



**With covid and flu still around, please do not attend any meeting if you have any symptoms. You may also wish to wear a mask.**

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Sergio Petrucci** from the Red Sky Foundation

There will be a collection after the talk for those wishing to donate.

Doors open at **10.00** for a 10.30 start.

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May AGM**

**Nominations for the committee will close on May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Nomination forms will be available at the monthly meeting in April and available for download from the Documents page on the web site.

Motions for discussion may also be submitted on the same form.

The business for the AGM will include

1. Minutes of the AGM 2022.
2. Matters Arising
3. Chairman Report
4. Treasurer Report
5. Election of new committee members
6. Any resolutions
7. Any other business.

A formal agenda will be produced after May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Membership Renewal**

Following the email from Gillian Cucchi, our Membership Secretary, those who paid a membership fee for 2022/3 have now had their membership for 2023/4 renewed without cost.

## News of Outings from Kath Lodge

**PLEASE NOTE** If you park in the Britannia car park you will be fined. Also the Britannia garage now opens on Saturday mornings so there will be no parking there either.

### **Saturday 22nd April Bishop Auckland Food Festival**

Cost £5 payable at the meeting on 17th April. The coach will leave the Britannia at 10 and Bishop Auckland approx 3-3.30.

Anyone wishing to visit any of the following will be pleased to see that the prices, as from April 5<sup>th</sup> were reduced as shown

Auckland Castle and gardens - From £14 to £10      Spanish Gallery - From £14 to £10  
Mining Art Gallery - From £7 to £5      Auckland Tower - No charge.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May      RAY LONSDALE.      Sculptor**

This is a visit to the South Hetton workshop of Ray Lonsdale, who will tell us about how he creates the wonderful sculptures such as TOMMY, at Seaham, FIDDLERS GREEN, North Shields fish quay, The Durham Angel, Shotton, apart from others locally and throughout the country. Afterwards we go to a local garden centre for refreshments and on the way home call in to Seaham where we can see TOMMY.

Cost £10 (u3a members). This is payable at the meeting on 15th May. An Expression of Interest form will be available at the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April

We leave the Britannia at 1000 and should arrive back about 3.30.

## **Beacon News**

Beacon is our on-line membership management system, which allows any member to update their own details.

Currently the security log in requires 5 items of authentication, Membership number, Forename, Surname, Post Code and email. All these must exactly match the information held on Beacon - even if incorrect. On Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> the security will be changed to your email address and a password of your choosing AFTER you have logged in with the above items.

Once the system has been updated you will be sent an email reminder of your details and a short video explanation, so that you can enter the new password at your convenience.

## News of Groups

*The ethos of the u3a is to Learn, Live and Laugh, with members sharing their interests for the benefit of everyone.*

Feel there is nothing for you currently in the u3a groups?

Then help to set up and run a new group based on your interests, with the full support of the committee. Contact Sue Soulsby at [u3aboldon@gmail.com](mailto:u3aboldon@gmail.com)

The **Art Appreciation** group are enjoying the new venue at Boldon Golf Club on Dipe Lane. The next meeting is on Tuesday 18th April, where you will be requested to join the club as a Social Member. Contact Pat Devenport for more information.

As some members of the **Enjoy Singing** group will be away for long weekends over the coming bank holidays, the meetings on April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> have been cancelled. The group normally meets on the last Friday of the month in Cleadon Methodist Church Hall at 10.30. Contact Jim Jordan for more information.

It was a small **Technology** group meeting where we discussed the use of the NHS App, accompanied by a demonstration where Pat's mobile was linked to the old TV screen, via a Chrome Cast dongle. Contact Pat Devenport for more information about the group.

**If you want more information about any groups, please contact the group leader directly via the website by clicking the blue carrier pigeon.**

If you feel you can help in any way, please email [u3aboldon@gmail.com](mailto:u3aboldon@gmail.com) for more information or see the committee at a General meeting.

**Remember you can always find the latest news on events and groups by visiting our web site [u3asites.org.uk/boldon/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/boldon/home) or by joining our Facebook group.**

In Facebook search for u3a Boldon, you will be asked to give your membership number, which is on your card, and an administrator will give you access.

It is a fun place, be first to hear about day trips, get news of group activities, enjoy and contribute to Stephanie's u3a foodies posts and even laugh at the occasional joke.

Members are welcome to add any posts which they think would be of interest.