

 **Forthcoming Events**

24th November 2025 & 26th January 2026

10:00 am

Coffee Hour with Church Stretton u3a

Please drop in to chat with a u3a member about our current interest groups, our general meetings and being a member, or just join us for coffee. If you've got an idea for a new group, come along for some advice on how to make it happen. Open to members, new members and prospective members.



Venue: [Health and Wellbeing Centre](#)

8th January 2026

2:00 pm

Social Meeting "Have Bell, Will Yell" - Martin the Town Crier

Martin has been the Town Crier for Shrewsbury since 1984. A larger-than-life figure in every way, he's the perfect speaker to combat the January blues.



Venue: [United Reformed Church Hall](#)

 **u3a New Group – Lifelong Learning**

Barrie Oxtoby is proposing to set up a new group; '**Lifelong Learning**'

Barrie says, (in the context of setting up the new group) *"Currently, I am re-reading Eric Midwinter's published material on learning and the u3a. Putting Eric's philosophy, principles and ideas into practice needs careful planning. I have been a learner on the subject of all aspects of learning virtually all my life and I am still learning"!!*

If you are interested in joining this proposed group and would like more information about Barrie's ideas, please contact him direct: **barrieoxtooby@gmail.com**.

Current Groups:

Here are details of our current groups. Most will take new members, but please visit our website for up to date information.

Group	Leader
Art	Mary Leckey
Art History	Sue Toghill
Basic Spanish	Andy White
Book Group	Susan Lees
Bridge	Eric Brown
Cryptic Crosswords	Trevor Halsey
Family and Social History	Pauline Lockley
Folk Music Appreciation	Mike McGarry
French – Rusty	Jean Cuthbert
Friday Walking	Carol Lyons
Hill Walking	Roger Spittles
Mahjong	Peter Toghill
New Experiences	Dave Lyons
Philosophy	David Howard
Poetry Appreciation	<i>Contact Groups Co-Ordinator via the website</i>
Popular Music	Steve Moore
Scottish Country Dancing	Alison Bradley
Shropshire Pub Lunch	Jenny Church
Singing for Pleasure	Ru Trew
Tai Chi	Lesley Dench
Writers' Group 1	Lesley Dench
Writers' Group 2	Jenny O'Shea

Contact Details:

You can contact a committee member or group leader, for information;

- through our website <https://churchstretton.u3asite.uk/>
- by email [strettonu3a at yahoo.com](mailto:strettonu3a@yahoo.com)
- come along to our regular coffee mornings at the Health and Wellbeing Centre.

National and West Midlands:

There is a wealth of news and information about u3as across the UK – with 1,000+ u3as and over 450,000 members.

These two websites will give you access:

u3a.org.uk/ (National)

u3asites.org.uk/west-midlands/home Regional) Also

The u3a national newsletter for *Friends of u3a* is filled with information, stories and advice from across the u3a movement.

Sign up at u3a.org.uk/news/newsletter to receive regular news direct to your email inbox throughout the month.

Regular u3a Events

Social Meetings:

Meetings every 2 months with a speaker.

Location: URC Hall, High Street, Church Stretton, SY6 6BY

Time: 2pm, on the 2nd Thursday of the month

Refreshments are usually served. Members free - Visitors welcome, £2

Coffee Hour:

Come along for a chat! These sessions are for both current and prospective members. Find out more about our interest groups, our social meetings and being a member, or just have a catch up. If you've got an idea for a new group, come along for some advice on how to make it happen.

Location: Health and Wellbeing Centre, Easthope Road, Church Stretton, SY6 6BL

Time: from 10am to 11am on the 4th Monday of the month

Membership

The annual subscription, from 1st April, is £12 per person or £5 for full members of other u3a Branches. For more information and to contact Membership see Contact Details.

Keep in Touch

You can keep in touch with Church Stretton u3a news and events as follows;

- **Our Website** - <https://churchstretton.u3asite.uk/>

- **Church Stretton Community Messaging service:** communitymessaging@scrappies.org
(Email the address above to register)

- **Facebook** – For Facebook users, we now have a Church Stretton U3A page.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1S2Jpnbc6/>

Click the above link, then “Follow” to get the latest group updates on your feed.

Committee:

- Chair – Janie Davis
- Vice Chair – Sally Serpell
- Treasurer - Malcolm Szortowski
- Secretary - Rachel Finch-Lees
- Membership – Tess Moore
- Groups Coordinator - Sally Serpell
- Social Meetings Organiser - Marian White
- Web Manager - Marian White
- Data Manager - Sylvia Davidson
- Committee Member – Sue Jones
- Communications – Steve Moore