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Groups Directory

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Trustees Letter

Welcome to your group directory for 2026-2027. Malvern u3a continues to thrive. For 2025-2026 we had just over 2000 members of which nearly 400 were new members.

Membership

Our membership year runs from 1st September through to 31st August. For 2026-27 the annual membership fee is £10.00 and the default session fee for those using public venues we have to hire is £2.00.

At the start of August existing members will have received a personal invitation with instructions on how to renew. Most of our members now renew online. For 2026-2027 we will continue to support in person payments at the open day in September. This can be by contactless card or by cheque (Not cash please). Please read the renewal invitation carefully. If you are willing and able, or can find a family member or friend to help you, to renew online it will help reduce our admin overheads significantly.

For new members, please visit our membership website at https://members.malvernu3a.org.uk for how to join.

Our Groups

In the following pages, you will find a list of all the groups presently operating. Information about new groups forming through the year is included in our monthly bulletins. Each group has a web page describing the group in more detail and often including up-to-date information on activities. As I write this in July 2026, around 25 groups out of our 115 groups have informed us that they are full and/or having a waiting list. We haven't included this information in this printed directory to avoid giving out of date information. Please see https://malvernu3a.org.uk/ for the latest information.

Monthly Guest Speaker Meetings and coffee mornings

On the last Tuesday afternoon of most months, we host a guest speaker - please visit https://malvernu3a.org.uk/meetings/ for the latest information. We also host regular coffee mornings at Malvern theatre at different days and times. These are a good opportunity to come along and chat with some of the trustees about any aspect of the u3a. Specific dates and times will be publicised in the monthly bulletins.

Getting Involved

Without group leaders and trustees, 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 start of this booklet. More detailed information can be found at https://malvernu3a.org.uk/getting-involved/.

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Art & Crafts

DRAWING (DRAW1) **on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday**

Hanley Swan Village Hall 14.00-16.00

Drawing is something that many people enjoy or return to in later life. Whether it's a quick doodle, caricature, exploring an idea, communicating a concept or recording a view or pet, this course will help to understand drawing as a means of expression and develop new skills. We will be looking at materials, styles, techniques using a partial tutored session and part free time to work on or set up projects for home study. We could also do some outdoor work, portraits or still life studies.

Leader

Francis Colella

HANDICRAFTS (HAND1) **on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday**

Victoria Park 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

LEATHER (LETH1) **on the 1st and 3rd Thursday**

Guarlford Village Hall 10.00-12.00

New group starting September 2026. This is for like-minded people who like making things in Leather. Share ideas etc. Using own materials, tools, hand sewing/machine.

Leader

Suzanne Hutchinson

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, happy to share knowledge and expertise with one another. A topic is set for each session though members can continue with their own projects if they wish. All are welcome though some basic knowledge of your chosen medium is desirable.

Leader

Anne Lewis

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

Elmslie House 14.00-16.00

We are a friendly group of like minded members who meet to share our enjoyment of drawing and painting together. Until recently we were a small group, but we are moving into a larger room in September, where we will be able to invite more members. We do not have a tutor, but as the group is of mixed ability and experience, we help one another to increase our skills where required. I look forward to hearing from anyone interested in joining our group. Val Bruton group leader

Leader

Valerie Bruton

PAINTING 3 (PNT3) **on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre 09:45-11:45

We now have vacancies to welcome a limited number of 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

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

Victoria Park 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

Janet Jones

PATCHWORK AND NEEDLE SKILLS (PTCH1) **every Wednesday**

Victoria Park Bowling Club 14.00-16.00

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

Leader

Sue Wheeler

Joint Leader

Jane Willoughby

PHOTOGRAPHY (PHO1) **on the 3rd Friday**

Manor Park Sports Club 10.00-12.00

Members are 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

Steve Joyce

Joint Leader

Paul Manning

SILK PAINTING (SLKP1) **on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday**

Victoria Park 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 each other.

