

Looking for something new in 2020? Retired? Maybe U3A is for you.

January is once again upon us, that time of year for new and sometimes of short-lived resolutions to try something new or different. If your fully, or part time retired or soon to be so, and have been thinking about pursuing further a current, or new interest with like-minded people, Halesworth and District U3A may be just what you are looking for.

If your already one of our 250 or so members, maybe contacting another of our 30 or so interest groups or joining us at our monthly talks at the Cut (each 3rd Tuesday afternoon) is worthy of further consideration.

Once again in December our 'open to all' meeting at The Cut moved away from our more usual illustrated talks format to our now annual pre-Christmas feel good film followed by coffee, cake and time to chat after in The Cut Café. Our thanks go to The Cut for continuing to host our monthly events during the year and to their Café staff for providing such excellent cake and nibbles after the film. I can vouch personally for the 5-star coffee cake!

Our next 'open to all' social event will be a whole day coach trip to Bury St. Edmunds planned for Tuesday July 21st. Coaches are already booked and further information and tickets will be available to members and others nearer the time.

January will see us return to our more usual monthly format at The Cut with an illustrated talk on Tuesday 21st January at 2.30. Rev. Dr Anthony Peabody will give a talk about his career in forensic science entitled 'Forensics – A scientist turns to crime'. Working as a forensic scientist for some 40 years, before his retirement he will talk about what he calls the 'heyday of forensic science', when arcane knowledge, lethal analytical processes and, improbable research programmes were quite normal. An interesting afternoon is to be expected.

As always there is no charge for members, all other are most welcome to join us for £3.00 in advance from the box office or on the door.

If your new to the Halesworth area , and partly or fully retired from work or child care responsibilities U3A we believe can be a good way to meet pursue interests old and new and make new contacts. Longer term residents often find on joining that they renew old friendships with those having similar interests.

We welcome new members for just £15 per year for which there is free access to our monthly talks at The Cut, and an opportunity to attend our twice-yearly social events, plus access to the many self-running interest groups with space to welcome new members. For more information about the groups and to make contact with group leaders you can visit our website, just search 'Halesworth U3A',. Alternatively if you need further information or paper copies of membership forms please contact the Membership Secretary by email at uthreemembers@gmail.com .

For those not online or who prefer their information 'face to face' we invite you to come to our potential and new members hour next held in The Cut Café between 11.00 and noon on Friday January 31st when you can meet with some of our longer standing members over a coffee.

As always, we welcome new and current members to join us in our wide range of activities and groups to continue to 'Live, Learn, and Laugh' while enjoying each other's company and to share each other's common skills and interests.

Finally, our very best wishes for 2020 go to all our members, friends and supporters across Halesworth and the surrounding areas.

Martin Stevens for Halesworth and District U3A

