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Deadline for December 2023 newsletter - Monday 20th November



MONTHLY MEETING

1st November

Mike Storr - Speaker

Masters of Mirth - The Sequel

For those organisations who have heard my original talk, following many requests, here is the sequel.....

Masters of Mirth – The Sequel is an affectionate look at more of my favourite Music Hall laughter makers....

This second presentation includes more of my favourite characters – Al Read, Stanley Holloway, Joyce Grenfell, Cyril Fletcher to name but a few.....

Examples of their acts including their famous monologues

Roger Kidd - Speaker FINDER



VOLUNTEERS

Setting Up: Rob Leam, Paul Bettridge.

Refreshments: Heather Wright, Sue Wheatley, Linda Lambert, Georgia Hanson.

Signing In: Sharon Dudley, Suzanne Kirk.

Meet and Greet: Sandra Burns, Doris Fellows.

Many thanks to our volunteers. It would be really helpful if you could arrive between 9.00 and 9.15 am.

Doris Fellows, Volunteer Coordinator

REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to those who regularly donate to the monthly meeting tea and coffee fund which is steadily growing. The refreshments team do a sterling job and give up their time to serve everyone else. It is always a good idea to have a little spare cash with you at u3a meetings!

We have now used up our stock of polystyrene cups and need to alter our systems, due to the new ban on single use plastic. There will be a limited number of mugs and recyclable paper cups at the next meeting, and we hope that we will receive some donations of pot mugs to add to the church stock, and also that some members will bring their own re-usable cups (perhaps purchased during the pandemic to accompany our walks), to save washing up. Unfortunately, we will not be able to wash and return any specific mugs, other than those which have been provided. We know that this will cause some confusion at first, so please be patient as we move towards this new system. It is all in a good cause, to reduce our carbon footprint.

Janet Lander

RESERVED SEATS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

At the monthly meetings, there will be reserved signs on some of the front seats, so that it will be easier for any who are especially hard of hearing, or have eyesight issues, to enjoy the speaker. Please feel free to sit on one of these seats if it would be of benefit to you.

Janet Lander

NATIONAL TRUST

The most recent outing of the National Trust Group was to Tatton Hall in Cheshire.

As always this was enjoyed by all. There was open parkland with deer but for the majority the time could be filled by looking around the Hall itself with an insight into the servants' quarters and kitchen; also by walking around the gardens.

These gardens were extensive and included a hot house and Italian garden, but the highlight was a very large Japanese garden.

There was also a maze which some members visited and spent more time in than they had planned. Ha! Ha!

Our picture shows some of our members; all looking happy before heading back home.



Barbara Sherwood

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GOGGLEBOX

A small but enthusiastic group of us met on Tuesday 19th September. We discussed "The Woman in the Wall", "The 1970s Supermarket" and "Alone".

Only one of us had watched "Alone" and wouldn't recommend it. They felt that it was not very interesting to watch, and that the contestants hadn't been given enough training, compared to the USA version.

"The 1970s Supermarket" prompted a lot of nostalgia about crispy pancakes and Angel Delight, and a few wincing at the thought of Spam and Smash. We were surprised that a few of the items are still on sale today. It was thought that the format of the programme could have been better - the voiceover and the TV chef were unrelentingly cheerful and irritating. It might have been better to have a panel to try out more of the actual foodstuffs.

"The Woman in the Wall" received a much better response, and some of us were counting the days until the finale. We agreed that it had improved during the episodes, and that although the subject matter is disturbing, it is a very suitable topic to explore. Ruth Wilson's acting was praised and we talked about how her past has affected her subsequent life and mental health issues.

Janet Lander

BIRD WATCHING

As from January 2024 Paul will no longer be the Group leader for the Birdwatching group. If anyone is interested in continuing with the Group, can they please contact Paul or Madelaine Fletcher Group Co-ordinator. If there is no-one willing to take over the Group, it will fold. Please support your local groups.



Anne Steel

TECHNOLOGY GROUP



The Technology Group is available for anyone who requires assistance with their computer, tablet, mobile phone, and anything technology related. The Group does not have regular meetings, but Andy Flett is available to assist anyone who wants their questions answered. Please contact Anne Steel Group Coordinator in the first instance.

Anne Steel

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The Photography Group continues to meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.00a.m. – Brinsley Parish Hall, and have group outings for matters of photographic interest.

The most recent one was to Patchings Farm Art Centre. Here we were able to walk around the nature trail and art trail taking photographs along the way.

There was also a photographic exhibition where we had the opportunity to see the work of others.

The centre also includes a café with indoor/outdoor seating (see picture) and a pretty gift shop.

Our group is very friendly and welcomes new members whether they are beginners or experienced.

Any enquiries contact:-
Barbara Sherwood (Group Contact)
01773 786004/07977109451



CHURCH HISTORY

At today's Church History group meeting we were discussing next year's program.

Does anyone have links to the Jewish faith who would be willing to give our group an insight into their festivals and the type of food shared?

