

Groups Directory 2024 - 2025



Chairman's Letter

Malvern u3a continues to thrive - since last year, 428 new members have joined us, bringing our current membership to 1711, which makes your u3a the largest organisation in Malvern. I am hoping that our presence in Malvern will become more visible in the coming year.

That surge in membership is responsible for a part of the large reserves we have accumulated, but the Special General Meeting [SGM] on 25th June voted to approve a reduction in the membership subscription from £15 to £10 for the coming year 2024-25 and this will begin the process of reducing those reserves.

At the SGM, our Treasurer [Roger Hunt] also indicated that putting some of those reserves to some constructive use in the local community is a further step in that process, and the Trustees are considering how we will be able to support local charitable organisations. It marks the beginning of a shift of emphasis for Malvern u3a to become more outward looking and engaged in our community.

Within our organisation it is not just the number of members that have grown - we now have a total of 110 active groups including some new ones starting in September, so the biggest problem we all face at Groups Fair Day on Monday 2nd September in the Forum at Malvern Theatres is choosing which groups to join.

We hope as many of you as possible will use the various ways of renewing your membership online, leaving more time to spend in the hall with the various group leaders.

June saw what has become an annual event with our Picnic in the Park when musicians from u3a groups gathered on the bandstand in Priory Park to serenade an enthusiastic audience, including quite a few bemused passers-by. The first to perform where the most recently formed group [Wind Group] , joined by the Ukulele, Sing Together and Recorder Groups, rounding off with some fine jazz from Dave and friends.

Next year it will be 30 years since Malvern u3a was founded by those farsighted individuals. From an initial interest of 150 potential members to over 1700 members today, Malvern u3a has grown to be one of the largest in the country with a vibrant mix of interest groups and we hope to celebrate all that this means with a major social event. Watch this space!

Peter Corfield

Chair

Monthly Meetings

All take place at 2.30 pm at the Malvern Cube on the last Tuesday of the month (except August and December). Please check the website for the latest information.

Future Speakers

Tuesday 29th October 2024

Shelsley Walsh: The Story of a Village. - Max Hunt

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Taking Group trips Overland to India Using Public Transport & The Real India by Rail - Ashley Butterfield

Groups Coordinator Notice

In the following pages, you will find a list of all the groups presently operating. New groups do form through the year - we have four new groups starting in September 2024. Please check the website, read our monthly bulletins for the latest information.

Without group leaders, our u3a simply wouldn't exist. If you would like to help out with running an existing group or setting up a new group, do chat with any leader or get in touch with any of the trustees using the details at the back of this booklet.

Membership

We continue to make progress in our membership costs and payment systems and there is good news below!

As usual, our new year starts on 1st September when subscriptions for u3a year 2024/25 will become due. We are delighted to say that we are able to reduce our annual subscription to £10.00 which can be renewed from 1st August.

Now that our fully digital subscription system is established, you can continue to pay online with your debit/credit card. For the coming year, we have added the ability to pay by bank transfer. As you know, these secure ways of paying are no different from buying anything online. To renew, please go to the membership system on our website: <https://members.malvernu3a.org.uk/> and follow the instructions.

For those members who do not have access to email, you will be contacted separately by "snail" mail.

On renewal, you will automatically receive your 2024/25 membership card by email, which you can print off at home. It will no longer be essential to have a card, as your payment status will be fully recorded in our membership database, however, there will be a facility on the website should you forget or mislay it.

Gift Aid. If you are a taxpayer and eligible for Gift Aid, consenting to this when you are renewing online or by form will provide Malvern u3a with additional income.

If you are not renewing your membership, it would help us keep our records up to date if you could let us know. You will be missed.

Last but not least, best wishes to you for your coming year with u3a.

Wendy Mondy
Membership Secretary

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Art & Handicrafts

HANDICRAFTS (HAND1)

on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Malvern Victoria Bowling Club

09.45-12.00

We meet to create useful and novelty items. This is a popular group, so please contact the Leader for more information.

Leader

Pat Turner

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HANDICRAFTS 2 (HAND2)

on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Malvern Victoria Bowling Club

14.00-16.00

We meet to create useful and novelty items. Please contact the Leader for information and places.

PAINTING 1 (PNT1)

on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Hanley Swan Village Hall

14.00-16.00

U3A Painting 1 is a group of enthusiastic amateur artists who paint and draw in a variety of media including watercolour, acrylics, oils, pencil and pastel. We are a self-help group but our former tutor and group leader is still a member and happy to give help when requested. Both beginners and more experienced artists, or those wishing to try a new medium are welcome.

Leader

Anne Lewis

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PAINTING 2 (PNT2)**on the 2nd and 4th Friday**

Elmslie House

14.00-16.00

We are a small friendly group who meet to share our enjoyment of drawing and painting together, and hopefully help one another and increase our skills. At the present time we have no vacancies , but we are interested in hearing from members who would like to be on our waiting list.

Leader

Valerie Bruton

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Malvern Cube Community Centre

09:45-11:45

We now have vacancies to welcome more members who are interested in painting in the company of others. We do not have a tutor, but we try to help each other where we can if requested. Whether you have painted before or are keen to have a go, please get in touch.

