



U3A in Ludlow December 2018 News

Postponement of the Study Group Fair

Members will know that Ludlow Assembly Rooms is currently undergoing renovation. The chief executive told us that they had expected the building work to be nearing completion in December, but this is apparently no longer the case. We have not been given an accurate and reliable estimate of when the Assembly Rooms will be back to normal. The committee has therefore decided to postpone the planned Study Group Fair, which was to have taken place on Monday 25 March 2019 following the U3A AGM. This decision is being made now, because it would not be fair to the groups involved to cancel the event at short notice. The committee regrets having to take this decision and has apologised to the nine groups who have already volunteered for the event.

Please note that it is still the committee's intention that the AGM should go ahead on 25 March and at the Assembly Rooms. We will have to give final confirmation closer to the date. The Fair will be rescheduled when renovation work at the Assembly Rooms has been completed. Many members look forward to seeing the work of the participating study groups and some study groups may be looking to recruit new members. We are hopeful there will not be too long to wait.

***Third Age Matters* – urgent!!**

When you received your membership renewal reminder you were asked if you wished to continue to receive the Third Age Trust magazine *Third Age Matters* by consenting to your address being passed to the magazine distributors. Whilst many of you have consented, several have apparently ignored the question and therefore, since you have *not* consented, you will *not* receive the magazine. The next edition will be mailed in February so if you do not receive it, but wish to, please let David Hatchell (01584 890664 david@hatchells.co.uk) know.

David has to supply the addresses by 10th January for the February distribution and so, unless he receives your consent by that date, you will not receive the magazine.

Mandarin Chinese - New Group

This new group is for those wishing to study Mandarin Chinese as well as aspects of Chinese culture, history and calligraphy. The coordinator, originally from China, has lived in Ludlow for the past twenty years. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Peony Carpenter on 01584 872872 or at peonycarpenter@hotmail.co.uk.

Stocking fillers

There are still a few 2019 U3A Diaries available. Please contact David Hatchell (01584 890664 or david@hatchells.co.uk) .

U3A Shropshire Network

The U3A Shropshire Network is the body which organised and ran the Study Day in Shrewsbury in September; you may have read Ann Wittering's account of attending this Study Day in the recent printed Newsletter. The Shropshire Network is an unofficial grouping of U3As in the county, to which more than twenty U3As belong, and has a committee which meets three times a year. But to date it has done little beyond organizing the occasional Study Day; it does not have a website and not enough people know about it. All this may be about to change. The new Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Network were in Ludlow in October to attend our committee meeting, and to find out what role U3A in Ludlow felt the Network could play in publicising what other U3As are up to and encouraging more contact between U3As, which is currently very limited. Their first task, after asking U3As what they would like to happen, is the creation of a Network website. As all U3A members are aware, companies and organisations barely exist if they have no website! So the new Network committee's enthusiasm is to be welcomed, and we may look forward to seeing some results in the New Year. Watch this space.

Monthly Meetings

Monday 28 January

Pictures in Harmony

Hilary and Ian Templeton

Hilary and Ian have been members of U3A for the last fifteen years and have previously delighted Ludlow U3A with their high quality audio-visual shows. Their presentations feature short audio-visual sequences, around a theme, chosen to entertain, inform and amuse. They have so far produced over a hundred titles. They donate their fees to the Air Ambulance and have raised, at the time of writing, over £32,000. The theme of their brand new show is "Heroes & Villains" and will include: Lord Hunt, leader of the 1953 Everest expedition; Henry Blogg, the most decorated life-boatman in the history of the RNLI; Rob Roy MacGregor (was he a hero or a villain?); Ludwig II of Bavaria; The Spitfire; and several others.

Monday 25 February

The Hands of a Genius

Graham Short

Graham Short, who lives in Birmingham, left school with no qualifications and began an apprenticeship in engraving. He discovered he had a special talent for this and he is now a world-famous micro-artist. His work, which is invisible to the naked eye, is much in demand and sells in galleries around the world. He is the man who engraved the Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin, 'Nothing is Impossible' along the sharp edge of a Wilkinson razor blade and the portrait of writer Jane Austen on the transparent section of four polymer banknotes which were then put into circulation. This venture was reported by the media in fifty-eight countries around the world.

How does he do this? His presentation will reveal his methods and be both instructive and entertaining. He comes with very positive recommendations from audiences he has addressed in the past.

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If you would like to submit an item for the next monthly news please contact us.

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