

# Callington U3A Newsletter September 2020

Hello Everyone

Hope you are all keeping well and staying safe. It is Autumn now – a new season- and we are coping with the new normal and changing restrictions to keep us well.

If you want anything published in the October edition of our mini newsletter please send it to [rosemary@shatford.co.uk](mailto:rosemary@shatford.co.uk)

A personal plea - while doing the mini newsletter -please send contributions in **word not pdf**. Thank you.

## Committee News / Updates

### Monthly Meeting

After much discussion the committee have agreed that October seems far too early to re-commence our meetings in the Town Hall and we will review again in the New Year. Although the Town Hall have put all the necessary safety measures in place we felt that our members safety had to be our priority.

Norman Watts has been looking into holding some virtual Zoom meetings and we hope that some members will want to join those.

### Message from Norman

Hello, my name is Norman Watts and I have taken over from Ruth as Speaker Organiser following the 3 years that she has excellently co-ordinated the guest speaker programme.

You will have read that the committee has wisely decided, in the light of Covid 19, to curtail monthly meetings until next year in order to keep everyone safe. As we are no longer able to meet together in the Town Hall, I have been looking at ways of getting speakers to deliver talks, but in a remote way. I have found a number of people who will make presentations over the internet through the platform of Zoom. This means that the speaker is live and we can log on and listen from the comfort of our own homes. As this is live there will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the end of the talk as usual. The speakers would be available on the normal monthly meeting days so as not to clash with other groups. They could therefore be available on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, both at 10am.

In order to ascertain if this is an opportunity that members are able to take up and would find useful I would kindly request that you email me on [nhw5100@aol.com](mailto:nhw5100@aol.com) to answer the following two questions.

- 1) Do you have Zoom or are willing to download the app?(Its safe, free and does not take up much storage on your computer or smartphone)
- 2) Would you welcome an on line talk with Q&A on the dates given?

The U3A want to give members the opportunity of availing themselves of activities through this difficult and restricting period and hope that some of you will find this beneficial.

### Message from Steve Savill

I have received a number of enquiries from members regarding U3A Diaries.

I have received notification from U3A Head Office and Supplies.

" we cannot fulfil any orders for physical items for the foreseeable future."

This applies to diaries but not, apparently, Third Age Matters.

## Art

The Art Group hopes to be resuming sessions at Stoke Climsland Old School from October. First session will be 16 October 2pm -4pm. Face masks to be worn, please. I hope to update our page shortly,  
Ann Henderson Contact [annatpillaton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annatpillaton@yahoo.co.uk)

## Crime Fiction

2 meetings since the last newsletter and Lucy very kindly hosted both. The usual, popular made appearances with their key characters each delving into the macabre world of those whose lives revolve around the deceased and their disposal. Michael Connelly and his man

Harry Bosch seeking a serial killer nicknamed the Dolly Maker and trailing a dead bad cop to Mexico with connections to a drug ring.

Martin Edwards DCI Hannah Scarlet opening up cold cases and Kathy Reichs and her forensic scientist heroine DR Temperance Brennan and the Dr's very clever niece Tory Brennan solving missing persons investigations.

Bryony introduced us to a new author Kate Rhodes and her novel set on the Scilly Isles. Deputy Chief of Police Ben Kitto has no choice but to lock down the Island after a charred body is discovered. (Lockdown! Sound familiar). I'm in the middle of reading this and its pretty good.

Peter had discovered another new author on Kindle, Luke McCallum and his military intelligence office Captain Gregor Reinhardt, delving into war-torn Yugoslavia to solve the murder of a beautiful, young filmmaker and then a thriller set in post-World War 11 Germany where a serial killer is on the loose and Reinhardt becomes embroiled in a plot involving the Western Allies and the Soviets.

Lots of conversation, book swapping and of course cups of tea and delicious cake.

If you are interested in joining the group:

please contact Yvonne Johnson 07900913860 or [johnsonyvonne1@sky.com](mailto:johnsonyvonne1@sky.com)

Philosophy. A small group of us met in the Town Hall in August. Inevitably, our topic for discussion was Covid 19. We shared personal experiences as well as considering many of the wider issues relating to moral judgements, medical choices, economical consequences etc. arising from the pandemic. It was great to talk! Next meeting Thursday September 24th. Town Hall 10am. Topic, Chapter 3 of Philosophy Bites, Peter Singer on "Animals"

Contact Sandra West [broadgatecottage@btinternet.com](mailto:broadgatecottage@btinternet.com)

Sewing We hope to meet for the first time on second Thursday in September at usual venue.

Gill Perry. Contact [gill.perry.0108@btinternet.com](mailto:gill.perry.0108@btinternet.com)

Walkers 2 This group has started up again with a good response.

We have completed 4 walks this month and its been great to get out in the fresh air to exercise and most importantly catch up with friends.

Group members have been asked to book a place each week which has *not* caused any problems and ensured our numbers are manageable. All walks have been local around Callington, Kelly Bray and Dupath which has removed the need to drive or car share. We've enjoyed refreshments at Louis Tea Room, Nanny Oakley's and The Swingletree, all have made us welcome and feel very safe. We have a couple more ideas for walks, Kitt Hill and Holmbush Woods but always looking for more suggestions?

If you know of a suitable local walk or would like to join us please contact

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