

WHITLEY BAY u3a NEWSLETTER April – May 2022

We regret to report that Roger Chappell, a long-time member of WBU3a, died in March

Monthly General Meeting – everyone welcome Linskill Centre, North Shields, 2pm

Wednesday 20th April Speaker: John Gibson - *Edwardian Music Halls*

Wednesday 18th May Annual General Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S NEWS

Our Annual General Meeting is next month, Wednesday 18th May at 2pm at the Linskill Centre, North Shields, the same venue we have for our monthly meetings. There are several committee positions that have to be filled, due mainly to compulsory retirements under our constitution. They are: Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Business Secretary, all necessary roles which help to spread the load.

Nominations for these posts and any proposals must be submitted in writing (and seconded) to any committee member, 21 days prior to the AGM.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of last AGM
2. Matters arising
3. Group Co-ordinators' report
4. Financial report and accounts
5. Election of committee

Derek Reynolds, Chairman

WBU3a website: www.u3asites.org.uk/whitley-bay/home

As you know we are updating our website and we need your help. We need members and group leaders to add:

- Photographs and/or video of members in a group activity (ensure you ask all members to agree with their picture online). Look at our Gallery.
- Information and links to interesting places and items that may be of interest to groups and members.

Also we are looking for a team of volunteers with IT skills who are willing to help us develop our IT resources. This includes members with interests in photography, writing, spreadsheets, presentations, art Facebook management, staff training and design. Contact Website Help on the website.

WBU3a on Facebook

WBU3a now has a Facebook page. The group is for members and friends of Whitley Bay u3a, and aims to connect like-minded people to exchange ideas and information or simply just to connect with other members. Dave Haddock and Anne Hemy are administrators, and they will monitor and approve requests to join.

Northumbria Regional u3a

A reminder that WBU3a is also a part of Northumbria Regional u3a – follow the link from our website, or go to www.u3asites.org.uk/northumbria/home for information on events and groups, and the regional newsletter, *The Messenger*.

Third Age Matters magazine – a message from National u3a office

Please note that your Spring edition of *Third Age Matters* magazine is expected to arrive on doorsteps early in May. This slight delay is due to the Trust moving to a new printer following the issues experienced with the winter edition. We hope this move will limit any further delays in delivery in the future.

The Spring issue is another fantastic read, with tasty recipes to make your u3a 40th Anniversary Picnic in the Park go with a swing, 40th Anniversary events, members' inspiring stories, your favourite walks and much more . . .

Thank you for your understanding and patience - it is very much appreciated.

Tai Chi Group 1**Contact Dorothy C**

Every Monday 10-11.00am at St. Aidan's Community Hall. At present the group is fully subscribed, numbers are limited because we are still mindful that COVID is still around.

Tai Chi Group 2**Contact Dave**

Every Wednesday 9:30-10:30 at St Mary the Virgin, Claremont Gardens, Whitley Bay.

Tai Chi Group 3

Every Wednesday 10:45-11:45 at St Mary the Virgin, Claremont Gardens, Whitley Bay.

Tai Chi Group 4

Every Friday 2:0-3:0pm at St Mary the Virgin, Claremont Gardens, Whitley Bay.

If interested phone, text or email Dave. Please note there is a short waiting list at present for members wishing to join tai chi.

Ukulele**Contact John, Dorothy C**

We welcome new members of any ability. Come along and give it a try, we have a spare ukulele you can use until you decide whether or not to join the group. Please contact Dorothy or John to let us know you are interested.

Wine Tasting Group**Contact Julie**

The Wine Tasting Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at St. Andrew's Church Hall. We are a friendly and sociable group who take it in turns to provide 6 or 7 bottles of wine and lead a discussion on what we think of them. We share the costs through an attendance fee of £7 per person. The group is currently at maximum capacity due to bottle size limitations, but prospective new members who contact Julie will be invited to attend as and when there are spaces available on individual meeting dates.

