

**Witham and District (Essex) u3a**

# **u3a BULLETIN**

*Keeping members informed between newsletters*

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## **Following up on interest in activity groups**

MEMBERS who have signed up on interest sheets for new activities are being invited to a meeting to discuss forming the relevant groups ... or maybe a combined group.

Groups Facilitator **Jane Barton** is asking those interested in Members On Their Own, Church Visits and Essex Theatre Trips to discuss ways forward on Tuesday, March 5.

All the sheets have enough names to launch individual groups.

Or, the mix of activities, could be joined into one group.

It depends on how the discussion goes.

More sheets will be on the monthly meeting Publicity Table.

# Preparing for u3a web site changes

**PETE Booth** has stepped up to help take our u3a forward into the next general of u3a web sites.



Currently our monthly meeting technical guru and the co-ordinator of the Fruit and Veg group, he answered the appeal for digital help in the last edition of the Bulletin.

Building on career experience, Pete will be leading the way into a new national generation of web sites built on Wordpress.

The plan is that he will look at what is currently done on our existing Sitebuilder web site and liaise with members contributing to it ahead of the national switch over.

That is happening one at a time.

But if you want to see what a Siteworks site looks like Google Stanway u3a and Chelmsford u3a which have led the way locally.

In addition everyone involved in the present web site should be prepared for contact from Pete.

Meanwhile existing web master **Alan Stevens** still holds the reins of our present web site.

So he is still the man to contact on current day to day matters.

**Ray Hardisty, Chairman**

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## Our own 2024 quiz nights are running

IT'S Friday nights with a difference as members gather to test their little grey cells.

There are definitely plenty of questions, but, because attendees are all u3a members there are also plenty of laughs and a lot of chat.

Five teams launched the first Quiz Night at the end of February with four made up on the night. Singles and couples are found a home.

They are held at the Henry Dixon Hall, Rivenhall End, from 7.30pm.

Remaining dates are May 17, July 19 and October 18.



## British Sign Language taster course

REMEMBER the images above publicising an introduction to British Sign Language at the January monthly meeting?

Lindsey Barrell visited to take us all through the basics of how to communicate with those who are hard of hearing or deaf.

Well, member **Dot Banks** has offered to take the interest Lindsey generated a step further.

Dot, who knows the technique, has offered to run a taster course over a few weeks.

Day, times and dates will depend on all those who come forward to take part.

There will be a sign up sheet at the monthly meeting Publicity Table.

And, depending on how well the course groups, members might like it to be considered as a permanent group.

## Commonwealth War Graves this month

THIS Thursday we hear all about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, a global leader in commemoration, at the monthly meeting in Witham Town Football Club. Starts at 2pm. Bring a mug from your free refreshments.



Founded by Royal Charter in 1917, the commission works on behalf of the Governments of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom to commemorate the 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth who lost their lives in the two World Wars. It believes that remembering individuals who have died in conflicts is of universal, perpetual relevance, and that reflecting on their deaths is of continuing and paramount importance for us all.

# Details behind last month's pledge to inform you all

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September ..... Newsletter (Deadline Sunday August 25)

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December ..... Newsletter (Deadline Sunday November 24)

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