



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

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Members' News

A very warm welcome to our new members who we hope will find fun and pleasure with us:- Roy Ainscough; Ivor Amos; Jill & Graham Bird; Claire Bonney; Sharon Broadbent; John Brown; Anne Carnell; Jo Childs; Carol Donaldson; Maureen Knight; June McConnell; Mary Thelwell; John Webster

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The 10th Annual General Meeting of Keyworth & District U3A will be held in the Methodist Church, Selby Lane, Keyworth, on Tuesday, 23rd April 2019, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Any member resolution to be considered at the meeting should be sent to the Secretary in writing, signed by the proposer and a seconder, to arrive no later than 9th April 2019.

The back page of this newsletter carries a nomination form for the committee. This should be completed for any person being proposed to the committee and sent to the secretary to arrive no later than 9th April 2019.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting (available on the website)
- 3 Any matters arising from item 2
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report and adoption of the accounts
- 6 Appointment of Examiner of accounts
- 7 Consideration of any resolutions received
- 8 Election of honorary officers and committee members
- 9 Closure of meeting

Secretary: Jackie Fisher, 21 Brockwood Crescent, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5HQ

Web Site

For members with access to the internet our web site is regularly updated with news, events and pictures. Do please visit at:- <http://www.keyworthu3a.org.uk/>

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PROGRAMME

MONTHLY MEETINGS

A brief synopsis of each talk is given elsewhere in this issue.

2019

- FEBRUARY: A Slight Misunderstanding
26th Philip Braund
- MARCH: A Modern Alchemist
26th Steve Judge
- APRIL: George Green - the man, the
23rd maths and the mill
Sam Boote
- MAY, 28th Welcome to my World - Butler
to the Royal family and Film Stars
William French
- JUNE, 25th 50 Shades of Graham
Graham Keal
- JULY 23rd Big Cats
Barbara Mayer
- AUGUST 27th The Arkwrights - Spinners of
Fortune
The Arkwright Society
- SEPTEMBER 24th East Midlands
Immediate Care Scheme
Tim Gray
- OCTOBER 22nd The Life of William
Coltman VC
Tim Coltman

Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Keyworth Methodist Church. Doors open at 2 pm for a beverage, biscuit, opportunity to book New Horizon events, Lunch Group meals, and to chat with other members.

TALKS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 2.30 PM

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2019

Membership renewal is due on 1st March 2019.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE CHANGE EXPLAINED BELOW NO RENEWALS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE 1ST MARCH THIS YEAR.

A renewal form is included with the 2018 Review booklet which will be available from the February Open Meeting. Any not collected at that meeting will be posted.

It is essential that your renewal payment is accompanied by a completed renewal form.

There will be an opportunity to renew your membership on Saturday 9th March 2019 at a coffee morning in the Village Hall between 10 am and 12 noon.

BEAT THE QUEUES AT THE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING by coming on the 9th to renew and enjoy a cuppa and natter with other members.

Some members have expressed concern that they will be away in march; this is not a problem because there are three months in which to renew before any non-paying member is treated as having lapsed membership.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

There is a change in the membership system this year which members will need to note. Instead of the card membership card which has been used in previous years, there will be a plastic, credit card style, membership card issued to each renewing member. This card will last for the full term of membership and so will not be issued each year.

The card will carry a barcode which identifies the holder as well as the member's name and membership number. This card will need to be produced for scanning at the monthly meetings so please do take care of it. There will have to be a small charge to cover the cost of issuing a replacement if the original is lost.

RECENT NEW MEMBERS

At 2 pm on Monday, April 29th there will be an informal meeting in the Salutation Inn, Keyworth to which recent new members will be invited.

The meeting is intended to explain how our U3A works and to answer any questions which new members might have regarding their membership.

It will be a relaxed, chat style gathering with tea/coffee and biscuits, rather than a formal style meeting. New members will be personally invited.

VILLAGE QUIZ

The Quiz has now started, running on most forthcoming Monday evenings. In the first evening, our **U3APals** team won through with a magnificent **60 to 49** victory in a high scoring match against Friends of Kadzinuni. Our **U3AToo** team lost their round to Willowbrook School. They were level-pegging until the final buzzer round.

