

## NEWS BULLETIN – Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Interim Acting Editor: [Len Taylor](#)

### A Message from the Editor

I depend on you telling me about all the interesting things your groups are doing. Please send items to the [usual email address](#) by early Friday morning, at the latest. Please note that the Bulletin will be issued on Saturday or Sunday during term time due to other commitments.

### NOT LONG NOW! Congleton u3a OPEN DAY

**Saturday May 9th, 10.30am – 3.00pm New Life Church, West Road, CW12 4EY**

We are so looking forward to welcoming visitors who join us next Saturday to find out more about the fantastic range of activities our members enjoy. (We spoke to many people about Open Day at the Makers Market last Saturday). If you're free, we'd love you to come along and celebrate this event with us. You may even meet the mayor, who is planning to visit at around mid-day. And remember ..... bring a friend or two! [Sue Ward](#)

### U3A Quiz: Tuesday 19th May 7pm - New Life Church

The next U3A social quiz will be held at the New Life Church on Tuesday 19th May, 6:30 pm for a 7.00pm start. Each team may have up to a maximum of 6 players, with an entrance fee of £2 cash per person to be collected on the night. All team members must be U3A members. All the entrance money will be handed out in prizes to the top three teams. It is expected that each team will donate their prize to a worthy cause of their choice, so please be thinking of this ahead of the quiz and (hardest of all) please think of a team name. Please bring your own food, drink, table accessories etc – alcohol is allowed.

For your entries and any queries please contact: **Neil Drummond (07960 268048)**  
[drummondnc@gmail.com](mailto:drummondnc@gmail.com)

### U3A Disco Date **Monday 18th May** End of Term Disco

Held in the **Masonic Hall, Mill Street, Congleton** (Free to attend if you are a u3a member)

Come along and listen, socialise and dance – everyone welcome!

### U3a Theatre Group

The Theatre Group have booked seats for **Matthew Bourne's ballet, The Car Man.**

This will take place in the afternoon of **25th June at the Salford Lowry Theatre.**

The cost including the coach fare is £70.

If you would like tickets, please contact Geoff Cook either via 'contact a member' or on 07983 755510

### Dates for your diary

**Open Day - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Quiz Night - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, at New Life Church.**

**AGM - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September Save the date**

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## UPDATE from your committee (May 2026)

### Term dates for next year

Please see below the dates for u3a terms for the year 2026-2027. (Also available on our web site under General Information).

Term 1: Monday 14th September to Friday 11th December

Term 2: Monday 4th January to Friday 19th March

Term 3: Monday 5th April to Friday 28th May

### Membership subscriptions

There will be no change to the level of membership fees for the year 2026-2027.

There are **two levels of Membership: Full and Discounted.**

**The Full Membership fee is £40**, and you may join any number of Groups which have vacancies available.

**The Discounted Membership fee is £15** - however, you will only be able to join groups which do not use venues paid for by Congleton u3a and which are listed as Discounted Groups. These groups can be identified by the letters DISC following the group name, e.g. Walking (Monday) 25/26 DISC. You are very welcome to join other groups at a later date, at which time you will need to change your membership to Full and pay the additional fee.

N.B. Please note that some of these discounted groups may require additional fees to be paid, for example club membership, leisure centre fees, etc.

### A reminder for all our practical music groups.

Members are reminded that under our Copyright Licencing Agency (CLA) licence we are able to copy small amounts of material purely for use within group sessions. This does not however cover music, either score or lyrics which are still within copyright, so this is an additional reminder for all our practical music groups. National u3a holds umbrella licences for performance and the use of recorded music and dvds. Full details are available here:

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/component/edocman/copyright-and-licences-2025?highlight=WyJsaWNlbnNlI0=>

**Finally, don't forget the OPEN DAY, 9th May, at New Life Church, 10:30am -3:00pm**

[Sue Ward](#)

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## LOCAL EVENTS AND SOCIETIES

### Musicians - Opportunities to play at Christie's Hospital, Manchester

There are opportunities for Musicians to perform in the Oak Road reception area at Christie's. The aim is to provide a welcome distraction for patients awaiting diagnosis or treatment, and their carers. The musical genre is less important than creating a pleasing ambiance. [Mike Irving](#), a local saxophone player, is due to play there in May. Anyone interested should contact [Mike](#) for more information and for the contact at the Christie

### El Salvador crosses in St Peter's Church and Piano recital

Local primary schools have participated in creating a stunning and colourful display of El Salvador crosses. These symbolise resilience, peace and Christian hope in challenging times. Visitors are warmly welcome to visit St. Peter's to see the installation and enjoy some quiet space.

St.Peter's will be open on **Saturday 4th April 10am - 2pm and subsequent Saturdays, and Sundays 11am - 12noon until mid May. (excluding April 12th )**

### Congleton Art Society – Four Open Weeks

If you are interested in drawing or painting and would like to learn more, this is an opportunity to have a go. Join members at the four **Thursday** afternoon sessions between **16th April** and **7th May**, from **1.30pm** to **3.30pm** at the 1st Congleton Scout Headquarters, Worrall Street (near the Leisure Centre).

## **Congleton Bath House and Physic Garden, Spring Open Day, Saturday 9th May**

A chance to see inside our historic Bath House and hear about its history. Tour the Physic Garden with a Herbalist and learn about the medicinal properties of the plants. There will be stalls with herb related items for sale, information about the Herb Society, plants and refreshments. Open 10am to 4pm. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Find us on Colehill Bank, off Lawton Street. [www.congletonbhpg.co.uk](http://www.congletonbhpg.co.uk)

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### **Committee 2025 – 26**

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