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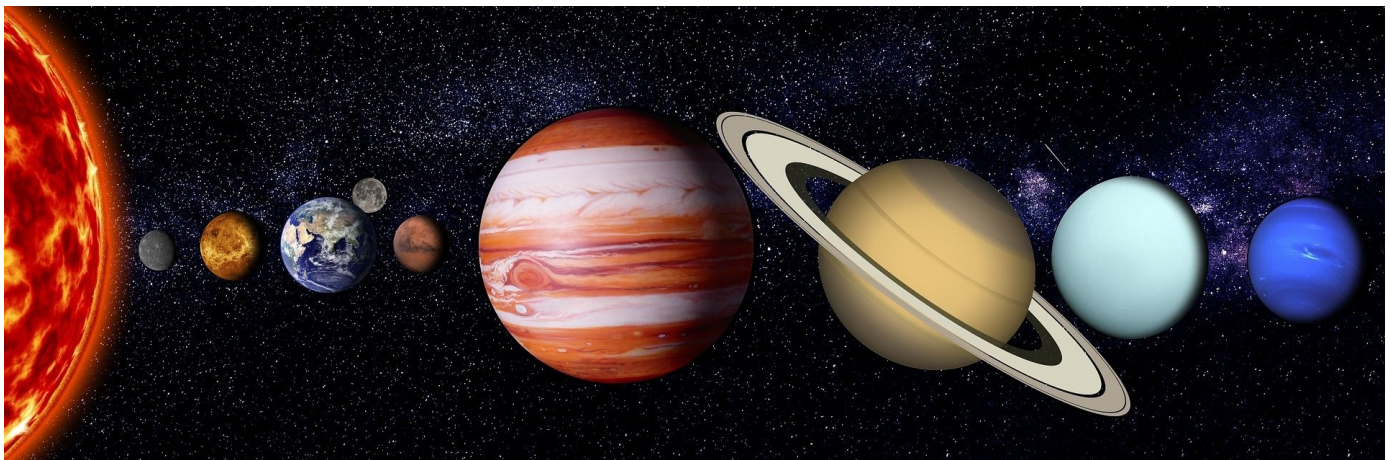


Monthly meeting, Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 2pm in the Great Hall, Hexham Abbey - and on Zoom

Topic: A new home for mankind

Speaker: Members of the Space Exploration Group

Agents of the WORLDMOVE corporation, a galactic property agency that advises populations across the cosmos about moving to their next world, will share their individual views on selecting a 'Planet B' for mankind.



The talks will contain a whiff of science mixed in with a large helping of speculation, but we promise there is not an equation in sight! Join us for a lighthearted presentation for a new perspective on your Solar System.

Ian Diggory
Group Convenor

Message from the Chair

It was lovely to have such a good turnout for our first live meeting in many months. It was also good to know that many of you joined us using Zoom. And many more got in touch in response to the email I sent, which is very encouraging. Margret Jacot deserves a special thank you for stepping in when we had to change our programme. I am sure you will agree that she was excellent.

The committee have decided that we do not want to exceed 70 attendees in the Great Hall while Covid numbers are still high. We were very near that number at the September meeting. For future meetings, we will be sending out an invitation again, but in a different format. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There will still be an opportunity to view on Zoom. If you wish to attend the October meeting but do not have email, please ring me on 01434 606215 to reserve a place (leave a message if there is no one at home).

The October meeting is a bit intriguing and should be fun.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are holding a coffee morning for new members on 20 October in the Priory Room in the Abbey Buildings. The committee have decided to extend the invitation to people who might be considering joining us. We are keen to recruit new members so if you know somebody who you think might be interested, please let them know.

Wendy Dale

Chair

Tynedale Desert Island Discs

Tuesday 19 October will see the start of the second series of Desert Island Discs. The programme will be on Zoom and will start at 2 pm.

My first castaway will be John Harrison, who will share with us something of his fascinating and varied life, as well as his eight choices of music – which I'm sure you will enjoy. So I look forward to have you join me for what I hope will be the start of another successful and enjoyable Desert Island Discs series.

For those of you who would like to share with us your choices of music while telling us a little about your life, do please get in touch with me on worthington1942@btinternet.com or on 01434 606215. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mike Worthington



Limericks event

As part of our branch's one-off events, Mike Foster will facilitate a get together at the County Hotel on 6 October at 10.30am, for an hour or so. Lovers of Radio 4's *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue* can share their pearls about sex, science and more. For more details, contact Mike at mikef@wowu.co.uk.

Some members of our thriving u3a
Will put their own limericks on display
On the 6th at 10.30
They'll share rhymes clean and dirty
It'll be a witty and enjoyable day

Mike Foster

Group liaison news

Group membership update

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped me with this by sending me information about the status of their group and group membership. Lingering concerns about Covid risks are still holding some groups back so, in reality, all we can do is 'hang in there' and keep in touch until everyone feels comfortable with face-to-face meetings again. Thanks again for your help.

