



Falkirk and District U3A Newsletter

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From the Chair

Dear Members,

As previously notified, this year's AGM, to be held via Zoom at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 6th October, is an important milestone as our U3A heads towards a fuller programme of activities. Of course COVID has ensured that the early part of 2020 may be the last time things were normal, but humans are incredibly good at adapting, and our U3A is already starting to operate successfully in this new environment.

As usual the AGM will review the previous year's activities, and will also look ahead to the future, and what this may mean for our U3A. It also provides members with an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, and also to ensure they have the Trustees serving on the Committee that they want to oversee operations for the next few months. I strongly encourage everybody to attend, and make your views known.

As previously indicated the paperwork for the AGM is available from our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/falkirk/page/107692> Please take the time to review the documents. **We do need at least 24 members to attend** to make any decisions official. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Glenn

Weekly Zoom Coffee Morning

Jennifer Kightley is running a weekly Drop-In Zoom Coffee Morning, every Thursday, which started on Thursday 17th of September 2020 @ 10:30am.

If you wish to join the weekly coffee morning please use the Link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88248873703?pwd=aXFSV3c0cGhCVGh0TGluclTRzdHhQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 4887 3703

Passcode: 027135

I look forward to seeing you all there, and if you have any questions please contact Jennifer on jenniferkightley@gmail.com

Interest Groups - Update

As we will not be having the usual registration meeting this year to enable members to join groups there is a link below to the groups running at present.

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

Spanish

Austin Reed would be prepared to start the Spanish group again if there is sufficient interest. It would be a Zoom on-line event every two weeks for 1.5 hrs time (not yet determined) and co-ordinated by Austin, initially with up to eight members. Each session would include conversation mainly in Spanish, a section from a book eg "Easy Spanish" by Barbara Bernstein - which introduces grammar and vocabulary, readings from a web site such as <https://www.learnpracticalspanishonline.com/beginner/beginner-readings.html> a topic, an article, music or other material introduced by a member, with members taking it in turn. Between meetings members would be expected to spend an hour or more following Duo-lingo on the web, reviewing the previous session and preparing for the forthcoming session.

For further information contact Austin Reed – austinboness@gmail.com

Historical Consequences (new members welcome)

The History and its Consequences Group is in operation. It runs as a Zoom on-line event every three weeks for 1.5 hrs on Thursday afternoons 2.30 to 4.00 co-ordinated by Austin Reed with up to eight members. The meeting usually consist of an introduction and scene setting by the leader for that meeting (members take it in turns to 'lead' the meeting) contribution from members of what they have found and open discussion of the issues raised, often by addressing a number of key questions. Prior to each meeting the leader for that meeting will send out some references from the web, articles and journals on the topic for the forthcoming meeting. All members are expected to investigate the topic using but not limited to the information sent out, and they can circulate any interesting material they have found.

For further information contact Austin Reed – austinboness@gmail.com

Survey For Members Who Attended The David Livingstone Birthplace Project Talk

Please complete the Survey below if you were at the Open Meeting at the beginning of September -

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/56WX2T7?fbclid=IwAR1_l4XAQXou7sDnZFlrkpgRja08R3twuHJNvZp44qOTToutuM37jpsff1s

And finally something to make you smile

*Watched Benjamin Button for the
umpteenth time last night.
Never gets old !!*

*Message to the person who stole
my glasses. I will find you,
I have contacts.*

*I joined a local Scrabble Group
but left after a couple of weeks
without paying my subscription.
Now they've sent me a bunch of
threatening letters !!*

*The worst ever train driver was
sacked the other day. When asked
how many trains he had derailed
last month he said 'I don't really
know, it's hard to keep track'.*

*OK so Vodka isn't the answer
but it's worth a shot !!*

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