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Hot Off the Press January – March 2024

General Notices

Chair: Rene Whitlock
Secretary: Kay Gardner
Treasurer: Roger Hewitt

Membership: Roger Clark
Almoner: Vivien Pulley

General Meetings

Meetings are held at St Barbara's Church, Rochester Road, Coventry, CV5 6AG on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:15pm.

Speakers at the General Meeting

Thursday 18th January - Auction of unwanted presents.
Thursday 15th February – Historic Coventry Trust, Charterhouse
Thursday 21st March – Victor Keene, Coventry Almshouses.

Tea Rotas at the General Meeting

January – Table Tennis February – Walking Group March – Art and Craft Appreciation

Notes from the Chair

First of all, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I don't know where the year has gone since the last Christmas, but it's here again, can you believe it! I only hope the winter isn't going to be bad.

General Notes

If you are experiencing difficulty in receiving Hot Off the Press, please contact our Membership Secretary, Roger Clark, who will do his best to sort it out for you, but please check your junk section first if you receive HOTP by email. Thanks

Subscription

For new members joining our u3a in January, February or March, the fee is £7, but will be £14 from April onwards. Subscriptions will become due for payment from April.

Groups

We need more people for the Walking Group, so please contact Rene or Janet if you would like to join.

Social Events

The dates for day trips in 2024 are 25th April, 25th July and 26th September. If Rene puts your name on any of the lists for trips, please make a note in your diary to avoid confusion. Thanks.

Regarding the holiday to Holme Lacy House in the Wye Valley on 1st July for 5 nights, please note that there is a waiting list for single rooms, but there may be availability for twin rooms so let Rene know if you are interested in this.

Group Activities

Art & Craft Appreciation. Contact Margaret, Martin or David

Meetings: 12th January - Herbert Art Gallery Biennial Exhibition, meet in cafe from 10:00am

7th February - Wildlife Photographer of the Year at The Herbert Art Gallery, £4.00 with a GoCV card, 10:45am suggested time, can be booked in advance, coffee from 10:00am in the cafe.

8th March - provisional date for Wolverhampton, details later

Book Club 1. Meet 10:00am. Contact Margaret.

Meetings: 18th January - The Perfect Golden Circle by Ben Myers

22nd February - As I walked out one morning by Laurie Lee

Book Club 2. Meet Tuesday morning every 4-6 weeks. Contact Sue.

We have places if any members would like to join.

Bowling. Meet 2:00pm. Contact Graham.

The Bowls Group meets on a Thursday at Nuneaton Bowl, Bermuda Park, St Davids Way, Nuneaton, CV10 7SD. Newcomers will be welcome.

Meetings: January 11th, 25th; February 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th; March 7th, 14th, 28th

Club Games. Meet 10:30am. Contact Rene.

This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Hearsall Golf Club, from 10.30 a.m. We can stay for lunch if we want to. The games are usually snooker, dominoes, triominoes, scrabble, card and board games etc., and we all have a bit of fun.

Meetings: 8th January; 12th February; 11th March

Craft. Meet 10:30am. Contact Sue

We meet on the second Monday of each month at The Memorial Park Visitor Centre. £2 per session to cover room hire. Tea and coffee included. We try a different craft each month and have done card making, quilling, printing, Tunisian crochet (which was new to all of us!), pottery and many other crafty makes. We are a friendly crowd and would warmly welcome any new members to our group.

Meetings: 8th January; 12th February; 11th March

Current Affairs. Meet 2:00pm. Contact Irene or John

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday in the month at Hearsall Golf Club. We discuss anything that has been in the news in the past month. Please bring a controversial news item to discuss. New members are welcome.

Meetings: 16th January; 20th February; 19th March

Film Club. Contact Rene

If I know of any good films at Warwick Arts Centre or the Odeon cinema, I will see who wants to go. Please contact me know if you know any good films you want to go to see.

French Conversation. Meet 10:30am. Contact Rene

This group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Visitors' Centre, War Memorial Park, for two hours. We are hopefully a very friendly and informal group, welcoming new members who are looking to practise and improve their French. Generally speaking, it is 'O' level French standard.

Meetings: 3rd January; 7th February; 6th March

Geography & History. Meet 10:00am. Contact Cathie

Meetings are on the 3rd Monday in the month at The Visitors Centre in the Coventry Memorial Park. There are now spaces in the group and anyone wishing to join please email Cathie.

Meetings: January 15th - Guy of Warwick by James Rose

February 19th - 'The rise and fall of the quarrying and mining industries of Warwickshire ' by Brian Ellis

March 18th – Mexico 1 John Allsop

IT. Contact Martin

If you have any problems with your mobile phones and tablets, please contact Martin by either phone or email him and he will be happy to meet you on a one-to-one basis to talk it through.

Italian for Beginners. Meet 1:00pm. Contact Felicia

This new group has now started and meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Room 71 at the Belgrade Theatre.

Meetings: 10th January; 14th February; 13th March

Music & Movement. Meet 2:15pm. Contact Rene

This relatively new group is very popular, so please come along if you want to see what we get up to. It is held at the Albany Social Club until about 3.30pm.

Meetings: 17th January; 21st February; 20th March

Painting and Drawing. Meet 1:30pm. Contact Roger

We meet on alternate Wednesdays at The Visitors Centre in the Coventry Memorial Park until 3:30pm.

Meetings: January 3rd, 17th, 31st; February 14th, 28th; March 13th, 27th

Poetry Appreciation. Meet 2:00pm at Margaret's house. Contact Margaret

Meetings: 16th January - Historical people, places and events

20th February - Occupations and Jobs

March - tbc

Psychology. Meet 11:00am. Contact Keith

We meet at Hearsall Golf Club in Earlsdon on the 4th Tuesday in the month for around two hours. This group remains very friendly despite differing opinions being aired. New members always very welcome.

Meetings: 23rd January; 27th February; 26th March

Quiz. Meet 10:15am for 10:30am start. Contact Vivien

We shall continue to meet on the 3rd Monday in the month at the United Reformed Church in Warwick Row. The cost is £2 per person and this includes refreshments.

Meetings: 15th January; 19th February; 18th March

Rambling. Meet 10:00am. Contact John

You are welcome to join us on rambles (5-7 miles) which start at 10.00 am. Please phone the leader to confirm details. If you wish to lead a walk, please give details to John for inclusion in the next programme.

Scrabble 1. Contact: Lesley

This group now needs more members.

Scrabble 2. Meet 10:30am. Contact Vivien

This group now meets in Room 71 at the Belgrade Theatre (which is on the ground floor next to the café). New people wishing to join us would be made very welcome. Remember we play for enjoyment and fun.

Meetings: 25th January; 29th February; 28th March

Table Tennis. Meet 10:15am for 10:30am start. Contact Rene

We meet on the 2nd Thursday in the month in St Barbara's Church Hall at, for one hour.

Afterwards we go to one of the cafes in Earlsdon Street for lunch.

Meetings: 11th January; 8th February; 14th March

Walking Group. Meet 10:00am. Contact Janet

We meet every other Thursday (unless there is a general meeting that week). We walk in the countryside around Coventry. Each walk will be about 4 to 4.5 miles long. New walkers are very welcome to join.

Meetings: January 11th (meal), 25th; February 8th, 29th; March 14th, 28th.