Leader

Valerie Bruton

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(PTCH2)****on the 2nd and 4th
Monday**

Malvern Victoria Bowling Club

14.00-16.00

We are a 'self-help' group, without an instructor. Members work at their own pace and inclination and on whatever piece of work interests them. We aim to enjoy patchwork and quilting together with any other type of needle skill we may take on and to share expertise, knowledge and experience with our fellow group members.

Leader

Tania Harris

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PATCHWORK AND NEEDLE SKILLS (PTCH1) every Wednesday

Malvern Victoria Bowling Club

14.00-16.00

We are a 'self-help' group without an instructor. Members work at their own pace and inclination and on whatever piece of work interests them. We aim to enjoy patchwork and quilting together with any other type of needle skill we may take on and to share expertise, knowledge and experience with our fellow group members.

Leader

Sue Wheeler

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Malvern Victoria Bowling Club

14.00-16.00

We are a friendly group of enthusiastic silk painters of all levels, if you're a beginner we will help you explore this lovely form of painting and celebrate your success. If you are experienced and want to take this up again we would love to see you at one of our meetings. We are a self help group without an instructor, members help and advise each other.

Leader

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WOOD CARVING (WCRV1)**every Friday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre

10.00-13.00

The Wood Carving Group members use hand tools to carve individual projects at their own pace. They are of varying abilities with experienced members to help and advise others. Members provide their own tools and portable workbenches but we are able to offer a taster session for beginners.

Leader

Peter Humphrey

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Board Card Games & Puzzles**BRIDGE (EAT GROUP) (BRDG4)****every Tuesday**

Holy Trinity Parish Hall

10.00-12.00

This Bridge Group was formed from the late Audrey Turner's Bridge Group - using her initials (EAT). So if you want a fun game of Bridge and some lively social interaction, please join us.

Leader

Margaret Aspland

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BRIDGE DUPLICATE 2 (BRDG2)**every Monday**

Manor Park Sports Club

14.00-17.00

This group provides a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for members to play duplicate bridge. We welcome experienced players and also those who have had tuition and now wish to play to gain more confidence. Anyone who wishes to play is offered a taster session. All members are invited to play some part in the running of the group.

Leader

Valerie Lee

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BRIDGE DUPLICATE 3 (BRDG3)**every Thursday**

Elmslie House

14.00-17.00

We play a friendly duplicate each week and the common bidding system used is English Acol. If you use another system please bring a partner and be prepared to answer a few questions. For all of September we will be running a host system so anyone who turns up is guaranteed a game with or without a partner.

Leader

Andrew Hague

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CANASTA (CAN1)**on the 3rd Tuesday**

The Leader's home

14.15-17.00

Join us to play Canasta in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Leader

Avril Stevens

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CANASTA 2 (CAN2)**on the 1st Tuesday**

The Leader's home

14.00-17.00

Join us to play Canasta in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Leader

Jenny Bradford

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CHESS (CHES1)**on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday**

Lansdowne Crescent Methodist

14.00-16.30

The aim of the group is to play chess in a friendly environment and learn more about the game as we progress.

Leader

Paul Manning

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS (CROS1) on the 1st and 3rd Monday

Saint Andrew's Church Centre

14.00-16.00

This group is a social group with a purpose, for beginners and those who already enjoy the challenge of cryptic crosswords! Cryptic crosswords are a great way to keep the mind active: the clues follow rules and conventions which can be learnt.

Leader

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ESTIMATIONS CARD GAME (ESTM1)**every Monday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre

10.00-12.00

Estimations is known by many names (Up and Down, Oh Hell etc.), and is more interesting than Whist, less complex (or serious) than Bridge. It is played without partners, easy to learn and a lot of fun. We are a welcoming group and do not require weekly attendance. Join us on Monday mornings for a great start to the week!

LeaderAshley Butterfield 01531 650029 butterfieldashley@yahoo.co.uk**WHIST (WHST1)****every Thursday**

Christchurch Hall

14.00-16.00

Progressive Whist is a playing card game where players move table between games. This encourages more social interaction than most card and board games. Basic strategies for play are easily learnt, and will be outlined for beginners/newcomers. Though informal and relaxed, with a refreshment break at half-time, it is competitive with prizes for the best scores.

Leader

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Computing & Photography

PHOTOGRAPHY (PHO1)

on the 3rd Friday

Manor Park Sports Club

10.00-12.00

The U3A Camera Group will continue its monthly meetings under the guidance of Alan Parry. Members will be encouraged to broaden their camera skills through exploration of photo techniques and inspired creativity. Each meeting will address a photographic topic and discuss members' images on a given theme.

Leader

Alan Parry

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Discussion & Philosophy

ECONOMICS DISCUSSION (ECON1)

on the 1st Tuesday

Malvern Cube Community Centre

13.45-16.00

Economics is a very important but little understood subject that governs all our lives. We are a group of enthusiasts with varying degrees of expertise who come together once a month to air opinions and discuss issues relating to economics. The structure is fairly informal but currently we are working our way through a book which serves to provide one of the topics for each session.

