



## What's On

This **April 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.

### A.G.M.

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. You should have received the paperwork by now, either by email or post. If you have not, then please check your spam folder or email [chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

Three of our existing committee are standing for re-election: Roger Keeling as Treasurer, Hilary Essen as Groups Liaison Officer and Tracy Sims as Publicity Officer.

We have three new nominees for the committee: Brian Williamson, Elizabeth Mann and Stephen Bailey

Thanks to all those who have voted already by email, this makes it a lot easier for us.

Zoom invitations will be going out nearer the date.

### Afternoon Tea Entertainment

It was lovely to see so many members at our evening entertainment. It seemed to be very well received.

Our next event is afternoon tea on:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.** Our Guest speaker will be Chris O'Grady who will relate tales from '**Fake or Fortune**'.

Chris has spent a lifetime hunting down, buying and selling art and antiques. The presentation will include stories of money gained and money lost, and extraordinary finds in unlikely places. Ideas will be shared of where treasure might be uncovered and the process of assessing and valuing your finds.

Please be aware though, that the perceived value of your beautiful antiques and treasured art can go up as well as down...in a moment.  
Zoom invitations will be sent to all members closer to the date and we hope you will be able to join us.

## **Group Activity.**

It is lovely to see, after such a difficult year, that some groups are planning to start up with 'real people' over the next few weeks. The Walking groups, the Wildflower group and the International Folk Dancing group have all indicated that they are getting going again. Obviously, it is outside that activities can begin to consider groups of six with social distancing. Hopefully it will not be long before more groups can consider starting, but it also wonderful to see how many groups have adapted to the 'World of Zoom'.

## **Matlock u3a Website**

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

Going 'live' on the Welcome Page of the website on April 1st, The Matlock Mole uncovers what **Art Appreciation 1** have been discussing in their group meetings and also a brief glimpse of one of the churches in Matlock revealed in the **Local History Group**.

Matlock's Historical heritage is celebrated through the Blue Plaques dotted around the town, but where are they? Follow the trail on the **Happy Snapper** page.

## **Finally**

### *Ode to a Saturday Walker's Pole over all others*

*Thanks to you, who enhances my late walking years  
Granting stout friendship, great talk and good beers  
Banished a year through foul Covid regimes  
Once more is our walking more than just dreams.*

*But still fie on your sister so Nordic, so tall and austere  
Beating ahead of us, rudely scattering our rear  
With legs all a heave they storm the defile  
Our pleasure instead is just biding awhile.*

*And lanky, shy but purposeful brother, awaken!  
Enable once more barging holidays taken  
The arrogant posh use thy name as a measure*

*But mudbank marooned, must hail thee as treasure.*

*But for both of us pure, it's walking once more  
With fine sylvan companions who never do bore  
In pathways through pastures restoring the soul  
And you and I back again, Oh most comforting pole.*

John Anderson

And a little spring colour from my garden (PDF only):



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