

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Avid followers of our web site will not only appreciate all the hard work put in maintaining it by John Cookson but will also be aware of the North East Cheshire Network (NECN) of which our U3A is a member. Various groups from NECN U3As are open for us to participate in while the NECN also runs joint events such as the Literary Study day to be held on 28th April. Tickets are still available at a cost of £20.

The NECN management meeting is a forum where our NW Trustee Gill Russell updates us with the latest advice from the Third Age Trust while it also provides an opportunity to exchange ideas on possible new groups – such as walking, football and pickleball (check on Google for details!). Recently Mike Redfern was so impressed by Bramhall U3A's Real Ale Appreciation Group that he has now successfully set up one for Wilmslow so I hope others will be inspired to follow the examples of our neighbours to set up new groups. However we also need members to help run existing groups or replace retiring group convenors so please remember that your U3A will only continue to exist if we all do our bit to help out.

NEXT MEETING 2.30 PM WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2018
At the United Reformed Church Hall

Gay Rhodes – 'All About Eve'

Don't forget to turn off your mobile 'phones before the meeting commences

Some members from the gardening group visited Rode Hall on the 16th February 2018 and thought we would like to have a glimpse of Spring – yes it is coming! After their walk they enjoyed tea and cake!



EXPLORING MORAL MAZE

Fifteen members are eagerly awaiting the first meeting of this new and thought provoking discussion group. We are preparing for have a lively debate on the moral issues of our time, on which most of us already hold a view.

In the room over Rise coffee shop, Water Lane, each month, we will get to the heart of what we all really feel. It will be sociable, serious and at times humorous. From March our topics will be:

Rationing the NHS
Should charity begin at home?
Turning a blind eye and the law

Do some of these issues get your back up? We already have the maximum number of fifteen and a waiting list, but watch this space for where we go from here.

HISTORY

The final meeting of this group will take place on Thursday 15th March. After organising this event since the group started the convenors now wish to step down. If there are any members out there who would be willing to come forward and keep this going please have a word with the interest group co-ordinator, Maurice Palin on 01625 535841 or email interestgroupscoordinator@wilmslowu3a.org.uk It does not have to be organised by one person alone, it could be several of you.

REAL ALE GROUP - A report from Mike Redfern, Convenor

The Wilmslow U3A Real Ale Appreciation Group – the RAAGs – is now established with over twenty members and a waiting list. Our meetings vary the weekday to suit the venue and these are chosen because they have good beers, well kept, and also offer food, because this is more than a drinking club. The locations we choose are recommended in the Good Pub Guide, the Good Beer Guide, or both. They may offer a full range of lunches from sandwiches up, or they may be limited to, for instance, pork pies.

Because we don't want to encourage drink-driving, all venues will be accessible by public transport. Unfortunately, the bus services around Wilmslow are not very reliable, which you will understand if you have ever gone for a bus that never turned up. Fortunately, we have very good train services to a range of destinations so we shall generally be using these and ranging far and wide in our search for interesting pubs and micro-breweries. We generally try to arrange for the owner / brewer / landlord to tell us about the pub and its beers.

We've started a tasty adventure and all those who have been to the first meetings have gone home satisfied – and sober.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY GROUP 7.30 pm Tuesday 20th March 2018 - Wilmslow Library

Stem Cell 'magic' for Developing Cell and Drug Treatments Professor Susan Kimber - School of Biological Sciences University of Manchester

Stem cells come in different types and different stem cells have different uses. Professor Kimber will talk about what stem cells are and how they can be used for future medicine. Clinicians and scientists working together are already using these cells to try to repair the eye and to replace almost the entire skin layer lost due to disease. We can also use them to develop new drugs. Susan will be addressings some of these developments and the issues they raise.

In particular, Susan will address their research to develop new stem cell-derived therapies for osteoarthritis and to understand genetic diseases effecting kidney function and bone and cartilage.

About the speaker

Susan Kimber is Professor of Stem Cells and Development at the University of Manchester and Co-Director of the North West Embryonic Stem Cell Centre.

About Science & Technology Group talks: Book well in advance by emailing Graham Beech at gb.u3a@talktalk.net or phone 01625 402946 quoting your Wilmslow U3A (or affiliated group) membership number. All talks take place in the Reference section of the library unless notified otherwise. There is plenty of free parking on the adjacent car park. Admission £2.00 per person payable at the door.

Non-members of the U3A may attend one talk at the standard rate but thereafter are expected to have joined Wilmslow U3A (£12 annual subscription).

If you have not already booked, please do so by email to gb.u3a@talktalk.net or telephone Graham Beech, on 01625 402946.

