



Ware u3a Newsletter September 2025

Welcome back, everyone, and an especially warm hello to those joining Ware U3A for the first time. September always feels like a fresh start: new faces, new ideas, and familiar groups getting back into their stride. A huge thank-you to our group leaders and the small army of volunteers who manage sign-in, wrangle microphones and keep our programme running smoothly. You are the heartbeat of our U3A.

Behind the scenes, the committee is reviewing a few practical matters—safeguarding, data protection and how we share information more clearly. Nothing dramatic, just housekeeping to keep everyone safe and informed.

One of the joys of Ware U3A is the rhythm of our year: familiar groups restarting, new members discovering us, and conversations that begin over tea and end with fresh ideas.

This month, let's put connection and wellbeing front and centre. If you haven't been along for a while, this is your nudge to rejoin us—no pressure, just friendly faces and low-stress learning.

If you can help once or twice this term—with greeting, refreshments, or AV—add your name to the rota. Many hands, light work, and more time for the best bit: good conversation.

As you know The [u3a movement](#) is a volunteer-led organisation and at all levels volunteers are dedicated to bringing learning opportunities to u3a members across the UK. Locally every u3a is run and activities are delivered by volunteers. This may involve being on the Committee, running interest groups, organising meetings and events, and welcoming new members into a u3a.

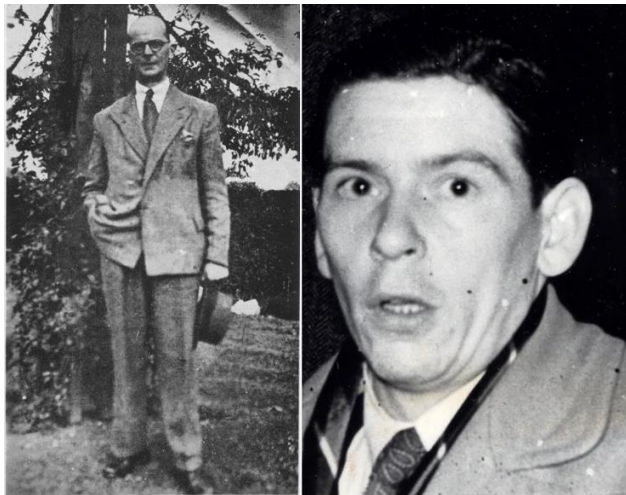
All u3a members are encouraged to volunteer and there are plenty of opportunities to suit a wide range of skills, experiences and time commitment. If you are interested in volunteering for your u3a, please contact a member of your committee.

We can only keep Ware u3a going as long as we have volunteers. If you have an idea for a group but are a little wary about setting it up then please contact the groups co-ordinator Debbie Rudgley on groups@wareu3a.co.uk who will be able to help and advise. It maybe we can find another member to co run the group with you.

Monthly Meeting

10 Rillington Place

As you will know we had a late change to our monthly speaker. The speaker due to come to talk about stunt women was unable to make it to us from a job in Liverpool. Fortunately a Ware U3A member Brian Cullen stepped into the breach. He gave a talk about 10 Rillington Place. The house where Reg Christie and Timothy Evans lived. You may remember the film starring Richard Attenborough and John Hurt. Brian gave us a differing view of the crimes. Having been a policeman he has extensively researched the events that took place in that area of Notting Hill.



The story starts in March 1953, when a horrifying discovery was made at this tiny terrace house in West London. The bodies of three women were walled up in the kitchen, the body of another woman was under the floorboards in the front room, and the bones of two other women were discovered in the back garden. A manhunt was launched for the tenant of the property, who had fled about a week earlier. He was **John Reginald Christie**. The twist of his story is that some journalists quickly realized there had been another double murder in the exact same property three years earlier, of a woman and her child, **Beryl and Geraldine Evans**. The woman's husband, **Tim Evans**, had been hanged for the crime, even though, briefly, in the course of the investigation, he had accused Christie, his downstairs neighbour, of having killed his wife and daughter. So suddenly it became apparent that there might have been a terrible miscarriage of justice, and this young man had been hanged in error. So it's a story about a serial killer, how he operated, how he got away with it for so long, but also about this very politically charged possible miscarriage of justice.

Forthcoming events

8th October 2025

1:45 pm

Monthly Meeting

Oh Matron! A History of the Carry On Films - Steve Dimmer

Venue: Wodson Park Sports Centre

12th November 2025

1:45 pm

Monthly Meeting

Women Codebreakers of World War II - Mike Barbakoff

Venue: Wodson Park Sports Centre

10th December 2025

1:45 pm

Monthly Meeting

Christmas Music through the Ages - Lynn Willson

Venue: Wodson Park Sports Centre

July Quiz Questions and Answers

1. Where might King Alfred go to sleep.
2. Connection between a roman skeleton and The Magic Roundabout
3. I thought I came here for Scrabble not some hops as well
4. Go South East from platform 1 to find Simon Templar.
5. Did Rod Stewart and the Ark Royal go past these from South East Asia
6. patter pub whereby(anag)
7. Started off as Hindell's Dairy Farmers Ltd.
8. Supposed to be oldest place in Ware.
9. Founded 1715, moved to flour mills 1898.
10. Thomas Fust made very hot by whom.
11. In 1880 there were 107 of what in Ware.
12. Where is 1 now.
13. An Irish drinking establishment with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.
14. A 1982 Farmers bequest
15. Founded in 1892
16. A cave Robert Falcon might have gone to
17. An arrowmaker throws it into the river.
18. Did Mr Spock go to this roadway
19. White coat and Caffeine

20. Brotherhoods abode
21. A French sheep dog walking down a dale.
22. Now owned by Blue Diamond
23. Sounds like an old Formula Driver in charge of Ware
24. Where Lady Amwell plies her trade.
25. Birth Place of first Lord Croft
26. Most have at least 2 Ware only has one. Did Dr Beeching take it
27. What goes Purple, Black, Blue but always Brown
28. Kingsmead Viaduct is 35.6 what long
29. Have a care for Ware Hygienic Laundry or could be a Amaryllidaceae.
30. Did Lord Wake of Liddell sell chips here
31. Charity number 1132216
32. Where King Charles gets his flour for Duchy originals
33. What road has had holes for methane and dihydrogen oxide recently
34. What school did the Chair of Ware u3a and the CEO of the high street post office go to. Clue- A very high entrance

Answers

TheGreatBedofWare
 Ermintrude
 SaracensHead
 StMargarets
 Pagodas
 TheBreweryTap
 ASDA
 PlaceHouse
 AllenandHanburys
 BloodyMary
 MaltKilns
 VictoriaandAlbertMuseum
 TheQuietMan
 WodsonPark
 WareFC
 ScottsGrotto
 FletchersLea
 StarStreet

CoffeeLab
ThePriory
Briardale
VanHage
GraemeHill
EastHertsRailway
FanhamsHall
Platform
BinCollection
Chains
Snowdrophouse
Friary
Wareuthreea
Kingsmill
Wadesmill Road
Highgate

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours,

Keith

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