Do come along to support our teams and to enjoy this annual village tournament.

EXPLORING WORLD FAITHS

Regular Meetings normally Third Friday Afternoon each month – 2.0 – 4.0 pm
in the Centenary Lounge

Next meetings - **February 15th – A World Religions Overview – David Charles**
- **March 15th – Religious Education in an Inter-Faith World – Peter Curtis**
- **April – Possibly a visit to a Sikh Gurdwara – [to be confirmed]**

If you might be interested, just feel welcome to come along.

Contacts are Robin Wilcockson – 0115 937 2046, or Jenny Greaves – 0115 914 1257

KEYWORTH & DISTRICT U3A – NOW NEARLY 10 YEARS OLD !

[This is a version, adapted for members, of an article by the Chairman which appeared in January's edition of 'Keyworth News']

Our U3A provides wonderful opportunities for those in their 'Third Age' to develop a whole range of interests to enrich their lives, whilst enjoying social interaction and new friends.

Since our inaugural meeting of Keyworth & District U3A back in February 2009, membership has grown steadily to now over 500. There are more than 40 interest groups with activities ranging from *Singing for Fun* to *Science and Technology*, and *Scrabble* to *French Conversation*. There is a monthly Members Meeting, typically with a speaker, on the fourth Tuesday afternoon (2.0pm) each month held in Keyworth Methodist Church.

We are one of over 1000 locally run U3As within the UK. We run ourselves entirely voluntarily, with members encouraged to be actively involved as far as they feel able to do so.

To celebrate our tenth birthday, there will be a commemorative special event for all members on Saturday March 23rd in the Village Hall from 10.0am to 3.0pm. We will be looking back over those ten years of U3A and Groups activities, which I'm sure will recall many good memories for us all. Do come along to share in all or part of this special occasion.

FORTHCOMING Monthly Meetings

2019

February - Philip Braund; A Slight Misunderstanding

A romp through 17 years on the Daily Mirror as a reporter and news editor, with a number of stories about Robert Maxwell. Then a dip into 17 years at ITV as a producer on 'The Cook Report' and documentaries Philip made, including 'The Secret Life of Princess Margaret'. He also talks about his time as a political reporter exposing Chris Huhne for passing speeding points onto his wife, as well as the life and times of Nigel Farage and his mistresses.

His talk is informative with many light hearted moments and includes clips from a number of shows.

March - Steve Judge - A Modern Alchemist

Steve Judge was two times World Champion in the sport of Paratriathlon. Following a near fatal car accident resulting in both legs being crushed, Steve was told he may never walk again. Through setting goals and working towards them he was able to achieve rehabilitation and then move onwards to eventually become a World Champion in his sport of paratriathlon.

Now as an entrepreneur Steve runs his own business with his ongoing principles to help people, inspire others and motivate many.

April - Sam Boote: George Green, the Man, the Maths and the Mill

George Green was born into a milling family but developed into one of England's greatest mathematicians. His pioneering work in Calculus persists to this day, and is widely used in modern industry and engineering.

This talk gives some insight into this unassuming, but remarkable, man as well as into the history of Nottingham.

May - William French: Welcome to My World

William has worked as butler to the Royal Family and other stars. This talk will give you a tour through William's life as a butler with glimpses of what it was like to serve on the Royal Yacht and tales from his career with the Royal family to current times. He will explain how he came to sign up for the Royal Navy at the tender age of 15½ eventually moving on to work as a butler to many distinguished or famous people, including a lord, touring with the original cast of calendar girls and butlering for Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

June 2019 - Graham Keal: 50 Shades of Graham

Graham talks about his 30 plus years as a showbiz reporter. He has been interviewing TV celebrities throughout that time, Oprah included. It is a comic miscellany of life lessons learned along the way, including what not to say after an intimate encounter and those 'men are from Mars, women are from Venus' moments. His anecdotes include: why Sir David Attenborough made eyes at him; what made Jimmy Tarbuck such a pain, and why Oprah touched Graham's elbow.

July 2019 - Barbara Meyer: Big Cats

The Big cat talk will introduce the audience to the world of tigers, leopards and other large cat species. Wildlife photographer Barbara Meyer will explain which cat species are considered to be 'big cats', where they live and the problems they are facing in their natural habitat. The talk will also cover what conservation efforts may prevent big cats from becoming extinct.