Leader

Wendy Gough

WOOD CARVING (WCRV1) **every Friday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre 10.00-13.00

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

Leader

Peter Humphrey

Discussion

BUSINESS & FINANCE DISCUSSION (BFIN1) **on the last Tuesday**

Saint Andrew's Church Centre 14.00-16.00

We discuss a wide range of subjects relating to Business Industry and Finance. We look at issues that businesses face in running and developing their activities. The subject matter will be topical and based on current issues in the media and our approach will be practical in nature, based on our own experiences and often assisted by case studies.

Leader

Kevin Smith

Admin

Sam Knight

CONSCIOUSNESS DISCUSSION (CONS1) **on the 2nd Tuesday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre 14.30-16.30

Group discussing consciousness and near-death experiences

Leader

Shabra Dowson

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

John O'Loghlen

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

Victoria Park 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'Loghlen

SOCIAL DEBATE (SOCL1) **on the 4th Wednesday**

Merrievale Court 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.

Leader

Val Holland

Leader

Jane Ireland

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

Richard Gawen

BRIDGE BEGINNERS (BRDG1) **every Thursday**

Manor Park Sports Club 13:30-15:00

From Sept 2026 the group will split into 2. One group will be for complete beginners who have never played the game before, whilst the second group will be for improvers - that is those people who have learnt the basics of the game this year or those who have some recollection of the game, having learnt previously.

Leader

Roger Keeling

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

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

BRIDGE IMPROVERS (BRDG5) **every Thursday**

Manor Park Sports Club 15.00-17.00

A session for those who wish to improve their game. Namely those that have spent this year (2025/6) learning the game or those that have a basic knowlegde that needs refreshing. In order to succeed: You will need to be able to commit regularly You will need perseverance You will need a good memory You must be prepared to learn from your mistakes Bridge is a great card game but takes time and practice to achieve reasonable mastery. These session

Leader

Roger Keeling

CANASTA 1 (CAN1) **on the 3rd Tuesday**

The Leader's home 14.00-17.00

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

Leader

Jenny Bradford

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

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

Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church 14.00-16.00

The aim of the group is to play chess in a friendly environment and learn more about the game as we progress. We typically have 8-12 members with a range of experience and ability. Our games are relaxed - we do not generally use chess clocks. All playing levels are welcome, but beginners need to know the rules and have some experience of playing the game.

Leader

Paul Manning

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! In our meetings we collectively complete three crosswords. Cryptic crosswords are a great way to keep the mind active: the clues follow rules and conventions which can be learnt. The group includes both experienced and novice solvers.

Leader

Pamela Stanier

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS - AN INTRODUCTION (CROS2) **every Wednesday**

Victoria Park View Community Room 14.00-16.00

There will be a short, six-session, course starting in September for people who want to learn how to do these crosswords. The sessions will explain the conventions and “rules” of cryptic crosswords, demystify the different kinds of clues and give members confidence to join the regular Cryptic Crosswords group which has been running for more than a decade.

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.

Leader

Ashley Butterfield

SCRABBLE (SCRB1) **on the 1st and 3rd Friday**

Manor Park Sports Club 14.15-16.15

Come and enjoy a relaxed, friendly game of Scrabble with fellow word-lovers. Whether you’re an experienced player or completely new to the game, everyone is welcome. We focus on fun, gentle competition, and good conversation. Scrabble boards provided .

Joint Leader

Michael Downey

Joint Leader

Suzanne Currie

History

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

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

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

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. Please see our web page for the programme for the coming year.

Leader

Simon Sole

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

Victoria Park 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! At the moment we are studying The Twentieth Century Year by Year and have now reached 1965.

Leader

Brian Chesney

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. While our meetings are conducted entirely in English, we do sing the national anthem in Welsh (with English phonetics on the screen). We have several members who are Welsh-speaking who are always happy to help with pronunciation.

