



U3A in Ludlow October 2018 News

Mah Jong

Have you ever thought about learning to play Mah Jong, the Chinese tile game? The Ludlow Mah Jong group plays the U3A rules game (the Western game) and a simpler, no-frills game taught to us by a local Chinese lady. The group has places for a few new members and would be delighted to welcome you. It meets on the first Thursday of the month in the afternoon at the Helena Lane Centre in Ludlow. If you would like to find out more, contact the coordinator Judy McNally on 01584 861403 or at judy_dick@hotmail.com

Get by in Spanish for Beginners – New group

If anyone is interested in joining this new group please contact the Study Group Adviser at peonycarpenter@hotmail.co.uk.

Ancient Greek Philosophy - New group

Whatever did the Greeks do for us? The answer is a lot – our whole way of thinking about the world and our place in it can be discovered in Greek philosophy. The few hundred years in which it flourished are an astounding period in the intellectual history of humankind. In questions of politics, law, morality, science, religion and considerations of what it means to be human, the Greeks had answers. Alfred North Whitehead famously said that the whole of European philosophy consisted of footnotes to Plato. If you would like to join a group to study some of the key texts of Ancient Greek philosophy (in translation) please contact Mike Radford at michael.radford@live.co.uk. We shall be starting from the beginning so no previous experience will be necessary.

Photo Editing Group changes

The Photo Editing group have decided to disband and regroup with a new name and purpose. The group will now be called **Digital Imagery** and members will aim to develop their creative skills in manipulating digital images using Photoshop Elements and other software easily available. Members take it in turns to present their work on their laptops and the rest of the group then try out the ideas. The group meets at Ludlow Methodist Church on the morning of the fourth Thursday monthly. The coordinator Janice Haines can be contacted at janhaines@clara.co.uk. Many thanks to Jan Haywood for coordinating the Photo Editing group.

Architecture – vacancies

This group is for those with an interest in buildings, historic or otherwise. A varied programme of presentations by members takes place at members' houses. No previous knowledge is needed and new members are welcome. Meetings take place in the afternoon of the third Wednesday monthly.

The group has a new coordinator, Barbara Atkin, who can be contacted at barbara@beatkin7.plus.com . Many thanks to Rosemary Swainson who previously coordinated this group.

The Play's the Thing

This group runs in the spring for eight weeks at the Rockspring Centre, every Wednesday afternoon, starting on 27 February, 2019. The play this time is *Henry V* and we plan to compare the Laurence Olivier war-time production with the recent BBC production.

We have room for two new members. If you would like to know more about the course please ring Margaret Watkins on 01299 270073, or email brianwatkins552@gmail.com

Spanish Conversation

Spanish Conversation has a new coordinator, Naomi Vera-Sanso, who can be contacted at naomivs@tiscali.co.uk

U3A Diaries

U3A 2019 Diaries will be available at the Monday morning meeting on 29th October at £2.50 each. To receive one by post, email David Hatchell at david@hatchells.co.uk and send him £3 (he will tell you how).

News from U3A National - The Resource Centre

The Resource Centre function is being expanded. Feedback from U3As across the movement strongly indicated that a wide spectrum of learning resources was required. The service will now form part of the Education and Resources department within the Trust. DVDs will continue to be offered but the resource service will be expanded to include items such as educational downloads, TED talks and MOOCs as well as U3A generated material, courses, research and shared learning programmes. During the next six months the National Office will be asking U3As and in particular learning group leaders, about what specific items they wish to see included. The National Office will also be liaising with subject advisers about those DVDs that were borrowed from the library and those that were rarely or not borrowed from the library. All DVD orders will continue to be met, and details of the expanded service will be provided over the next six months as they develop.

Venue for U3A monthly Monday meetings this autumn – and the lift

This autumn, parts of the Ludlow Assembly Rooms are being renovated, and the Auditorium will not be available. So the monthly Monday meetings will take place in Oscars. A hearing loop, that is less effective than usual, will probably be available, but some members may wish to sit near the front for the talks. Coffee and tea will be available before the talks as usual, but in the Studio. Some members were inconvenienced by the lift not being available at the September meeting. It is uncertain whether it will be available for this month's meeting. Members might want to check by phoning the Ludlow Assembly Rooms.

Monthly Meetings

Talks start at 10.30 am in Oscars

Coffee and tea start at 10 am in the Studio

Monday 29 October

The Mayflower Children

Phil Revell

Phil hails from a Lancastrian mill town and had a varied career before locating to Shropshire in 1995. He trained as a teacher, but left teaching to try his hand at writing. He worked for a number of national titles, but from 2007-2009 ran a national education charity. He has written a number of books including *The Mayflower Children*. These children are the subject of his talk.

The four children at the centre of Phil's talk were part of the More family, a long-established land-owning family living in south Shropshire. In the early seventeenth century, the children were transported to America from their home in Shipton on board the Pilgrim Fathers' ship *The Mayflower*. They were not accompanied by their parents, but were placed in the care of other passengers, and the outcome for three of the four children was tragic. So why did their parents allow them to be transported in this way? It was not until the middle of the twentieth century that the mystery that had intrigued genealogists for so many years was solved, quite by chance.

Phil will challenge the accepted version of this story and offer a window into the first twenty years of the Jacobean era. The presentation will look at some of the pitfalls involved in doing original research.

Monday 26 November

A Career in Antiques

Philip Duckworth

Philip worked for the London based auction houses, Phillips and Christie's for over 30 years ending his career as a director, head of department and auctioneer for Christies. Starting as a trainee with Phillips he soon found his passion in "antique" furniture and his experience has given him the opportunity to develop his understanding of furniture and its values. He has travelled widely in Europe and has contributed to many art magazines and books and has been a lecturer, tutor and mentor to trainees in the field.

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Latest news about Monday morning monthly meetings in Oscars

Ludlow Assembly Rooms have been advised by Health and Safety that, during the renovation project, events will be limited to eighty attendees. This should not alter your intention to attend, because previous experience suggests that the audience for a normal Monday morning monthly meeting will not be even close to eighty, but the committee thinks it appropriate to make members aware nevertheless.

Upcoming monthly meetings

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