

'What three words'

You will have heard of it, by now. It is an App that we have on our mobile phones. Our Walking Group Leaders frequently use it when they are planning to meet for a walk, pinpointing the exact location you need to find.

Don't get me started on Apps and their everyday use in our lives, whether we like it or not. There is even an App for Dudley Borough car parks, which is very useful if you are in a hurry. Not so useful if you forget to use it though.

However, these three words – *learn, laugh, live* – are important to us in the u3a. These three words are the mantra of the u3a. What do these three words mean to you? Could it be – *communication, companionship, citizenship*, perhaps?

Here's another three words – *Happy New Year*.

Lynda Brettell
Chair

News in pictures

Behind each picture is hard work by volunteers. Thanks to Suzanne and John Bithell for the u3a Christmas tree, and to Margaret Aston and her team for the social events. More pictures overleaf.



^ Dancing the night away – an evening of 50s, 60s and 70s music with Mike Prince

At Symphony Hall for a classical spectacular >



At Wordsley Church Xmas Tree Festival



< Ukulele group Christmas Concert with seasonal refreshments

Membership renewal 2024

There are two main ways to renew:

- ◆ by bank transfer (BACS) – preferred
- ◆ in cash or by cheque at coffee mornings.

Bank transfer is the preferred option. It is easier and can be done anytime between the 1st January and the 31st March 2024.

Paying by bank transfer

Our bank details have changed from last year:

Sort code **30-99-50**

Account no **70741868**

Reference **Membership number & SURNAME**

eg 1234SMITH – for couples add your partner's membership number

If you saved the bank details last year, you will need to change them before paying this time.

Paying by cheque

Make your cheque payable to:

Kingswinford & District U3A

"Kingswinford U3A" will not be accepted by the bank.

Membership cards

If you do not pay in person, you will get confirmation of renewal by email. You can then collect your card at coffee mornings or by arrangement with Ian Scott.

Dates for your diary

speaker meetings from 10am, speaker at 11am

19th January 2024 *A Morning of Black Country Humour* – laughter with David Bartley.

16th February 2024 *The Story of Burke and Wills* by Peter Bates

15th March 2024 *The History of the Bra* by Val Campbell

coffee morning and renewal from 10am to 12 noon

26th January, 23th February, 22th March 2024

Extra renewal session in January this year

Day trips and social events – watch for announcements in the New Year.

Next issue

The next issue, for March/April, goes to the printers on 1st March 2024. Please contact Ian Scott on 01384 839277 or via the website with any items.

† There is a waiting list to join these groups. Contact the Group Leader to go on the list until a place is available.

Architecture

Peter Bates 07939 476780 – 4th Wednesday pm

Art (St Mary's)

Alan Westley 01384 822497
– 2nd & 4th Tuesday am.

Pictured – group's work on display at Nov coffee morning – some now on the group webpage



Ballroom Dancing

Chris & Jim Brookes 01384 288920
– 1st Monday pm. None in February, back in March

Board Games

Doreen Darby (acting GL) 01384 345644
– 4th Wednesday pm

Book Group

Anne Mole 07742 064252 – 4th Friday am

Butterfly Tai Chi

Geraldine Hammonds – 2nd & 4th Monday am

Chess

Ian Campbell 07790 935743 (text) – 2nd Monday am

Craft

Joan Johnson 01902 672246
– 2nd & 4th Tuesday pm

Creative Writing

Betty Burns 01384 292108 – 2nd Monday am

Discussion

Adrian Barrett 07905 302813 – 3rd Thursday pm

Gardening

Mike Brettell 07866 610444 – 3rd Monday am †

Genealogy

Clem Phillips 07340 314908 – 4th Wednesday am

Guitar

Philip Emery 01384 293958 – 1st & 3rd Thursday am †

History

Charles Frankis 01384 404491 – 4th Monday am

Jazz Appreciation

Ian Scott 01384 839277 – 2nd Tuesday pm

Kurling

Peter Bates 07939 476780 – 3rd Wednesday am †

Latin

John Hunt 07539 864876
– 2nd Tuesday am advanced group
– 4th Monday pm beginners group

Line Dancing

Cath Robinson – 07951 036055
1st & 3rd Tuesday pm †

Play Reading

Judith Elmes 01384 271798 – 3rd Monday pm

Quiz

Robert & Pamela Wantling – 07850 623071
2nd Wednesday pm †

Recorders

Jean Green 01384 392876 – 2nd & 4th Tuesday am

Relaxation for Wellbeing

No longer meeting

Shanty Singing **NEW** from January

John Owen 07933 288223
– 2nd & 4th Wednesday pm

Singing for Fun

Judith Humphry 07958 545547
– 1st & 3rd Thursday am

Pictured – group entertaining at Nov Coffee Morning



Strollers

Pauline Buswell 01384 896915 or 07759 347715
– 2nd & 5th Friday am

Ukulele

David Westley-Smith 07855 256240
Chris Thompson 07971 641629
– 2nd & 4th Thursday am

Walking Groups

Jane Artist 07759 030931
– 1st, 2nd & 5th Friday am

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