Leader

Jennifer Davies

Joint Leader

Hazel Haslam

Languages

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

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

Arline Gaskell

FLUENT FRENCH CONVERSATION 3 (FRFL3) **on the 2nd and 4th Thursday**

Members' homes 14.30-16.00

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

Leader

Anita Phillips

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

Richard Winterton

FRENCH CONVERSATION 2 (FRCV2) **on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday**

Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church 10.00-12.00

Whilst there is a wide range of linguistic competence within the group, all members are nevertheless encouraged to participate as fully as possible in the relaxed atmosphere. Subjects of conversation include members' recent holidays, theatre visits etc. We also read interesting magazine articles which expand our knowledge of French life and culture past and present. The group is currently full. However, anyone interested in joining at a later date is welcome to contact the leader.

Leader

Sue Norcross

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.

Leader

Jill Rayner

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

Pamela Stanier

FRENCH CONVERSATION 5 - INTERMEDIARY LEVEL (FRCV5) **on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday**

Malvern Theatres Bistro Cafe 14.00-15.30

We call this group "French polishing" as we aim to improve our existing use of French language through speaking together. It is not designed for beginners; nor is it a structured educational group, but instead an opportunity to get talking in an informal and supportive setting. The standard is intermediate level, but have some spaces for people who are capable speakers whose fluency has become rusty.

Leader

Roger Bigland

FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS 1 (FRCV6) **every Monday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre 15.00-16.30

This is a small group for complete beginners who want to get a flavour of French and learn the basics of French conversation, with the emphasis on speaking, listening and gaining confidence and the goal of learning enough to manage everyday situations. Sorry, but there is a long waiting list. Please see the webpage and/or contact the leader for the latest information.

Leader

Sally Ford

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.

Leader

Arline Gaskell

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

Carmel O Flynn

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.

Leader

Michael Lewent

GERMAN INTERMEDIATE (GRMN4) **every Monday**

The Leader's home 10.30-12.00

Members have a working knowledge of German and, though not yet fluent, can understand and hold conversations in German. We will be using a range of materials including written and broadcast news and German literature. We will also be taking a more practical approach with the use of role plays and word games to expand vocabulary and aid conversation. At present the group is full with a waiting list.

Leader

Sarah Barrie

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

ITALIAN CONVERSATION 1 (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. NOT for absolute beginners.

Leader

Thomas Foort

ITALIAN CONVERSATION 2 (ITCV2) **on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday**

Lyttleton Well 11.00-13.00

Italian conversation with an Italian who has many years of experience in coaching Italian. Aimed at the improver level so not for complete beginners. Please note that the venue is up a staircase and alternative routes may not be available. Please contact the leader if this will cause problems.

Leader

Nadia Coombes

Contact

Peter McNabb

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

Saint Andrew's Church Centre 14.00-16.00

The group will continue to follow the GCSE 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

RUSSIAN IMPROVERS (RUS1) **every Wednesday**

Saint Andrew's Church Centre 11.00-12.00

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.

Leader

Andrew Jameson

SPANISH BEGINNERS (SPBG1) **every Wednesday**

The Leader's home 10.30-11.30

This group is for beginners and is a 2 year course

Leader

Gwyn Klee

SPANISH CONVERSATION A (SPCV1) **on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday**

Members' homes 10.00-12.00

This is a group of those who can converse easily in Spanish about their lives and the world around them - past, present and future - and who seek out interesting snippets of information to share, thus extending our Spanish vocabulary as well as our general (and specific) knowledge.

Leader

Kath Skinner

SPANISH CONVERSATION B (SPCV2) **on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday**

Members' homes 10.00-12.00

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

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

The Leader's home 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

Literature

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

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 for short story writing. Each month members are given a choice of topics and at the following meeting they read their contribution on their chosen topic; this is followed by constructive discussion within the group.

Leader

Dorothy Meredith

Membership

Mary Emery

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

The Leader's home 10.00-12.00

At our meetings we each read a piece of work we have written based on a topic chosen in the previous month. We discuss and provide friendly, supportive feedback. We enjoy many written styles and our interpretation of topics ranges from funny to serious.

Leader

Rod Mackichan

CREATIVE WRITING TECHNIQUES (CW4) **on the 3rd Tuesday**

Manor Park Sports Club 10.00-12.00

Want to enhance your writing skills, 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

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

Saint Andrew's Church Centre 14.00-16.00

The Drama group provides 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. Members won't be under any pressure to learn lines or perform to an audience.