Follow-on event: There will be a visit to Rolls Royce plc at Derby on 21st May. Further details are obtainable from the U3A member and organiser, Graham Davies.

SINGING FOR FUN

Some members have shown an interest in starting an informal singing group to join together to sing enjoyable songs with piano accompaniment. The venue will be the small hall at the United Reform Church Church Hall. Two introductory sessions to talk about how the group will run have been arranged as follows:

Tuesday 13th March - 10.30 am – 11.30 am and Wednesday 14th March - 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

It will not be necessary to attend both days.

Ann Cook is the convenor and if you have any questions prior to attending one of the sessions please contact her on 01625 474415 or just go along and have some fun.

TABLE TENNIS

This activity has really taken off and both the Monday and Friday sessions are now full. There is a possibility of a further 'play' day being arranged and if you are interested please contact Maurice Palin, Interest Group Co-ordinator on 01625 535841.

THEATRE

Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at The Palace Theatre Manchester

BLOOD BROTHERS written by Willie Russell

Telling the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences'

TICKET, COACH AND TIP £35.50 - Cheques payable Wilmslow U3A

PAYMENT TO KATE FORSTER 15 HALL ROAD WILMSLOW SK9 5BN BY 5TH APRIL LATEST

NB

To avoid confusion with names going backwards and forwards between the three theatre ladies IT IS IMPORTANT you contact Kate directly to make your booking, and payment. Reservations are only secured when accompanied by cheque and unfortunately tickets are allocated on a 'first come' basis regardless of the advertised closing date. Should you need to contact Kate her email address is catherinelforster@gmail.com

STUDY DAY SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2018

Caroline Mangnall announced again details of the North East Cheshire Network study day taking place at Bramhall United Reform Church in April, see full details below. Please contact Caroline on 01625 526010 as soon as possible to obtain a booking form.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE NETWORK



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Study Day 2018

U3A North East Cheshire Network
Presents

A Literary Exploration

Bramhall URC, Robins Lane, Bramhall
Saturday 28 April 2018
10.00 to 4.00

Programme

10.00 - 10.30	Registration and Coffee
10.30 - 12.00	Dr Creina Mansfield - <i>Graham Greene, Phuong and me</i>
12.00 - 1.15	Lunch

There is a choice for the afternoon session

1.15 - 2.50	Dr Alan Sennett - <i>The Films of Graham Greene</i>
	<i>or</i>
	Jackie Starkey - <i>A Pot Pourri of Poetry</i>
3.00 - 3.45	Plenary
3.45	Tea and Cake

THE THIRD AGE TRUST



2018 NATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

BOOKINGS OPEN ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2018

Summer School 1 - Harper Adams University Newport Shropshire

Monday 23rd July to Thursday 26th July

Crosswords – Cryptic crosswords for beginners

France - Regards sur la France actuelle

Garden History - Influential women gardeners in English History

Literature / Philosophy - Brothers in Arms – William and Henry James

Mathematics - The unexpected pleasures of counting

Opera - Shakespeare's opera giants – Othello and Falstaff

Play ukulele

Recorder Ensemble Playing - Making music

Spanish History - From Moors to Conquistadors: Spain 711 to 1598

Summer School 2 - Royal Agricultural University Cirencester

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th September

Art History - British art between wars

Music - Classic albums of the 50s and 60s

Creative Writing - Let's write a soap opera

Drama - Vengeance, plague, death, confusion

English Poetry - English love poetry

History – The French Revolution of 1789 – 95

Linguistics - Conversation theory

Language - Latin remembered

Musicals - Make believe

Singing - Singing for pleasure

Please visit: summer-schools.u3a.org.uk to book or call National Office on 020 8466 6139

