

February 2020

Sad Announcements

Rosy Hanns
24.12.1955 - 09.01.2020

It was with great shock and sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Rosy on 9th January. Rosy had been a member of Callington U3A for several years, joining the committee and then taking on the role of Secretary in 2019 working tirelessly to make sure the committee ran like clockwork. She was group leader for Walkers 1 and attended many of our other groups including, Crime Fiction, Walkers 2 and Play Reading.

She was always quick to volunteer and offer help and support to others whenever needed. She will be greatly missed for her enthusiasm, tenacity, knowledge, wit and friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with her Husband John, daughters Kate and Sarah and Families.

Anne Cooper

We are sad to report the sudden passing of Anne on 20th January. Anne had been an active member of our U3A but due to health problems over the last few years needed to scale back her involvement. She remained writing with Scribblers though and was a good brave friend. We will miss her presence, her stories and her valuable input to our own. Our thoughts are with her family

Reserve Fund

We have £1,500.

Voting will take place on the
Suggestions.

TODAY.



Callington U3A will soon be adopting a new U3A software programme BEACON

More information to follow via email and post.

Your next speaker

March 2020

Mike Haywood

Mike is a local marine artist/historian.

His talk is entitled "The Mayflower Voyage 1620 - the myth and the reality."

He is involved in the Plymouth 400 Celebrations.



GROUP NEWS

Art Appreciation

For the January meeting Penny had promised a session on William Morris and the Arts & Crafts Movement. On doing the research she found she had an overwhelming task. What a man he was. Apart from the fabrics and wallpapers we are familiar with, he read Marx's Das Capital in French, learned Icelandic from a friend and translated some of the Saga's, was politically active later in his life and then decided to set up a printing press and make a beautiful book from Chaucer's writings, illustrated by his life-long friend Edward Burne-Jones. Just to keep himself busy, he wrote poetry throughout his life and put up with his friend Dante Gabriel Rossetti's obsession with his wife Jane. Phew.

We meet on the afternoon of the third Monday of the month.

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Furniture Chair The Arming of Knight
Morris and Rossetti 1856 - 7.



Kelmscott
Chaucer



Baking

There was no January meeting as we decided we all needed a break from all the baking and eating we'd done over the Christmas period!

Our next meeting is on February 5th for healthy Valentine bakes.

This group is now full but for information contact Jenny Wheeley 01579 351662

Boules

A new group started at 10am at the village Hall in Harrowbarrow on Saturday 18th January. It was a lovely peaceful sunny morning, interrupted by much laughter, a break for refreshments and a turn at table tennis too. Meetings will be from 10am on the second and fourth Saturday of the month.

Alan Sturt volunteered to be the coordinator with Eileen as deputy as they have access to the hall for the loo!

Contact Alan Sturt (01579 350639)

Family History

Next meeting is Monday 24th February 2020 at 2.30pm at Eileen's House. The subject matter will be researching passengers and crew for Mayflower 400, hoping to find descendants.

Contact Eileen 01579 350639

Flower Arranging

The group is full at present due to space restrictions. Dates decided at each meeting. We are working towards entries for local shows.

Contact Eileen 01579 350639

Humour

The next meeting of the Humour Group will be on Monday 17th February 2020 at 10.15 am. As Maire and Richard Warwick are away in Australia, the meeting will take place at Christine's house.

Contact: Helen Redden 01579 382612

There has been a big theft from a chocolate factory and special centres have been set up, some of them hard centres and some of them soft centres. The Police were said to be helping themselves during their enquiries.

Jazz Appreciation

At the first meeting of the New Year we were treated to three DVD's courtesy of Ruth Desborough.

The 1962 Jazz Festival which included Count Basie, Oscar Peterson, Duke Ellington & Jack Teagarden. Norah Jones performing in the House of Blues at New Orleans and Gregory Porter Live in Berlin. The next Meeting will be at PM on Wednesday 12th February at Christine's. A member's choice session.

Please contact Rosemary 01579 370578 if you require any further information .

Philosophy

The last meeting of 2019 brought us to Peter Singer, an Australian philosopher born in 1946. Gillian Brown set the scene with an account of Singer's background and the events that shaped his Philosophy. We felt his ideas were very relevant to us especially those on euthanasia and vegetarianism. Peter Singer holds strong views about our responsibility to help people all over the world, he argued that the drowning child in front of us and the starving child in Africa demand the same urgent response.

During 2020 we will be reading a new book "Philosophy Bites" by David Edmonds and Nigel Warburton, a series of transcripts of interviews with philosophers covering a wide range of topics from Infinity to Wine!

The next meeting will be on Thursday February 27th when we will be discussing the Philosopher Simon Blackburn and his views on Relativism.

All welcome

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Quizzing

There was no quiz group meeting in January as it fell on New Years Day. Our next meeting is in the Callington Council Chamber on Wednesday 5 February. We are also putting teams in for some quizzes in the community. The dates so far are 24/1/20, 1/2/20, 8/2/20 and 15/2/20. If you would like to come along please contact me for more details.

New members will be made very welcome.

