



## NEWSLETTER Issue 2 November 2015

Welcome to the second issue of Forest Town & District U3A Newsletter.

Things seem to have moved very quickly since the 'Interest' meeting held in September; we held our 'Inaugural' meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> October and have been looking forward to holding our first 'proper' meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November when Liz Weston, Curator of Mansfield Museum, is the speaker.

The Steering Group Committee has been working hard over the last two months to get the structure and procedures in place to enable our U3A to become a successful group. We have already over 100 members, (and hope that more will join us on the 5<sup>th</sup> November and at future meetings); please tell your friends and neighbours about the U3A and ask them to come and join you at our meetings.

You will see from the Group Co-ordinators report that several Interest Groups have already been established, and there are others where interest has been expressed but a leader needs to emerge to take the group forward. The Groups, as I said in the last Newsletter are the foundation of the U3A, and if there is something that has not yet been identified that YOU are interested in then please make sure that you make the Committee aware – you can be fairly certain that if it is something YOU are interested in others will be also.

Mike King -Chairman

**Novembers Speaker** - Liz Weston has been curator at Mansfield Museum for 28 years and in that time has taken the museum from strength to strength. In 2013 she was awarded the MBE for services to heritage and the community.

**OUR LOGO** - This shows The Avenues which were the first houses in Forest Town and are still evident today. The houses were built between 1903 -1909 for the first miners and their families, families that were the foundation stones of this mining village which has expanded and grown ever since. In October 2015 new foundations were laid when people congregated in St. Alban's Church and established the Forest Town & District U3A. Already this is growing and providing new opportunities for people just as it did all those years ago.

### INTEREST GROUPS

*from the Group Co-ordinator*

#### **Country & Western Pop Group** - Max 6

Group Leader *Tony Robinson*

Meet -Members Home - 1st Monday 2pm

#### **Fabric Upcycling** - Max 8

Group Leader *Barbara Whaplington*

Meet -Members Home - 3rd Monday 1pm

#### **Family History**

Group Leader -*Glynis Benford-Chapman*

Meet -St John Centre, Mansf. 1st Tuesday 10am

*The aim of the group is to introduce people to different records so they can carry out ancestral research themselves.*

#### **Film/Videos** - Max 6

Group Leader - *Arline Littlewood*

Meet -Members Home- 2nd Wednesday 1.30pm

First meeting Wednesday 11th November

#### **Local History** - Max 12

Group Leader - *Pauline Marples*

Meet -Members Home -3rd Thursday 2.15pm

(This group has a waiting list)

#### **Making Photo Books**

Group Leader - *Marian Batt*

Meet -Members Home - 4th Wednesday 2pm

#### **Short Walks**

Group Leader - *Marlene Mee*

Various Locations 2nd Tuesday 10.30am

***You can see from the above list  
groups can be any size***

### DELIVERING YOUR NEWSLETTER

If we have your email address these will be sent out by email. so please make us aware if you change your email address. For members not on email, paper copies will be available at the main meeting.

**PARKING** When attending our meetings at St Albans do respect our neighbours by not parking on the residential streets. Please use either the car park at the Prince Charles pub, Kingsway Hall, or the Forest Town Arena. There are four disabled parking spaces available at St Albans towards the rear of the church.



**FUTURE INTEREST GROUPS & GROUP LEADERS**

All groups will be Forest Town based for members of FT & District U3A. If we do not yet have a group of your particular interest, why not consider starting one by becoming a Group Leader?

A Group Leader does not have to be an expert, just interested in the respective topic. Their role is to organise where a meeting can be held, many groups meet in a persons home. For advice and help on setting up the group contact the Group Leader Co-ordinator,

We have members interested in the following groups:

- Bridge/Canasta
- Computer/IT Skills
- Photography for Fun
- Rambling
- Sewing Group,

However a Group Leader (who is a member of FT & District U3A) is needed to start them, **could this be YOU?**

**LEARN, LAUGH AND LIVE WITH THE U3A**

An interesting quote from a founder member of the U3A movement is;-

*'Those who teach shall also learn and those who learn shall also teach' (Peter Laslett 1989)*

**THANK YOU**

To the ladies who have stepped in at each of our meetings in St. Alban's Church to serve the tea and coffee, enabling members to relax and chat.

To Simon at Forest Town Arena for the use of the rooms for meetings, and the use of the car park

To St Albans PCC for the use of the church

**REPORTS OF OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETINGS**

**Local History** - Nine members met at the home of Pauline Marples on Thursday 15th October. Discussions took place on local history and peoples interests. Examples of what can be done were shown. Over a cup of tea/coffee everyone had the opportunity to chat and look at a wide variety of local history books. This was followed by a short digital slide show of 'Clipstone Camp Then and Now' which showed many aspects of local history.



**MAKING PHOTO BOOKS** On Wednesday 28th Oct, three ladies came and enjoyed a two hour session. They seemed pleased with what they were able to do and our next meeting is on Wednesday 25th November. Our intention is to meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month apart from December, from 2-4pm . Eventually once they are confident they will not need my help and I can see that other people could join if there are any more interested people. It is a hands on activity and four on laptops are enough to manage at one time.

**DECEMBER MAIN MEMBERS MEETING**

THURSDAY 3rd December 1.45pm St Alban's Church, Forest Town. The Speaker will be Mrs Michelle (Mickey) Bradley talking about ' The kept village of King's Clipstone'. Mickey is an authority on the history of Kings Clipstone and is one of the-authors of the book 'A Celebration of Kings Clipstone'

Forest Town U3A Steering Committee	
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