DIARY DATES**Tuesday 19th April****Social groups****Contact Val**

Fish and Chips at 12.30pm at Fishermans Bay Whitley Bay sea front. As I have heard nothing from the college we will continue to meet for fish and chips. It was decided at our last gathering that 12.30 suited us best so will continue at that time. The staff are so pleasant and cheerful that we really enjoy the fellowship. List at back with me.

Wednesday 20th April**Monthly General Meeting – everyone welcome**

Linskill Centre, 2pm. Speaker: John Gibson - *Edwardian Music Halls*

Thursday 21st April**Scrabble****Contact Janet, Liz**

2.30 at Park Lodge.

Friday 22nd April**Sports group****Contact Dorothy G**

Twelve sports group members are off to Kingston Park to watch Falcons v London Irish. Pick up 6:30pm at Beacon Pub. Return 9:45.

Saturday 23rd April**Social groups****Contact Val**

Coffee Morning, Red Lion Earsdon at 10.30am. Do not be confused [not a lunch date this time], they have kindly agreed to host this as we have difficulty finding large enough places so I do hope you will support. The list will be at the back as usual.

Monday 25th April**Social quiz****Contact Jennifer, Jean**

2pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. Please remember to bring your mug. Next quiz 23rd May.

Thursday 28th April**Dance/Fitness group****Contact Anne**

The first session will be at 12.30pm in Tynemouth Scouts Hut, Norfolk Street, North Shields. This will be a taster session and will cost £2.50 per person. There will be a register to sign in and another column to fill in at the end of the session to say whether or not you will be returning on a regular basis.

Since parking cannot be guaranteed it might be advisable to car-share wherever possible.

Friday 29th April **Mah Jong** **Contact Pat**
We have a slightly later start/end time of 1.30-3.30. I try to have fortnightly sessions (not always possible) and anyone wishing to join us in the future please call me for details.

Saturday 30th April **Art Appreciation** **Contact David & Jan**
The group will be visiting the Laing Art Gallery on the last Saturday of the month, at 10:30. We'll start with coffee in the café and then go upstairs for the picture of the month presentation, George Clausen's *The Stone Pickers*. After this, there will be a chance to see the new exhibition of water colours, *Liquid Light*, or to have another look at their permanent collections. We'll have a Zoom the following Saturday so we can talk about what we've seen.

Sunday 1st May **Social groups** **Contact Val**
Sunday lunch at 12.30 at The Briardene, the Links Whitley Bay. Attendance has improved but not perfect. I confirm the number on the Thursday prior to our visit so would appreciate you letting me know of any change by then if possible. There is always the facility to leave a message on my landline. List in usual place at back.

Wednesday 4th May **Discussion group** **Contact Jean**
As there may be problems with the Spring issue of *Third Age Matters*, **the meeting on 4th May is cancelled** and will now be on Wednesday 1st June at 10.30. Hope to see you then.

Wednesday 4th May **Wine Tasting group** **Contact Julie**
7.00 pm at St Andrew's Church Hall – Kath will be providing the wines this month.

Thursday 5th May **Scrabble** **Contact Janet, Liz**
Please note change of day this month. 2.30 at Park Lodge.

Friday 6th May **Mah Jong** **Contact Pat**
We have a slightly later start/end time of 1.30-3.30. I try to have fortnightly sessions (not always possible) and anyone wishing to join us in the future please call me for details.

Saturday 7th May **Art Appreciation** **Contact David & Jan**
Zoom meeting, follow-up to the visit to the Laing on 30th April.

Friday 13th May **Theatre Group** **Contact Kath R**
The next meeting of the Theatre Group will be at 12.30-2.30pm in St Edwards room in Whitley Bay library. **Please note the new starting time.** Please bring your diary and cash.

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Reminder

Entries for the next newsletter (16th May – 17th June) should be sent to Ann by email at wbu3anews@gmail.com by midday on **Friday 13th May**. Group leaders can send in entries at any time during the month, as long as they arrive before the deadline.

You can also access the newsletter on our website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/whitley-bay>