

## The Knot – May 19th 2026 Leominster & District **U3A**

**Monthly Meetings 2pm Baptist Church, Etnam Street (doors open 1:30pm)**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Speaker Saul Herbert**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> Hereford Waterworks Museum Speaker Bob Higgle**

### **News From the Committee**

We have a new Editor of **The Knot**. Josi Murnahan will take over in June. Please give her your support by sending in contributions. There will be a display in the library from 11<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May. Showing off who we are and details of all of the Group activities. Do go along and have a look.

### **UPDATES AND REPORTS**



### **The France Conversation Group**

The French Conversation Group started up as an offshoot of the original U3A French Group. We began meeting early in 2023, initially fortnightly and then weekly on a Wednesday morning. Our meetings are a mix of social conversation, reading and listening exercises and, occasionally, crosswords or even recipes. We subscribe to a French learner's magazine which comes with a CD so we have plenty of material to choose from.

One week we might listen to a conversation between two French speakers about something topical in the French news (pensions, childcare, the renovation of Notre-Dame). Another week we might read a short story set in France with a neat twist at the end. We always come across unfamiliar vocabulary or expressions that we have to look up. Some of us took French to A' level (a long time ago!) Some others have lived and worked in France in the past and like to keep the language and culture alive.

We meet either in a Leominster café or in one another's homes. Sometimes we have lunch together and once a year we go out to a restaurant – like The French Pantry in Ludlow. Bon appetit!

**Contact: Hilary Currie. [Hilaryalice7@gmail.com](mailto:Hilaryalice7@gmail.com)**

**Family History Group:** There will be no meeting in May due to the Bank Holiday. The next meeting is planned for Monday, 22nd June 2.00 pm at Rachael's in Shobdon.

**Contact: Rachael Hellberg. [rachael.hellberg@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.hellberg@gmail.com)**



## **Vikings at the Priory 27<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> June.**

A programme of Events & Free Exhibition at Leominster Priory celebrating our Anglo-Saxon and Viking Heritage. Craft Workshops. Talks, Tours, Concerts Walks, Drama, Viking Battle Re-Enactment. Programme from the TI Centre.

Or contact: [www.prioryarts.org.uk](http://www.prioryarts.org.uk)

## **A Day trip to Bath!**

**On behalf of Leominster Saverne Twinning Association I am organising a day trip to Bath!**

**When? Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Leaving by coach from Leominster at 8.00am and leaving Bath at 4pm**

**Who can come? YOU! Your friends, relations, neighbours – everyone invited**

**An opportunity to explore the city, meet friends etc**

**Cost £25per person – payable as cash or online**

**(no cheques please!) Invite your friends!**

More details to follow – please sign to indicate your interest on the form provided

**Any questions?** Lesley Brook is organising this – [Lesley.ashby17@gmail.com](mailto:Lesley.ashby17@gmail.com) and 01568 720201

## 80 The Shipping Forecast

To help him fall asleep, Alfrick Suckley listens to the shipping forecast.

With his head rested on two pillows and – in winter – a hot water bottle in his arms, Suckley feels blissed out when learning about gales around the British coast and further out.

Without fail, the monotony of the speaker's voice and facts about wind, sea, weather and visibility make him gradually drift off.

'Southwesterly' is Suckley's favourite wind direction. He imagines himself aboard a small sloop, slithering over gentle waves.

Sometimes, long after the programme has finished, Suckley might mumble in his sleep.

'Moderate or good. Occasionally poor.'

Taken from *The Life and Times of Alfrick Suckley: 100 stories in 100 words* by Christof Meckel-Veal. Available from your local bookshop or [www.logastonpress.co.uk](http://www.logastonpress.co.uk)

Do you have a funny story or anecdote you would like to share? Do you have a particular hobby or interest that you could tell us about. It's your newsheet, let's see more member contributions please. Send to the Email address at the bottom of the page. Or give a copy to a member of the committee.

