



Long Eaton and District u3a  
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### Third Age Matters

We understand that, due to a printing error, some copies of the latest edition of the u3a Third Age Matters magazine may have some pages missing. If you have received one of these copies, please contact the u3a by e-mail on [u3a.office@u3a.org.uk](mailto:u3a.office@u3a.org.uk) or phone on 020 8466 6139 and they will arrange for another copy to be sent to you.

On page 41 there is a short article about our own Plant Study Group during lockdown.

### March Open Meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2pm via Zoom

#### The 60s: A Decade of Change

If you remember flower power, the 'I'm Backing Britain' campaign, Emergency Ward 10, and dancing to the Beatles, The Shadows, Matt Monro, or the Crystals at your local Palais de dance on a Saturday night or the cold winter of 1962/3 which people believed would never end, then this is the talk for you!

There is nostalgia in abundance for those lucky to have lived in Britain during this never to be forgotten decade. For those born after the era of kaftan coats, mods, and rockers Watney's party 7's and screaming Lord Sutch, then this is a glimpse of how we lived during the swinging '60s.

This was also a decade of great change throughout the World, and we look back at these events that helped shape Britain over the remainder of the twentieth century.

The talk also presents the opportunity for viewers to share their memories of this unique period of British History, for example, can you remember what you were doing when the news of President Kennedy's assassination was broadcast on British TV?

Travel back to the news and people of this era and how they helped shape and create the Britain we see today.

**This talk will take place on Wednesday 17th March via Zoom, commencing at 2 pm and will be delivered by Paul Robbins.**

**Full log-in details will be circulated to members in due course.**

## February Open Meeting on Shakespeare's London

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to our inaugural Zoom Open Meeting – we hope that you enjoyed it.

We have managed to secure a copy of the presentation for those members who were unable to attend – or, indeed, want to watch it again. This will be available for the next few weeks on the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/478969832> Password: Tour2Ovirtual20.

Please note, though, that it is subject to copyright, and should not be downloaded or copied.

## Subscriptions

A quick reminder that subscription renewals are due by the end of this month. We would like to thank those of you that have already renewed, but if you haven't, it would be appreciated if you would do so by the end of this month.

Full renewal details were sent out to everyone on 4th February, but as a reminder, it was agreed at the January Committee meeting to keep membership fees for this year to £19.

If you bank online, you can renew by bank transfer payable to **LEDU3A**.

**Sort Code: 40-30-20      Account No: 81403117**

**You MUST use your Membership No and name as the payment reference.**

It will save a great deal of our volunteer time if you renew in this way and we recommend it to you.

Otherwise, you can renew by sending a cheque for £19.00 payable to **LEDU3A** to: Long Eaton & District U3A Treasurer, 41 Springfield Avenue, Sandiacre, Nottingham, NG10 5NA.

**Please write your name and Membership number on the back of the cheque.**

## Groups News!! Groups News!!

Many of the language groups have found technology a great asset during the lockdown. Some, such as Advanced French, are using Zoom for conversation practice.

Some, such as Beginners Spanish, are using Zoom for their regular meetings as they continue working through a variety of course materials.

Many are using the links to resources found on the internet – videos, language courses etc – to send out to their members via email.

All have found that the huge variety of material on the internet has proved to be a real asset.

But two of the Groups need **YOUR** help.

**Advanced Spanish** is looking for more members. So, if you can hold a conversation moderately well, read the headlines in a newspaper etc, but want a little more "Ole" in your life, then contact Pat Kelly on the link below, and together we can help each other progress.

**Improvers German** is looking for a helper to assist with the group as Pat Adcock is standing down. She has loads of material and resources available to pass on and is willing to offer help and advice. So, if Deutsch is your preference, then please get in touch with Pat Adcock or your Group Co-ordinators on the link below for more information.

## **New Groups**

**And now for some exciting news! We have three new groups in the offing, one of which already has a group leader. They can all begin on Zoom and continue post-lockdown.**

The first group is **'Railway Journeys through Europe and Beyond'**. This could be a fun group sharing experiences of railway travel and might also offer advice about the best ways to do it when we are free to travel abroad.

**'Film Study'** is certainly an activity which can be enjoyed on Zoom. It could run much like a book group where members decide on a film to watch or choose different films in the same genre e.g. film noir, silent movies, comedies. There is so much to choose from. Members then meet on Zoom to discuss their opinions of the film.

Now, a group which already has a leader who is looking to recruit members. Please welcome **'The Long Eaton u3a Real Ale Group'**! RAG might not be the best acronym and perhaps the first session could discuss a catchy name while supping a pint of something suitable. The Real Ale Group offers a jolly way to spend an hour or so on Zoom while we are in lockdown. Looking to the future, the group might enjoy a wander round the local microbreweries or even take a bus trip into Nottingham.

If there is interest in any of these new groups, please do get in touch.

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## **History Group**

Members of the group have been meeting monthly since December 2020 by Zoom. Our meetings have been attended by 7 or 8 members who all take an active part in the discussions. We all contribute with some giving a 5-to-10-minute update on the subjects they have been researching or studying. January's meeting was mainly about our local area of Long Eaton and surrounding parts and members told us all sorts of interesting things including when their streets were first built, who owned the land and how the development progressed.

February's meeting took the form of a general discussion on a variety of subjects. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 24th March at 10.30 am again by Zoom when we will hear more about the group members' research.

If you wish to join us, please contact me on [andrew.savill@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew.savill@hotmail.com) and I will include you in the email when I send out the link for the meeting.

## **National U3A Day – 2nd June**

Some of you may have seen that a U3A Day is being organised nationally on 2nd June. The committee has discussed this at some length and feel that, with the continuing uncertainty regarding the lifting of lockdown, we will not be holding our event on this day but will be looking to hold it towards the end of the summer with, what we hope, will be a 'Grand Re-opening' of our activities.

We are not the only u3a to have taken this decision and full details of our event will be advised in due course

For any matters to do with Long Eaton and District u3a Newsletter, please contact David Pinney at [lead.u3a@live.co.uk](mailto:lead.u3a@live.co.uk)

Please send items for the April newsletter to David by 25<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.