

Witham and District (Essex) u3a

u3a BULLETIN

Keeping members informed between newsletters

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Anne steps in to keep u3a on track

IMMEDIATE past secretary Anne Charles has agreed to pick up the reins of her former role until the November AGM

She was approached after Mike Osborn resigned midway through his term of office for personal reasons.

Anne was rung while in holiday in Scotland.

But, thankfully agreed, to fill her old role again for four months.

She is already busy completing the annual return for the Third Age Trust, ensuring the Charity Commission details are up to date and, of course, doing all she can to ensure the AGM goes smoothly.

The u3a's committee, which has already agreed to welcome her back, will formally co-opt her at a meeting on the last Friday of July.

"On behalf of all members it is very pleasing that Anne, who knows the secretary role well, is willing to assist to see us stay on track," said Chairman Ray Hardisty.



We need a permanent secretary from the AGM

WE have four months for a member of the u3a to step up and take over the role. So we need to make good use of them. Coming forward to shadow Anne will show exactly what is entailed in the role.

Our u3a needs us to make sure it runs!



MEMBERS have been reminded twice this year that volunteers are needed to run our u3a.

But during King Charles Big Help Out appeal and again during the annual Volunteers' Week, my phone had no potential volunteers ringing or sending me an enquiring email.

We have no paid members of staff at Witham and District (Essex) u3a.

Everything that is done for members by our organisation is down to the efforts of fellow members.

I am not paid. Nor are any of the other officers, Membership Secretaries or committee members.

Group Co-ordinators are unpaid. So are those who serve the tea and coffee at monthly meetings.

And those who put out the chairs and look after the sound system.

General members enjoy the benefits of what others are doing.

Please all think of your commitments and see what you can do to help.

Ray Hardisty, Chairman
07434 309261

Groups with vacancies for new members

GROUPS and activities are still looking for newcomers to boost what they doing at the moment.

Make contact through the blue bird system on the web site or through the email and phone numbers listed in the annual members' directories you all have.

They are:

Art Appreciation, Art For All, Board Games 2, Family History 2, Fruit and Veg Growing, History and Photography.

Others always will to expand are:

Carpet Bowls, Gardening, Quizzing, Social Dining, Strollers, Ten-Pin Bowling and Walkie Talkies.

There are also fresh ideas looking for support on the Publicity Table at monthly meetings.

2023 Monthly Meeting Topics

July 27

Mental Health: Mid and North Essex Mind visit to ensure we are fit and healthy in our thinking as well as our bodies.

August 24

Witham and District (Essex) u3a Open Afternoon with group displays and special presentations from group co-ordinators and their teams.

September 28

Richard Bale on Hadrian in Britain

October 26

Mervyn Linford on Paganism in Essex

November 23 ... AGM

Lost Direction singing group

December 14

Festive quiz and raffle

Bring your friends along in August

PLANS for the August monthly meeting are to showcase what our u3a has to offer.

Group Co-ordinators and those who attend the groups are being asked to explain what they do each month through displays, talks or demonstrations.

It will obviously be of interest to fellow members looking to boost their current activities.

But, of course, also encourage new people to join and add their skills and interests to the mix.

So, please, bring your friends along on Thursday, August 24.

We are sure they will be impressed!



WE have just one more of our very own Witham and District u3a Quiz Nights left for 2023.

Come in a team or come on your own and we will make up teams on the evening.

It's at the Henry Dixon Hall, Rivenhall, on Friday October 20 from 7.30pm and costs just £3.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Please let Ray Hardisty know you are attending on **07434 309261** or ray.hardisty@btinternet.com

Trips and Outings are going well

VARIETY is the name of the game with Trips and Outings with everything from shows to visits going well.

There's a great selection of offers at every monthly meeting and there's a full list under 'events' on the u3a's web site.

Sheena Campbell strives to meet as many requests as possible within

the offers available from local coach companies picking up in Witham.

Or even driving multi-use transport herself!

So, please ensure you support the programme where you possibly can.

Like everything else in the u3a, the greater the response the more incentive there is to offer.



Still working to bring you a u3a newsletter

OUR next Newsletter with all the usual group and activity reports is in production.

Please contribute reports you would like to see published as they happen so decisions can be made on where to use everything ... Newsletter or Bulletin.