

## LEDBURY & DISTRICT u3a - MONTHLY MEETINGS 2026

**THURSDAY JANUARY 15 – Erica Morland : Take 3 girls - the lives of women in Ancient Egypt :** Erica will talk about the lives of women from 3 different social strata and the impact of status and affluence on the lives of women over 3000 years ago. Erica is a founder member of the Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society. *This is a change to the previously advertised talk*

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19 – Callum Stackham : THE WORK OF THE DOGS TRUST**

Some of us will have recently enjoyed the TV show 'For Dogs' Sake' which was filmed at various DOGS Trust centres. Shauna will explore the role of the Dogs Trust in rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing dogs across the country.

**THURSDAY MARCH 19 – Stephen Chowns : 4 HANDSHAKES**

Stephen was Mayor of Ledbury in 2024 and he will reminisce on 4 of the famous people he has met during his lifetime: a Vice President, a lunar astronaut, a President and an MP.

**THURSDAY APRIL 16 – Kirstie Bingham : RESTORING TEWKESBURY**

Discover the fascinating history of the development and restoration of the Abbey Lawn Cottages in Church Street, Tewkesbury. Recently discovered to date from 1410, this unique row of timber framed houses was built as a commercial venture by the Benedictine monks of Tewkesbury Abbey, and restored between 1967 and 1973 by the local buildings preservation charity, the Abbey Lawn Trust.

**THURSDAY MAY 21 – Kay Stevens : REVEALING HELLENS' TREASURES**

An informal lecture revealing the stories and collection highlights of Hellens Manor.

**THURSDAY JUNE 18 – Neil Hanson : INN AT THE TOP**

Inn at the Top is a laugh a minute tour of the quirks and foibles, highs and lows of Neil's time running Britain's highest inn back in the 1970's and 1980's; grappling with tight-fisted farmers, eccentric characters, bizarre local customs, naturist weekends, 'lates' and 'lock-ins', police raids, rats in the attic, close encounters with magistrates and planners and the shooting of a famous double glazing advert.

**THURSDAY JULY 16 - David Withey : WORK IS A 4 LETTER WORD**

David presents a light hearted selection of anecdotes and stories from the world of work.

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17- OPEN ENROLMENT MEETING**

The opportunity to see what our u3a groups do, meet other members and find out about the different groups that are within our u3a.

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 15 – Max Keen : PIRATES! Fact & Fiction**

Welcome aboard our quest to sift the fact from the fiction in pirate history. Pirates – the stuff of myth and legend. Were they swashbuckling idiots bringing murder and mayhem to the high seas? Wide eyed scallywags or Hollywood inventions. A lot of myths around pirates have become popular over the centuries, making it hard to untangle fact from fiction, but this talk aims to do just that!

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19  
AGM & QUIZ**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 17  
CHRISTMAS MEETING**

The Christmas celebration, with mulled wine and mince pies; together with festive activities and a chance to socialise with other members of our u3a.