Cost: Residential place - £325.00 Day delegate - £110.00

CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS – MARCH 2018

SUBJECT	VACANCIES	DAY	TIME	CONVENOR[S]
Art & Watercolour Painting	YES	Tuesdays	2.00 pm	Geoff Hutchinson Richard Murray
Book Group 1 Book Group 2	YES NO	3 rd Wednesday 2 nd Wednesday	2.00 pm 2.30 pm	Denise Hutchinson Sheila Cookson
Bridge Beginners Bridge Players Bridge Players	YES YES YES	Mondays Mondays Fridays	2.00 pm 7.30 pm 2.00 – 4.00 pm	Caroline Mangnall Mavis Merryman Lynne Rudd and Trish Helsby
Bowling	YES	Fridays [Winter]	12.30 – 3.30 pm	Peter Scurfield Anna Bainbrigg
Coffee Morning	YES	3 rd Tuesday	10.00 am	Heather Coward
Cycling Long & Medium Cycling Short & Easy	YES YES	See Programme See Programme	10.00 am Mornings	Various
Canasta	YES	2 nd and 4 th Thursdays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Contact Maurice Palin
Choral and Organ	YES	As arranged	See website	Desmond Williams
Discussion Group	YES	1st Tuesday	10.00 am – 12.00 noon	Maurice Palin
English Country Dancing	YES	2 nd & 4 th Mondays	1.30 pm	Shan Bristow
Exploring the Moral Maze	Check with Convenor	2 nd Tuesday of the month	10.00 am – 11.45	Beryl Pearce
French Conversation	YES	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	2.15 pm	Ann Thompson
Gardening	FULL	As arranged	As advised	Judy van Langenberg Tress Atwell Jean McGregor
Genealogy	YES	Check with convenor	Varies	Michael Stonehewer
Handicraft Threads	YES	2 nd Wednesday	2.00 pm – 4.15 pm	Cherry Dolden
Historical Outings	Payment when booking	As arranged	As advised	Awaiting convenors
History	FINAL	MEETING	2.00 pm ON 15 TH MARCH 2018	Gwynneth Littleton Sheila Cookson

SUBJECT	VACANCIES	DAY	TIME	CONVENOR[S]
IT	DETAILS	AS	ADVISED	John Cookson
Mahjong	YES	variable	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Kate Forster
Opera Appreciation	YES	As arranged	As advised	Robert Farr
Photography – Adventures into Digital	Check with Convenor	1 ST Thursday	10.00 am until 11.45	Mike Redfern
Play Reading	YES	1 ST Tuesday	2.00 pm	Pauline Bushnell
Science	YES	See Programme	7.30 pm Unless a visit	Graham Beech
Scrabble	YES	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	2.00 pm	Jennie Palin
Second Tuesday Tea	YES	2 nd Tuesday	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Pauline Scurfield
Spanish Intermediate	YES	1 st and 3 rd Fridays	10.00 am – 11.00 am	Mary Easingwood
Sunday Lunch	YES	1 st Sunday	12.00 noon	Anna Corrigan
Tai Chi	NONE	Tuesdays	9.00 am – 10.00 am	Phyllis Barber
Table Tennis	NO NO	Monday Friday	10.50 am – 11.30 am 10.50 am – 11.30 am	Dian Simmonds & Pat Bell Chris Foreman & Jean Ashcroft
Theatre Outings	Payment when booking	As arranged	As advised	Anne Grace / Cherry Dolden Kate Forster
Walking Easy Walking Intermediate	YES YES	4 th Thursday 2 nd Friday	10.00 am As advised	Sheila Cookson John Cookson

If you would like more information about any of these groups, go to www.wilmslowu3a.org.uk
or contact Maurice on interestgroupscoordinator@wilmslowu3a.org.uk [01625 535841]

NE CHESHIRE NETWORK OPEN GROUPS

Group	Organiser	Telephone / email	Meeting
Badminton [Bramhall]	Douglas Moore	Contact Bramhall U3A	Tuesdays 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Cake Decorating [Poynton]	Ann Tofield	01625 858239	Contact organiser
Bridge [Wilmslow]	Mavis Merryman	tonyandmavis2@btinternet.com	Mondays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm Oakmere Spath Lane Handforth
Choir	Barbara Wugard	candqu3a@hotmail.com	
Creative Writing [Bramhall]	Pat George	Contact Bramhall U3A	2.00 pm 2 nd Wednesday of the month
Creative Writing [Poynton]	Veronica O'Connor and Ann Walker	01625 873226 01625 263745	2.00 pm 2 nd and 4 th Mondays at Davenport Golf Club
Embroidery [Bramhall]	Dorothy Chesterman	0161 439 7926	10.00 am 2 nd Thursday in the month
English Country Dancing [Wilmslow]	Shan Bristow	01625 520193	1.30 pm– 3.30 pm 2 nd and 4 th Mondays Oakmere Centre Spath Lane Handforth
German	Lee Fairlie	candqu3a@hotmail.com	
Halle Concert Visits [Poynton]	Yvonne Sharma	01625 877825	Contact Organiser
Line Dancing [Bramhall]	Chris Chapman	Contact Bramhall U3A	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Wednesdays
Personal Image [Bramhall]	Catherine Jones	Contact Bramhall U3A	6 week courses Thursdays 10.00 am – 12 noon
Science [Wilmslow]	Graham Beech	gb.u3a@talktalk.net	As announced – see wilmslowu3a.org.uk under Interest Groups – Science
Scottish Country Dancing [Bramhall]	Sheila Bruce-Smith	Contact Bramhall U3A	1.30 pm – 3.00 pm Fortnightly Fridays
Wine Tasting [Bramhall]	Jenny Richmond	Contact Bramhall U3A	Bimonthly