

u3a Longridge Monthly Bulletin

- **Ceilidh and Hot Pot Supper tickets now on sale**

To be held on Saturday 27th September 2025 from 7.00pm until 10.00pm at the Civic Hall, Calder Avenue, Longridge.

Tickets cost £10 and are available at the monthly meetings from Barbara Griffiths, Vice Chair, bagriffiths11@btinternet.com or from your Group Convenor.

- **Monthly Meeting**

Upcoming speaker at our August meeting - Civic Hall

My life & career with Lancashire constabulary - By Mahmood Ahmed

History Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday July 9th at the Cricket Club. The meeting starts at 10.00. Our speaker is Dr Alan Crosby, a lecturer, author and editor of the British Association for Local History.

Based on his research he will talk about Family Life in the Industrial Revolution: Benjamin Shaw 1772- 1841. He is a very knowledgeable man.

All welcome!

- **U3A Birdwatching/Nature Group.**

This recently formed group is aimed at anyone with an interest in birds/nature and who wish to learn more. We are not experts although nature has given us considerable pleasure over the years. It does not matter how little or how much you know.

We visit local and more distant venues either by car sharing or using public transport where convenient. So far, we have had trips along the River Ribble, Mere Sands Woods Rufford and Cockerham/Glasson.

Weather permitting, our next trip will be to Birkdale Green Beach, Southport on **Wednesday 16th July, travelling by bus, meeting by the bus stop opposite the Post Office in Berry Lane at 10.15.**

We are usually at the indoor monthly meetings or you can contact us by email: longridgeu3abirdwatching@gmail.com Details are sent well in advance. We look forward to welcoming new members to the group. **Peter and Regina**

- **Raffle – a little thank you!**

Our raffle is becoming very popular- wasn't it amazing that our new member pulled 1st and 2nd prize at the last meeting- and how generous to hand back the first prize!

Thank you to everyone who buys a raffle ticket. We use the funds raised to pay for the refreshments at our monthly meetings.

- **AGM**

The date of the AGM has been changed to **TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER at 1.45**

We will be sending out more information in due course, but we are hoping to make this a social event as well as the necessary business items.

- **Membership Cards**

We are getting cards printed now that we have received all renewals from members. We have decided to wait until we have all the names to save wasting money printing cards for members who have moved or left. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

The new cards will be a combined membership and ICE card. An ICE card (in case of emergency) enables you to keep emergency contact information in your purse or wallet- just in case!

- **Pickleball**

There will be an extra session on Mondays between 5pm and 6pm until October. Contact the convenor John Keating if you are interested.

- **Film Club at the Civic**

The film will be Paddington 3 (hopefully) on July 11th

- **Whisper it!!**

- **Dare I mention Christmas??!!**

This year we are making a complete change and with your support, it will be a great success.

Some members would prefer a lunchtime event so there will be 2 options .

You may come to both if you wish and bring a guest. Both are at The Gibbon Bridge Hotel.

Saturday 6th. December, at 7 pm a 3 course meal with raffle, quiz and entertainment - £35pp.

Accommodation available at a special rate.

Wednesday 10th. December at 12.30 pm a 2 course lunch with quiz and raffle - £30pp.

This is preliminary information. Please speak to Barbara Griffiths if you have any questions. Booking forms will be available in August.