# U3A in Ludlow February 2020 News

### Study Group Fair 2020

This year the Study Group Fair will take place after the AGM on 30 March **at St Laurence's Church**. The aim of the Fair is to showcase the range of activities enjoyed by our U3A members. A variety of study groups have come forward to present displays but if any others would like to be involved, they should contact Peony, the Study Group Adviser at peonycarpenter@hotmail.co.uk. Please do come along and see what your fellow U3A members get up to!

### Nominations for U3A Committee

The AGM will take place at 11 am on Monday 30 March at St Laurence's Church, at which a new committee will be elected. Nominations for the committee need to be with the Secretary, Deborah Gentry, (sphinx@waitrose.com) by Monday 2 March. You can print nomination forms from the website, or obtain them from the Secretary or from any committee member. Nomination forms will also be available at the February monthly Monday meeting.

### 2020 Subscriptions

All subscriptions are now due and should be paid to David Hatchell, the Membership Secretary/Treasurer, without further delay. Payment can be by cheque or bank transfer; details are on the pink renewal slip sent to all members at the end of November. Please return the pink slip to David Hatchell, since it both informs him about Gift Aid, and also expresses your consent or otherwise to receiving the Third Age Trust magazines. If you cannot find the pink slip it is on the website: click on documents.

It is not possible to acknowledge receipt of payment, but membership cards will be dispatched at the end of February to all whose payment has been received by that date. David's contact details are david@hatchells.co.uk or 01584 890664.

### Third Age Matters

The next issue of the Third Age Magazine is due in the *next few days.* If you do not receive it, it is because you have not given the Treasurer your consent to pass your name to the distributors.

If you receive it and do not wish to in future please let the Treasurer know: david@hatchells.co.uk

### Popular Music Group 2

Calling all musicians! The Ludlow U3A music group is looking to set up a second band. They would welcome any musicians but are particularly interested to hear from vocalists, bassists, keyboard players and drummers. They are open to playing a range of music depending on the tastes of the band members but the sort of music they have in mind is classic 70s rock (Eagles, Neil Young, Free, Bad Company, Stones etc) and folk (more Neil Young!, Gerry Rafferty, Fairport, Paul Simon), as well as 70s and 80s pop (Pretenders, Mott the Hoople, Bowie).

If you are interested, please contact Vaughn Malcolm (email vghnmalcolm@gmail.com)

**Modern Fiction Group - vacancies**

This group takes a slightly different view of the 'book group' idea. Members have a very wide range of literary interests and once a month we read and discuss a book selected from members' recommendations. However, we alternate this with discussions around literature itself. These have recently included 'books in translation', 'writers' lives and biographies' and 'what actually is a good book?'Always stimulating, informative and most importantly, amusing afternoons (alternate Thursdays) are complemented by a summer and a Christmas lunch. Do come for a 'taster' if you love modern fiction. Contact Judie Welsh at welshes2017@gmail.com .

## Monthly Meetings

***All talks in 2020 will be in the Assembly Rooms, but note that the AGM and Study Group Fair on 30th March will take place in St Laurence's Church.***
***The talks will start at 11.00 am***
***Coffee and tea will start at 10.30 am***

**Monday 24 February** **Awareness of Bees and the Environment** **Alison Wakeman**

What is the connection between cling film and bees?
'Take those things away!' was Alison Wakeman's initial reaction to bee hives in the garden of a prospective new house. She didn't buy the house but, ironically, a seed was sown.
Twenty years later Alison is an expert bee-keeper managing 16 to 20 colonies and her experiences and knowledge of bees have inspired her award-winning educational programmes for primary schools – Alison's Bee Class. In the spring and summer months Alison can be found at agricultural and community events, with her bee educational stand and her award-winning live honey bee observational hive.
In addition, Alison is not only a popular speaker to adult groups, but she has also developed a successful eco-friendly bee by-product business. Alison will tell us about bees, why they are so important to our environment, and how they may help provide an alternative to a planet-damaging product.

**Monday 30 March** **AGM and Study Group Fair**

Please note that this year the Study Group Fair will take place after the AGM on 30th March **at St Laurence's Church in Ludlow**. See the notices above.

**If you change your email address please remember to let us know, so that you can continue to receive the *U3A in Ludlow* monthly news.**
**Further Information about *U3A in Ludlow* is always available on our website:**
**www.u3ainludlow.org.uk**

**If you would like to submit an item for the next monthly news please contact us.**
**Telephone Contact: 01584 879180** **Email Contact: derek@ludlowballs.force9.co.uk**

The National Office of U3A has asked that the information about the coronavirus below be distributed to all U3A members.

**If you are a coordinator and have members of your group not on email please provide a printed copy of this attachment for them.**

# Coronavirus Advice

## The Government and NHS have issued advice for members of the public following the confirmed cases of coronavirus in the UK.

Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

The UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

More information about the virus, as well as symptoms and advice, is available to view at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus- information-for-the-public

Or on the NHS England website at: https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/02/statement-from-nhs-england-and-nhs-improvement-on-coronavirus/