

U3A NEWS SHEET

February 2020

Dear Member ...

Welcome to the second month in our new U3A Year. Monthly we update this News Sheet with copies available at our Speaker Meetings. We know it is an important way to keep in touch with ALL our members especially those who don't have access to our Website.

As you read this, I am unfortunately recovering from a very serious medical procedure, and I am booked to receive further treatment ... however, I am intending to continue as your Chair for the immediate future.

A word on 'Activity Groups' which are the 'heart' of a thriving U3A, providing an excellent way for members to make new friends whilst taking up a new interest ... and we do have some new ideas in the pipeline.

U3A is unique in that its ever-changing range of activities are organised for its members by its members. We have had offers to set up a **Chess Group**, **Guitar Playing** and a second **Bridge Group**. Have you got a personal interest, knowledge or a skill that you could share with fellow members? Please let us know.

I do however have a very serious message to every Member.

Our U3A cannot exist without a team to keep the 'wheels turning'.

By April 2020 (AGM) your Committee will be down to FIVE members ... two of whom are due to retire in April 2021.

As a minimum we need FOUR new members to join us to take up the role of Activity Group Coordinator, and to shadow the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and Website Coordinator. Joining the Committee is NOT a forever task ... as our Constitution restricts roles to a 3 or 5 year maximum term ... designed to encourage a healthy change of input!

Without TEN members willing to commit putting in some time to look after our U3A ... we are seriously in danger of ceasing to function and may have to close!

The 'fairies at the bottom of the garden' have sadly flown away! We need real enthusiastic support **NOW!** ... so PLEASE make contact if you value your local U3A and can offer help.

Best Wishes Maria Hughes

Bridgnorth & District U3A Chair 2019-20

TRIPS ...



OUT & ABOUT GROUP

Tricia Bennett
Jenny Green

Join us for an interesting and pleasant day out!
Six places of interest with dedicated guides.
Costs vary. **New Programme due Feb 2020**

UPDATE



GARDENS GROUP

Maria Hughes

Trips to view a variety of Gardens, near and far. Costs vary dependent upon support, entry fees and coach hire.

New Programme due May 2020 Useful to have National Trust M'Ship

UPDATE

IT ...



iPADs ... THE BASICS

Chris Wright

A Group for new owners and nervous users of iPads.

Venue: The Bungalow, Innage Lane Max 12 Cost £4 per session
Starting 4th March 2020 1st & 3rd Weds 10.30-12.00pm

UPDATE

ENTERTAINMENT



CLASSICAL MUSIC

Margaret Lomas

Monthly visits to enjoy the music programme in the City of Birmingham Symphony Hall. £30 -£45 for choir/stall seats and coach.

Non-refundable tickets. **Sept 2019-June 2020 Programme on Website**



CINEMA GOERS

Diana Bufton

Regular friendly email reminders giving 'What's On' at our local Cinema. We need to **USE IT ... OR LOSE IT!** Find out if other members are going ... meet up and enjoy the films. Watch out for the 'live' shows.



THEATRE VISITS

Kay Yendole

Up to four trips arranged over a 12-month period. **Booking now for ... Phantom of Opera**, Matinee Thurs 6th August £85 Hippodrome, B'ham

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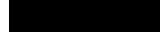
Please visit our Website for complete information: www.bridgnorthanddistrictu3a.org.uk

GAMES ...



CANASTA

Jen Everitt



A rummy-style card game very popular in the 1950s. Played in 2s, 3s, or 4s. Meeting weekly Mondays, 2.00-4.30pm at The Bungalow, Innage Lane. £1/£2 per session. Beginners & experienced players welcome.



MAHJONG

Maria Hughes



A fascinating fun game, played with ivory tiles, that keeps you on your toes! Meeting weekly Tuesdays, 2.00-4.30pm in The Bungalow, Innage Lane. £1/£2 per session. New members welcomed.



BRIDGE

Mary Galloway



A trick-taking card game played by four players in two competing partnerships. Meeting weekly Fridays, 9.30-12.00pm in The Bungalow, Innage Lane. £1.50 per session. **Sorry – this Group is full but second is in planning stage!**



CRIBBAGE

Chris Wright



The traditional 'pub' card game with scoring using unique peg board. Meeting 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 1.30-3.30pm in Fosters Arms, Mill Street, Low Town Drink/Coffee from Bar. New members welcomed.



TABLE TENNIS

Maureen Mumford



Games of table tennis played to standard rules with access to three tables. Meeting weekly Fridays, 10.30-12.30pm at The Paddocks, Conduit Lane £1.00 donation. Friendly and informal and fun!

LANGUAGES



GERMAN CONVERSATION

Eva Peringer



Meeting 4th Mondays
2.30-4.00pm in Bec's Coffee Shop
St Mary's Street Coffee plus 25p



FRENCH CONVERSATION

Caroline Dudley



Meeting alternate Mondays
11.00 -12.30pm in Bec's Coffee Shop
St Mary's Street Coffee plus 25p



SPANISH - LET'S LEARN!

Norma Flower



Meeting alternate Fridays.
10.30am in Bec's Coffee Shop
St Mary's Street Coffee plus 25p

ARTS ...



BOOK READING

Peter Wariner

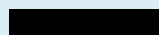


Members' choice of books. **2019-20 Book List is on Website**
Meets monthly 1st Wednesday at 2.30pm in Bridgnorth Library
Cost: £5 pa for book loan from Library



GENEALOGY

Val Johns



Sharing family research experiences linked with social history.
Meets monthly 1st Tuesday at 10.30am in The Bungalow, Innage Lane
Cost: £2.00 per session



WRITERS GROUP

Kay Yendole



Supportive group encouraging writing skills to produce short stories.
Meets monthly 1st Monday, 12.30 -2.30pm in Bec's Café, St Mary's Street
Cost: Coffee plus 25p



MEMORIES

Patricia Hansen



'Memories to Memoirs'. Supporting members to write their own life story.
Meets monthly 2nd Tuesdays 2.00-3.30pm in Bridgnorth Library
Cost: £2 per session



ART - DRAWING

Val Craig



Drawing for Beginners. Would you like to learn from someone who can?
Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9.45-12.00 in Tasley Village Hall, Church Lane
Cost: £8 per month



OUTDOORS



GEOCACHING

Bob Mitchell



An outdoor challenge with a difference.
It's addictive! 4th Fridays in the month.



WALKING

Jane Freshney



4-6-mile walks near to Bridgnorth. Bring a packed lunch/drink.
Now 1st Fridays in the month. **2020 Walks listed on Website**

