

From the Chair

Our January Newsletter was a bumper 19 pages when printed! It contained lots of very useful information about our 60 or so Interest Groups (previously called Study Groups). Well done Jeremy for providing this information! You can also find this up-to-date information on the website.

This year is the 20th Anniversary of our U3A. We are arranging a 20th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday 5th June. Do put the date in your diary: we'll provide more details soon and will start selling tickets!

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

Andrew Gunton
Chair

This month's meeting

Our next meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Bushey on Tuesday, 20th February when James Taylor will talk on "Grace Darling and the Fine Art of Saving Lives at Sea".

Darling's daring rescue of steamship passengers off the Northumberland coast in 1838 brought her international fame and celebrity. Discover more about her bravery and short life (she died aged 26) on the Brownsman and Longstone Lighthouses, alongside the artistic contribution that helped to keep her in the public eye. She became the 'poster girl' of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and was the first woman to be awarded their medal for gallantry.

Vacancy for Webmaster

Recently retired? Have IT skills? Have time on your hands?

Bushey & District u3a needs you!

We have a vacancy for a Webmaster to manage and update the content on our website.

You'll get content typically from the Chairman, 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,
Our current Webmaster Harry Whiteley is happy to show you how
to manage the website. Thanks to Harry for his contribution over
the years!

From your Membership Secretary

Membership Secretary report, February 2024

I am pleased to report there has been a steady stream of applications to Bushey U3A since the start of the year and the membership now stands at just over 700. I do hope that those new members will join one or more of our many interest groups. Full details of the groups can be found on the Bushey U3A website.

A reminder that Bushey U3A's financial year starts in April. All members who have joined since April 2023, and most who were members before, then pay their annual £20 membership subscription through GoCardless, which makes the task of collecting subs every year very easy. There are still a few members who pay by cheque (remember those!) and I will be contacting you by email (or post to those who are electronically

challenged) early next month reminding you that unless you renew your subscription by the end of March, you will find your membership is suspended. I hope that won't happen, and I shall offer you the opportunity to set up a direct debit through GoCardless instead of a cheque payment.

Regards

Marilyn Apple

The next Pop In coffee morning at the Par 3 Lounge (Bushey Country Club, High St, Bushey WD23 1TT) will be on 28th February 2024. Come along for a coffee and meet your fellow u3a members.

from Jeremy Gasson - Interest Groups Co-Ordinator -

Contact Jeremy at jeremy.gasson@ntlworld.com

Firstly, please note that your Committee has decided to change the name of the various Groups to **INTEREST GROUPS**, rather than the previous name and heading - "Study Groups". The reason for this change is that they feel the word "Interest" is more the theme to denote what we are "interested in", and not like

attending and undergoing "studying" any particular subject(s) say
at the Open University!

To see what interest groups we are offering please click on the
link below

[Click here](#)

Or go to our website at

<https://u3asites.org.uk/bushey/groups>

or [Click here](#) to go straight there.

If you know that any of the detail is incorrect, please let me know.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the attention of Interest Group Leaders

As some notices seem to "escape" the attention of our readers,
would Group Leaders please make verbal announcements of
anything that they would wish the members to be aware of e.g.
Group Trips in the near future, changes to their Group's details
etc, - either prior to the introduction of the Speaker for that

month's general meeting of the members - or possibly during the "Tea Break" afterwards.

Also, please note that the Group Leaders (and Members in general) may find useful information on subjects of particular interest to their Group and Members by "U3A Subject Advisers". Contact **Janine** at [<learning@u3a.org.uk>](mailto:learning@u3a.org.uk)

ALSO - to avoid further misunderstandings or confusion etc.

- On behalf of the Interest Group Co-Ordinator, any suggested, possible and especially ***new*** or "resurrected" Interest Group(s) must notify me ***in the 1st Instance***, and not as has happened recently where Groups have been operating or "folded" ***without my knowledge***.
- Such notification should contain all relevant details e.g. name of Leader, date(s) where and when Group meets, and for example, if Group is FULL or would welcome new members.

More Information

The "What the Papers Say" Bushey u3a group would welcome a few new members.

We are a small friendly group who meet once a month to discuss

what is currently topical in the news. We meet in the Group Leaders home on the 2nd Wednesday in the afternoon. Discussions are often lively and stimulating. Please contact Group Leader Denise at barrden@gmail.com

The Bridge Group are looking for a 4th person to attend beginners Bridge. Unfortunately as yet Bushey U3A does not have a beginners bridge group but Radlett have offered a weekly session and teacher. We have 3 people and need the fourth.

Wednesday afternoons 3-5 in Radlett.

Do let me know if we can circulate. Best wishes Coralyn Canford-Dumas. Please contact me at coralyncd@gmail.com

Wings and Wheels

Please click on the link below to see the latest Wings and Wheels trip.

[Click here](#)

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

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