



## What's On

### *Happy New Year Everyone*

This January **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. \*\*\*\*Note as 2<sup>nd</sup> is a bank holiday\*\*\*\***

Our next Coffee morning will be on:

**Monday January 9th at 10.30am at Matlock Football Club.**

There will be an illustrated talk by Stephen Bailey entitled:

***“DH Lawrence and Derbyshire”***

Please put £1.00 towards the costs of the room and the refreshments into the honesty box. There will be no digi desk as Gill Needham will be collecting any membership subscriptions in her role as membership secretary. (see below)

### **Future Speakers**

We are hoping to make the coffee mornings more interesting with an itinerary of speakers. Here is the outline for your diaries:

**February 6<sup>th</sup> Philip Caine:** Barrow to Baghdad and Back again.

Philip's work has taken him to many countries around the world, spending the last 10 years in the Middle East. Since retiring in 2015, he has become an author and guest speaker and will tell us how a career that began in Barrow ended in Baghdad

**March 6<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Broomhead** Elizabeth's dedication of 4 decades of voluntary service to English netball have earned her an MBE. She is an interesting person to meet.

Having spent time working in Africa. Elizabeth is also local having spent her childhood in Hartington.

**March 20<sup>th</sup> AGM at Matlock Imperial Rooms.** The business of the day will be followed by a light hearted talk entitled 'Mind Your Motoring Manners'

## **April 3<sup>rd</sup> Representative of Derby Mountain Rescue Team.**

Come and hear at first-hand about the experience of belonging and working for the Derby Mountain Rescue Team

And maybe be inspired to join as a volunteer.

## **May 8<sup>th</sup> Derbyshire Crime Commissioner**



**Derbyshire  
Police and Crime  
Commissioner**

*Protecting Communities,  
Fighting Crime*

Topics suggested to discuss include:  
General role of commissioner.

As the older population has increased, how has that affected policing?

What are the needs/ successes of present policing, particularly in rural areas? General advice for older citizens... perhaps including avoidance of scams by phone or on line

## **AGM AND COMMITTEE**

As stated above, the AGM for Matlock area u3a will be taking place on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Several members of your committee will be stepping down at this point, having served for several years, and we shall be seeking replacements. The task is not very onerous, but an essential part of the framework under which your groups can function. If you feel you could contribute, or wish to discuss what is involved please contact me, Liz Walker, on 07748917232 or email [chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

## **GROUPS NEWS**

### **Geology Group**

The Geology group will be presenting a talk on Yellowstone on **Tuesday 10th January at 2.00pm at St Helen's church hall. Churchtown.**

There will be a £2.00 charge to cover the room hire.

Contact: [Peter Clook](#)

### **Family History.**

The room this group usually use at Derbyshire Regional Offices is being used as part of the warm spaces scheme.

They will be meeting in the alternative of the Church in the Peak on Lime Tree road on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month...not December ... so starting 18<sup>th</sup> January. 1.30 to 3.30pm.

Contact [Trevor Boam](#)

### **Wildflowers Group Walks**

For 2023 we are extending our season of walks and scope of interest by looking at bare winter trees in January and lichens in February. We will start our more usual wildflower-focused walks in March. Anyone interested in joining us should email [wildflowers@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:wildflowers@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

### **2023 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL**

The emails and letters for renewal will be going out in the first week of January. Prompt payment would be really appreciated, as it is very time consuming for all concerned otherwise. With over 600 members, the membership secretary has her work cut out! At only £10 pp it must be a new year bargain!

Many members pay by internet or telephone bank transfer which is quick and efficient, and our preferred method. If you are not one of these would you please consider paying this way.

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Please use your name as reference and send an email to:  
[membership@matlockareau3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@matlockareau3a.org.uk)

Alternatively you can pay by cheque at the January or February coffee mornings.

Cheques made payable to Matlock Area u3a.

Full details of how to pay by transfer or by post will be included in the email you should all receive, please look out for and act on it.