contact me if you have not attended before, or for information.

*Janet Fanko*                  [history@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:history@ggowu3a.co.uk)      0116 462 4679

**Military History**                  **First Wednesday, 10:00 am for 10:30 am**  
**Great Glen Methodist Church Hall LE8 9EF**

Coffee 10:00, presentation 10:30 am

Our meeting on **3 June** will look at **World War One in the Middle East**

This will include the campaigns in Mesopotamia, Sinai and Gallipoli, and also some politics!

Contact: *Alan Mawby*                  [militaryhistory@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:militaryhistory@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**Knit and Natter**                      **Second Wednesday at 2:00 pm**  
**Menphys Hub, Basset Street, South Wigson LE18 4PE**

This small, friendly group now meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Menphys Hub, Basset Street.

New members would be made very welcome. Not only do we knit (optional) and natter but would love other crafty people to join us.

All materials are available, if we don't have it, we'll obtain it!

*Kath Bailey*                      [KnitandNatter@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:KnitandNatter@ggowu3a.co.uk)      07974 523079

**KURLING - New Age Kurling**                  **First & third Wednesdays**  
**1:30 pm until 3:00 pm**

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

Players play in Teams of Two with 2 stones per player, against another team. (4 Red stones, 4 Blue stones). Players roll the stones at a numbered target on the floor; scores are noted.

Each team plays every other team, team with highest overall score wins.

*Peter Williams*                  [Kurling@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:Kurling@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**LANGUAGES x 2**                  **Private Wigston venue, various days and times**

**Latin**                      A small, friendly group meets in a member's Wigston home on Tuesday afternoons to read and/or translate from textbooks.

**French**                      Conversation and reading on Friday afternoons.

**Beginners' French**                  Monday mornings.

New members are welcome.                  *Jennifer Bell*      **0116 288 0234**

**Music x3****Second & Fourth Mondays 10am -12 noon****Ukuleles****Great Glen Methodist Church Hall, LE8 9EF**

We are a welcoming group that has room for a few new members.

**We have spare instruments, give it a try!**

Contact: *Julie Franks* [ukes@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:ukes@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**Handbells****2nd & 4th Fridays 10.00-12.00 noon,****United Reformed Church Hall, 43 Long Street, Wigston LE18 2AJ**

Free parking behind church or at Peace Park

**We now have a vacancy! New members are welcome.**

To express an interest in this group, please contact:

*Alison Termie* [handbells@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:handbells@ggowu3a.co.uk) 07813 705427

**Singing for Fun****Great Glen Methodist Church, LE8 9EF****Fourth Monday 2.30 to 4.00 pm**

Singers experience vocal warmups, a selection of music genres, singing in 'rounds,' and even the use of maracas. **Enjoyed by all! No prior**

**choir experience is needed! This is Singing for Fun!**

*Catriona Scott/Jenny Hawley at the piano.* [singing@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:singing@ggowu3a.co.uk) £2

**Photography****Third Wednesday, 2:30 pm, venues vary**

We are a friendly group; new members are welcome

**Both cameras and phones are used**

If this appeals, attend a meeting and you can then choose to join the group if you wish. If attending for the first time, please contact me first.

*Peter Russell* [photography@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:photography@ggowu3a.co.uk) 07759 831604

**Pickleball****Every Wednesday, 9 am to 10:00 am****Roger Bettles Sports Centre, Manor Road, LE2 2LL**

We are a friendly mixed ability group who enjoy physical & mental exercise, playing pickleball. All equipment is provided. We are at full capacity, but vacancies do arise. Please contact me and I will put you on the waiting list. Contact: *Ash Vaja* [pickleball@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:pickleball@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**NEW!****Third Friday each month, 10 am, Ruth Warner room****Playreading****Great Glen Methodist Church Hall**

We meet to read plays from paper scripts, available at each session, or downloaded. We now seem to have a reliable source of paper scripts. No previous theatrical experience or rehearsal is necessary. All quite lighthearted! More participants are welcome, but as we meet in the smaller of the rooms at the venue, please contact me if you will be attending or would like further details. *Magi Nipper* Tel: 0116 319 2178

**Psychology****Glen Gorse Golf Club, LE2 4RF  
First Wednesday 10:00 am-12 noon**

We research and discuss topics such as Memory, Addiction and Criminal Psychology. We are currently at full capacity, but situations change so express your interest by first contacting *Chris Hunter*  
**07733 230711**     [Psychology@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:Psychology@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**QUIZ GROUPS X 2****Quiz (Zoom)****Fourth Monday in the month  
- a Zoom meeting**

Anyone wishing to join us should contact Peter Russell or Rachael Snashall who will provide you with the Zoom details.

