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

		Speaker:
17th November	A.I. Explained	Mark Whiteham
8th December	Kington Community Choir	
19th January	Steam and cherry blossom in Japan	Dave Hill

News from the Committee

A reminder, the December monthly meeting is earlier than usual. Nibbles and a raffle draw will be held. Any contributions for the raffle to be given to Gisela Lehmann and will be gratefully received.

The U3A display is in the library foyer from 2nd to the 16th November.



Photo: Caroline Sharp

The Committee Chair will be standing down in March 2027. Please speak to any committee member if you are interested in the post or nominate someone who you know will be suitable. There are also other vacancies on the committee available.

Our U3A needs committee members to keep the branch active, in accordance with U3A regulations. Please do consider joining and giving the committee a very small amount of your time per month. Your skills and capabilities will be much valued.

Upcoming Events

Stitched Stories: The Bayeux Tapestry and Leominster's Heritage Exhibition
Various events Until 30th November. Details available at www.prioryarts.org.uk.

Christmas Retail Launch Newton Court, Newton, 21st November 4:30pm

Concert – Frith Rolfe Piano Duo Recital– The Lion Ballroom 22nd November, 3-5pm

Sip, Shop & Celebrate Leominster – Festive Shopping and Christmas Entertainment, 28th November 12-8pm

Advent Carol Service by Candlelight – The Priory, 29th November 6pm

Grange Court's Christmas Market - 12th December

Leominster Victorian Street Market - Corn Square, 12th December

Christmas Market – Lion Ball Room, 12th December, 10 am

Leominster Art Group – Winter Exhibition, The Stables Gallery from 1st December

Abergavenny Art Group – November Exhibition, The Stables Gallery 1st -30th November

Wildhearts Men's Group – Tea, Coffee and Real Talk, 15th November, 1030-1200, The Lion Ballroom

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.

- Mindfulness and meditation: This month focuses on Four Quartets by T.S. Eliot 19th November, 10am, free via Zoom.
- Shaping fashion: the Elizabethan bodice, buckram and busks. 25th November, 10am free via Zoom.
- Learn about the Lords: Work and impact of House of Lords. 26th November, 2pm, free via Zoom .
- Flight Inspirations Aviation; Persona memories of Pocklington Bomber Base During WWII. 1st December, 10am, free via Zoom.

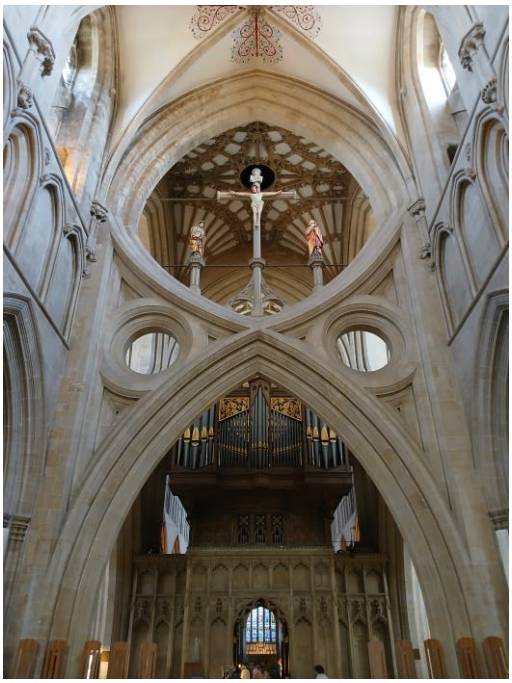
- The Bayeux Tapestry: embroidery or fabrication?. 4th December, 10am, free via Zoom.
- Christmas stories, images, music and acts of hope. 11th December, 2pm, free via Zoom.
- Interest Groups Online (IGO) have numerous groups covering diverse subjects. There is a fee to join. Further details and how to join are at: www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/learning/interest-groups-online

Group Information

We have three new groups: Welsh Beginners; Sewing Bee and just for the gents, Leominster Lads. Anyone wanting to advertise their group please send a short paragraph to the Editor. A photo is optional.

Photographic Competition

Thank you to those who entered the competition. The subject was Architectural Feature/ Gem. The winning entry was by Janice Dunton - well done, Janice. Thank you to the impartial committee members for choosing the photo.



Architectural Feature/ Gem – Wells Cathedral by Janice Dunton

Next category for the competition is: **Reflections (any interpretation of the word).**
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.

If any member is interested in starting and leading a photography group, please contact Hilary Tuite.

And finally…

Did you know?

Leominster had an execution site? The iron cross was used for public executions and as a punishment site. It was situated at the junction of West Street, High Street, Corn Street and South Street.



Iron Cross Leominster, Circa 1904

The site was only used for executions at a time of extreme crisis such as the war of the Roses; otherwise executions were carried out in Hereford.

One of those executed was Roger Cadwallador, an English Catholic priest, executed on the 27th August 1610 for treason for preaching Catholicism and failing to swear allegiance to King James I. He was beautified by Pope John Paul II In November 1987. He was executed in Leominster rather than Hereford due to a plague in Hereford at the time.
Information from online sources.

The Iron Cross was possibly known as Five Ways or fiveways - although that may refer to the intersection of Church Street, Broad Street, South Street, Burgess Street and Drapers Lane. Can anyone enlighten us?



Autumn Leaves by John Everett Millais, 1856

Fall, Leaves, Fall

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when the wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

Emily Brontë

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 11th January, 10:00am. Submissions after this date will appear in the following edition of The Knot.