NEW HORIZONS

2019

FEBRUARY: Monday 25th February, Greyhound racing and meal **This event is full, waiting list.**

Experience the thrill and excitement of live greyhound racing, and enjoy a 3-course dinner plus tea or coffee whilst watching the racing. Wagers cost as little as 50p.

Travel by car share.

Contact Sue O'Donoghue on 0115-937-2989

Cost £18 includes car share, entry to the stadium and dinner.

MARCH: Saturday 23rd March "Now We Are 10" event in the Village Hall, come and celebrate our Tenth Anniversary and see how far we have come in the last 10 years.

This will be a drop-in event from 10 am to 3.00 pm. An official opening at 10 am by our Chairman.

There will be in-house entertainment and a display showing how we have developed over our first ten years of existence. Together with displays by our groups.

Refreshments available throughout the event.

A special event cake will be cut at 1.30 p.m. and the event will finish with a toast to our U3A's future at 3.00 p.m.

MAY: Wednesday 1st May, Malvern town and a guided tour of The Morgan Motor Factory and entrance to the museum.

The morning will be spent in Malvern town centre. There is a lot to see and plenty of places to have lunch before leaving Malvern at 1.00 pm for the short journey to the Morgan Car Factory.

Morgan cars was founded in 1909 and are famous for their unique blend of charisma, craftsmanship and performance. Every Morgan is hand crafted using three core elements: ash, aluminium and leather and you will see all aspects of the Morgan manufacturing production during your visit. The tour will last about 2 hours and finishes with a visit to the museum, where you can see a film about Morgan. After you can visit the shop and the cafe before leaving for home at 4.30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL BE WALKING AND STANDING FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS AND THERE ARE NO SEATS OR PUBLIC RESTING PLACES DURING THE TOUR. DISABLED VISITORS ARE WELCOME, IF USING A WHEELCHAIR NEW HORIZONS MUST BE INFORMED AT TIME OF BOOKING.

Travel by coach. Cost £39. Vouchers on sale at February and March monthly meetings or contact Jackie Fisher on 0115-937-2898 **after 26th February.**

KEYWORTH & DISTRICT U3A
NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23rd APRIL 2019

The Committee is formed with up to 12 members to include the four Officers. All Committee Members and Officers have to be nominated and elected on an annual basis.

Nominations have been received from some of the members named below, where appropriate their current position or responsibilities have been shown. In the event that nominations exceed positions a ballot will be conducted at the AGM. Fully paid-up members may nominate any other fully paid-up member for any position as an Officer or member of the Committee.

Nominations must be in writing, stating the position to which the person is being nominated, be proposed and seconded and then counter-signed by the person nominated, to signify their willingness to stand for the position.

Nomination forms must be in the hands of the Secretary, Jackie Fisher, 21 Brockwood Crescent, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5HQ no later than 14 days prior to the date of the AGM (i.e. **9th April 2019**).

There are currently vacancies for Committee members. Willingness to serve and support our U3A is the main requirement..

Nominations are required from the membership for all of the positions below:

Officers **Current responsibilities**

Robin Wilcockson	Chairman
Jean Hogg	Vice Chairman
Jackie Fisher	Secretary
Stuart Bailey	Treasurer

Committee Members **Current responsibilities**

Peter Edge	Website Manager; Representative to Notts Network
Howard Fisher	Membership Secretary and Editor
Anne Townsend	Speaker Finder
.....	Publicity
Sue O'Donoghue	New Horizons Representative
Peter Harding	Groups Co-ordinator
.....	Committee member

(Note: All committee members' responsibilities will be agreed and ratified by the New Committee at its first meeting)

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AGM 2019

Return to the Secretary, Jackie Fisher, 21 Brockwood Crescent, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5HQ **no later than 9th April 2019**

I propose

To the position of Officer /Committee Member (please circle). The nominee must agree to be nominated*

Proposer's name:Signature:

Seconders name:Signature:

*I confirm that I am prepared to stand for election to the above-mentioned position

Signature of the person being nominated:
