

Matlock Area U3A

What's On

This March 2020 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.

A.G.M.

The AGM of Matlock Area U3A will be on Monday 23rd March in Matlock Imperial Rooms

We need this meeting to be quorate in order that the U3A can continue to function.

After the formal business (usually very quick!) there will be a guest speaker, Fran Sandman, who has travelled extensively and will talk about 'A Solo Walk Across Africa'.

There will be free refreshments from 1.15pm, and the meeting will begin at 2.00pm. We do hope as many as possible of you will be able to attend. The annual report and papers for nominations should arrive to you by post.

Coffee Morning

Monday 2nd March

Our next coffee morning will be held at Matlock Town Football Club starting at 10.30am. Notices will be read at around 11.00am. There is a table set aside at the front of the room for those who have hearing difficulties and we now have a new microphone system.

There will be a brief talk by Debbie Rushworth from Derbyshire Dales Community Volunteer Service on "Social Prescribing".

The Digidesk will be in action to give help and advice with your digital gadgets. Why not come along and join us for a cup of coffee or tea and biscuits and find out what is going on, you can always bring a friend along too!

Remember there will be a small charge of £1.00 to cover the cost of refreshments and the hire of the room.

2020 Membership -Subscription Renewal

Almost all of you have now paid your 2020 subscription -an ever increasing number by bank transfer. If you are one of the 80 or so who have not already done so this can still be done, though time is running out.

Cheques made payable to Matlock Area U3A. £10 or £7.50 if you are a full member of another U3A

Please ensure that you either pay:

- By cheque at the March coffee morning.
- By post to the Membership secretary at:
Marsh Green Cottage, Ashover, S45 0DR.

or

•By Bank transfer Sort Code: 60-14-15 Account number: 53566653 Account name: Matlock AreaU3A . Please use your name as a reference and advise membership@matlockareau3a.org.uk that you have paid.

Website

Our new website has an image gallery feature that needs refreshing. Can you help populate this page with fresh images on the topic of 'Summer in the Matlock Area'. Anything relevant to Summer will be considered not just landscapes, so let your imagination run riot. To comply with data protection requirements

please ensure that any person you feature is happy to have their image published on the website.

This is not a competition so no prizes are on offer! Just kudos! All images will be attributed to the sender unless you want to remain anonymous. We hope to add new topics to this page in future so keep watching for updates.

Please send any images and a brief description if applicable to webteam@matlockareau3a.org.uk

Golf Group

The first meeting of this new group will be on Tuesday 3rd March, at 10.30am at Stanedge Golf Club, and every Tuesday following, weather permitting. This newly formed golf group is for those who can already play to a handicap standard and know the rules etc. Contact the new coordinator, Rachel Jenkinson by clicking this link: [Golf](#)

Walking Cricket

Do you want to feel like a world cup winner?

A new walking cricket group is being formed to give you the chance to hit the winning run in a tense match! It is a game suitable for everyone and provides gentle exercise for an hour, with two mixed gender teams. You do not need any previous experience.

The District Council are supporting this venture, with equipment and the use of the multi-use games area, and an assistant to referee! Each session will cost £3, planning to start with 6 afternoons in the late spring or early summer.

Please email Roger Bennett with the following link to express an interest by 14th March., but hurry, there is only a maximum of 20 places. [Walking Cricket](#)

Theatre Group

A Fond Farewell to the Theatre Group

“All Good things come to the end” is a common Theatre saying. So it is with Matlock U3A Theatre Group. In the recent past we have been constantly struggling, due to lack of numbers, to achieve accessible costs of Theatre trips when performance seat prices have been soaring and coaches costing painfully more. Management of Theatre Trips has thus become much more demanding and problematic for those willing and able to take on the demanding task. Many members have also given long and very successful service over the years, some especially in constantly creating and providing stimulating and amusing content for our member’s monthly meetings.

Moreover, with a rapidly diminishing active membership it has proved impossible - over the recent months - to form a properly functioning committee, and to fill the many demanding roles within it. Thus the sad decision has been taken that we must run down, and we shall do so in the summer.

But we shall keep a good show on the road in the meantime, and would welcome other Matlock U3A members to join us – where there is space – visiting the following shows:

- Thursday 14th May 2.00pm Sheffield Lyceum. Dial M for Murder starring Tom Chambers. £35 plus coach costs to be paid by March 17th at latest

- Saturday 20th June 1.30pm at Toilethorpe Hall. Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. Comfortable covered auditorium, bring a picnic to eat in the grounds beforehand. £18.50 plus coach costs to be paid by April 21st at latest

Travel will be by coach from Slacks Garage. The fare pp will be determined beforehand and depend on the number travelling. It will be collected on the coach on the day.

Click this link for enquiries: [Theatre Group](#)

Or come along to our next Tuesday afternoon meeting at 2.00pm on Tuesday 17th March, in All Saints Church on Smedley Street, Matlock, to see this year's film meeting, specially chosen to follow the "Dracula" talk by Ann Featherstone. It's acknowledged to be the classic "Dracula" Film – made in B/W in 1931 starring Bela Lugosi, on the cusp of the talkies, but full of menace and filming techniques rarely achieved. Be prepared!

Invitations from our Neighbours!

Wentworth Churches: Bakewell Parish Church group have arranged a guided tour of both churches in Wentworth, South Yorkshire on Tuesday 10th March. The church warden will show the crypt of the oldest church. It is about an hours drive with the tour due to start at 11.00am. They are ordering a pub lunch at the 'George and Dragon' afterwards. Contact Irene Yarnell on 01629 584481, or via this link [Wentworth Churches](#)

Wirksworth U3A Barn Dance:

Saturday 28th March at Middleton by Wirksworth Village Hall. Whatapalava Ceilidh band with caller.

£8 to include Pie and Peas supper. Bring your own drink and glasses.

Contact Joy Revell on 07748982422.

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