Leader

Derek Gale

ENJOYING SHAKESPEARE (SHKE1) **on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre 10.00-12.00

We sight-read Shakespeare's plays after a brief introduction to each play. We will be starting the 2026-2027 year with “Two Noble Kinsmen” by Shakespeare and Fletcher. We will be also looking at the works of some fellow playwrights to see what the impact was on the works of Shakespeare. We welcome new members to this group.

Leader

John Birks

FILM GROUP 1 (FLMG1) **on the 1st Monday**

Members' homes 10.30-12.00

We meet in members’ homes to discuss and rate films. After coffee, we discuss films we have viewed recently in local cinemas then 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

Sally Corr

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. We look to consider, and share information about, forthcoming films in Malvern, Pershore & Tewkesbury, as well as the local French films. Our discussions are lively, not judgemental and often humourous -from time to time we also watch selected DVDs in one another's homes.

Leader

Sue Dalley

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. Most films discussed are recent releases shown at Malvern or the surrounding area.

Leader

Julia Davies

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

Poolbrook Village Hall 10.00-12.00

The literature group enjoys looking at and discussing a book in detail. We usually spend 2 or 3 sessions and are led by one or two of the members. Our discussions are lively and interesting and we respect each other's thoughts and ideas. We include modern works as well as the classics. We include poetry sessions and listen to each other's choices for a ‘Good Read’.

Leader

Win Crawford

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

Marie Gunton

Contact

Annie Martin

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

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

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

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

Manor Park Sports Club 13.45-16.00

We are a small group with a variety of interests, all united by our commitment to Shakespeare. We aim to read 2 plays per ‘term’ Sept 2026 – May 2027. At the conclusion of each play we meet up at my house to have lunch together and then watch the DVD. We note when there are local showings of his plays from London and Stratford.

Leader

Robin Brighton

SPIRITUALITY AND LITERATURE (SPRT1) **on the 3rd Tuesday**

The Leader's home 10.00-12.00

This group starts its next series in October 2026 and continues on the third Tuesday of each month until April 2027 at the leaders flat. The aim of the group is to explore spirituality using contemporary literature. This coming series will use the theme of conscience as a focus for studying spirituality. The books are chosen by the group leader. Most people in the group have no specific religious attachment.

Leader

Peter Bevan

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

WRITE POETRY (POET3) **on the 1st Tuesday**

Elmslie House 14.00-16.00

A new group for Sep 2026 to explore writing Poetry. Please contact the leader for the latest information.

Leader

Polly Stretton

Maths and Sciences

ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS (ASTR1) **Check with Leader**

Zoom Check with Leader

The course can be streamed from the U3A Malvern website anytime, as a series of video recordings, each linked from a table on the web site, recorded in 2020 during Covid. The course topics cover historical astronomy, the solar system, planetary physics, instrumentation amateur and professional, Atomic physics, Particle physics, Stellar evolution, planets round other stars, Galaxies, Relativity and Cosmology. Registration is September, I offer regular Zoom sessions if sufficient interest.

Leader

Chris Baddiley

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

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

Peter Bridges

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

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

SCIENCE (GENETICS AND EVOLUTION) (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

THE HUMAN BODY (HBOD1) **every Wednesday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre 14.30-16.30

A 10-week course starting Wed 9th Sept 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

Music

ABC MUSIC GROUP (MUSC4) **on the 2nd and 4th Thursday**

The Leader's home 10.00-12.00

This is a 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!

Leader

Andy Boldero

CLASSICAL MUSIC AND OPERA (OPER1) **on the 2nd and 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 programme and present it, followed by a short discussion. We meet twice a month, with the same programme repeated in case everyone wants to come on the same day.

Leader

Thomas Foort

MY MUSIC (MUSC3) **on the 3rd Monday**

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 an 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

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

Ascension Church 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

SING ANYWAY! (SING1) **on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday**

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 without musical accompaniment, altogether in one big circle, and enjoy all sorts of rounds and songs with wonderful harmonies. We learn all the songs by ear, so you don't need to read music to enjoy yourself at Sing Anyway!

