



MEMBERS MEETINGS

MARCH MEETING

Well everyone, what a ‘magical’ time everyone had at our last Members Meeting.

The speaker was magician, Peter Turner and had everyone under his spell from the moment he produced a rabbit (oh no, a hare) from his own ear until the mysterious disappeared red hanky appeared in Mick’s wallet at the end of the session !?! He explained about people seeing what wasn’t there and other aspects of magic, but gave nothing away !

He had everyone marvelling and intrigued, with even the sceptics asking ‘how did he do that’ ?? He wasn’t short of pretty assistant volunteers. sorry Jim. and everyone had a really good time. (EH)



GROUP NEWS

LUNCH GROUP

The April Lunch is on 11th April at the Riverside Inn, CW8 3QD.

As always, please confirm your attendance with Marion.

SUNDAY LUNCH

There will not be a Bi-Monthly Sunday lunch in April, but is deferred to May .

STROLLERS

Due to the continually wet weather we are restricting our strolls to areas where the paths are hard surfaced. This time we will be strolling at Neumans Flashes in Northwich. If the weather is still bad , we will just do a linear walk of approx one mile.

Meet at the lay-by on NEW WARRINGTON ROAD at 10.30.

Contact Sandy for full details .

SEATED PILATES

The next session on Thursday 11th at 12.15. The one-off change of day to the second Thursday is because of the number of people going on the u3a holiday in Cheddar. Future sessions will revert to the first Thursday in the month. Please don’t forget you will need to sign the disclaimer form before the session. Bev will have copies and will be in the library from 12pm.

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APRIL MEETING

In April we shall be having a talk from Graham Burns entitled “**Lighter Side of Protection**” . Graham is a highly entertaining speaker - see his profile below .



Graham was born and educated in North London. On reaching the age of 17 he joined the Metropolitan Police Cadet Corp and trained at Hendon for 12 months before being posted to Paddington Green police Station.

In January 1974 at the age of 19 he returned to Hendon to the Police Training School graduating in May of that year and was posted to Highbury Vale Police Station where he served for 11 years. During the next 4 years he was attached to various units until November 1990 when he transferred to Special Branch (A Squad, Diplomatic Close Protection Unit) providing protection to Lady Thatcher, Tony Blair, John Major, Salman Rushdie and many others ,where he served until his retirement in 2004.

Having lived in Cyprus for many years he returned to the UK in late 2022 and now calls the UK his home.

He was a founder member of the CLA and in this position has lectured with Celebrity, Princess, Saga and CMV cruise lines.

Retirement has to be the best job ever.



MORE GROUP NEWS

ITALIAN

Note date change of second monthly session to 29th April - This month only

GARDENING 2

This month the group is visiting a Yellow Book garden in Knutsford on April 24. Full details from Glenys.

BOOK CLUB

Good News! We now have a full compliment of members so we can definitely run for another year. Also, our group has been selected by the Reading Agency to work with the best-selling author Milly Johnson and her publishers on the publishing journey of her latest book. We have all been given a copy of “The Happiest Ever After” and will be participating in a zoom call in April. So now we have two books to discuss!



CARD MAKING

Due to Bank Holidays , the Card Making Group will not be meeting in April or May.

However , Jackie will be holding Make-a-Card Sessions on 24 April and 23 May , in Winsford Library in the Cafe area. Places are limited and must be booked by phoning Jackie on 01606 591094.

GROUP ATTENDANCE

Please remember that if you a regular member of any group, you should inform your group leader if you are not able to attend a particular session.

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COMPETITION

Hi Everyone,

We have some exciting news.....in that we have decided to rename our Monthly Members Meeting that we now hold at Over church along with monthly Speakers, and would be delighted for you to help us. We are holding a small competition whereby you can all forward us with your suggestions (keep it clean and polite please) for a new name for this monthly meeting. The Committee will have the final vote and the winner can celebrate with the bottle of wine we will award for the chosen name.

So come on, get thinking, and please send any suggestions to :

Bev Penter or any Committee Member (EH)

ONLINE LEARNING

There are some great learning events on the Third Age Trust in April. Would you like to know more about the election of the next American President? What about learning about the brain and behaviour? Or about climate crisis? Or theme parks? For people with artistic leanings there is a session on May Morris, the Sonnets of Gerard Manley Hopkins and the novel Anna Karenina. I am sure some of you would be up for Bollywood Laughter Yoga Dance or live cookery demonstrations?

Session are one hour long and free. All you need to do is go to www.u3a.org.uk and register then explore. (BP)



FUTURE EVENTS

Coach Holiday to Cheddar Gorge ~ April 2024

All participants should now have all they need to head off .

We wish you Bon Voyage ! for the first ever Winsford u3a Holiday.

Bunbury Mill ~ 30 April .

Drive yourself - Cost £6 + Session fee £1

Full details from Steph/Kay

Kinky Boots Musical ~ 9 May 2024

Chester Story House . Contact Jules 07932 225242 for details

In the Pipeline :

Anderton Boat Lift - June

Salford Quays Coach Trip ~ July 18th

Southport Flower Show ~ August 16th

Afternoon Tea ~ October

Christmas Outing ~ Nov/Dec

WELCOME SUMMER PARTY

19th June at Ways Green Conservative Club

Tickets priced at £15 pp are available from Marion and can be purchased at the next Members Meeting.

There will be a summer buffet and music with a DJ. Time to put on your party frocks (ladies only, please) and dancing shoes .

Full details from Marion and Jackie.