



## **Uttoxeter & District u3a**

### **UTTOXETER 3<sup>rd</sup> AGERS**

### **BULLETIN: February 2024**

#### **Table Tennis Group**

We have an ever expanding group enjoying Table Tennis on a Wednesday afternoon at Wilfred House.

Players of all abilities enjoy the social and fun sessions (mildly competitive) together with improving techniques and skills. The introduction of a swear box is now being strongly considered!

Table Tennis is acknowledged as a great way to maintain wellbeing and agility. Its benefits are well documented as low impact sport for healthy living.

The origins of ping pong can be traced back to the late 1800s in England.

The game was known as "whiff-whaff" and was played with simple equipment, including a lightweight celluloid ball and crude paddles made from cork and parchment.

New Year resolution or just an old resolution rekindled? Come and have a go.

**Judi & Chris Lewis: 07980041670**

## History Group

History Group Talks for February are:-

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February - History of River Pollution by **Patrick Rowbotham**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - NO TALK - Half Term Break

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Lowry by **Maggie Washington**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - The History of Space X by **Keith Jones**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - The Spanish Civil War by **David Barnes**

**Andrew Lingham**

## Physics Group

Did you miss out on the chance of studying physics at school? Or did you go to physics classes without really getting to grips with it at all? Why not give it another try with our Friday morning u3a physics group? You don't need to have any previous scientific knowledge in order to enjoy these sessions.

We investigate topics under the general heading of "The Physics of Everyday Life" and at the moment we are studying magnetism. On 9th February, we will be welcoming a guest speaker, Andrew Lingham. He will give us a talk on the structure of the Earth, which will include information about the Earth's magnetic field. If you would like to come to this talk, please let me know.

We meet at 10am on Friday mornings, at Wilfred House, during school term time.

Email me for more information or if you have any questions at

[Jenny\\_lingham@hotmail.com](mailto:Jenny_lingham@hotmail.com)

**Jenny Lingham**

## **The Ukulele Group**

The Misspent Ukes are currently in rehearsal for upcoming performances at Highbarrow Residential Home and The Old Rectory Care Home during February, with other performances planned for the near future.

**Alan Wilkinson**

## **Genealogy Group**

The next Genealogy meeting will be on Friday Feb 2nd at 1000 via Zoom.

**Peter Copley**

## **Concert Trips**

Two concerts remain to be booked for the first half of 2024.

### **29th May 2024 (Pay by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024)**

Frolya	Adagio
Tchaikovsky	Violin Concerto
Dvorak	Symphony No 7

### **June 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Pay by 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024)**

Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony

Ferrenc	Overture no. 2
Mozart	Piano Concerto no. 25
Schubert	Overture in the Italian Style
Mendelssohn	Symphony no. 4 (Italian)

I have set these dates to give us plenty of time to pay B:Music by the stipulated date. If you want to come please make sure you let us have a cheque for **£40** per person by the date specified above for each concert.

For each concert, I have booked the Choir seats that we like, but also some seats in the stalls for those who find the Choir uncomfortable. All seats are in the lowest price bracket of £26. If we can fill at least 20 seats we shall get 25% discount on this price.

Depending on the cost of coach hire at the time of each concert, and on how many people wish to attend each concert, the price of £40 may have to be changed later on.

**Brenda Welch**