Leader

Sunnara Vivian

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

Malvern Rugby Football Club 13.45-16.00

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.

Leader

Jan Stoney

THE WIND GROUP (WIND1) **on alternate Mondays**

Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church 14.30-16.30

We have about 18 players in the full range of woodwind instruments from piccolo to bassoon plus saxophones. We would particularly welcome instruments in the middle and lower musical register, but are unable to accept brass players. Our aim is to meet on alternate Mondays to play a variety of types of music for pleasure rather than performance.

Leader

Cynthia Merriman

Joint Leader

Susan Mary Amos

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. A new playlist is issued each month based on the group's extensive collection of songbooks. These sessions are suitable for players of all abilities with the first part of each session being set aside for learning ukulele skills. Beginners are always welcome. The group is currently not accepting new members.

Leader

Richard Owen

Outdoor and Active

BADMINTON (BADM1) **Tuesdays & Thursdays**

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

BOULES AND PETANQUE 1 (BAP1) **every Thursday**

Great Malvern Railway Station Park 10.30-12.00

Join us for gentle exercise in a pleasant outdoor location. Please note: This is a very popular group. As of July 2025 our group is full and we already have a number of people on the waiting list. We no longer feel able to add more people to the waiting list. Should the situation change, we will update this page and/or publish a notice in the monthly bulletin.

Joint Leader

Carol Davis

Joint Leader

Patricia Haywood

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

Great Malvern Railway Station Park 10.30-11.30

Join us for gentle exercise in a pleasant outdoor location. We are currently full.

Leader

Fraser McNeil-Watson

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

Great Malvern Railway Station Park 10.30-11.30

Join us for gentle exercise in a pleasant outdoor location.

Leader

Zelie Cleaver

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

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

Roger Keeling

Contact

Rod Mackichan

DOWSING - BEGINNERS/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! If you are a returning student the syllabus will be different for 2026-2027. Please note this group starts Tuesday October 20th 2026.

Leader

Kate Smart

FOLK DANCING (FLKD1) **on alternate Wednesdays**

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

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

PICKLEBALL (PCKL1) **every Friday**

Manor Park Sports Club 11.00-16.30

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

Jane Smallwood

SHORT MAT BOWLING 1 (BOWL1) **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. .

Leader

Geoff Smithdale

SHORT MAT BOWLING 2 (BOWL2) **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

SKI (SKI1) **To be Advised**

Malvern Cube Community Centre Check with Leader

This is for those interested in gathering a group together for the next ski season. Couples or solos welcome.

Leader

Carol Pelusi

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

TABLE TENNIS SINGLES (TT2) **on the 2nd and 4th Friday**

Malvern Cube Community Centre 10.00-12.00

This is a group for people who play at a reasonable standard, aiming to develop and improve their match skills. We generally play singles and also try to arrange matchplay when possible.

Leader

Michael Lewent

TAI CHI (TACH1) **every Wednesday**

Guarlford Village Hall 14.00-15.00

This group will be for Shibashi – a sequence of 18 gentle movements which can be explored standing or seated. NOTE: when the group is full with a waiting list, additional short courses may be offered according to the group leaders availability. Refer to the group webpage or contact the group leader direct for up to date information.

Leader

Linda Edwards

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

Suzanne Hutchinson

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

Malvern St James Sports Centre Check with Leader

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

Tony Black

YOGA (YOGA1) **on alternate Fridays**

Holy Trinity Parish Hall 10.00-11.00

This group practices a gentle and restorative yoga and is suitable for those who have practised yoga before and complete beginners. The class includes a series of postures, a short meditation and a final relaxation. For this class, you need to be able to lie on the floor and get up and down from the floor unaided.

Leader

Emma Savage

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

GARDEN VISITS (GRDN1) **on the 1st Tuesday**

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

GARDEN VISITS 2 (GRDN2) **on the 3rd Tuesday**

Various locations In the morning

Our aim is to increase our knowledge and understanding of plants and trees by visiting a wide variety of gardens in the company of other gardening enthusiasts. Visits will be up to ninety minutes drive from Malvern. We make our own way to the garden, car sharing where possible. We endeavour to choose gardens with a café so that we can enjoy time together over coffee and cake. We have a planning social in November.

