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WASHINGTON U3A NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Paragraph 13.2 of the Washington U3A Constitution requires that members are given at least 21 days' notice of the Annual General Meeting. Please note you are cordially invited to attend on: Tuesday 11th June 2018 at 10:15 am in St Andrew's Church Hall, Concord, Washington.

Draft Agenda of The Annual General Meeting of Washington U3A

At 10:15 am Tuesday 11th June 2018 in St Andrew's Church Hall, Concord, Washington

1. Welcome
2. To appoint tellers for the meeting
3. Confirmation that the members present a quorum
4. Apologies for absence
5. To receive and approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
6. To receive and approve the Chairman's Report for the year 2018/2019
7. To receive and approve the Annual Accounts for 2018/2019
8. To appoint an examiner for the Annual Accounts for 2019/2020
9. To elect a Management Committee for the year 2019/2020 (**NB nomination forms available from the secretary and to be returned by 24th May**)
10. To debate and vote upon members' resolutions (**NB resolutions to be sent to the secretary by 24th May with a supporting statement and names of a proposer and seconder who are both members**)
11. To agree a date for the next AGM

Tea Rota VOLUNTEERS to serve the tea and coffee at the monthly meetings are always needed. Why not add your name to the list at the back of the hall to assist in this important service. Members will only be required to assist on an occasional basis.

CHAIRS AND TABLES - Assistance is always required before the start of the monthly meeting to put out the chairs and tables, and also at the end of the meetings to put them back in place. The ORANGE chairs and the tables are stacked on the piano side of the hall, and the BLUE chairs are on the stage (at the back).

The new **Data Protection Policy and Privacy Policy** (required by new data protection regulations) has been created. It can be found on the website or 3 copies are available to view at the back of the room.

A POLITE REQUEST Would all members **PLEASE** put their mobiles onto silent during the meeting, it is very distracting for the rest of us when it rings, or sounds for a text. **Keith Allison, Chair**

Don't forget to pay your subscriptions to-day if you have not already done so , and please also complete a membership form (don't forget the back of the sheet)! Both are a condition of membership!!

Indoor Bowls - Gateshead Friday 24th May. Please meet at 10:15 am, session: 10:30 to 12:30.

Please pay for the **Scarecrow Festival** this month. Cheques for £18 made out to Washington U3A.

Thank-you **Keith**

Local Events.

Longhirst Open Gardens - June , Sat 22 & Sun23 11 to 5 cost £5. <https://www.longhirstopengardens.org/> for more details. X18 bus from the Haymarket, just beyond Morpeth. An excellent day out.

Washington Arts Centre - Fools Gold, 30th May, 7:30pm. Tickets £8 online, from the box office or tel: 0191 561 3455

IMPOSSIBLE

On Friday January 11th this year, I travelled up to Glasgow to the BBC to be recorded for the game show "IMPOSSIBLE" In the afternoon when everyone arrived, we all met each other and the BBC crew who were looking after us for the 2 days. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming, it was surprising how 21 complete strangers bonded so quickly, probably because we were all in it together.



We stayed overnight at the Premier Inn and on Saturday morning we were met at 7.30 a.m. and walked along the Clyde to the recording studios. As we were recording 5 shows (to be broadcast Mon - Fri) we were asked to take **at least 7 different outfits**. We recorded 4 shows on the Saturday, with breaks for coffee, meals and outfit changes, we finished at about 8.30 p.m. On Sunday morning 7.30 a.m. start again, recorded 1 show which was the last one, then after lunch we headed back to Glasgow Central Station and home. It was a very enjoyable but extremely tiring experience from which I've gained some lovely new friends. **Pat Walsh**

AgeUK Living Well Link Worker

Last month Keith announced that we have had contact with a new link worker for Washington called Carol Wilson. Her role is to support older people to stay independent and get the help they need. There is some information at the back of the hall about the service she provides. Her contact details are: phone number 07710095549 and Email carolwilson@ageuksunderland.org.uk

U3A National Newsletter AND Regional Newsletter

These newsletters are available on the website (they can be accessed from Washington U3A website page - the National one on the News page and the regional one on the Events page). They contain future events and news from local U3As and those around the country. You can sign up to receive the National one directly at u3a.org.uk/email

Recent Strolls- 19th March

After taking the bus to Newcastle and walking to near the Civic Centre we stopped for refreshments. The 10 of us next walked north to Brandling park then onto Exhibition park via the underpass where we sheltered from a shower then onto the bandstand where we had to shelter again. Then we explored the lake area and other features whilst the weather remained fair. We exited near the university and wandered through the campus then ventured into the recently refurbished Hatton Gallery where we viewed the exhibitions. We then walked onto the Haymarket where we caught our transport home. **Jeni Anderson**

9th April - 11 of our members enjoyed a stroll around Rainton Meadows. The most dramatic part of the afternoon was watching a swan aggressively chase off two Canada geese on Joe's Pond. We attempted to have our afternoon snacks outside, but the chilly weather chased us back into the warmth of the café, which was busy because it was the Easter holidays.

Diana

16th April - Eleven of us met at the Customs House to cross on the Tyne Ferry. We walked along and found a nice coffee house. After passing the small train we all went to the foot of the hill up to Tynemouth where we split into two groups. Five of us went on and the others returned to South Shields by Ferry. The weather was a bit chilly but still enjoyable.

To-day - stroll is through **Longacre wood** where hopefully there will still be some bluebells and wild garlic out. It is quite hilly with some uneven paths. **Doreen Ledger.**



Travel Group - despite the cold weather 10 of us enjoyed an excellent weekend Mystery Tour with a brilliant hotel just south of Manchester and trips to Harrogate on the way down, a full day out to Liverpool on the Saturday where we enjoyed a trip on the Mersey Ferry, and a visit to Salford Quays on the way back. Good food, good company and lots to do, what more could you want.

Our recent outings and holidays have been very successful and we would like to encourage more of our U3A members to join us, and in particular couples would be very welcome. The group meets on Thursday at the Bid-dick Inn at 10:30 on the last Thursday of the month, and we plan day trips, short breaks and longer holidays in the UK or Europe, according to the interests of the members, which emerge from our discussions. New ideas are welcomed. **Anne Moffatt**

Redhills Durham Miners Hall



Redhills is the Durham Miners Union headquarters. It has a number of historic rooms and the "Miners Parliament". They are doing guided tours of the building to raise funds to maintain it. The tours are booked up to June. I have spoken to them and they are willing to put on a bespoke tour for 15 to 20 of us at a cost of £3 per ticket. The tour takes about 90 minutes. We are restricted to a maximum of 20. The tour is done by volunteers. Car sharing would be the best way to do it. There is an interest sheet at the back of the room, the date and time is to be arranged at a later date.



Guess what the Camera group have been out photographing this month!!

Answers to last months quiz 1. Vegetables and fruit. 2. She hasn't any 3. The rope isn't tied to anything else 4. Grandfather, father, son 5. The one with 3 sacks of corn (the other sacks are empty).