## May Garden Visit



## June Garden Visit

**1<sup>st</sup> June. Stone Barn, Church Lane, Hampton Bishop.HR1 4JY. B4224** towards Fownhope, after Bunch of Carrots Pub take third turning left. Great view's, Roomed Garden, unusual plants, Davidia involucrate and Cornus. £10 including tea.

**All Visits start at 2.0pm. To attend put your name on the list at the monthly meeting or inform Mike Goodwin a week before the visit. Please indicate if you require transport.**

**[mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com](mailto:mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com)**

**Architectural Heritage**

Meet on 2nd Monday am. of the month.  
Contact Diana Emes  
[dphemes@aol.co.uk](mailto:dphemes@aol.co.uk)

**Art and Crafts**

Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 2pm.  
Contact Hilary Tuite  
[hilaryatc@btinternet.com](mailto:hilaryatc@btinternet.com)

**Book of the month**

Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 11am.  
either ebook or audio book.  
Contact David Stacey  
[davidrstacey@gmail.com](mailto:davidrstacey@gmail.com)

**Bridge Improvers**

Tuesday am. in the Community Centre  
Contact Mike Goodwin  
[mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com](mailto:mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com)

**Current Affairs**

Meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month  
Contact Joan Liddle  
[joanliddle@talktalk.net](mailto:joanliddle@talktalk.net)

**French Conversation**

Meet fortnightly on Wednesday am.  
Contact Hilary Currie.  
[hilaryalice@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryalice@gmail.com)

**French Intermediate**

Meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month.  
Working through a French text book  
Details from David Stacey  
[davidrstacey@gmail.com](mailto:davidrstacey@gmail.com)

**Garden Visits**

Start in Spring 2026  
Contact. Mike Goodwin  
[mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com](mailto:mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com)

**German**

Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
afternoon  
Contact: Ursula Merchant  
[shortpimple@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shortpimple@yahoo.co.uk)

**History**

Meet 3rd Thurs of the month 2pm.  
Topics chosen by group members  
Contact Jenny Holliday  
[jbhxl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jbhxl@yahoo.co.uk)

**Family History**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month 2pm. Next  
meeting 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. Shobdon  
Contact Rachael Hellberg  
[rachael.hellberg@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.hellberg@gmail.com)

**Italian**

Meet 1st Weds each month at 2pm.  
Contact Ursula Merchant.  
[shortpimple@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shortpimple@yahoo.co.uk)

**Mah-jong & Scrabble**

Meet Fridays fortnightly 10.00 am at  
the Community Centre. Contact Joan  
Liddle [joanliddle@talktalk.net](mailto:joanliddle@talktalk.net)

**Men's discussion group. Leominster  
Lads.** 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday afternoon  
Contact. Dave McGough  
[David.mcgough99@gmail.com](mailto:David.mcgough99@gmail.com)

**Modern Technology**

Help with IT, tablet and phone issues  
and usage. Our meetings will be on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month at 2pm.  
Contact David Stacey  
■ [davidrstacey@gmail.com](mailto:davidrstacey@gmail.com)

**Pub Lunches**

Sign up at the Monthly meeting or  
Contact Eileen Garvey  
[eileengarveybramley@gmail.com](mailto:eileengarveybramley@gmail.com)  
or Jen Atkins  
[jenatkins@btinternet.com](mailto:jenatkins@btinternet.com)

**Reading Group: ABC.** Meet second  
Monday afternoon of the month.  
Contact Jen Atkins  
[jenatkins@btinternet.com](mailto:jenatkins@btinternet.com)

**Reading Group: Great Escapes**  
Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at  
2.00pm  
Contact Adrian Garai  
[adrian.garai53@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.garai53@gmail.com)

**Twice around the Grange**  
Walk and coffee Fridays Meet at  
10.00 am on the Grange.  
Contact Gisela Lehmann  
[giselavernon2@gmail.com](mailto:giselavernon2@gmail.com)

**Walking**

First and third Thursday in the  
month. Please check website for  
details

**Welsh Beginners**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon afternoon of month.  
Contact: Sandra Gulley  
[sandra.gulley1@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.gulley1@gmail.com)

**Note Telephone numbers  
Can be obtained from the  
Yearbook**