*Peter Russell/Rachael Snashall*     [zoomquiz@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:zoomquiz@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**Quizzers     First Monday in the month, 10:30 am, Menphys Hub,  
Bassett Street, South Wigston (free car park at rear)****The monthly quiz is on Monday 1 June**

*Ron & Margaret Gee*     [quizzingforfun@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:quizzingforfun@ggowu3a.co.uk)     0116 288 0536

**An easy way to contribute to our u3a activities....****Tea Rota for Monthly Speaker Meetings at the Liberal Club**

Two volunteers are needed at our Speaker Meetings, the last Wednesday afternoon in the month, to serve tea/coffee and to wash up afterwards.

To sign up on the rota, contact:     *Fay Williams* 0116 281 1812

**TABLE TENNIS X 2****Table Tennis - Monday****Mondays, 11:00 to 12:30 pm Roger Bettles  
University Sports Centre, LE2 2LL**

Our mixed ability group is full at present, but enquiries are still welcome.

*Janet Freestone*     [tabletennis@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:tabletennis@ggowu3a.co.uk)

**Table Tennis – Friday****Fridays 11:00 am to 12:30 pm****Roger Bettles University Sports Centre, Manor Road, LE2 2LL**

We are almost at capacity, although spaces do become available, so please contact me if you have questions or are interested in joining us.

*Jay Bhikha*     [tabletennisfriday@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:tabletennisfriday@ggowu3a.co.uk)     £2 per session

**WALKING GROUPS x 4****Easy Strolling****Third Thursday 10:30 am****Various venues, some with parking charges****Our next stroll is 18 June**

Details are sent to members approximately one week before the stroll.

*Ron & Margaret Gee*     [easystrolling@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:easystrolling@ggowu3a.co.uk)     0116 2880536

## **Village Strollers    *Local History / Heritage venues***

*(The June Village Stroll is to Tilton-on-the-Hill and is fully booked).*

The **July Treasure Hunt will be open to all members.**

If you wish to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

Roger Edwards    [villagestrollers@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:villagestrollers@ggowu3a.co.uk)

## **Walking without Stiles    Second Thursday morning, venues vary**

We meet on the Second Thursday morning for a 2 to 4 mile walk without stiles, venues vary. Contact me to be placed on our emailing list. At the beginning of the week of the walk, details are emailed to those who have let me know they will be joining us. We need to know whom to expect so that we don't leave without you, or you can be updated if we need to cancel. Elizabeth Cooke [walking@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:walking@ggowu3a.co.uk) 07957 288060

## **Walking Further    Our June walk is 10:30 am Friday 5 June 2026 to the the Lowesby/ Cold Newton Area**

This Group meets for a **5 to 6 mile walk** at various locations chosen by the walk leader. This group would welcome new members. Please contact me to be placed on our emailing list. At the beginning of the week of the walk, details are emailed to those who have let me know they will be joining us. We need to know whom to expect so that we don't leave without you, or you can be updated if we need to cancel. Elizabeth Cooke [groupscoordinator@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:groupscoordinator@ggowu3a.co.uk)

## **Writing for Pleasure                      Fourth Tuesday 2:15 pm Great Glen Methodist Church LE8 9EF**

Each month we aim to write a short piece of prose, usually 500 to 1,000 words, or a poem, up to about 40 lines. We pick a theme, that most members follow. At our meetings we share what we have written, enjoy chatting and plan next steps. We are a lively group with different interests, styles, and preferences. New members are welcome.

Please contact me for further details.

Robert Mansfield [writing@ggowu3a.co.uk](mailto:writing@ggowu3a.co.uk) Tel: 0116 270 8284

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