Joint Leader

Claire Constantine

LUNCH ALONE SUNDAYS (LAS1) **on the 2nd and 4th Sunday**

Various locations Check with Leader

I think it would be fun to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for a pub lunch rather than, yet again, cooking for one. I hope that there will usually be about 8 of us on a first come basis, and that as time goes on people will take a turn to arrange a meeting. If I can do it, anyone can!

Leader

Jenny Clayphan

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 5 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

SOLOS (SOLO1) **on the 1st Saturday**

Manor Park Sports Club 10.00-12.00

Now in its sixth year, Solos has become a large, friendly group, embracing positive ageing 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

Pat Bowyer

SOLOS THE THIRD (SOLO3) **Check with Leader**

Malvern Theatres Bistro Cafe Check with Leader

Solos The Third is a social group for people living alone, offering companionship and a range of activities to promote positive ~ ageing and wellbeing. It is an offshoot of the original Solos group. Currently we are formulating what we will offer, but it is likely to include: Monthly meet-ups. Informal coffee mornings each month and Key Events. The proposed time for a meeting is at Malvern Theatres Cafe on Thursdays. The inaugural meeting will be Thursday September 3rd 2026 at 10.30am.

Joint Leader

Julie Clarke

Joint Leader

Michelle Woodburn

SOLOS TOO (SOLO2) **on the 3rd Saturday**

Manor Park Sports Club 10.30-12.30

SOLOS TOO was established in September 2025 in response to popular demand and quickly built up to 40 members. We are a group for people living alone, offering companionship and a range of activities to promote positive wellbeing. Regular events include a monthly meeting, informal coffee mornings, walks and social events.

Leader

Marilyn Clarke

Contact

Sue Pascoe

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

Various locations 19:00-Late

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

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

Mike Davies

THE GRAPE GROUP 2 (GRPE2) **on the 3rd Thursday**

Members' homes 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.

Joint Leader

Anita Phillips

Joint Leader

Lars Phillips

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

Joint Leader

Hazel Haslam

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.

Leader

David Martin

Joint Leader

Liz Martin

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Venue	Address
Ascension Church	Somers Park Road, Malvern, WR14 1XA
Elmslie House	8 Avenue Road, Malvern, WR14 3AG
Great Malvern Railway Station Park	Station Approach, Malvern, WR14 3AU
Guarlford Village Hall	4 Penny Lane, Guarlford, WR13 6PG
Hanley Swan Village Hall	Welland Road, Hanley Swan, WR8 0DA
Holy Trinity Parish Hall	North Malvern Road, Malvern, WR14 4LR
Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church	Lansdowne Crescent, Malvern, WR14 2AW
Lyttleton Well	Church St, Malvern, WR14 2AY
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 Barnards Green Rd, Malvern, WR14 3LH
Malvern Theatres Bistro Cafe	Grange Rd, Great Malvern, Malvern, WR14 3HB
Manor Park Sports Club	Albert Road North, Malvern, WR14 2TL
Merrievale Court	Merrievale Court retirement complex, Barnards Green Road, Barnards Green,, WR14 3NE
Miller's Court Farm	Birt Street, Birtsmorton, WR13 6AP
Poolbrook Village Hall	Poolbrook Road, Malvern, WR14 3JW
Saint Andrew's Church Centre	Churchdown Rd, Malvern, WR14 3JX
United Reformed Church Hall	Worcester Road, Malvern, WR14 1SS
Victoria Park Bowling Club	Victoria Park, Malvern Link, WR14 2JY
Victoria Park View Community Room	Community Hub, Victoria Park Road, Malvern Link, WR14 2JY
Welland Village Hall	Marlbank Road, Welland, WR13 6LA

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Monday 7th September
Great Malvern Priory, Church St.
Malvern WR14 2AY
10:00 – 12:00

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