Leader

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**PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION
(PHIL1)****on the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday**

Malvern Victoria Bowling Club

10.00-12.00

The study of Philosophy helps us to think more clearly, to think more critically, and thus to understand this world better. In an ever more complex environment these widely applicable skills are more useful than ever.

Leader

John O'Lughlen

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Church Meadow Court Retirement Housing

14.00-16.00

We meet to discuss everything and anything. No subject is off the agenda. Meetings are lively but good natured and ALL opinions are listened to and respected. We usually decide at a meeting the subject/subjects for the next meeting. We are a friendly welcoming group . If you are interested in joining us please contact the Leader see below.

Leader

Val Holland

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Jane Ireland

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SPIRITUALITY AND LITERATURE (SPRT1) on the 3rd Tuesday

The Leader's home

10.00-12.00

In recent years we have considered spirituality within the context of conscience, the sea, authority, nature. During this coming series of 6 sessions (beginning in October 2024) we have decided to return to the theme of love. What is love and how is it related to spirituality? The books will represent a wide range of personal experience and will challenge some common mis-conceptions. We will continue to meet on the third tuesday morning of each month.

Leader

Peter Bevan

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Various locations

in the afternoon

We aim to increase our knowledge and understanding of a variety of plants and trees and most meetings are spent visiting gardens within a reasonable distance of Malvern. The group will operate from March to October

Leader

Kay Linley

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History & Culture

ARCHAEOLOGY (ARCH1)

on the 3rd Monday

United Reformed Church Hall

10.30-12.00

The Group welcomes anyone with an interest in the past as illustrated by its material remains, no previous experience or knowledge required, just enthusiasm! We have a mixture of outside speakers, home-grown talks and excursions.

Leader

Michael Lewent

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FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY (GENY1)

on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Malvern Baptist Church

10.00-12.00

The group includes members with a wide experience of researching family history ranging from 30 or more years through to the complete beginner. All personal research is undertaken outside of meetings with members using methods most appropriate to their circumstances

Leader

Gwenda Evans

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HISTORY THROUGH ART (AHIS1)

on the last Friday

Malvern Rugby Football Club

10.00-12.00

We are a friendly group sharing an interest in a wide variety of subjects linking art in the broadest sense to the history of its period. Each month, some of our members volunteer to present a topic of their choice to the group and this frequently generates a lively discussion.

Leader

Roger Hales

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MILITARY HISTORY (MLHS1)**on the 2nd Friday**

Manor Park Sports Club

10.00-12.00

The Group provides a varied programme on a wide variety of topics covering all historical periods. Members who would like to speak on topics of their personal interests and experiences are encouraged to do so. Further details of the programme for the coming year can be found on our web page.

Leader

Alan Gray

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SOCIAL HISTORY (SOCL2)**on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday**

Malvern Victoria Bowling Club

10.00-12.00

We study all periods and types of history except military, topics being chosen by members of the Group. Each topic involves a series of lectures taking a year or eighteen months to complete. but you don't have to attend every one!

Leader

Brian Chesney

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WELSH CULTURE GROUP (WLSH1)**on the 1st Friday**

Malvern Baptist Church

10.00-12.00

Through our programme, we aim to share our knowledge and enthusiasm of all aspects of Wales and Welsh life.

Leader

Sue Price

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Languages

BEGINNERS LATIN (LT1) **on the 2nd and 4th Thursday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre 14.00-16.00

The group will continue to follow the beginners' course, which started in September 2022. If you have a basic grasp of Latin and wish to brush up former skills, you will be most welcome to join us.

Leader

Brenda Newhall 07711 801151 brendanewhall@gmail.com

FLUENT FRENCH 1 (FRFL1) **on alternate Thursdays**

Members' homes 10.00-12.00

We expect members to be able to speak French fluently, to take part in discussions and on occasions to lead them.

Leader

Jenny Clayphan 01684 574731 n/a

FLUENT FRENCH CONVERSATION (FRFL2) **on the 2nd and 4th Monday**

The Leader's home 14.00-16.00

Members simply relax and chat in French on anything and everything. There is no preparation, no grammar and no homework!

Leader

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**FRENCH CONVERSATION 1
(FRCV1)**

**on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday**

Members' homes

10.00-12.00

The group is at an advanced level. The first hour is spent in conversation, with each member bringing something that interests them to the table. The second hour is spent reading and translating an article, chosen by members in turn, which is sent out a week in advance. We would welcome new members to the group.

Leader

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**FRENCH CONVERSATION 2
(FRCV2)**

**on the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday**

Lansdowne Crescent Methodist

10.00-12.00

There is a wide range of linguistic competence within the group, but all members are encouraged to participate as fully as possible in the relaxed atmosphere. For further details see the relevant webpage or telephone the group leader directly.

Leader

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**FRENCH CONVERSATION 3
(FRCV3)**

**on the 1st and 3rd
Monday**

The Leader's home

11.00-12.00

We are an informal group, and at varied levels of competence, but we enjoy speaking together, and don't study any books etc! Please note the group is currently full - please contact the leader for further information.

