

TAKEOVER THE VILLAGE DAY U3A Day – Wednesday 3 June 2020...WE-ARU3A group

Washington U3A Washington Village U3A and Wessington U3A

* Venues: Church...Old Hall Education Room...Washington Arms front room and tables outside...The Space...Catholic Church ...space behind church needs a name TBC...Black Bush...3 coffee shops...

* Timings: 10-3pm (starting to clear away at 3pm but may have closing activity)

* Contacts: Joan Atkinson and Sheila Gibson Washington in Bloom ...Sarah Murray at Washington Old Hall...Sustrans... Beamish Museum...Customs House...Arts Centre Washington

* Group participation so far: War Memorial Group...Walking/Poppy Walk...Family History...Craft...Carpe Diem...Art...Digital Photography...History...Beamish Volunteers...Reading

* Talks and Walks: Old Hall walk and talk around Village...Old Hall walk and talk around gardens which have been replanted as nature gardens...Village walk round flower beds x2...Poppy Walk...guided talk and walk through the Church on the Hill in small groups...

* Suggestions so far: Beamish Volunteers stage a presentation based on suffragists and suffragettes...Treasure Hunt Carpe Diem...Quiz questions round Village...Family History talk and mini-presentation plus help point and researching Washington Arms... War Memorial group find a soldier activity...book stall...plant stall...rag- rugging with poppies display...Art workshop...Digital Photography...Reading group aloud...poetry being recited in each venue...ukulele group x2

* Information desk to be manned by members from WE-ARU3A on timetabled basis...

* We will need members to act as hosts and hostesses throughout the day...

* Other activities include...Jenga...Hook-a-duck...Boule...Red Arrows fly-past...

* We have a song/poem based on The Lambton Worm adapted for our use by Lynn Anderson and our group name WE-ARU3A was her doing also....thank you Lynn

* A Bid for a grant for this event has been completed and sent in to Trust...£100 for the event...every little helps... The bid is largely concerned with promotion of the day...boards which could be used again, posters, leaflets, maps ...hopefully we can subsidise the event from our own funds e.g. * bunting to be made...Angela has offered support of the Washington Way magazine which is great news...thank you! We have a promotion team for design ideas including logo and event page for facebook...our partners have offered to share what we post! Thank you!

* Eileen, Lynn and Barbara and I have been meeting with Washington and Washington Village People (see what I did there) and we have a further meeting on 24th March following which I can update everyone...thank you girls and boys...

* Shared activities...craft group...art drawing group...quiz group...with Washington Village and there may be more...

*There is more...The Cross Keys pub is being renovated from May...and there will be scaffolding so we thought some 'yarn bombing' might be an idea...knitting flowers...any colour...use poppy pattern if you wish or if more adventurous try website ODD Knit....ooooh daffodils and tulips and pansies...

*More bunting for this too so we may have to approach our beautiful talented Treasurer for some extra cash!!!! Pretty please...we have the offer of help to put up bunting from Washington in Bloom group. Thank you

* We are offering our 70 odd poppies we use for exhibitions to the W – in- Bloom group for the photographs for their two competitions to be held this summer...Please follow their progress on facebook.

*All the businesses round the village have been very supportive...coffees are good as are the flowers from The Green Café.

*There is still room for more ideas for the day...the space at back of Church can have tables and chairs if weather is good...nice quiet area

*Margaret is hoping to arrange a promotion day in the Galleries for Wednesday May 27...week before our WE-AR U3A Day...we will need offers of help to support this please...

Thank you everyone for ideas and time....lots to do...but the day is taking shape!

Anybody volunteer to research Gertrude Bell and give a short talk??? About 20 minutes?

Love and hugs

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