



## What's On

This **November 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.**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Matlock Football Club social room.**

**Time 10.30 am.**

**It was lovely to see a good turnout at the October coffee morning so we are carrying on.**

The room is spacious and airy (wrap up warm as we shall have all the doors open!)

The following covid measures will apply:

- It is anticipated that all participants will be fully vaccinated.
- Do not attend if you or anyone of your contacts has tested positive, or if you have any symptoms.
- An honesty box will be at the door. Please have the change (**£1.00**) to hand to put in the box
- Sign in sheets will be at the table for track and trace. Please sign one of these.
- Please wear a mask or face covering while moving around the room and collecting your drink -you can then take it off to chat and drink if you so wish.
- Sanitiser will be available. Please avail yourself of it.

There will (hopefully) be a short presentation from the garden group coordinator (that's me!) about our recent trip to RHS Bridgewater.

**DIGI-DESK** The digi-desk was a very popular feature of our coffee mornings. Unfortunately, John Finch, who manned the desk and sorted out many peoples' problems over the years, with help from Penny Ackland, is no longer able to offer this support. Thank you John and Penny!

Could you fill this roll? We are not looking for a computer whizz, just someone with a bit more understanding than most of us! Could you be that person? It is

only once a month, and could just be occasional if that helps. If so contact me on 07748917232.

## **First Aid and Walk Leader Courses.**

The committee has agreed funding for half or one day courses over the winter for members who would like to attend one. This could be coordinators, walk leaders, or any group leader who takes groups out of doors. It could also be for any member who either need a refresher or have not attended such a course before, or for members who would like to lead walks or groups but don't feel they have the confidence to do so.

No dates have been set yet, so it can be flexible to suit the demand. Please get in touch with me if you are interested. 07748917232 or [chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

## **Classic Novels....new group.**

A new study and discussion group is proposed.

*Classic novels - to achieve true classic status a novel must achieve a level of excellence or enduring cultural relevance....*

*... have recognised artistic merit, quality and often ground breaking nature.*

*... ability ...to be reinterpreted, to seemingly be renewed in the interests of readers succeeding its creation.....*

I am proposing a new group - "Classic novels - study and discussion". The meetings would be discussion rather than presentation based so each member would need to do their own reading and be prepared to take part in discussion. Taking account of the pandemic situation I propose a maximum of six members. This should enable safe meeting using homes of members who have rooms with sufficient space and ventilation. I propose a flexible approach to meeting times with subsequent meetings being agreed at each meeting.

Please email me, Peter Hale, if you are interested [thehales1991@aol.com](mailto:thehales1991@aol.com)

## **Web Site News**

**Matlock Area u3a website** <https://matlockareau3a.org.uk>

### **Hold the Front (web)Page!**

The **Matlock Mole** is highlighting some groups that are restarting after a long hibernation. Please contact the group Co-ordinator if you would like to join any group.

The **Poetry group**, the **Creative writing group**, **Films**, **Fishing trips** and **Wine Appreciation** are all seeking new members. Please find details on the website and contact the coordinator.

In the **Spotlight** this month is the new group The Derwent Dawdlers who are exploring walks and trails with no stiles.

The 'Happy Snapper' provides answers to the sculpture pictures from last month.

## Plant a Tree.



As Part of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the u3a next year the u3a have purchased a piece of land in the Brecon Beacons with the view to creating a woodland of 5000 native trees. It will be planted for us, and cared for during its first 12 years, with any replanting as necessary. There is a public footpath right by the wood so one can view it.

**I now have pledges for over 50 trees** towards the 100 we need to have our own Matlock Area u3a copse. Can you help us reach our target and do our bit to help save the planet on this COP26 week?

Let me know how many trees you would like to purchase at £6.50 a tree, and as soon as I reach my target, I will get in touch about paying the money.

There are more details on the national website, with a map of the site and details of the arrangements, and you might have seen a piece in the national magazine if you receive it

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## National u3a Day. (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022** is the date for this event. Step forward if you have the enthusiasm to join a small group of members to organise activities and events for our members to enjoy on the day. A team effort produces more creative ideas and the workload is shared.

So don't be shy, contact Linda at [bizsec@matlockareau3a.com](mailto:bizsec@matlockareau3a.com)

## My Number.

My personal telephone number, 07748917232, is very much in the public domain, on the website, and in this newsletter. Because of this, I do get an awful lot of spam phone calls, even more than the rest of you! If I ignore your call please leave me a message and I will get back to you!

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