

January Newsletter

Hi, {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }}. Welcome to our January newsletter.

We meet at the Baptist Church Hall, Nobles Green, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 5PY on 3rd Tuesday of each month.

NEW WINTER TIMINGS:

Meeting starts at 1.30pm. Speaker approximately 1:45pm. Meeting closes at 3:30pm.

Doors open at 1:15pm. Please do not arrive prior to this unless you are helping to set up.

Please remember to bring your ICE card to all meetings just in case we need to access your emergency contact details.

From our Chair

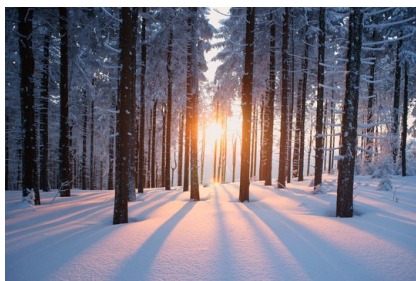
Well its been and gone and I expect, like me, the bank balance has suffered! Time to tighten the belts, heads down and plan for 2024, friends get together, family occasions, holidays etc. Sadly there will be some down times too, if you know any member that needs a cheer up, a friendly phone call can make all the difference. Please let me know or our welfare officer Jenny who will send them a note/card. Some really good speakers are all booked for the coming year and your committee met for the first meeting on the 2nd to start off the business of running our u3a. I am pleased to announce that we have a new secretary, thanks Gerry Timms for coming forward for this position. We still need a another committee member too, to bring us to full capacity, so think about joining us!

We need some "meet and greeters" too, a friendly face at reception to ensure visitors feel welcome.

Its good to hear from any member so if you have any ideas or suggestions for us to consider please telephone our u3a telephone number listed below. Happy New Year to you all.

Gill

Winter meeting times



As the nights draw in we are moving to an earlier meeting time for the winter so that we can get home before it's too dark. Doors will open at 1:15 and the meeting will start at 1:30pm. Our speaker will begin at around 1:45pm. Meeting finish at 3:30pm

Our Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday 16 January 2024

For Better, Far Far Worse

Toni & Kate

Remember our earlier winter timings mentioned

above.

2024 Membership renewal

Our membership year ends on 29 February and renewals will be taken from the January meeting. We are pleased to announce that we have been able to hold our membership fees at current level for 2024-25. Full details of how to renew will be sent to you in the next few days. Thank you for your support and look forward to another successful year!

We now have a phone number!

Our phone number is 0300 102 4409. At present this will route to Mandy's mobile but over time this will be changed to provide options for different committee members. Feel free to share this number as you see fit if your friends want to get in touch.

Please remember that donations for refreshments are for the benefit of our u3a and not for any charity which speakers may represent.

Please ensure you book in at every meeting so we know who is in the building in the event of a fire!

Speakers for 2024

January	Toni & Kate	For better far far worse
February watching you?	Chris Truran	Digital forensics - who is
March	Colin Banks	Man of Hats
April AGM	Peggy Griffin	History of Nursery Rhymes
May	Eve Regelous	History of Harrods
June	Steve Lester	Titanic Launch to Loss
July	Roger Hance	Secret life of a wood
August	TBA	
September	Ian Davison	Cyber and Home security
October	TBA	
November History	Andy Thomas	Christmas - A Festive
December	No Monthly meeting	

Groups update

Is there a group you would like to see started? Have you thought about starting a group yourself? Two people could run one it doesn't have to be one person.

if any of these appeal to you please see me at the next meeting or give me a ring

Brenda (phone number removed for website. Use contact page please)

We sometimes receive requests for members who belong to another u3a to join one of our groups. On the basis members might like to know the guidance on this from TAT is it OK if that person's u3a will enter into a "reciprocal agreement" with us. This will enable our members are eligible to join in their groups provided there are spaces. The general guidance is that a u3a's own members come first but if there are spaces members from other u3as can join. All group members have to be paid up members of a u3a for insurance purposes, no non member can join a u3a group.



Women's Group

We have a couple of names to start a Women's Group. We have a very successful Men's Group which I think is full now! We have a couple of names but need a couple more to kick off a women's group, so if you are interested please contact me gillcomneu3a@gmail.com. The aim of the group would be discussed at the first meeting but the main idea is that it will be fun and enjoyable. Apart from discussing various current topics we can arrange visits to local attractions and invite other non-members to talk to us about their lives, hobbies and experiences. All ideas welcome! The meeting will be for a couple of hours once a month at a date convenient for all. Brenda will also have a joining list on her groups table at meetings.



Music Group 2?

Our new music group has been a great success and places are filled. However Jenny is willing to start group no 2, if enough members are interested.

Contact Brenda if you are interested.



BSL Group

Would you like to learn British Sign Language? Come and join our group! We currently meet on 3rd Thursday at 10am, but might



iPhone Group

Our Smart Phone Group has decided that it has become more productive now we only have

be able to change this. Contact Gill on gillcomneu3a@gmail.com

iPhones so we have changed it to an iPhone group. We continue to meet on 4th Thursday of each month at 10:30am. Contact Mandy via contact page

Your committee

We are still in need of a Vice Chair - contact any committee member if you would like to know more.

General contact number: 0300 102 4409

Details for committee removed for public version. Please use above number or contact page on our website.

Have something to say?

Thank you to those who contributed to this newsletter. We'd love to include your contributions in our next newsletter. For the February newsletter please contact Mandy before 10am on Sunday 11 February 2024.

Contact Mandy

New Eastwood u3a

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