

## **From the Chair**

**Tickets for the 20th Anniversary Celebration for our U3A on Wednesday 5th June are selling well! See more details below!**

**If you have any questions or other things to raise, do contact our Committee Members via the Contact page on the Bushey u3a website. Or come along to the Monthly Meetings and talk to Committee Members in person! And if any new Members come along, do come and say hello to the Committee members and we will be delighted to welcome you!**

**Andrew Gunton  
Chair**

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## 20th ANNIVERSARY TEA

Allum Hall 2.30 to 5.30

2 Allum Lane, Borehamwood WD6 3PJ (the 306 bus stops there)

There is still time to purchase tickets for our big event on the 5th June .

There will be a Pimms reception, a sumptuous afternoon tea with Palm Court musical entertainment plus a vintage entertainer.

The price to members is heavily subsidised by the committee at only £12.50.

THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS 30th April

Non member partners are welcome to come at a cost of £35. payable by the member. Please use the form on the website.

*Pay by BACS (details on the website button "Anniversary")*

*Or you can pay at the April meeting at the Metropolitan Sports Club by the following methods*

- *Please bring EXACT cash payments*
- *OR cheques payable to Bushey U3A at £12.50 per person or multiples thereof*
- *OR you can pay by card at £12.75 per person (25p to cover the card payment fees we are charged)*

*OR £35 for non member partners*

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS WONDERFUL OCCASION

*We regret we cannot reserve places before payment is made  
and tickets are non refundable.*

We would love our early members to relate their memories of our  
U3A starting out.

Where you met, how the committee was formed, what early  
Study Groups there were.

Please send your recollections to

Denise Rickwood. [barrden@gmail.com](mailto:barrden@gmail.com)

*As on-site parking at Allum Hall is limited we recommend car  
sharing as far as possible.*

*Other pay car parks nearby are at Elstree & Borehamwood  
Station opposite and Furzehill Road multi-storey car park*

*There is free parking for up to 3 hours at the  
Boulevard/Borehamwood shopping park*

PLEASE CAR SHARE IF POSSIBLE

## **This month's meeting**

Monthly Meeting - at Metropolitan Bushey - 10am. The Speaker is David Callaghan on "Rene Lalique"

**please note that the lift is still not working**

This meeting will start with an EGM to vote a Member Richard Lampert as Treasurer on the Committee.

Please try to attend as we need a quorum to elect Richard

### **About the Talk**

René Lalique- genius in glass and the jewel extraordinaire:  
better known to the public for his work in glass.

This talk introduces some of the extraordinary jewels he created  
for his one-time patron,  
Calouste Gulbenkian.

Lalique's ideas and technical achievements became a major  
inspiration to other designers and craftsmen.

The talk concludes with a "tour" of his lasting monument –  
the "Glass Church" of St. Martin in Jersey.

## **Pop in Coffee Morning**

The next Pop In Coffee Morning at the Par 3 Café is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. Do come along for a coffee and meet your fellow u3a Members! The dates for all the monthly Coffee Mornings this year are on the website. The address is Bushey Country Club, High St, Bushey WD23 1TT.

## **Vacancy for Webmaster**

Recently retired? Have IT skills? Have time on your hands? Bushey & District u3a needs you! We need a Webmaster to manage and update the content on our website.

You'll be sent content from the Chairman, the Membership Secretary, the Interest Group Coordinator, and the Interest Group Leaders.

And you can do this from your PC at home. An interesting position for someone who is creative. Do let us know!

## **From your Membership Secretary**

**Membership Secretary report, April 2024**

**It's that time of year, folks... Yes, as well as being Spring, it's membership renewal time for those who pay their subscriptions by cheque. So far only 12 lovely members have responded to the reminder I sent out last month, leaving 17 of you still to let me or any other committee member have your £20 cheque (made payable to Bushey and District U3A). Please let me know by email that you are about to send a cheque by post and I'll let you have my postal address. My email address is**

**[marilynapple.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:marilynapple.u3a@gmail.com)**

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**For those to whom it applies, I regret that unless your subscription is renewed by 30 April, your membership will be cancelled.**

**For everyone else whose DD is registered with GoCardless, you don't have to do a thing: it will automatically come out of your accounts either in April this year or, for more recent**

members, on the anniversary of their joining. Simple!  
Bushey U3A continues to thrive and the current membership stands at 717. Do tell your family and friends that we are still open to new members although should the membership increase beyond our capacity, we may have to impose a moratorium. Join now while membership lasts! It's that time of year, folks... Yes, as well as being Spring, it's membership renewal time for those who pay their subscriptions by cheque. So far only 12 lovely members have responded to the reminder I sent out last month, leaving 17 of you still to let me or any other committee member have your £20 cheque (made payable to Bushey and District U3A). Please let me know by email that you are about to send a cheque by post and I'll let you have my postal address. My email address is [marilynapple.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:marilynapple.u3a@gmail.com)

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Regards

Marilyn Apple

**From Jeremy Gasson, Interest Groups Co-Ordinator,**

Please can I request that ALL Leaders of the various Interest Groups review their particular Group(s) which are listed in the Bushey & District Website pages, to check if the details of their Group(s) are correct at this time and let me know

- If all of the details are correct
- if there are any amendments required

Thomas Kingston reminds us that two of his courses - "THE GREATEST BLUNDERS IN HISTORY" & "THE GREATEST



BRITONS" have now come to an end.

Two new courses are starting soon -

"THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FROM EARLY SETTLEMENT TO SUPERPOWER" can be joined by anyone and runs every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY of a month at 2 pm on ZOOM.

"DICTATORS FROM NAPOLEON TO THE PRESENT DAY" will run on ZOOM, every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY of a month at 10am, beginning on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> of April and all are welcome

**Please go to our website to view the details and to register**

**All interest groups can be viewed on our  
website**

**Jeremy Gasson - Interest Groups Co-Ordinator -**

Contact Jeremy at [jeremy.gasson@ntlworld.com](mailto:jeremy.gasson@ntlworld.com)

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## Postage Stamps



Please remember to save any stamps you receive on cards and letters. I collect them all year round to help raise funds for Peace Hospice Care in Watford. You can give them to me at the monthly meetings. If you do not attend these, please pass them on to a friend who does. Thank you very much for all your continued support of Peace Hospice Care, it is very much appreciated.

Judy Dorée

[Click here to contact any committee member.](#)

## Third Age Trust

- Third Age Trust's - Your u3a Friend's Newsletter, [Click here for March's Newsletter](#)
- A message from the CEO of the Third Age Trust [click here](#)

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