

Monthly Meetings are held third Tuesday of every month at 2pm
Baptist Church, Etnam Street *(Doors open 1:30pm)*

		Speaker:
15 th September	Costumes and Customs of South West China	Jill Salmons
20 th October	Autumn in the Garden	Debbie Barber

News from the Committee

Leominster & District u3a Garden Party 18th August 2026

We held our annual Garden Party at Grange Court on a day when the weather was not too hot, nor did it rain, so just about perfect conditions. About 50 members came and enjoyed tea and cakes supplied by the Grange Court staff.

Joan and John Liddle manned the tombola table where all the donations from members were won. Sheila Mellor ran the jigsaw and book table. Linda Woolverton and Bob Bowen had brought prize-winning fruit for sale, together with bulbs from Pat Jones and fruit jams made by me.

During the afternoon, Hilary Tuite had been selling raffle tickets and at the end we held our raffle with over a dozen prizes.

Many thanks to all who contributed and to all those members for manning the stalls and selling raffle and tombola tickets. Your good deeds resulted in a lovely afternoon and some additional funds in our account!

Gisela Lehmann

Upcoming Events

Herefordshire Art Week

5th – 13th September, 10am, The Lion Ballroom, 17 Broad Street. Free Entry.

Welcome to the Orchard of England – A film by Moving House **(about Apples in Herefordshire)**

16th September, two showings, 2pm and at 6pm. Doors open half hour before. The Lion Ballroom, 17 Broad Street. Free Entry.

The Bayeux Tapestry: Hidden Histories

17th September, 10am, The Priory. Free with donations.

Autumn Plant and Craft Fair

19th September, from 9am, The Grange.

Vegan Market – Street food and craft stalls

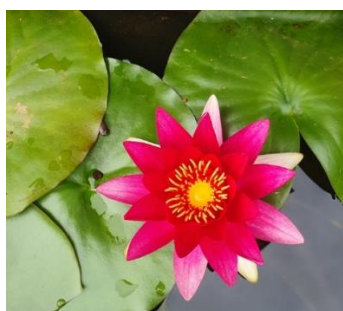
26th September, from 10am. Corn Square.

Choral Evensong

4th October, 6pm, The Priory. Free.

September Garden Visit

The Garden Group made its last visit of the year, going to Brobury House Garden at Bredwardine



See you all next Year.

Mike

National u3a Events

Listed below are just a few of the events on u3a.org.uk. Please visit the website for details and all events listings. There are many free events available covering numerous subjects, so please do visit u3a.org.uk.

- u3a Week *Expanding Horizons*, 19-27 September. Various online events are taking place, including *The Enchanted Archipelago – a journey through the Galapagos*. For further information, visit www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/events/u3a-week
- “The Titanic Sails At Dawn” – Punk in the 1970s, 17th September, 10am, Online via Zoom, Free.
- Secrets of the human brain – sleep and dreams, 21st September, 2pm. Online via zoom, Free.
- Live cookery demonstration – autumn recipes, 25th September, 10am. Online via zoom, Free.
- First Light: the formation of the first stars, blackholes, and galaxies 6th October, 11am. Online via zoom, Free.
- Darkness on the edge of town: Bruce Springsteen and the American dream, 8th October, 2pm. Online via zoom, Free.
- On the threshold of a dream: music, imagination and the late 60s-early 70s, 9th October, 2pm. Online via zoom, Free.

Group Highlight

Walking Group - Jacqueline Healey

The walk on Thursday 3rd September, from Staunton on Wye Village Hall car park, took in two churches, Monnington Court (with its mile long Ride) and the Jarvis Charity School. Seven of us started out and we heard a little about the School's history, before heading off into the open countryside. Following rights of way we passed through Oakchurch farm (which today includes an extensive area made over to a soft fruit nursery) we reached a gentle climb up to the village church. A pause here allowed us a quick look at the church's interior and an opportunity to admire the views across to the Wye Valley, where our walk would be heading afterwards.

With caution we crossed the busy A438 to follow a minor road alongside a large Cider Apple Orchard- just as the apples were being harvested, towards our second church of the day at Monnington Court and our mid morning refreshment break.

The story of the church, which has a late mediaeval tower combined with a nave and chancel built in 1679, told of a grave near its entrance that is reputed to be the burial place of Owain Glyndwr. This theory being supported by the fact that one of his daughters, Margaret, was married to Roger Monnington who lived at the Court. Also, three of his four other daughters, had also married Herefordshire men, namely: Catherine to Edmund

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Mortimer; Alice to John Scudamore and Janet to John Croft. All too familiar names to anyone with an interest in local history!!!

Suitably refreshed and enjoying the late summer heat we then strode out up the mile long ride but, not before casting a backwards glance at the Court itself, which is still a family home (possibly belonging to one of the Bulmers).

This then brought us to the Wye Valley Walk which, at this point, takes the form of long steep climb into a woodland, where we gained views of the river itself and site of the Brobury Scar.

All down hill after that, as 'us walkers' say, for our return leg across the A438 and back into the village.

In the late afternoon sunshine we then took ourselves off by car to the Oakchurch farm shop and café for a well earned lunch and/ or cuppa.

The walk in total was 5 1/2 miles long, starting out at 10am and finishing at 1:30pm.

We walk every first and third Thursday of the month, running a varied program throughout the year, with shared responsibility for planning and leading.

If you are interested in joining this friendly bunch on one of our walkabouts, more details are available on the u3a website.

Photographic Competition

Thank you to those who entered the competition. The subject was flower/plant. The winning entry was by Rosemary Studman - well done, Rosemary. Thank you to the impartial committee members for choosing the photo.

Next category for the competition is: **Sky**

Rules: One photo per person; digital, JPEG format; no larger than 4mb. AI or artificially manipulated photos will be discounted – they are just too pretty! Please note, the photo size may be reduced to keep the page count of the Knot down.

Submission is by the normal submission date at the end of the newsletter and via the theknotu3aleo@gmail.com address.



Flower/ Plant by Rosemary Studman

And finally...

Did you know?

- Leominster was a pilgrimage site? St. Aethelmod and St. Hemme are obscure holy figures, local to Leominster c. 600s. Their names were recorded in a medieval inventory of relics held at the Leominster Priory. These relics drew pilgrims to Leominster during the middle ages.
- Leominster has its own **Repair Café**? Every 1st Saturday of the month 10am -12 pm at the Community Centre, School Road. As well as repairing various types of items, there is a café and a plant stall. Details of what can be repaired and booking is on www.Leominsterrepaircafe.org.uk

2 TEXT OR NOT 2 TEXT

I've got a smartphone. It thinks it's smart,
I don't. Texting is a contemporary art.
I hate texting on my deviant phone,
It changes my words to ones of its own,
And it keeps altering my grammar,
To long phrases without a comma.
My friends have the same trouble, so I'm not alone,
We've given up texting and now speak on the phone.

SHEILA MELLOR

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 newssheet, let's see more member contributions please. Submissions can be inserted directly into the email rather than as attachments. Send to the Email address at the bottom of the page, or give a copy to a member of the committee.

Deadline for all submissions is 12th October, 10:00am. Submissions after this date will appear in the following edition of The Knot.