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u3a Newsletter

News From u3a Guernsey

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Membership - 981

Dear Ian

Hi,

A short Newsletter this month. The Ladies are responding to the 'Boys' Big Breakfast with their own 'Girls' breakfast at the KGV. Details below. It may not be too late for you to take part ladies if you read this before breakfast this morning.

Please keep the articles and photographs coming in. I rely on your submissions to create an interesting Newsletter.

Live, Laugh and Learn!

Message from the Chair

First, a big apology if you made a cake or went to KGV expecting to see our gazebo in order to celebrate the King's Coronation on the 6th May. The poor weather led to me cancelling on that day and I hope you managed to enjoy watching some of the events in the comfort of your own homes.

On the 26th April 2-4pm at Les Rocquettes Hotel a number of volunteer members turned up to hear how they could support u3s organising events, helping with publicity, making new members welcome etc... Thank you to all who turned up and a big thank you to Les Rocquettes Hotel who made us so welcome and put on a great array of sandwiches and cakes. If you think you can help please don't hesitate to make contact with a member of the Executive Committee to ensure our organisation grows to support everyone here in Guernsey.

Also a big thank you to Iris M, Marie O and Elizabeth T for donating Chess sets, games and wool. The Convenors of these groups are very pleased to receive such items. Please do contact me if you have items which you think might be of use.

The national celebration of volunteers will be taking place 1st to the 7th June, and this year the theme is to celebrate and inspire. I am keen to know about people in u3a perhaps in your Interest Groups or maybe they belong to the Executive or sub-group Committee Members who you feel we should celebrate. Drop me a line with their name and the reason why they are deserving so I can include in the June newsletter, having checked with them that they are happy for me to include.

Our recent workshop to the Queux Plant Centre was very successful. Thirty members enjoyed over an hours planting of their own hanging baskets on the 21st April. I am sure the baskets will look fabulous during the summer months. The quiz arranged for later that same day was equally well attended. At just £12 per person everyone enjoyed food and a fabulous quiz. Thanks to the Quizzers Group who sorted the questions, organised the evening and sourced the raffle prizes.

Other Social events to tempt you are a guided tour of the Victorian Walled Garden at 2pm on the 12th and 20th June following a lunch at 12.30 at the Saumarez Park Cafe. Gill is also planning a tour of the Dairy so do look out for details of this in future newsflashes.

Penny and Sue who are retired u3a Convenors will have a stand at the Digital ACE event at Beau Sejour on the

24th June. They will be promoting u3a and iDea. Please do pop along and say "hello". Usually this event is popular.

Perhaps you fancy having a go at writing. The national u3a Short Story Competition is back for its fourth year. The theme is 'Decision(s)' and the deadline is Monday 26th June. The full competition rules can be seen on the u3a learning pages. Good luck to all that enter.

Finally I need to inform you that the June Coffee morning will be taking place on MONDAY 5th June at KGV. The cafe is becoming so successful that it is limiting the room for our members so we decided to try a Monday when the cafe is closed. The management will still be offering cheaper 'help yourself coffee/tea' at £1.50 per person or if you prefer a 'proper' coffee, you can simply order from the bar. There is ample parking, lift to the cafe and KGV is on a bus route. Why not pop along and let me know what you think. Notices will be given at 10.30am as normal. Looking forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

Live, Laugh and Learn!

Jane Pearson,
Chair, u3a Guernsey

NEW GROUPS

Girls Breakfast

KGV Tuesday 16th May at 9.30am.
If interested please contact Rachel Hockey
on : sunshinepreschool@cwgsy.net
or phone 07781 154927

The Urban Photography Group

This group has proved very popular and at the present
time now has a waiting list.

Boxing Group

Please contact the Convenor Mary on :
marymcdermott2011@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to
know more. It is a great exercise class, lots of fun and
run by experienced Guernsey's Boxing Development
Officer.

Stamp Collecting Group

Anyone interested in joining this group please contact
Ken by email: gibbs@guernsey.net or by clicking on the
pigeon on the website.

This group is growing in size and any interested
members, including members new to stamp collecting,
will be welcome as there is no prior knowledge of stamp
collecting required. Additionally, u3a members with
stamp collections which they no longer require may

donate them to the interest group. Many thanks to members who have already pledged to donate their collections.

Collective Gardening Group

If you have seeds or plants I'm sure they would be gratefully received

Interested, then please contact me on :

1991pearson@gmail.com

Our garden beds are ready to be planted. If you are keen on growing vegetables but don't have space or maybe like me you would like to learn more and work with others to become more green fingered, then please come along.

