

LEIGH BELFAIRS U3A NEWSLETTER

MEET YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

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Welcome to our seventh edition newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Doesn't time fly, here we are in 2019 and another year gone. But it has been a successful year as far as our U3A is concerned. We've had some wonderful speakers and attracted many new members. Our new groups such as "In Stitches", "The Busy Bees Craft" and the "Local History" groups are doing well. We also now have a "Strings" group for experienced and novice musicians. Perhaps there may some members who wish to try their hand. The Christmas lunch at Garons on the 6th December went very well and was enjoyed by all. All of the committee are listed on this page and will be only too glad to help you navigate through our planned activities. In particular we have many outings and events throughout the year which I'm sure you will find enjoyable. Our U3A continues to grow and attract new members, now up to 135. It is also encouraging to see lots of visitors at our meetings many of whom join up as members.

On a more serious note I would ask you to consider joining our committee. The branch cannot legally or practically function without a working committee. There is a time limitation on how long certain members can stay on the committee and we are getting to the stage when some will need to stand down. We are always looking for willing helpers to keep the Committee and therefore the branch going. I shall

say some more about this in the coming months before the AGM. So please take some time to think about this. Thank you.

All of the details of outings and meetings are listed below. I look forward to meeting you at our next meeting or event.

My Best Wishes Maryann Perry



Website <https://u3asites.org.uk/leigh-belfairs>

Here's what's happening over the coming of months.

Wednesday 20th February 2019 Meeting Life Onboard the Training Ship Arethusa and Its History Speaker **George Mandaracas**. Two hundred year history of ex naval ships being used not only for disadvantaged children but also for training boys before joining the Royal or Merchant Navy. An interesting insight to how life was for those not so privileged children generations ago.

Wednesday 20th March 2019 Meeting Joyce Grenfell Speaker: Jackie Tevlin. Jackie will be giving an interesting talk about this lady and her particular style of comedy and monologues. Do you remember her? It will be a chance to re-live some of the humour of yesteryear. A highly recommended talk.

Wednesday 17th April 2019 Meeting. Our Speaker for this month is Tony Earl. He is a retired photographic scientist who worked for Kodak. His talk will be on the **Thames Barge**. His talks are non-technical and delivered in a relaxed amusing manner, encouraging audience participation.

Wednesday 15th May Meeting. Tax, Care & Toy boys Speaker: Co-Op Estate Planning. A representative from this organisation will give an informative talk on Inheritance Tax, future planning, how you can protect your family's nest egg and the implications of re-marriage. A lighthearted informal and somewhat humorous talk on a very serious subject. There will be time for questions afterwards or just chat to them after the talk. Something we all have to consider and again, nice to know our options.

Wednesday 19th June TBA

Wednesday 17th July Speaker is Steve Galler. He is an **international Banjo player**. His talk is focused on the songs of Cole Porter and Richard Rogers. He regularly delights audiences with comedy and music. He has often been asked to entertain the Royal Family and has entertained on many cruise ships.

More will be announced in our next newsletter.

