



## What's On

This **March 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.

This is a plain text version ...if you want to see it in full colour with the new u3a logo and pictures then please open the attached pdf version.

### Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am**

Just a chance to chat and exchange information, with a brief presentation from the bird watching and the wild flower groups. You will receive a separate Zoom invitation

### AGM

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April** at 2.30pm. This will be a 'virtual' event, as it was last year. The paperwork for this will be coming either through email, or post if email is not available, to all members. Nominations are sought for places on the committee. If you feel you could contribute to the work of the committee and would like more information please contact Liz Walker (chair) on 07748917232 or email [chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

### Live Entertainment

Book your tickets, reserve your seats and join Matlock Area u3a for an evening at the Theatre on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 7.15pm** ... don't forget to pick up your beverages on the way!

Roger Browne will be entertaining us with "**The Great American Songbook**".

In this talk, Roger traces the history and music of this genre and, as with all his talks, he illustrates it with live examples on the piano, and the hilarious stories about the people, places and events that fuelled the development of this unique milestone in Western popular music.

Roger Browne is an actor, singer, speaker, musician, director, composer and writer from Lancashire.

Zoom invitations will be sent to all members closer to the date and we hope you will be able to join us.

## **Matlock u3a Website**

Do visit our website at [www.matlockareau3a.org.uk](http://www.matlockareau3a.org.uk)

- Last month's vote for your Valentine.

Many thanks to all those members that took part, unsurprisingly the favourites were Charlotte Bronte and Lord Byron.

- This month the Welcome Page of the website focuses on what's going on outside; the Birding Group does the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch and the Matlock Mole visits the Wildflowers Group.

## **Bridge**



The fourth enthralling bridge tournament has now ended with another pair of worthy winners here in Ken Chapman and John Orchard. Thanks are due to Roger Keeling and Martin Emery who do a brilliant job of organising this and keeping the scores. Four tournaments and 4 different winning pairs shows the high level of competition!

Tournament 5 is underway!

## **National u3a newsletter.**

The national u3a newsletter, and indeed the national website has loads of interesting ideas and advice. It's a far swisher affair than my meagre offering! Try the link here:

<https://mailchi.mp/u3a/your-u3a-national-newsletter-february?e=86c0ab5dbf>

## **Finally**

### Ode to a Matlock Lunch Club Bread Bun

Oh, abandoned and dusty yet firm textured bun  
Erstwhile companion of our food and great fun

Where laughter, and joy and spirited talk  
Were somewhat disturbed by the soup and the pork.

Now on a damp carpet, under table sans knees  
With heartbroken tenants and thrown away keys

Within your now darkened and lifeless restaurant  
A lunching club member of Matlock does haunt

Frail spectre so yearning good food and great cheer  
Now destined to queue all alone for a box at the rear

But hope really quickens for our Lunch Club renewed  
A quick duster flick, and you soon will be chewed.

(J Anderson)

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