



Monthly Bulletin For May

Reminder!

Monthly Meetings

We will be charging £1 admission to the meeting and giving each person a raffle ticket. The raffle prizes remain the same. For those of you who currently purchase a raffle ticket, this means no change at all.

We will also be charging £2 for visitors.

Please sign in as usual and then move the to next table where Jenny and Joyce will give you a raffle ticket in return for your £1.

Speaker for our May Meeting

Plants for a Colourful Garden

Tom and Caroline Luke. National Garden Scheme members that open their garden, Dale House, Goosnargh, throughout the summer. **They will be bring plants for sale.**

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st of April 2026. This year we will be simplifying the collection of subscriptions. Single membership £20, two persons living at the same address £30.

For **existing members** there will be no need to fill in the application form this year. **Only new members will need to complete the application form.**

Payment methods:

BACS (on-line banking) – if you are paying subs via BACS please note that our Bank Account details have changed, new details are:-

Name : **U3A LONGRIDGE MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Account No : **67468287**

Sort Code : **089299**

Please ensure that you fill in the reference box with your initial and surname

If your email address or gift aid statement has changed then please email the Membership Secretary on memsec4u3a@gmail.com

Cash and Cheques – We will be collecting cash and cheques at the May monthly meeting. Please go to the dedicated tables in the area between the kitchen and bar at the Civic Hall. You will be asked to confirm your email address and gift aid position.

What if I cannot get to a meeting?

If you are unable to get to a meeting, please email memsec4u3a@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements.

History Group

THE VISIT TO THE SPITFIRE MUSEUM HAS BEEN CANCELLED

National Volunteers Week - 1st - 7th June

To thank u3a volunteers and inspire other members to get involved, we are holding a:-

Coffee, cake and chat on Friday 5th June, 10:00am to 12 noon

at

St Wilfred's Club

St Wilfred's Terrace

Please come along

WALKING CRICKET

From 14 May, the Walking Cricket Group will be meeting at Longridge Cricket Club at 10am every Thursday (unless circumstances crop up).

HOW TO GUIDE from the IT Group:

Erasing Your Data From A Laptop Or PC

At some point in time we will face the decision as to what to do with a PC or laptop which is being replaced with a new piece of kit. After transferring all the relevant data from the old to the new machine we are left with the problem of how to ensure the old device does not contain any of our private information prior to recycling.

Simply deleting the files does not remove them from the hard drive on a permanent basis and formatting is not guaranteed to make the old device secure. The safest way to remove all the data is to go through a process of erasing the disc.

This is not a job that Windows can undertake but there is an easy to use piece of software which, when downloaded, will do the job for you. To download MultiDrive go to <https://multidrive.io>

Backing up your files on a laptop or PC to an external drive is highly recommended and Multidrive can also undertake this task I've used this program recently to erase an old external hard drive and then back up my laptop to a USB solid state disc.

If you need any help in undertaking any of the above tasks do pop along to one of the monthly meetings of the IT Group. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 am in the Station Building.

Steve Ashcroft, Convenor U3A IT Group