Leader

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FRENCH CONVERSATION 4 (FRCV4)

**on the 2nd and 4th
Monday**

The Leader's home

12.15-13.45

This group is for those who already know some French and wish to improve it through conversation. We meet over lunchtime and participants bring their own lunch. The group uses French for the whole session, with support and translation.

Leader

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FRENCH INTERMEDIATE (FRIN1)

**on the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday**

The Leader's home

14.00-16.00

The aim of the group is to improve confidence, accuracy and fluency in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Members subscribe to a French magazine, Rendez-vous, which comes out every two months, has a wide variety of interesting articles and keeps us up-to-date with vocabulary as well as with events in France. For more information please contact the group leader.

Leader

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FRENCH REVISITED (FRRV1)

on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Manor Park Sports Club

10.00-12.00

Our course uses a structured format to improve members' vocabulary, grammar, spelling, sentence construction, listening and responding skills. We listen to tapes (native speakers) and participate in role-plays relating to everyday real life situations.

Leader

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GERMAN CONVERSATION (GRMN2)**every Monday**

The Leader's home

14.30-16.00

We speak in German about anything and everything, what we have done in the last week, topics suggested by members or anything else that takes our fancy. We help one another out with vocabulary and there is no grammar and no homework. Everybody with an interest in the German language at whatever level is welcome, even if you just want to listen in. We are taking a break in July and August, recommencing in September.

Leader

Michael Lewent

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GERMAN IMPROVERS (GRMN3) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Malvern Cube Community Centre

10.00-12.00

This is a group for those with a basic grasp of German who would like to extend their vocabulary and knowledge of the grammar in an informal way.

Leader

Brenda Newhall

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GERMAN INTERMEDIATE (GRMN4)**every Monday**

The Leader's home

10.30-12.00

We have been following the BBC Talk German course and the group has now completed the first year of study. We are serious about learning and aren't afraid to tackle all aspects of the language, but in a relaxed environment where camaraderie and fun are important! We have room for one or two new members, but a certain level of knowledge will be necessary.

Leader

Sarah Barrie

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GERMAN POST BEGINNERS (GRMN1)**every Thursday**

The Leader's home

14.00-15.30

We have been following the BBC Talk German course and the group have now completed their first year of study. We are serious about learning and aren't afraid to tackle all aspects of the language, but in a relaxed environment where camaraderie and fun are also important! We have room for one or two new members but a certain level of competency will be necessary'.

Leader

Sarah Barrie

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ITALIAN CONVERSATION (ITCV1)**every Tuesday**

The Leader's home

14.00-16.00

For people with a range of fluency in the language, we converse, read and discuss various topics usually on Italian art and culture. Tuesdays 2-4 p.m. with refreshment break. NOT for absolute beginners.

Leader

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RUSSIAN IMPROVERS (RUS1)**every Wednesday**

Saint Andrew's Church Centre

10.30-12.30

This group is for students who are already familiar and confident with the alphabet and are ready to start at Lesson 3 of the course book [Ruslan Russian 1]. A degree of flexibility enables us to follow participants' interests and learn about Russia as we progress. The group includes some who are refreshing previous knowledge from O level etc. or started from scratch with u3a. Please contact the tutor if interested.

Leader

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SPANISH BEGINNERS (SPBG1)**every Wednesday**

The Leader's home

14.30-16.30

Aug 2024 update Please be aware that Mary has stepped back from running this group after Jul 2024. At present, attempts are being made to find a new leader. Please checkout the other Spanish groups that are continuing to operate in the coming year.

Leader

Mary Tibbles

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Members' homes

10.00-12.00

Members will be encouraged to expand their conversational skills by sharing topics of their own choice from the media, personal experiences, holidays etc. in the general group discussion. A reasonable knowledge of grammar and everyday vocabulary is assumed.

Leader

Judith Taylor

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Members' homes

10.00-12.00

We usually have a break in August. Members have varying levels of fluency and prefer to learn the language through conversation. Preparation is not essential and we have no theme, but most members come with ideas and prepare a few sentences in Spanish.

Leader

Sybil Heeks

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SPANISH IMPROVERS 1 (SPIM1)**every Wednesday**

Manor Park Sports Club

10.00-12.00

Our aim is to introduce the Spanish language and way of life through speech and written work, and by videos and oral cassettes as well as books. At holiday times the group will be given the choice of whether to meet.

Leader

Gwyn Klee

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SPANISH IMPROVERS 2 (SPIM2)**every Wednesday**

The Leader's home

10.30-12.30

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Leader

Mary Tibbles

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Literature & the Performing Arts

BOOK SHARE (BOOK1)**on the last Friday**

Manor Park Sports Club

10.30-12.30

This group is for people who love reading and can bring a book along and talk about it – any book on anything: e.g. history, geography, travel, religion, biography, science, gardening, biology, entertainment, etc. It is NOT going to be a book of the month.

Leader

Val Holland

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**CLASSICAL MUSIC AND OPERA
(OPER1)**

**on the 3rd
Wednesday**

The Leader's home

14.00-17.00

We alternate between a classical music programme and an opera (viewed on tv) presented by the leader or any member may make up their own classical music programme and present it. Followed by a short discussion on the programme. The leader has the facilities to stream any programme offered by members in high resolution sound. There is an interval for refreshments.