You can contact

Marianne Chisholm on 01159134077
or Jim Stirland on 07977415072.

WANTED

We are looking for someone who usually uses Zoom to attend the monthly meetings and who would be willing to act as a Zoom Controller, admitting those who are using the link. Training provided if necessary.

NEWSLETTER POSTAL CHARGE

Members who are not on the internet and would like the newsletter posted to them can do this by paying £10 on top of their annual subscription. This is less than the true cost but it reflects a commitment to receiving it.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to this month's newsletter. New members particularly benefit from seeing what goes on to help them choose which of our groups they would like to join. Please remember to send your contributions for next month to:

newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

GROUP INFORMATION

If you have ideas for new groups or need further information contact:

groups.coordinator@eastwoodu3a.org

Art Appreciation: meet in Brinsley Parish Hall, 3rd Monday @ 10:30 am. Contact Helen 01773 710 743

Bird Watching and Wildlife: meet 3rd Thursday @ 10.30 am. Contact Paul 07986 037 871 **Refer to article.**

Board Games: meet in the Hayloft , 2nd and 4th Monday @ 1.30 pm. Contact Pauline Dawkins 01159 383 530

Book Group: meet 1st Monday @ 11.00 am in Eastwood Library. Contact Sue 01773 717676 or Pauline 01773 788366

Café Culture meet in various venues on the 2nd Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. **New members welcome!** Contact Margaret 07828 155 086

Canasta: meet in the Hayloft, 2nd and 4th Thursday @ 11.00 am. Contact Nina 01773 717 770

Church History: Contact Marianne 01159 134 077

Coffee & Co: meet in various venues on the 4th Wednesday @ 11.00 am. Contact Barbara 01159 468 721

Coffee Mates: members have a choice of dates each month. Contact Andrea 07927 660 408

Creative Crafts: meet in Rumbletums 2nd Wednesday 1-2.30 pm and 3rd Thursday 10.00 – 12.00 noon. **New Members welcome!** Contact Jackie 07580 340 014

Creative Writing: New members welcome! Contact Chris 07891 032 300

Family History: meet in the Hayloft on the 4th Monday, 11.00 – 12.30 pm. Contact Diana 0115 9 169 343

French Conversation: meet in the Hayloft on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am. **New members welcome!** Contact Pauline 01773 788 366

Gogglebox: meet in the Hayloft on the 3rd Tuesday, 11.00 – 12.30 pm. **New members welcome!** Contact Janet 07889 976 342

GROUP INFORMATION

History of England: meet in the Hayloft, 1st Thursday @ 10.00 am. Contact Janet 01773 770 183

National Trust: meet in the Dog & Parrot on 1st Monday each month @ 10.00 am. Contact Yvonne 01773 712 530

Pétanque: Contact Colin 01773 715 493

Photography: meet in Brinsley Parish Hall on 3rd Tuesday @ 10.00 am. **New members, beginners & enthusiasts all welcome.** Contact Barbara 01773 786 004 or 07977109451

Psychology: meet in Rumbletums on the 4th Wednesday @ 1.00 pm. Contact Jim 07977 415 072 or Diana 01159 169 343

Pub Pals: Contact Janet 07961 832 864 or Rob 07845 177 500

Social Trips: Day trips out to various locations. Contact Sandra tel. 07930 752 808

Spanish: meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday 11.00 - 12.30 pm @ Julie's Tea Rooms. **New members welcome!** Contact Paul 01159 133 449

Strollers: This group has now finished for the Winter and will recommence in the Spring.

Technology Group: **refer to article.**

Theatre Group: meet in Dora Phillips Hall, Eastwood on 2nd Tuesday 1.00 – 3.00 pm. Contact Marianne 01773 717 500
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Walks, 5 miles: meet on Tuesday 7th November 10 am Street parking, Linkmel Road, Langley Mill. Contact Roger Reynolds for further information on 01773 788169

War Babies & Boomers: Contact Ann warbabies@eastwoodu3a.org

Whist: meet at the Hayloft, Giltbrook on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2.00 pm. Contact Glenis 01773 715 040

Wine Appreciation: meet in the Hayloft on the 1st Monday @ 7.00 pm. Contact Chris 07779 375865

GROUPS COORDINATORS

Anne's Groups	Madeleine's Groups	Marianne's Groups
1. Board Games	1. Art Appreciation	1. Bird Watching
2. Coffee Mates	2. Cafe Culture	2. Book Group
3. Creative Crafts	3. Church History	3. Canasta
4. History of England	4. Coffee & Co	4. Gogglebox
5. Pub Pals	5. Creative Writing	5. Pétanque
6. National Trust	6. Family History	6. Photography
7. General Gardening	7. French Conversation	7. Social Trips
8. War Babies and Boomers	8. Psychology	8. Theatre
9. Technology Group	9. Spanish	9. 5ml Walks
		10. Wine Appreciation
		11. Whist