Groups with space for new members

As groups are getting back into 'normal' operation, a number are finding they now have space for new members. In particular, German Conversation, Watercolour Painting and Book Group Detectives can now accommodate a few more members. Do contact the Convenor if these groups are of interest to you. In fact, if you have been thinking about taking up a new interest, now would be a good time to get in touch with the Group Convenors. If you go to the [Groups](#) page on our website and click on the group of interest, you will find the name and contact information for the Convenor. If you have a problem, just email me at groupfixertynedale@btinternet.com.

Landscape Group

We are planning an exploratory meeting in October to discuss launching this group. If you are interested in this group, please let me know and I will send on the meeting details.

Colin Argent

Groups Liaison Secretary

Group news and activities

Yoga relaunch



Our small but perfectly formed yoga class that met at Newbrough Town Hall will sadly not restart this autumn. A huge thank you to Sally Pearson, our group convenor and yoga teacher, for helping us all keep fit and flexible, and making the classes so enjoyable. We walked out after each class feeling well exercised, at least an inch taller, and fully relaxed. Such is the magic of yoga!

Some of us would like to have the opportunity to continue our yoga practice, preferably in Hexham. If you are interested in joining a yoga class, please contact Colin Argent, our Groups Liaison Secretary, at groupfixertynedale@btinternet.com.

Once Colin has an idea of possible numbers, we can get to work to find a suitable venue (we think one of the Abbey rooms would be ideal), a day and time convenient to all class members and, crucially, make arrangements for the class to be taught by a qualified yoga teacher. Trial sessions will be available.

Alicia Cresswell

Craft Group

There is a vacancy for a member in the Craft Group. You do not need any special craft skills; we all do different crafts, and occasionally we get someone in to teach us a craft or go to a venue and join a craft session.

Our meetings are also a chance to just have a chat and a coffee. We meet in each other's homes on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm and on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am.

Please contact me, Christine, by phone on 01434 600875 or email wardm17@sky.com.

Christine Ward



History Group

The History Group is back up and running following our temporary break during the pandemic. We have had a change of venue and all met up in person at the County Hotel.



We have picked up where we left off with our current theme of the Victorian era. October's presentations will cover agricultural developments and the lives of Gladstone and Disraeli.

We meet on the first Monday of the month and new members are always welcome.

Many thanks

Gill Mellars

Spanish Group

After 10 years in the role, Ann Robson has stood down as convenor but will remain in the group, where her advanced knowledge of Spanish is much appreciated by the other members. We thank Ann for her work and dedication in this role over such a long period. I am taking over as convenor but there are no changes to our schedule or other details.

Sue Charlton



Easygoing French Group



A combination of Zoom calls, outdoor meetings when permitted and, more recently, socially-distanced meetings indoors have kept us going in the last 18 months. Our weekly meetings, whether on Zoom or face-to-face, have been as interesting and lively as ever, and we have even acquired a new member or two in this period. We no longer meet in public venues (one of the venues we used is not currently taking bookings, and cafes can be busy) but we are enjoying meeting in members' homes.

Using materials from the media as a springboard for discussion, we have covered a huge range of topics, from la chanson française to French bureaucracy, via the charming poems of Maurice Carême, the life and achievements of Simone Veil, and much more. One of the highlights of our Zoom phase was listening to French songs while using the shared screen facility to read the lyrics and sing along. A good way to stay cheerful in lockdown!

Alicia Cresswell



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Membership

We currently have 430 members, including nine associate members.



Tynedale u3a is a registered charity (number 515733).

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the 12 new members that joined in September: John Wood, Sarah Walsh, Kevin Walsh, Mary Edel Meek, Jenny Loring, Graham Hazon, Chris Dixon, Nick Whitaker, Iain Anderson, Ursula Bagley, Jean Palfreyman and David Mason.

Dates for your diary

Desert Island Discs Tuesday 19 October at 2pm

Don't miss the start of our second series.

Our first castaway will be John Harrison.

Monthly meetings - November 2021 to February 2022

2 November at 2pm: Iain Moffat, The Somme 1st July 1916 - The Story of the Tyneside Scottish and Tyneside Irish

7 December at 2pm: Colin Argent, Whatever happened to the electric corset?

4 January at 2pm: Chris Pollock, Why I'd rather wear GM cotton underpants than live next door to an organic dairy farm

1 February at 2pm: John Richards, Flora of Northumberland

Next issue of the newsletter

The next issue of the newsletter will be published in November.

We welcome contributions from groups and individual members.

Please send your contributions to the newsletter editor, Alicia Cresswell, by 21 October. Email address: tyneu3aeditor@gmail.com.