Leader

Thomas Foort

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CREATIVE WRITING 1 (CW1)

on the 2nd Tuesday

The Leader's home

10.00-12.00

CW1 has always been and still is a mainly prose, non teaching group. Members read their contribution to a set topic followed by constructive discussion.

Leader

Dorothy Meredith

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CREATIVE WRITING 2 (CW2)

on the 1st Friday

Malvern Cube Community Centre

10.00-12.00

This is a popular group and the group-size is necessarily limited. Please contact me for further details.

Leader

Heather Whatley

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CREATIVE WRITING 3 (CW3)**on the 1st Tuesday**

The Leader's home

10.00-12.00

At our meetings we each read out our own piece of work and provide feedback to others. The topics for our writing are chosen in the previous month. When time allows, a short impromptu writing exercise may also be run.

Leader

Susan van Ling

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CREATIVE WRITING TECHNIQUES (CW4) on the 3rd Tuesday

Manor Park Sports Club

10.00-12.00

Want to enhance your writing skills and up your creativity, then why not join this group which focuses on creative writing techniques. No homework to do, just exercises and discussion. This is suitable for anyone wishing to write fiction from long short stories to novels

Leader

Jane Guinery

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DRAMA GROUP (DRAM1)**on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre

13.30-16.00

The Drama group will not put members under any pressure to learn lines or perform to an audience. It will provide an opportunity to perform, or direct, selected scenes from a wide range of plays. Trying out ways to see how texts can work in performance provides the main focus of the sessions.

Leader

Marilyn Birks

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**ENJOYING SHAKESPEARE
(SHKE1)**

**on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre

10.00-12.00

We welcome new members to this group. Please contact the Leader for further details.

Leader

John Birks

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FILM GROUP 1 (FLMG1)

on the 1st Monday

Members' homes

10.00-12.00

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month in members' homes to discuss and rate films we have viewed recently in local cinemas. After coffee we draw up a list of promising new films to view in the coming month. Our lively discussions bring together different points of view in a very amicable and enjoyable way.

Leader

Susan Clarke

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FILM GROUP 2 (FLMG2)

on the 2nd Monday

Members' homes

10.00-12.00

We're rather like a book group, in that we discuss films we have seen, would or would not recommend and plan together what films we will seek to view in the coming weeks. A member circulates a monthly "what's on" film list covering Malvern, Pershore & Tewkesbury, as well as the annual Borderlands film festival. Our discussions are lively & friendly-from time to time we also watch selected DVDs in one another's homes.

Leader

Sue Dalley

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FILM GROUP 4 (FLMG4)**on the 1st Monday**

Members' homes

10.00-12.00

At meetings we discuss the films we have seen, where the aim is to gain pleasure from and an increased knowledge of film. There is also scope for developing the group according to members' interests.

Leader

Julia Davies

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LITERATURE (LIT1)**on the 1st and 3rd Thursday**

Poolbrook Village Hall

10.00-12.00

The Literature group loves discovering and reading new books but also the classics. We read in detail and have lively discussions, valuing each other's thoughts and ideas. Additionally we have Poetry sessions and a "Good Read" where books are recommended or otherwise by members.

Leader

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PLAY READING 1 (PLRD1)**on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday**

Manor Park Sports Club

10.00-12.00

We try to read a varied selection of plays, but we do like to laugh so tend not to go for the tragic end of the range. However, if someone is burning to do Oedipus Rex we might give it a go.

Leader

Annie Martin

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PLAY READING 2 (PLRD2)**on the 1st and 3rd Thursday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre

09.20-12.00

We read a wide variety of plays with members recommending plays they would particularly like to read.

Leader

David Martin

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POETRY PLEASE (POET1)**on the 2nd Monday**

Elmslie House

10.00-12.00

This lively friendly group meets to read poetry of our choice – anything goes! It is very informal and lots of fun.

Leader

Mary Rose Hughes 01684 560139 maryrose.hughes@gmail.com

POETRY PLEASE 2 (POET2)**on the 4th Monday**

Elmslie House

10.00-12.00

Join like-minded members to read favourite poems in a fun and informal atmosphere. All are welcome!

Leader

Patricia Evans 01684 649599 paf.evans4@gmail.com

SHAKESPEARE ON PAGE AND STAGE (SHKE2)**on the 4th Wednesday**

Manor Park Sports Club

13.45-16.00

The group reads and discusses Shakespeare's plays and attends theatre performances. While we aim for an optimum number of members, we do currently have vacancies.

Leader

Robin Brighton 01886 830021 rrbrighton@hotmail.co.uk

THEATRE STUDIES (THET1)**on the last Wednesday**

Elmslie House

10.00-12.00

Talks on all aspects of the Theatre are given by the leader or a member of the group. Where possible this talk is linked to productions at Malvern Festival Theatre. We also discuss productions seen by members. These are usually Malvern productions, but also take in RSC and National Theatre etc.

