



## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

By the time you receive this the clocks will probably have gone back and winter will definitely be approaching. However, it is not a time to think about hibernation but to make plans for the celebrations that take place in less than eight weeks.

Our u3a will be having a Christmas party on December 6<sup>th</sup> which we hope as many members as possible will join us and we are going to see the New Year in with a visit to the Pantomime at the end of December. You can read more about these events later on in this newsletter. We are also decorating a tree for the St Chad's Christmas Tree Festival at which our ukulele group will be playing.

Can I also say a massive, warm welcome to our new members, many of whom joined after the splendid showcase event in September. We hope you will soon feel at home in our u3a community.

Take care everyone.

Bev

## MEMBERSHIP

I would like to say a big Thank you to everyone who came to our Showcase event last month and extend a very warm welcome to our new members including Roy Galley, Megan and Michael Lockett, Doreen Gray, Kristen and Brian Plant, Rebecca Smith, Jane Hewitt, Cathy Ingram, Karen Goode and Sandra Smith, who I'm thrilled to say, have decided to join us.

I hope you have all managed to join some of our groups and have met some lovely new friends already, but if anyone needs any help or advice then please feel free to give me a call on 07795 510537 and I will be happy to help.

Ellie  
Membership Secretary.

## GROUP NEWS

### LUNCH GROUP

There is no Monthly Lunch in November . HOWEVER - watch this space for news of a possible Sunday Lunch

### TEN PIN BOWLING

Sadly Ten Pin Bowling is suspended for a few months - hopefully to restart in the New Year

### STROLLERS

November's Stroll will be on the Whitegate Way - meeting at Whitegate Station Cafe. More info from Kay who is leading this month's stroll.

### CINEMA STREAMING

This is not a group , but if anyone enjoys the cultural live streaming at Northwich Odeon , here are a few showings that may appeal:

Nutcracker,Royal Ballet- Tuesday 12 Dec

Madam Butterfly, Royal Opera - Tuesday 28 March 2024

Swan Lake , Royal Ballet - Wed. 24 April 2024

Carmen, Royal Opera - Wed 1st May 2024

Why not get together and book a seat?

## MORE GROUP NEWS

### BUMPER QUIZ

The relaunch of the U3A quiz on 10<sup>th</sup> October was a great success. Four teams competed for the bumper prize and at the end all agreed that the questions presented just the right level of challenge and nobody left feeling a little bit thick!

The next quiz will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the United Reformed Church (Streaky Bacon Church) at 2pm.

We have room for a few more quizzers so please come along and join this light- hearted event.

### WOMEN IN HISTORY

October's session was really interesting as we learned about the lives of women married to famous politicians. We heard about Mary Wilson who was a poet and who lived to be 102 and about Winnie Mandela whose years of what amounted to torture undoubtedly caused the hatred and cruelty she later displayed. Eva Braun's past explained a lot about her slavish devotion to Hitler but the exact nature of their relationship was unclear. We all felt sympathy for Cherie Blair for the way the papers sought (in their own words) to humiliate her and admiration for her work in human rights.

Next month we are considering the lives of Pre-Raphaelite Muses – the women who inspired such artists as Rossetti and Burne-Jones. Why not join us? Men as well as women are invited. You don't have to present but just listen and join in the spontaneous discussions. Our next meeting is Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am in Winsford Library meeting room. See you there?



**u3a** learn,  
laugh,  
live

## PLAY READING

We have a few vacancies in this group and would like to encourage people who enjoy reading and good company to join us.

We meet in the library once a month – please check the calendar – and read a play. We don't get up and walk around but put expression in our voices as we read comedies, mysteries, farces and dramas.

If you are interested, please contact Bev on 01606 594887.

## POTENTIAL NEW GROUPS.

### MAGIC OF THE MUSICALS

At the recent Showcase ten people expressed an interest in the formation of this group which is basically a film club but dedicated to musicals. We are currently looking for a suitable and affordable space to meet. It is likely that we will be set up by January. The first musical to be presented is Miss Saigon starring Lee Salonga and Jonathan Pryce, from the pens of Bouill and Schonberg who brought us Les Miserables. Those who have already signed up will be contacted nearer the time with further details. Anybody else interested please contact Chris on 01606 594887

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year we're having a PARTY !

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 2023

7:30PM – 11:00PM

WAYS GREEN CONSERVATIVE CLUB

WAYS GREEN, WINSFORD CW7 4AN

TICKETS £15 INCLUDES BUFFET, DJ,  
RAFFLE TICKET & SESSION FEE

BAR OPEN 'TIL LATE SO GET YOUR  
DANCING SHOES ON AND JOIN THE  
CELEBRATION. LIMITED SPACES SO BOOK  
YOUR PLACES ASAP WITH MARIAN OR  
JACKIE. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT  
THE COFFEE MORNING.

## WELFARE OFFICER

Our membership officer, Ellie Hayes, has taken on the role of welfare officer. This role was created so that any u3a members who are sick or have an accident or are bereaved can be contacted by phone or by post. The committee feel that in times of sickness, etc, just knowing that someone cares and is thinking of you can be of some comfort.

If you know of someone to whom you think we should send a card, please contact Ellie by email :[memberwinsfordu3a@gmail.com](mailto:memberwinsfordu3a@gmail.com) or on 01606 270826, leaving a brief message .

## **Don't Forget we have a Facebook Page!**

**Co-ordinators are welcome to post their news and announcements.**

## WEBSITE

<https://u3asites.org.uk/winsford>

## CONTACT DETAILS

Newsletter and Facebook:

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### Northwich u3a Trip to Boundary Mill - 4 November

Northwich u3a have some spare spaces on this trip and invite Winsford Members to join them . Full details available from :

Pauline Kilbourne 01606 597159

### Afternoon Tea at The gate - 7 November

2pm . £15 + £1 Session Fee.

Book with Kay 01606 884247

### Halle Christmas Concert - 15 December

Coach travel included - please Contact Jules on 07932 225242 for full details .

### Grange Theatre Hartford ~ Goldilocks & The Three Bears ~ 30th December at 2pm

Cost around £20. Free parking at the theatre. An exciting blend of music, quality professional performers, stunning sets, lavish costumes and bags of comedy.

Contact Kay 01606 884247 or sign up at the Coffee Morning

### Coach Holiday to Cheddar Gorge.~ April 2024

Only a few places left!! Contact Jules 07932 225242 for details

### Kinky Boots Musical ~ 9 May 2024

Chester Story House . Contact Jules 07932 225242 for details

### Edinburgh Military Tattoo ~ August 2024

5 day trip. Please contact Jules 07932 225242 for full details