

Monthly Update March 2020

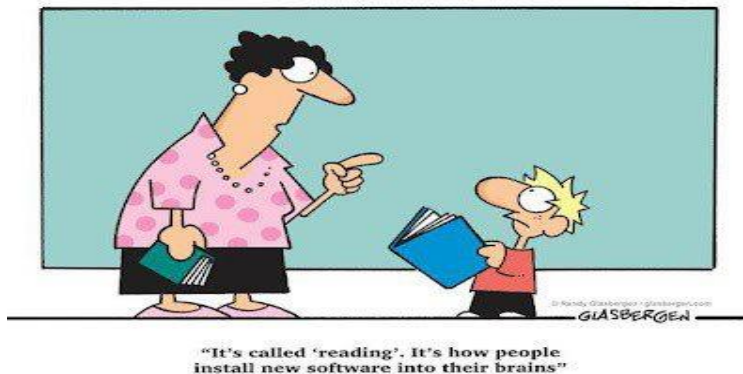
Dear Friends

Welcome to the March newsletter.

Our next monthly meeting is on **Monday 9th March** and our speakers will be Janna (one of our members) and Jo May. Now living in Littleborough, they will be talking to us about their experiences of when they were 'Barging in France'.

Meeting and greeting us this month will be the....

.... Reading Group and the Discussion Group



Doors will open at 1.30pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

*You are cordially invited to
Littleborough U3A's Annual General Meeting
on
Monday 8th June 2020*

As you will know, several of the committee will be stepping down at the AGM as their term of office is complete, so if you are interested in becoming part of the friendly group which steers our U3A, or you know someone who might be, please speak to any of the current committee members at the monthly meeting about what is involved, or contact Sandra via the website. A Nomination Form is attached to this Newsletter as well as the draft minutes of the last meeting and a Motion Proposal form.

Should you wish to raise an issue relating to a constitutional matter of the U3A at the AGM you must forward it in advance on the attached Motion Proposal Form to Liz Walker, Acting Business Secretary lizwalker48@gmail.com or bring it to the monthly meeting.

EXTRA WEDNESDAYS

Pearl has organised 2 extra **FREE** U3A sessions at the Coach House starting at 2pm.

- **Wednesday 18th March:** The Red Cross will be speaking about helping adults over 65 stay safe in their own homes.
- **Wednesday 13th May:** Common mental health issues

If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the monthly meeting or contact Pearl Wensley for more information <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/contact>.

U3A Day – 3rd June 2020 from 10am – 2pm

We are planning a '*drop-in*' to celebrate Littleborough U3A and the new experiences that come from being in our third age (no longer in full-time employment or bringing up children.) We hope to show the amazing and diverse things that our members get up to and challenge preconceptions of what being an older adult means.

Anyone who would be willing to help with refreshments on the day please contact Sandra via the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/contact> or at the monthly meeting.

Don't forget....

Membership renewals are due by **the end of this month** and will remain at **£15** for the year.

Members with email will have already received their renewal notice. It will have included the personal details that Littleborough U3A holds for them. If these 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. If not collected, these will be distributed via your Group Convenor or by post. If the personal details are incorrect, please indicate on the renewal notice and return with your payment.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

The Choir

Firstly, my apologies to Martin Luke who I inadvertently referred to as Martine last month! Sorry for the flak you no-doubt received from your fellow choir members, Martin!!

The choir has a concert planned at St Mary the Baum church on 17th June, with choral items and solos.

The choir rehearses on the first three Tuesdays of every month upstairs at the Littleborough Coach House. New singers are always welcome - especially men. There are no auditions, just a group of lovely people who enjoy making music with Group leader Peter Walker.

Italian Groups

Jo Wiggins informs us that **there are spaces** in two of the Italian groups:

1. for those who have some basic language in one of the **beginner** groups
2. and a couple of places in her **intermediate** group for those who can manage tourist Italian but want to learn more.

If any member is interested, please contact Jo or Tricia Swaby via the website

www.u3asites.org.uk/littleborough/groups

Outings:

Backstage at the Royal Exchange Theatre



Hooped underwear, false ears and noses - just a few of the fascinating items that illustrated the stories we were told on our U3A backstage tour of The Royal Exchange theatre.

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Ukulele Group



Steve Lister reports that both groups have combined and we now have a two-hour session on Friday mornings. The first half is devoted to teaching and practicing new techniques. After a short refreshment break, we relax and enjoy playing our favourite songs. We don't take ourselves seriously and do laugh a lot. Several of us have joined with groups in Bury and Heywood and we also

meet every month at the "Poetry and Music session" upstairs at The Baum in Rochdale. We joined with Heywood and St. Aidan's uke groups to perform to a packed audience at a "Last Night of the Proms" evening along with Wardle Bands. We were invited to perform for the "Blokes with Strokes" stroke survivors group at Castleton Community Centre. The guys enjoyed our show and we have received other requests since.