Board Games Group

A few attended the session at the Tea Room and agreed to reconvene in the Autumn. The contact will be Jenny

Tasker on :jenny@taskeronline.com

Creative Writing Group

There is space for anyone interested in joining this group. Incidentally Brian Clegg from the group won the Roger Perrot Trophy in the Literary section of the guernsey Eisteddfod recently. You could be next year's prize winner.

Woodworking Group

The Convenor for this group is standing down. If anyone feels they could help please contact me on:

1991pearson@gmail.com

Gardening Group

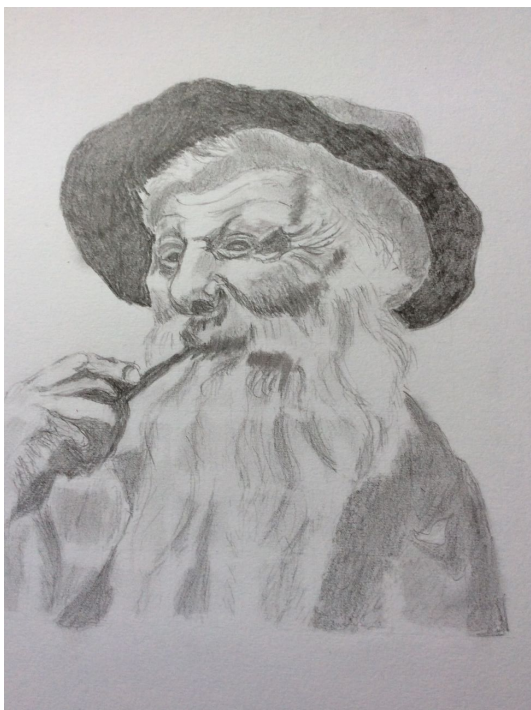
The Convenors for this group are stepping down. Please let me know if you would be willing to take on the role :

1991pearson@gmail.com

WANTED.....

Have you a chess set or Rummikub set doing nothing in a cupboard - please let us know. Both groups are growing in size and they need more sets. Please email me on :1991pearson@gmail.com or the Chess Convenor, Martin on: mrcoombes42@outlook.com

Have you any wool especially baby colours and preferably double knitting which can be used by our talented Woolly Jumpers Group.



Drawings sent by Brenda De Garis

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT TIMES, DATES AND
VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2023

DATE

Tour of Guernsey Dairy

May/June - TBC

Victorian Walled Garden

Monday, 12 June &

Tour & lunch

Tuesday, 20 June

Fab-Lab at Guilles Alles
Library

TBC

FUTURE EVENTS

Drop-in Coffee Morning

Tuesday 18 July

AGM

Tuesday 1 August

Showcase Event Tuesday, 12 September

Drop-in Coffee Morning Tuesday 17 October

Tiger Lily

Reconnection to Nature
Workshop TBC

Victor Hugo Visit Friday 14 July

National Newsletter

Are you receiving your own personal copy of the u3a National Newsletter? If not and you would like to see it then you need to go to this link:

[https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?
u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=3cc1ed5b1c&e=2
1dcf0fcf2](https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=3cc1ed5b1c&e=21dcf0fcf2)

A bite-sized version is also posted by Alan on our Facebook page GUERNSEY U3A.

Copies of this newsletter and the National Newsletter can also be found on the u3a Guernsey website. All group activities can also be found on the u3a Guernsey website.

You can browse all of the current Interest Groups on our website's [GROUPS PAGE](#), (click on this link to get there instantly). Also check out the [EVENTS PAGE](#) to see what's going - new events are added as soon as they have been organised.

Our website and [NEWS PAGE](#) are regularly updated with the latest information and pictures of Group activities. Please send in photos and news articles from your Group to u3aguernsey.news@gmail.com ; we would love to hear from you and to display your efforts on our website, Newsletter and Facebook pages.

NB To access some of the documents on our website you will need to use a username and password. These are common for all members and are the same for any document that is passworded. These are case sensitive and are as follows:

Username: U3aguernsey

Password: Lihounineteen

If you have any problems accessing the newsletter or any other document, please email us at u3aguernsey.news@gmail.com

Anyone with a suggestion how we could make being a member a better experience, please share your idea by emailing

u3aguernsey.suggestionbox@gmail.com

These will be treated in confidence and anonymised if requested before being presented to the committee for discussion.



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