

October 2026

u3a Longridge Monthly Bulletin

Speaker for the 6th October Monthly Meeting

Philip Caine will be talking to us about his career which started off in Barrow and ended in Baghdad. The Trustees would appreciate help in setting up the room prior to the meeting. If you're available from about 12.45 you will be very welcome.

N.B. PLEASE DON'T DRAG THE CHAIRS ACROSS THE FLOOR. PLEASE USE THE CHAIR TROLLEY AND DON'T TRY TO MOVE TOO MANY CHAIRS AT ONCE.

Remembrance Sunday on 08/11/2026

Our representatives this year are Hazel Kemp and Anne Timbrell. You are welcome to join with the Longridge u3a group in the procession. More details later.

Longridge u3a Annual Christmas Dinner

This will be at Longridge Golf Club on Saturday 12/12/26. £32 for a 3 course meal and entertainment. Booking forms will be available at the Tuesday meeting. Please consider giving someone a lift or taxi sharing so that everyone has the opportunity to come.

Publicity

At the moment, we are without a Publicity person. The role would involve distributing the new leaflets and fliers (with help) and being responsible for stalls at the Field Day and Longridge Show (rotas for help during each day). Please speak to any of the Trustees if you think that this might be something that you could do.

Groups Co-ordinator

Rob Kemp has stepped down from the position of Groups Co-ordinator after two years of doing a great job. He has been replaced by two people, Joanne Barker as Group Co-ordinator, and Miranda Radford as Groups Administrator. Please contact Joanne in the first instance if you have any questions or problems, via the Longridge u3a website.

The Guitar and Ukulele groups will return to the Civic Hall from 19 October, following a period at the Stage Door.

Session times for both groups are 11am to 1pm on alternate Mondays.

Anyone interested, please contact Rob Kemp or Andrew Upton for Guitar and Shelagh Richardson for Ukulele.

Walking Cricket Group

Although the cricket season is almost over, the walking cricket group will still be having net practice on Thursday mornings at 10am, weather permitting. Anyone interested can still come along to watch or have a try and then enjoy a brew and biscuit afterwards. The group have had their end of season social evening this week at The Old Oak.



Book Club 2 have vacancies for new members. They meet at the Heritage Centre on the first Friday of the month at 1.30pm.

Any enquiries to Jenidoran@yahoo.co.uk or at the monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

History Group

Wednesday 14th October- All welcome

Our next speaker is Adrian Taylor speaking about George Hudson-Railway King or Rogue?

10am at the Longridge Cricket Club
£3 to cover the venue and speaker.

Circle Dancing Group

Although not a u3a official holiday, members of the Circle Dancing Group enjoyed a recent week in Morocco. It was hot but we danced on the roof terrace of our lovely eco-lodge before breakfast and then again when it was dark and cooler in the evening. We also had a few special sessions : one for Helen Samuels at the same time as the Memorial at Grimsargh, and another memorable one in the Mausoleum at the Claudio Bravo place with its amazing acoustic. We enjoyed outings, the Souk, massages, henna painting and discovering the secrets of the delicious cuisine among other delights, On our final evening a troupe of Berber musicians gave us a taste of their subtle and interesting music as well as some amazing dancing. Of course we joined in ! If only we could have travelled by magic carpet instead of Manchester airport it would have been perfect !

The Friends of Longridge Library are holding an Open Mic Spoken Word night on Wednesday 7th October at Longridge Library suggesting our Poetry group might be interested in participating. At least 2 of our members will be reciting some of their own poems and perhaps there might be other U3A members who would be interested in taking part or being in the audience