

MONTHLY NOTICES

July 2023

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Anne Boleyn, Saint or Sinner?

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The Double Agent Zigzag

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Doors will open at 1.40pm.

This month we welcome Brian Butcher of the National Trust who will be telling us about the life of Anne Boleyn, the most infamous queen consort in the history of the country. She rose so high and fell so low; was she guilty of the crimes levelled against her? We may have more insight from Brian.

The transport cost of £20.00 per person for the trip to see 42nd Street is now due for payment and Wendy Gardner will be on hand to take payment by card, or by cheque made payable to March u3a or cash. If you are not able to attend the meeting then please send your payment to Mrs Wendy Gardner, 5 Swallow Way, March, PE15 9HR, or you can pay by bank transfer: Sort Code 53-81-42 Account No. 86632361, adding your name as reference.

Wendy has also booked a theatre trip to a matinee performance of Pretty Woman at Milton Keynes on Thursday, 28th March 2024 at a cost of £35 per person (exclusive of transport costs) and will be taking names of those who wish to attend. Payments for this show will be due at the end of September/early October.

Wendy hopes to have information regarding the all inclusive weekend trip to Potters at Hopton that was mentioned in last month's notices.

Dorothy Hughes will be making an announcement regarding a possible trip with GDS Travel in August.

We apologise for there not being the mystery object last month but rest assured there will be one for you to identify this month.

Membership cards – if you have not already collected your membership card they will be available at the registration desk. If you are a new member you will receive your membership card in the next few weeks.

Keeping your Cool.

The June Monthly meeting was held on one of the hottest days of the year so far and some members complained about the heat in the room we hire. Although air conditioning is available the present high cost of electricity makes its use expensive, around £70 per hour, and therefore the club is unwilling to use it continuously. This is their decision. March u3a is unable to fund its use in addition to the fees already in place for the hall and the speaker.

On the other hand, when the system was in use, some members complained it was too cold!

March u3a Committee have no influence in this situation so members will have to come prepared with a fan or a jacket depending on your needs.

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Paul Barwick will be returning to talk about the notorious double agent Edward Arnold Chapman who offered his services as a spy for Nazi Germany in World War Two and subsequently became a British double agent. His British Secret Service handlers nicknamed him Agent Zigzag.

October Meeting – Annual General Meeting

It may seem strange to be informing you of the AGM at this time but next month we, the committee, will have to start planning for this event. At the August meeting forms will be available for resolutions and for nominations for the committee for the next twelve months. These forms must be with a committee member by the end of the September meeting.

As you know the present committee have to stand down each year. At present all but one of us is willing to stand again, but if you are interested in taking an active rôle in how March u3a is run, why not come along to the August Committee meeting on Wednesday, 2nd of August at 10am in the small meeting room to the left of the main Braza Club.

Competition

We know that several of the members are keen photographers and that many members like to take pictures on their phones. We would like you to submit a photo on the theme of “My u3a” showing an activity you take part in, or a social occasion, or something you have learned about since joining March u3a. We will be offering a small prize and will use the winning photo on the front of our Annual Report and on the website. Please send your photo to Lynda Andrews by August 16th. If your photo includes other members please ask their permission to use it.

U3a's motto is “Live, Laugh, Learn.” which gives you plenty of scope for your photography skills. We are hoping for many interesting entries!

Group News from Lynda Andrews

This month we announce a new Group, Ten Pin Bowling. The group will be led by Wendy Gardiner and will meet on Thursdays possibly twice a month. If you are interested in strikes and spares and generally having fun see Wendy today to sign up for the next meeting. We are fortunate enough to have a bowling alley nearly on our doorstep and the opportunities for a good laugh will be many! Try it, it may be the best thing you've ever done!

Armchair Travel is having a rest, probably while members go off on travels of their own as some groups do not meet in August. Please check with your Group Leader to see if your group is carrying on during the summer. If you have an idea for a new group or wish to revive one which has closed please let me know and we will help you get started. Thanks again to all those who give their time and energy to making groups work and thanks to the members for supporting them.

Reminder to Group Leaders

Please remember that if you book a trip for your group which requires transport other than private cars, we have a subscription to the FACT bus scheme. If you use this or any other transport provider please let the Treasurer know at the time of booking. Any costs involved in such bookings are the responsibility of the group using the transport and must be met by those going on the trip. Payments should be collected at the time of booking and are non-refundable. If a member cannot attend on the day they must either accept the loss or sell their seat on. This is not the Group Leader's nor the Committee's responsibility. We don't want Group Leaders to be out of pocket so please be careful to collect fees due before you confirm final bookings.

Please send any notices to Janet Hoskyn at just.janet@yahoo.co.uk by Friday 04/08/2023

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