

What's On

This **October 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 Mornings are back!

Following the success of our picnic last month (picture attached) we shall be trialling restarting our coffee mornings.

Monday 4th October (next Monday)
Matlock Football Club social room.
Time 10.45am.

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.



We shall be keeping this first one simple to see how it goes. If you are one of our newer members, please make yourself known to one of the committee who will be wearing lanyards so we can get to know you.

International Folk Dancing Group.

The international folk dancing group performed, baked and ate for the MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning last week and raised £150 for this worthy cause. Well done them!

Garden Group



The gardening group enjoyed their first trip out for a while with a coach visit to the new RHS garden at Bridgewater. Despite the lack of sunshine it was a lovely trip out to this 'work in progress' garden. We shall return!

We will be hoping to resume some trips out (petrol crisis permitting!) over the winter months.

Contact: denislizw@hotmail.com

Derwent Dawdlers.

The new shorter short walks group has a new name! This group is now successfully up and dawdling.

Contact: dhawkins2@sky.com .

SciTech Group

The science and technology group have re-started meeting at St Elphin's studio. They have a fascinating autumn programme, including 'Revolutions in Time' by Ray Essen, 'How do plants know when to flower' by John Barnett, and 'Temporal Brevity' by Phil Jones. Check out the website for details.

Fancy a tippie?

Experience wine in the heart of Matlock with the Wine Appreciation Group at the Imperial Rooms. They enjoyed a very successful first meeting on the theme of 'quality wines on a budget' in September. Information on dates and time is available on the Group webpage along with how to contact the coordinator, but it is usually on the third Tuesday of the month.

New members always welcome.

Contact Geoffrey Slater on: slatergeoffrey@gmail.com

Web Site News

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

Meet the Committee

The web team have been making some amendments to the webpages recently, most notably the inclusion of the Committee in glorious 'technicolour' photos.

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.

In the **Spotlight** this month, Will Martin has provided another set of haikus for you to work out and there are photos of our Picnic-in-the-Park event enjoyed by many members.

The 'Happy Snapper' has been out snapping photos of Sculptures spotted in our local area, have you come across any of them? There are also answers to the 'Local Buildings' set of photos.

Plant a Tree.



As Part of the 40th 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. Members can buy individual trees through the website, or if we could get enough members interested, we could have our own copse of 100 trees, complete with a Matlock

area u3a plaque. Trees cost £7.50 individually, or £6.50 if we can get 100. I for one think this is a lovely idea. If you are interested in joining me then let me know how many trees you would like to purchase.

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