Leader

Anthea Nakorn 07897 289810 grenfell19@hotmail.com

Maths Science and Earth Sciences

ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS (ASTR1)

Online via Zoom

**Check with
Leader**

Check with Leader

The course can be downloaded from the U3A Malvern website anytime, as a series of video recordings, each linked from a table on the web site. The course topics cover historical astronomy, the solar system, planetary physics, Atomic physics, Particle physics, Relativity and Cosmology. Please check the website for the current information as to whether the group sessions will run according to numbers and interest , and what time and date.

Leader

Chris Baddiley

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EXPLORING MATHEMATICAL IDEAS (MATH1)

**on the 1st and 3rd
Tuesday**

Manor Park Sports Club

14.00-16.00

If you are curious about Maths and can remember some of your O-level, then you should be able to follow these sessions. Part of the session will be a presentation and part will be actively doing! We will explore some mathematical ideas based around number work, geometry, algebra, and problem solving.

Leader

Roger Keeling

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GEOLOGY (GEOL1)**on the 3rd Friday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre

10.00-12.00

We focus on the geology of the Malvern area and adjacent counties as well as wider geological issues both national and international. This includes the interaction between geology and landscapes and buildings and monuments. In the winter there are talks by visiting speakers and in the summer, visits and field trips both locally and abroad. We have a comprehensive library of maps, leaflets and books and encourage small group research. See the Group website for further information.

Leader

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MATHEMATICAL TOPICS (MAT1) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Manor Park Sports Club

14.00-16.00

The Mathematical Topics Group is the one for those confident with topics at the post O-level/GCSE level stage. Each session has a focus on a particular theme and members will not be expected to have attended another session previously. There is a certain amount of exposition by the session leader and the rest of the time is spent tackling problems on the topic, with assistance where required. Session details will be published twice a year, before September and January.

Leader

John Knee

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NATURAL HISTORY (NATH1)**on the 1st Monday**

Manor Park Sports Club

10.00-12.00

There will be a mix of field trips and classroom sessions. The field of natural history is clearly large and the topics to be covered would be decided by group members, exploiting available expertise. These could include birds, flora, butterflies, moths and dragonflies etc.

Leader

Richard Newton

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(SCI1)****on the 2nd
Thursday**

Poolbrook Village Hall

10.00-12.00

The Science Group is concerned primarily with Biology, mostly, but not exclusively, with Evolution and Genetics. The aim of the members is to continue within this framework, incorporating biological principles and processes as they arise, but to include specific topics where relevant.

Leader

Alan Gray

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Malvern Cube Community Centre

14.30-16.30

A 10 week, course starting Friday 13th Sept at 2.30pm in the Cube with a one week gap in the middle. A light-hearted course using PowerPoint. A guide to the functioning of the major systems in your body, plus some of the malfunctions which may show up as we age. No notes and no knowledge required.

Leader

Sue Lamberton

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WILD FLOWERS AND FUNGI (WLDF1)**on the 4th Monday**

Various locations

Check with Leader

A self-help Group with field meetings only. Visits to nature reserves, private woodlands and natural gardens..

LeaderCherry Greenway 01886 884388 cherrygreenway@btinternet.com**Music****ABC MUSIC GROUP (MUSC4)****on the 2nd and 4th Thursday**

The Leader's home

10.00-12.00

This is a new group, wishing to explore any genre of music, with the exception of classical music. So anything else would be welcome, whatever you know and would wish to share with other like minded individuals in a friendly and respectful environment. Bring along a CD and lets hear what you've got, it may be a revelation! As this group is just starting, it's hoped that those who come along will help to shape the format.

Leader

Andy Boldero

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The Leader's home

14.00-16.00

We play, mostly on C/D's, every type of music - classical, popular, jazz, folk, etc., either as a individual with their own programme of music, or as a group with a theme, or as pot luck, making for an enjoyable musical afternoon in a relaxed sociable atmosphere.

Leader

Richard Rowan

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RECORDER GROUP (RCRD1) on the 1st and 3rd Thursday

St. Joseph's Parish Hall

10.00-12.00

We play mostly in four parts, for descant, treble tenor and bass recorders, enjoying music ranging from 16th century pieces through to 1960's pop - including Ragtime, classical pieces and music from the shows. The group includes a wide range of levels of player but some experience of playing and the ability to read music are needed.

Leader

Sue Fairchild

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Malvern Rugby Football Club

11.00-12.30

These singing sessions are for everyone, including those who may lack confidence in their voices but who would really like to experience the joy of singing together with friends in harmony. We sing a cappella without musical accompaniment, altogether in one big circle, and enjoy all sorts of rounds and songs with wonderful harmonies all taught by ear, so you don't need to read music to come and enjoy yourself at Sing Anyway! Please see Malvern U3A website for further details or contact Sunnara.

Leader

Sunnara Vivian

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SING TOGETHER (SING2)**on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday**

Malvern Rugby Football Club

14.00-15.30

Sing Together is for anyone who enjoys singing but lacks confidence or would just like to sing. There will be lots of varied songs to suit everyone's taste. Come along and join similar people to grow singing skills together and have fun.

