



## NEWSLETTER QUARTER 2 2022

### *Important information on groups and the approaching AGM*

**Membership.** Subscriptions are now due for 2022/23. If you have not yet paid, this is a kindly reminder. We will collect subs at monthly meetings and the AGM, and membership forms are available on our website.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS.** Reminder of the timetable – arrival is from 2pm for the speaker or activity to commence at 2:30 pm. Since the committee only have access to the Hall from 1:45pm, people arriving early is very unhelpful. So we would appreciate your efforts in NOT arriving before 2pm UNLESS you might like to be a Tea volunteer? We would welcome more volunteers since this means people don't have to do it so often.

### **MAY MEETING – AGM and CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY**

#### **AGM**

Reports and accounts will be available on the day

**Listed are the current Committee including all VACANCIES**

Chairman Trevor Powis

Vice Chairman **VACANT**

Treasurer Bob Waters

Secretary Jean Saunders

Groups Co-ordinator Chris Powis

Membership Secretary Cilla Cook

Newsletter Editor **VACANT**

Publicity Officer **VACANT**

Welfare Officer **VACANT**

Speaker Secretary Betty Anderson

Committee Members Betty Bragg, Sally Fox, Sandra Neville, Sally White, Sheila Mighall

Attached to the Committee Website Editor Eric Lavender (standing down)

At this time the current Committee are prepared to stand for another year, but as you can see we have **VACANCIES**. Please don't be shy, we are happy to accept nominations in advance or on the day, and self-nomination is just fine. We are also happy to consider several people who would be prepared to "share" a role to make things less demanding.

We also need someone who would consider taking on the website. U3a websites are being upgraded this year to Wordpress, a common and easy to use tool, which some may already be familiar with.

## QUEEN'S PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY

We would like to celebrate the reign of the Queen in a special way. We will have tables of four and we are asking members to provide, where they can, EITHER Royal memorabilia (e.g. Coronation mugs, commemorative stamps, anything from during the reign at any time) for a display OR particular memories of the Queen's reign (if anyone has ever met her, had letters from the Queen, or perhaps a special memory – what you were doing on Coronation Day, or on one of the other Jubilee celebrations). We hope to be able to build an interesting "timeline" for members to see and share memories with others. We will also have some table quizzes to see how well we really all remember the last 70 years.

### **GROUPS – note some new groups formed.**

**Book Group 2** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month@10:30 – contact Jeanette, 844404

**Book Club 3** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month@13:30 –contact Janet-janetbrook19@gmail.com

**Canasta** – contact Sally, 440835 for dates and times

**Choir** – currently closed

**Circuit training (used to be gym session)** – Wednesdays@2pm@Freedom Leisure.

Cost £5.50 – Contact – Gay, 07549032421

**Coffee Morning** – Mondays 10:00 – contact Linda, 848309

**Craft Group** – Contact Jennie 844687 – **new group looking for new members**

**Creative Writing** – Contact Pam 844020

**Discussion Group** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month@14:30 – contact Pam, 844020

**Drama** – Contact Linda, 01435 813448

**Dog Friendly Walking** – Does not meet over winter – Contact Sue, 844279 if interested

**Family History** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month@14:30 – contact Bob, 847014

**French** – Contact Pam, 442151 if interested

**German** – Contact Herta 844118 – **restarting so looking for new members.**

**Lunch Group** – Currently Full

**Lunch Group 2** – Contact Vonnie 381520 – **new group looking for members**

**Mah Jong** – contact Sheila, 365655 for times

**Mah Jong 2** – Contact Sally – sallyandthehound@gmail.com – **new group looking for members**

**Memories** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month@14:00 – contact Maureen, 484344

**Natural History Group** – Looking for New Members – please contact Sally 846031

**Rummikub** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month@14:30 – contact Karen, 440653

**Scrabble** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month@14:30 – contact Chris 670775

**Ten Pin Bowling** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month@14:00@Freedom Leisure. Cost £3.75 – contact Gay, 07549 032 421

**Quiz** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month@14:30 – contact Jean, 765373

### **FORTHCOMING MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**24<sup>th</sup> MAY** – AGM and Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

**28<sup>th</sup> JUNE** – Jill Packham – "Travelling overland by bus from Katmandu to London"

**26<sup>th</sup> JULY** – MEMBERS ENTERTAINMENT

**23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST** – Bill McNaught – "Brunel – Father, Son and Grandson"

**27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** – Peter Griffiths – "45 years in aviation"