CALLING ALL THESPIANS!

Hindle Wakes: the secret rehearsal a project for U3A theatre and drama enthusiasts.

Littleborough U3A member, **Paul Mortimer**, has created a play exploring the story behind one of the top 100 plays of the 20th Century. Written by Manchester's most famous playwright, Stanley Houghton, 'Hindle Wakes' scandalised society and fuelled fierce debate in late Edwardian society.

Paul's play takes the form of a staged talk that reveals both a secret kept for 70 years, and probes the immediate impact the play had on the society of the day. So great was this that it led to reforms in our laws. The play is based around the lives and personal narratives of six people who were deeply influenced by the 1912 production and who went on to become nationally famous.

The event will be staged on Saturday afternoon **29th August 2020** in Manchester Central Reference Library's new conference room. **Attendance will be restricted to U3A members.**

Would you like to 'act' in the presentation?

12 cast members are needed for the August Performance – 1 per U3A

The qualities needed are enthusiasm, the ability to read the script, and that you are a U3A member. You would not need to learn your lines as your script will be with you at all times - so just read it out, but with a passion! It lasts about 2 hours (max). Some of the roles only have a few lines to say whilst some are longer. Only one rehearsal should be needed but there could be more if required.

If you are interested, please email Dr Paul Mortimer with your name and U3A group at mortimerpaul@hotmail.com

OUTINGS

We are still looking for someone to organise future outings. If you could help, see Helen at the Outings desk.

Outing	Date	Time	info
A guided tour of Manchester Cathedral	Monday 30th March 1pm		£4.00 Payment in full when booking.
Lunch at the Green Door Restaurant	Sunday 5th April at 1pm		1 Course £10.95, 2 Courses £14.95, 3 Courses £15.95.
Barton Grange and Glasform Blowing Experience	Friday 24th April Meet 9am Rochdale Town Hall		Arrive mid-morning at Barton Grange Garden Centre for free time and a bite to eat. Depart for Glasform and the Studio Tour. Depart Glasform 4pm.

		This outing will be shared with the general public.
Guided tour of Concorde. Your chance to board Concorde and learn about some of the aircraft's famous passengers.	Friday 1st May at 1pm	cost £13.50
Afternoon tea at the Lovegrows Tea Rooms	Saturday 9th May at 1.30pm	£12.50 (£5.00 deposit to secure a place)

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

Speakers for 2020

Date	Speaker	Title
Monday 9th March	Janna & Jo May	Barging in France
WEDNESDAY 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 th 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	

Items for the Newsletter

If there is anything your group would like including in the next Newsletter, please email me (suetemperleyU3A@outlook.com) or contact me via the bird on the website by **Saturday 21st March**.

So it's goodbye for another month – March already – Spring is definitely on its way....isn't it??

Sue
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FOODIES



April 5th 1 o'clock Sunday Lunch at The Green Door Littleborough

Main course £10.95,
2 courses £14.95 Starter and Mains or Mains and Dessert.
3 courses £16.95.

Please indicate at the time of booking

Please note the prices have increased by £1.00 since first promoted.

Menus can be viewed on "The Green Door" web site, www.greendoorrestaurant.co.uk
£5.00 deposit required to secure your place.

or full payment can be made by cash or Cheque (made out to Littleborough U3A).

Full payment required by 25th March (see payment details below).



Saturday May 9th 1:30 Afternoon Tea at LOVEGROWS Tea Rooms Hebden Bridge - £12.50

Award winning Tea rooms. Artisan Breads choice of open sandwiches (2) freshly made, delicious chutney, Homemade cakes (2 pieces) and scones, choose on the day from a selection. Tea or Coffee.

Gluten-free and non-dairy options are available if notified in advance.

Please note the venue is accessed by steep stone steps and has a staircase inside for access to the top floor and toilet.

This event coincides with the Hebden Bridge "Folk Roots Festival". The 2020 events are now on the festival website.

£5.00 deposit required to secure your place.

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Payment Details - please see Helen on the Outings Desk.

Cash (exact money please) or **Cheque** made payable to **Littleborough U3A.**

Cheques may also be posted to The Treasurer, Littleborough U3A, 8 Yeomans Close, Milnrow, Rochdale, OL16 3UP. **Please quote your name and the event and email lynnwild.u3a@gmail.com to confirm the booking.**

Deposits are non-refundable in line with Littleborough U3A policy unless the event is cancelled, a substitute found or the cost of the event is not affected.

Future events will be posted on the website and advertised in the monthly newsletter.