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Sribblers

We had been given a very tricky challenge at the end of 2019 to write a characterisation of someone, without including a story, which was to be between 500 and 1,000 words. Not a nice neat paragraph then! We all struggled but it led to a good critical discussion of our methods and was very productive.

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Ten Pin Winners

Ten Pin Bowling

We had a great time at Trethorne Leisure today. 18 of us were there using 4 lanes. There were gold medals (kindly donated by Cindy) for the top scorers in each lane. I'm very chuffed to report that the girls beat the boys!

Well done to Mary H, Jo Earl, Mel and a special well done to Brenda who out bowled the 4 men in her lane!

A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all. Such a nice thing to be doing when it was pouring with rain outside.

In February we will be playing Skittles at the Copperpenny Inn at Chip Shop. This will be Wednesday 12th February.

Usual thing. Meet at the pub at 12 O'clock. Pay for your pre-ordered lunch and drinks. Skittles either of lunch at about 1PM Finish about PM

New members always welcome please contact me if you would like to come along.

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Committee Vacancies from April 2020

Your U3A needs at least 3 new members in particular a Secretary and Speaker Organiser.

None of the roles are arduous and it's the opportunity to bring new ideas to the group and have a say as to how things are run.

If you have already served a term on the committee in the past you are still eligible to join again.

Please consider putting your name forward or if you know someone who would be an asset to our current committee complete the nomination sheet at the next meeting, new blood with fresh ideas are always welcome.

You will have the full support of a vibrant and friendly committee

Functions of Secretary -

• Usually the committee organiser and involved in the practical running of the U3A.

To be the link with National Office and ensure that information is relayed to the committee and passed onto the membership.

To keep the Committee informed of any correspondence received.

~~To construct committee agendas and send out to all committee members. Minutes are taken by our minute secretary~~

To arrange venues and equipment as required

To maintain full and accurate files including minutes

Speaker Organiser Role

The current Speaker Organiser, Ruth Desborough, will be standing down in April

As she has served her 3 years on the committee.

Therefore, the committee will be looking for a member to come forward to take on that role.

The position involves contacting and booking speakers for 10 months of the year as we do not have one at the AGM nor the Christmas Lunch.

The role entails discussing and agreeing the date, time, subject matter, fee, from whom Ruth and the speakers have had lots of support.

Ruth is willing to discuss the position with anyone who may be interested and will supply all the information that she holds on speakers, past, present and future, and explain how she carried out the role.

Ruth says she has enjoyed the job immensely and although a little time consuming it has been very rewarding and hopefully worth all the effort.

Anne Marcer, OBE, talking on 'Working to improve Education in the mountains of Nepal.'

Anne Marcer was Head teacher at Lamerton School. She and her husband had planned to spend their retirement travelling, but sadly he died 4 months before this. Not liking the idea of travelling alone, she approached Voluntary Service Overseas and was asked to go to Nepal to work on a project to get more girls into education. She then gave a hugely enjoyable talk, accompanied by photos of the most amazing scenery and delightful school children.

She revealed Nepal is a very poor country with 40% of under 5s malnourished. It is very much a male dominated society with the birth of boy children celebrated - girl babies not so good. She was sent to work in a small town - Besisahar - at the end of the tarmac road. From here she would have to walk to the schools, a lot of which were on the tops of hills. She said that it was the equivalent of climbing Ben Nevis! She laughingly said at least it was downhill on the way home and she was a lot fitter than when she first arrived in Nepal!! She showed some quite scary bridges she had to use, which the schoolboys liked to make her wobble on (until she turned the tables on them). When she arrived she found schools were poorly furnished with no learning aids or toys. Parents who could afford it sent their sons to private schools and the poorer boys and the girls went to the Government schools. In the mornings, assembly consisted of physical jerks and singing the national anthem. Lessons were learnt by the children just copying what the teacher said; there was no interaction at all. They had no idea of problem solving and homes were too poor to have books so there was no culture of reading stories. She observed a teacher taking a class for maths in which he turned towards the boys on one side of the class room and instructed them, but totally ignored the girls on the other side. When Anne queried this she was told 'Well, they wouldn't want to answer anyway!' She found that to start, the male teachers didn't know how to treat her and she became an 'Honorary man.' She had to teach the teachers how to use what little resources they had. She used older girls to act as 'big sisters' and encourage the girls who would have dropped out to stay at school. Attendance records rose from 2% to 90%! Boys and girls now share use of the computers and play football. Lessons have become fun. On finding children were walking an hour to school in the mornings and then not having any lunch, she helped with a charity to provide dinner for them. The earthquake of 2015 destroyed 38,000 schools, luckily in some ways, it occurred on a Saturday when the schools are shut. UNICEF has been helping to rebuild them and lessons have been continuing in homes, barns and temporary structures. Anne has now made 3 trips to Nepal and has just been awarded the OBE for her work.

Anne Ellard

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Come along to the Callington Town Hall at 10 am on
the first Monday of each month or visit our
Website.

Next newsletter will be available

2nd March 2020

Articles and Photographs by 20th February

Please email to rosemary@shatford.co.uk

Any Photographs need to be as jpg.

Thank You