



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:-

Joan Waterston

Group News

Maj Jongg

The PowerPoint Presentation that was made for our U3A Website about 4 years ago has just been added to the national U3A website.

Abacus - a new group

The Abacus group meet weekly to learn how to use the Japanese Abacus and it is fascinating. We meet at the Centenary Lounge at 10 am to 12 noon on Mondays. We are all at various levels of knowledge and there is ample help from others when you get stuck!

Because of this we are a friendly supportive group that also enjoys having a chat and a cup of tea half way through. A basic Abacus and books are supplied to start you off and help you meet the challenge. The costs are minimal and at the moment we are charging 50p for a cup of tea. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Ros on 0115 937 5359.

Exploring World Faiths

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

Next meetings - January 18th – Sikhism – with Dharminder Singh

February 15th – A World Religions Overview –
David Charles

If you might be interested, just feel welcome to come along. Contacts are Robin Wilcockson – 0115 937 2046, or Jenny Greaves – 0115 914 1257

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

- JANUARY: *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*
22nd Debbie Boote
- FEBRUARY: *A Slight Misunderstanding*
26th Philip Braund
- MARCH: *A Modern Alchemist*
26th Steve Judge
- APRIL: *George Green - the man, the maths and the mill*
23rd 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

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

FORTHCOMING Monthly Meetings

2019

January - Debbie Boote: Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain

Do you think you cannot draw? You really can draw anything. Debbie will show you how. She will also show you how she goes about painting a portrait.

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.

VILLAGE QUIZ

We anticipate again having **two teams** representing our **U3A** presence in our community - **U3APals** and **U3AToo**. The quiz itself will take place on Monday evenings starting late January. We will know the dates for each of our teams once the draw has taken place in early January.

DECEMBER REFLECTIONS from the Chairman :

U3A made two contributions to the CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL in the Methodist Church

- The U3A CHRISTMAS TREE was this year coordinated by the Calligraphy Group, with contributions from other groups including Painting and Creative Writing.
- SINGING FOR FUN provided a wonderfully festive musical performance during the Saturday afternoon.

Both contributions were much appreciated.

- Our own special event, 'THE CHRISTMAS CAROL' by the BRIDGE SINGERS proved to be a truly magical occasion. It was good to have one of our own members, David James, in the leading role as Scrooge !

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Your Committee join with me in wishing you all another successful and enjoyable U3A year in 2019.

Robin

NEW HORIZONS

2019

JANUARY: Thursday 31st January, Magic Lantern Show back stage tour at the Theatre Royal & the Royal Concert Hall. **This tour is full, waiting list.**

Cost £5.00. Travel independently. Contact Frances Turnbull on 0115 937 3561

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.

There will be entertainment and it is hoped to have a display showing how we have developed over our first ten years of existence.

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 were 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.**

News from the Nottinghamshire Network

U3A-Grouptalk

As an aid to group leaders and U3A members organising specialist speakers and visits, the network has created an online forum.

U3A-Grouptalk is designed to make it easier for people to share information and ask questions of similar groups in other U3As. From Bird Watching, through History to Science and Technology and Engineering, there are many groups where visits and specialist speakers really make the difference. The ability to learn from other similar groups helps all of us to enrich our U3A experience.

The forum is built in Google Groups and is very easy to set up and use. Give it a try and see if it works for you. Any problems or suggestions, please post in the forum.

Science and Technology

It is planned to hold a meeting for Nottinghamshire U3A members (and those nearby) which already run a Science and Technology interest group, and similar groups such as "How do they do that".

We welcome anyone who is considering starting such a group. We will describe how existing groups are run and exchange recommendations of speakers, visits, and the range of topics covered. It is hoped that a network of links between such groups will be established as an ongoing source of information, to assist the development of groups.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, 21st February 2019, 2-4 pm in room 2 at the Centre at St. Peters, Sheepwalk Lane, Ravenshead, NG15 9FD.

To reserve a place please contact Alan Paul, Ravenshead U3A, alanpaul7833@gmsil.com.

Possible numbers 30 maximum. Room hire has been kindly agreed by Ravenshead U3A.

KEYWORD & DISTRICT U3A REVIEW OF 2018

At the February Open meeting members will be able to collect their copy of the 2018 Review booklet.

This booklet was decided by the committee when we moved to the e-News monthly newsletter way of communicating up-to-date information and news to members. It contains all the information needed about groups, group leaders, our U3A's safety information together with the operating policies. Then there are reviews with many photographs from groups to remind us what an extensive series of activities goes on within our U3A over a year.

It makes for very interesting reading.

Within the booklet is a slip to use when renewing memberships, due on 1st March. The slip is essential for renewal as it saves the Membership Secretary and Treasurer a great deal of work! As usual there will be a coffee morning where members can drop in for a coffee, chat and to renew memberships. Full details in the February e-News.