

Matlock Area U3A

What's On

This February **2020 newsletter** is sent to all members of the Matlock Area U3A who are registered as current members on the Beacon database and for whom we have an email address.

Coffee Morning

Monday 3rd February

Our next coffee morning will be held at Matlock Town Football Club starting at 10.30am. Notices will be read at around 11.00am. There is a table set aside at the front of the room for those who have hearing difficulties and we have now have a new microphone system.

There will be a demonstration from the **International Folk Dancing Group**.

The Digidesk will be in action to give help and advice with your digital gadgets. Why not come along and join us for a cup of coffee or tea and biscuits and find out what is going on, you can always bring a friend along too!

Remember there will be a small charge of £1.00 to cover the cost of refreshments and the hire of the room.

2020 Membership -Subscription Renewal

Out of over 700 members, nearly two-thirds of you have now paid your 2020 subscription -an ever increasing number by bank transfer. If you have not already done so this can still be done:

- By cheque at the February coffee mornings.

Cheques made payable to Matlock Area U3A. £10 or £7.50 if you are a full member of another U3A.

- By post to Membership secretary at address given in the renewal email.
- By Bank transfer...Sort Code: 60-14-15. Account number: 53566653.

Account name: Matlock Area U3A. Please use your name as a reference and advise this link [Membership Renewal](#) that you have paid.

A.G.M.

Please make a note in your diary for the AGM on **Monday 23rd March** in Matlock Imperial Rooms

We need this meeting to be quorate in order that the U3A can continue to function.

After the formal business (usually very quick!) there will be a guest speaker, **Fran Sandman**, who has travelled extensively and will talk about 'A Solo Walk Across Africa'.

Refreshments will be served from **1.15p.m.**, with the meeting to start at **2.00pm.**

Gardening Group

The Gardening Group invite non members to join them this **Monday, 27th January**, for a talk by Jeff Bates on **Clematis and other Climbers**. Jeff is an RHS master of Horticulture, a judge for East Midlands in Bloom and has been a gardener at Windsor Castle and a lecturer in horticulture.

The talk is in **Matlock Imperial Rooms, Small Hall, and will begin at 2.00pm.**

There is a charge of £3.00

Theatre Group

The Theatre Group have organised the following trips and occasionally have spare seats, and often spare room on the coach, the latter of which may give a chance to non-theatricals to travel to a town or city for a brief visit.

- **Wednesday 8th April** 2.15pm at Leicester Curve. **The Habit of Art** by Alan Bennett. £28 paid by 18th February at latest
- **Thursday 14th May** 2.00pm Sheffield Lyceum. **Dial M for Murder** starring Tom Chambers. £35 to be paid by March 17th at latest
- **Saturday 20th June** 1.30pm at Toilethorpe Hall. **Romeo and Juliet** by William Shakespeare. Comfortable covered auditorium, bring a picnic to eat in the grounds beforehand. £18.50 to be paid by April 21st at latest

Travel will be by coach from Slacks Garage, and is extra. The fare pp will be determined beforehand and depend on the

number travelling. It will be collected on the coach on the day.

Click this link for enquiries: [Theatre Group](#)

Wine Appreciation

The Wine Appreciation group are a friendly group and are looking for new members. They meet at St Elphins from 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every second month.

Their first meeting this year is on Tuesday 17th March. The coordinator, Geoff Slater, will be choosing wines and is hoping to generate a lively discussion of their merits.

The next meeting after that is on Tuesday May 19th when Martin Cruttenden will be taking us on a tour of Italy.

Contact via this link: [Wine Appreciation](#)

Finally

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the sudden death of Steve Happs.

Steve had only joined the U3A in the last few years, but had been a very active member of the committee, helping to steer and develop the new website, and starting only recently the Mythology group. He will be greatly missed and our sympathy goes to his wife and family.

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