



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

LEIGH BELFAIRS

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this our 8th Newsletter.

As you will see from the list on the left, we have some new members on the Committee. They will be supported by the existing committee and we wish them well in this new role. Being a committee member can be very rewarding and is something any one of you can do. Please speak with one of us if you think this is something you might be interested in, as we do welcome new members.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Last month we had our 4th AGM. Although we are a relatively new U3A we continue to thrive. We regularly get a very good attendance at our

meetings and we have a wide variety of interesting speakers. At the AGM we welcomed Paul Stalham as our new Treasurer. Judith Goodenough has been our treasurer since the steering committee over 4 years ago. She has done a fantastic job in keeping the books looking very healthy for the future. We thank her for all her hard work and are pleased to say she will stay on the committee to help Paul when necessary.

We were sad to lose George and Marion from the committee due to moving away from the area. George instigated the website and newsletter and was my Vice Chair. He also ran several groups over the time. Marion organised the speakers and helped Judith run the gardening group. We wish them luck in their new home and hope they will stay in touch.

We also welcomed Janet Monk who will run the website and edit the newsletter; and Maureen Eldred who will be working with Vivien with the intention of taking over the role of secretary in the future when Vivien has completed her term of office. Sharon Foreman was voted in as New Group set up co-ordinator.

I would also like to thank Glenis for all her hard work as Membership secretary. After 3 years she is standing down from this role and will be my Vice Chair. Elaine will take over her position.

We also must thank Jack Hess who retired from the committee this year, after over 4 years of organising the outings, walks in London, plus at one time the speakers; how he managed all three is amazing. He has now volunteered his services as a meet and greet for new members, just up his street.

Rita and Ray Noyce have taken over from Jack and we had the first outing under their umbrella to Kensington Palace. It was a great success and Jan and Alan Eaton are organising the next one to Chatham Docks in June.

Our new group Floral Art and Design, run by Christine Allen, is also proving very popular.

Thank you to all the group leaders, volunteers and members who have made this such a great year for our Leigh Belfairs U3A and a special thanks to my wonderful committee.

The Chair's full report is on our website. Should anybody like a hard copy, please just ask at the Membership desk.

Our forthcoming meetings and outings are shown below.....I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering.

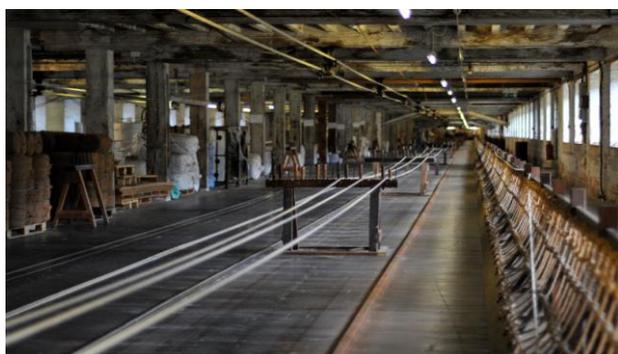
My very best wishes

Maryann Perry

Here's a summary of our meetings and events over the coming months...

Wednesday 19th June meeting : Our speaker will be **Danielle Barnet** who will be giving us a talk on **The Life of Marilyn Monroe**.

Thursday 27th June: Outing to Chatham Dockyard, which will include the '**Call the Midwife**' tour. For those of you that are interested there will also be the opportunity for a tour of the ropery (see photo below). Rope has been made here for almost 400 years, from small rope to that large enough to moor huge ships. Today Chatham is the only one of the original four Royal Navy Ropeyards to remain in operation and together with its related buildings forms the finest integrated group of 18th century manufacturing buildings in Britain. If you are interested but have not yet put your name down please contact Jan on Jan.eaton79@hotmail.co.uk a.s.a.p.



Wednesday 17th July meeting: *This is a change to our previously published information.* **Tony Earle** will be giving us a talk on **The Thames Barge**. His talks are non technical and delivered in a relaxed and amusing manner, encouraging audience participation.

Wednesday 21st August meeting: **Practical Action** is a charity that works with communities in developing countries, using technology to find practical solutions to poverty. **Dennis Eraut** will be giving us a talk on their work.

We have adopted the current Privacy Policy, a summary of which can be found below. The full policy can be found on our website.

Privacy Policy Summary 2019

- What personal information we collect
- How we collect this personal information
- How do we use your personal information
- Who do we share your personal information with
- How long do we keep your personal details
- How your information can be updated or corrected
- How do we store your personal information
- Availability and changes to this policy
- Contact details in case you have queries, need it in an alternative format or have any complaints about our privacy practices.

The full policy document can be found on our website: <https://www.u3asites.org.uk/leigh-belfairs/home> or on request from our Membership Secretary at the monthly meetings or by telephoning 01702 521500.

The committee would like to assure you that personal information will only be used to provide U3A activities and services.