



Forest of Dean u3a

Newsletter September 2026

Lunch Club - contact Jackie Chapman 07735032208 or sign up at the monthly meeting.

**The Rising Sun, Mosely Green,
Wednesday September 26
12.30 for 1 £14**

MAINS

Ham, egg, and chips;

Scampi, chips, and peas;

Sausage, mash, and peas;

Nut Roast.

DESSERTS

Ice Cream Sundae (vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry)

Cheesecake with ice cream or cream;

Apple pie and custard or ice cream

Welcome to the September newsletter!

This month I'm very pleased to welcome Rachael Wells to speak to us about the Forest of Dean's bid to win designation as a UNESCO biosphere. The presentation will explain what the proposed biosphere designation means in practice for the local area. The session will cover the aims and opportunities of the biosphere, the environmental, economic and cultural value of a designation, and where there may be opportunities for collaboration, support and future projects. It will also be a chance to clarify any questions around the proposed designation. There has been some controversy over this issue which even featured on the BBC a few months ago – see link below:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cq6jr124ed4o>

Please do come along to our meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 2 pm in Lydney Town Hall to take part in the discussion and learn more about what this might mean for the Forest of Dean

Less controversially, Membership fees are now overdue. Members will be considered as having lapsed if fees not received by the monthly meeting in October. Queries: please contact Heather Harris, Membership Secretary – hharris267@btinternet.com or 01594 564118.

Ken



The Bilson, Cinderford

Wednesday October 28

£18

MAINS

Scampi, chi[s], and peas;

Lasagne, chips or potatoes,
and salad;

Ham, egg, and chips;

Vegetarian option (tbc).

DESSERTS

Apple crumble with custard
or ice cream;

Chocolate fudge cake with
ice cream or cream;

Biscoffe cheesecake with
ice cream or cream.



Forest of Dean Heritage Week 11-20

September <https://>

www.forestofdeanheritageopendays.org.uk/

KURLING - 13th August 2026

The Kurling started with Blues v Reds, and after two rounds the Reds won 39 -22.

Next, we played the Championship: Paul L was first; second Ann V; and third Ron V.

The second round was won by Dot T, second Ann V and third Ray N. Lastly, we play the knock out and after five rounds the winner was Deb N and runner up Ray N.

Thanks to all who helped and hope to see you all next month. Ron Vaughan.

Hearing Study

Nottingham University and the NHS are planning a study looking for people who find it hard to hear speech in noisy places, including hearing aid users, who might be interested in joining an online training study. The study aims to improve two new listening and thinking games as a support tool for people with hearing loss. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining such a study and I can provide you with further details.

Concert at Worcester Cathedral

Peter Barnard is taking part in a special concert in Worcester Cathedral's Old Palace (WR123JE) on Saturday 26 September with members of de Mowbray's Musicke (www.demowbray.info) playing all 17 instruments depicted in the famous fourteenth century Luttrell Psalter, as well as singing and dancing. Tickets can be bought from the Eventbrite website.

The title for the show is 'Musicians Strike Up!'

The link to the website is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/musicians-strike-up-medieval-music-stories-and-songs-tickets-1992357470828?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Forest of Dean Biosphere Project - for details:

<https://www.fdean.gov.uk/forest-of-dean-s-unesco-biosphere-bid/>