LeaderJan Stoney 01684 564999 janstoney@btinternet.com**Contact**Wendy Bell 01684567340 grannywendy47@gmail.com**THE WIND GROUP (WIND1)****on alternate Mondays**

Lansdowne Crescent Methodist

14.30-16.30

The u3a Wind Group started in November 2022. We have about 18 players in the full range of woodwind instruments from piccolo to bassoon plus French horn and saxophones. We would particularly welcome instruments in the lower musical register, as well as someone who would be able to conduct us. Our aim is to meet on alternate Mondays to play a variety of types of music for pleasure rather than performance. We now have a waiting list for players of flutes and clarinets.

LeaderCynthia Merriman 01684 566927 merriman_cynthia@yahoo.co.uk

UKULELE (UKUL1) **on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday**
 Saint Andrew's Church Centre 10.00-12.00

There are Strum and Sing sessions twice a month. These sessions are suitable for players of all abilities with the first half hour of each session being set aside for learning ukulele skills. In addition, there are currently two instrumental groups that meet in member's homes on Tuesday mornings (each group meets once a fortnight). There are currently no spaces in these groups, but if members are interested in forming further groups they should contact Richard Owen for details of music etc.

Leader

Richard Owen

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Outdoor & Active

BADMINTON (BADM1) **every Tuesday**
 Malvern St James Sports Centre 10.00-11.30

The group is suitable for those who have played the game before (albeit some time ago) or who have experience of tennis or squash. On the other hand, it is not suitable for reasonably accomplished badminton players. Basically it is a 'middle of the road' grouping. We will only be playing doubles, either mixed, men's or women's.

Leader

Roger Keeling

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BOULES AND PETANQUE 1 (BAP1) **every Thursday**
 Park opposite Malvern Railway Station 10.30-12.00

Join us for gentle exercise in a pleasant outdoor location. We welcome new members.

Leader

Richard Shenton

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BOULES AND PETANQUE 2 (BAP2)**every Monday**

Park opposite Malvern Railway Station

10.30-11.30

Join us for gentle exercise in a pleasant outdoor location. We welcome new members.

Leader

John Trevelyan

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BOULES AND PETANQUE 3 (BAP3)**every Tuesday**

Park opposite Malvern Railway Station

10.30-11.30

Join us for gentle exercise in a pleasant outdoor location.

Leader

Zelie Cleaver

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CROQUET (CROQ1)**every Thursday**

Miller's Court Farm

10.00-17.00

We aim to give members a full knowledge of the rules, and coaching on techniques on the method of playing a game that is both fulfilling and enjoyable. The group operates on from May to September

Leader

Brenda Spragg

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CYCLING (CYC1)**on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday**

Various locations

10-00-14.00

This group is for social cyclists who want to explore the lanes and byways of the Three Counties on two wheels (we do not ride off road) . Rides vary between 25 and 35 miles on average and usually last about 3 hours (with a coffee break) and terminate with a pub lunch. Electric bikes are welcome

Leader

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**DOWSING - BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS
(DOWS1)****on the 3rd
Tuesday**

Elmslie House

14.00-15.30

Learn to dowse using simple dowsing tools. Dowsing can be used to find water, lost objects, explore outdoor sites, improve health and much more!

Leader

Kate Smart

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FOLK DANCING (FLKD1)**every Wednesday**

Saint Andrew's Church Centre

14.00-16.00

The aim of the group is to dance a variety of folk / country dances in a friendly environment. All are welcome

Leader

Michael Davis

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KEEP FIT (FIT1)**every Wednesday**

Saint Andrew's Church Centre

10.30-12.00

The Keep Fit Group is for both sexes, is run by a qualified physiotherapist and consists of keep fit exercises. When attending you should bring an exercise mat or large towel, appropriate clothing and lace-up shoes.

Leader

Angela Lane

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PICKLEBALL (PCKL1)**every Friday**

Manor Park Sports Club

12:30-14:45

Pickleball is a bit of a mixture of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. It is played on a badminton size court using a slightly oversize table tennis paddle and a plastic ball. Please check the web page for further information

Leader

Maurice Nichols

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SHORT MAT BOWLING 1 (BOWL2)**every Monday**

Welland Village Hall

13.30-16.00

We have three bowling mats each being 45ft long by 6ft wide. accommodating 18 players in 6 teams of three. The bowls we use are regular bowling green size, although the game is somewhat different to Green Bowling. All equipment is supplied except for flat shoes. There are currently vacancies for more members to join us.

Leader

Geoff Smithdale

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SHORT MAT BOWLING 2 (BOWL3)**every Tuesday**

Welland Village Hall

09.30-12.00

We have three bowling mats each being 45ft long by 6ft wide. The bowls are regular bowling green size, although the game is somewhat different to Green Bowling. All equipment is supplied except for flat shoes.

Leader

Martin Peer

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TABLE TENNIS (TT1)**every Wednesday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre

13.00-16.00

We meet every Wednesday at the Cube for social Table Tennis between 1pm and 4pm. Bats are available for newcomers and all are assured of a warm welcome.

Leader

Vernon Jones

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TABLE TENNIS ADVANCED (TT2) on alternate Fridays

Malvern Cube Community Centre 10.00-12.00

This is a group that operates at an advanced level, practising for match play. Participants play at League standard, the focus is on developing match skills and we primarily play singles.

