

## Monthly Update January 2020

Dear Friends

# Happy New Year!

Welcome to the January newsletter.

Our first meeting of 2020 is on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** and our speaker will be **Christine Duckworth** who is one of our members. Her talk is entitled '**My year as Mayor**'. Meeting, greeting and skipping the light fandango whilst also serving refreshments will be all three of our Spanish groups. Bring your own castanets!

**Doors will open at 1.30pm.**



**June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 is NATIONAL U3A DAY!**

On **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**, **Sandra** is holding a meeting of members who may be interested in forming a working party to consider what Littleborough U3A could do for this occasion. The meeting is at her house **at 10.00am**. Anyone interested should contact Sandra via the bird on the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/contact>.



**YOUR U3A NEEDS YOU!** ....could you help?

We urgently need a **BUSINESS SECRETARY** to stand in until June. If you could help, please contact Sandra or any member of the Committee either via the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/contact> or at the meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

We also need a **COACH TRIP OUTINGS ORGANISER**. If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please contact Helen Jones via the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/contact> or at the meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**WE ALSO NEED NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.....**In June several members of the Committee will be stepping down, having completed their 3 years stint, and we are hoping to recruit new members. If you would like to be involved please contact Sandra or any member of the current committee via the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/contact> or at the monthly meeting.

## **ANYONE FOR THE CONCORDE EXPERIENCE?!**



Helen is considering organising a trip to Runway Visitor Park near Manchester airport for a tour of Concorde – possible date Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – and would like to know how many people would be interested in going. Entrance is £13.50. Please contact Helen via the bird on the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/page/45746> or speak to her at the Outings desk at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Membership renewals are due by **1st April 2020** and will remain at **£15** per annum.

A new procedure will be introduced this year.

Members with email will receive their renewal notice from 11th January by this method. This will also include your personal details that Littleborough U3A hold in their records. If your personal details are incorrect, please contact the Membership Secretary Peter Wild as per instructions on the email.

For Members without email, renewal notices will be available for collection at the Monthly meeting on 13th January 2020. If not collected, these will be distributed via your Group Convenor or by post.

If your personal details are incorrect, please indicate on the renewal notice and return with your payment.

Renewal payments may be made from the 13th January 2020.

## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

**Quiz Group** – Sandra reports:

The quiz group is now meeting on various days in the month. If anyone wants to know which date, please check the webpage: <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/groups>.

**Beginner and Intermediate Spanish Groups** – Roger Crossley reports:

The beginner and intermediate Spanish groups held a joint Christmas Party and had a very good time discussing their various approaches to learning the language. *(There was no mention of how much rioja was consumed.....)*

**Bridge Group**

I have been reliably informed by Bridge members Ginny Parker and Russell Bray that the Tuesday Bridge group was also celebrating the festive season with treats and champagne – I believe they even managed a few suits, tricks and trumps into the bargain!

**Choir** – Martin Luke reports:

On Sunday 15th December the choir sang in a Nine lessons and Carols service at St. Mary the Baum Church in Rochdale. Thanks to those who joined us in the congregation.

The best time to join the choir is immediately after a performance. It's when we start a new set of items for the next engagement. We have a concert planned at St Mary the Baum church on **17th June**, with choral items and solos.

We rehearse on the first three Tuesdays of every month upstairs at the Littleborough Coach House, starting on 7th January 2020. There are no auditions just a group of lovely people who enjoy making music with Group leader

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### **ARE YOU OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE A CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL PASS?!**

Did you know that if you have a TfGM-issued pension-age concessionary pass, from **February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020** you'll need to pay **£10.00** to add **tram and train** for a year's unlimited off-peak travel on trams and trains within Greater Manchester?

You can do this

- In person at a TfGM Travelshop
- In person at a PayPoint shop (*from 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 only*)
- Online at [getmethere.com](http://getmethere.com)

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **Speakers for 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Title</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Christine Duckworth	My year as mayor
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Rae Street	'Our Enid' the story of Enid Stacy, a forgotten woman, an outstanding speaker, writer, socialist and peace activist at the end of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century
Monday 9th March	Janna & Jo May	Barging in France
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15th April	Colin Meredith	My 40 years as an actor
Monday 11th May	Chris Babbs	The Galapagos Islands
Monday 8th June	AGM	AGM
Monday 13th July	Paul Isherwood	Gamblers get the spots
Monday 10th August	Pat Osborne	Morecambe & Wise
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	John Cannell	My private pilot's licence
Monday 12th October	Rod Barry	Not quite David Niven
Monday 9th November	Pete Turner	Curiosity killed the cat
Monday 14th December	Christmas Party	

### **OUTINGS**

<b>Outing</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>info</b>
<b>Lunch at the Wine Press with Valerie Bracken and Gentle Jazz.</b>	<b>Wednesday 29th January</b>	<b>12.00 – 2.00pm</b>	
<b>Chetham's lunch time concert</b>	<b>Thursday 30th January</b>	<b>1.30pm</b> in the Carole Nash Hall	<b>no charge</b>
<b>Royal Exchange Theatre backstage visit</b>	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>FULL</b>	

Participants will be asked to pay the full price of an outing when booking in order to secure a place on it and will be allowed a refund **only**:

(a) in the event of the outing not going ahead.

(b) if the cost of the outing would *not* be increased as a consequence of the refund being paid.

(c) if the person cancelling finds a replacement person to take his/her place.


Further information about Outings can be found either at the Outings table at monthly meetings or on the Events page of the website. To ask about an outing send an email via the bird on the Outings page on our website [www.U3Asites.org.uk/littleborough](http://www.U3Asites.org.uk/littleborough)

### **Volunteer requests**

Littleborough U3A receives many requests from different individuals, charities and organisations for volunteers. These requests are displayed on the notice board, so if you are interested in becoming involved in volunteering activities check the board at the monthly meeting.

### **Items for the Newsletter**

If there is anything your group would like including in the next Newsletter, please email me ([suetemperleyU3A@outlook.com](mailto:suetemperleyU3A@outlook.com)) or contact me via the bird on the website by the end of January.

So that is it for the January newsletter, one down, eleven to go and Spring  is around the corner!

Please keep sending me your comments, reports and photos for next month's edition. I'm off now to sort my bus pass out!

See you on Monday!

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