Leader

Michael Lewent n/a michaellewent@hotmail.com

TAI CHI (TACH1) every Wednesday

Poolbrook Village Hall 14.00-15.00

This group will be for Shibashi – a sequence of 18 movements which can be done seated or standing.

Leader

Linda Edwards 01684 569677 lindaedwards731@btinternet.com

THE WALKING GROUP (WALK1) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday

Various locations 10.00-13.00

This group is for people who enjoy the outside world. Exploring the area by foot. Walks will vary on length depending on location. Walks approx 2 hrs with a break for a drink finishing at a cafe or pub for lunch. All get a chance to lead a walk to create variety.

Leader

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WALKING FOOTBALL (WLKF2) on the 2nd and 4th Thursday

Malvern St James Sports Centre 18.30-19.30

Thought your playing days were a thing of the past? Why not try walking football, the fastest growing sport in the UK. Whether you have played football in the past, or just fancy keeping fit in a social kick about, all are welcome.

Leader

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Social

DRIVING SKILLS REVISITED (DRIV1)

on the 3rd Friday

Malvern Cube Community Centre

10.00-12.00

We can help you refresh your ability to cope with modern day situations. Each month our talk covers a different topic, including night driving, winter driving, motorways, manoeuvres, lone driving, technology and challenges. We also offer an hour's one-to-one driving assessment in your own car.

Leader

Val Allen

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QUIZ GROUP (QUIZ1)

on the last Friday

Saint Andrew's Church Centre

14.00-16.30

We welcome individuals as well as couples/friends. Teams of between 4 and 6 people are decided on arrival. We have a different quiz master each month drawn from members of the group. The usual format is 8 rounds on a variety of topics, with a coffee/tea break.

Leader

Aidan Lawrence

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SOLOS (SOLO1)

on the 1st Saturday

Manor Park Sports Club

10.00-12.00

Solos has grown into a large, friendly group, embracing positive aging with a variety of social events for those living on their own. This group offers a warm environment where friendships flourish through shared activities.

Leader

Mary Barrett

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THE GOOD BEER GROUP (BEER1)**on the 3rd Tuesday**

Various locations

19.30-22.00

We meet to share and develop our knowledge of good beers through tastings, talks and visits to pubs and breweries.

Information about meetings is sent out by e-mail.

Participants are encouraged to become involved in organising or assisting with trips and venues, but this is not compulsory.

Leader

Carl Flint

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THE GRAPE GROUP (GRPE1)**on the 1st Wednesday**

Various locations

19.30-22.00

We explore the pleasures of wine, and welcome absolute beginners as well as those who are already quite knowledgeable. The basic idea is to enjoy the wine in your glass, as well as to learn something more about wine in a structured but informal atmosphere.

Leader

John Waring

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TRAVEL GROUP (TRVL1)**on the 2nd Tuesday**

Malvern Rugby Football Club

14.00-16.00

Members of this very large group volunteer to organise various day trips to places of interest in the UK. All members of Malvern U3A are automatically enrolled as members of The Travel Group. Further details are shown on our web page.

Leader

Peter Dennis

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Joint Leader

Hazel Haslam

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WINE TASTING (WINE1)**on the 2nd Saturday**

Members' homes

19.30-22.00

The group is not intended for wine “experts” but for those who simply want to sample a range of wines and talk about them.. Group members (a) contribute £15 a month to cover the cost of the wine, (b) provide a plate of food for sharing.

LeaderDavid Martin 07792 887181 davidandlizmartin@gmail.com**Joint Leader**Liz Martin 07790 776640 davidandlizmartin@gmail.com

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Elmslie House	8 Avenue Road, Malvern WR14 3AG
Hanley Swan Village Hall	Welland Road, Hanley Swan WR8 0DA
Holy Trinity Parish Hall	North Malvern Road, Malvern WR14 4LR
Lansdowne Crescent Methodist	Lansdowne Crescent, Malvern WR14 2AW
Malvern Baptist Church	Abbey Road, Malvern WR14 3HG
Malvern Cube Community Centre	Albert Road North, Malvern WR14 2YH
Malvern Rugby Football Club	Spring Lane, Malvern WR14 1AJ
Malvern St James Sports Centre	33 Barnard's Green Rd, Malvern WR14 3LH
Malvern Victoria Bowling Club	Victoria Park, Malvern Link WR14 2JY
Manor Park Sports Club	Albert Rd North, Malvern, WR14 2TL
Miller's Court Farm	Birt Street, Birtsmorton WR13 6AP
Park opposite Malvern Railway Station	Station Approach, Malvern WR14 3AU
Poolbrook Village Hall	Poolbrook Road, Malvern WR14 3JW
Saint Andrew's Church Centre	Churchdown Rd, Malvern WR14 3JX
St. Joseph's Parish Hall	125 Newtown Rd, Malvern WR14 1PF
United Reformed Church Hall	Worcester Road, Malvern WR14 1SS
Welland Village Hall	Marlbank Road, Welland WR13 6LA

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Groups Fair 2024

Monday 2nd September
Malvern Theatres, Grange Road
Malvern WR14 3HB
10:00 - 12:00

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