



U3A in Ludlow October 2019 News

David Hughes – founder member of Ludlow U3A

David Hughes, one of the founder members of Ludlow U3A, died on 30th September. The funeral will be at the Methodist Church at 2 pm on Tuesday 22nd October. There will be an obituary in November News.

Armchair Traveller

The Armchair Traveller Group has room for a few new members. This is a friendly group and members meet in each other's homes on the first Monday morning of each month. At each meeting, one member (usually the host) talks about somewhere they have lived, or visited, or worked – at home or abroad, recently or in the distant past, usually (but not necessarily) illustrated by photos or souvenirs. An interest in travel is all you need. If you are interested in joining this group, email Geoff Wright at geoff.wright45@btinternet.com for more information.

Poetry Appreciation

There are spaces for new members in this group which meets on the first Wednesday morning of each month. If you are interested contact Pauline Goslyn on 01584 873784.

Social History

This group is looking for a few new members. It generally meets in the morning on the third Monday of the month. Members take turns to make presentations of a subject of their own choice. Contact Penny Robinson at peneloperobinson@btinternet.com if you are interested in this group.

U3A 2020 diaries

2020 diaries are available for purchase from David Hatchell. The cost is £2.75. David's contact details are david@hatchells.co.uk or 01584 890664.

Monthly Meetings

The talks will start at 11.00 am at the Mascall Centre

Coffee and tea will start at 10.30 am

Monday 28 October A guided tour of the 1851 Great Exhibition David de Haan

Unless you are really old, you probably didn't get to it, but David de Haan is leading a guided tour of the Great Exhibition of 1851 in his talk to the Ludlow U3A. By using plans, catalogues and prints, the layout and content of the 1851 Exhibition has been reconstructed, making it possible to visit stand after stand in the order the Victorians would have seen them. In this way the original Crystal Palace is brought to life. Over six million people visited the exhibition and Queen Victoria visited forty-one times! David de Haan, formerly director of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, is now Chairman of the Friends of the Museum and Secretary of the Association for Industrial Archaeology.

Monday 25 November Traversa: a solo walk across Africa Fran Sandham

Fran Sandham is a critically acclaimed author and public speaker who took on the challenge of a lifetime, by walking completely solo across Africa from coast to coast, a 3,000-mile walk from the Atlantic on Namibia's Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar. This was the first time anyone had crossed Africa solo, entirely on foot, by this route. Fran had no back-up plan and endured much discomfort and danger *en route*.

Fran is a former editor of Rough Guides and has also written freelance for many newspapers and magazines including the Daily Telegraph, the Observer and the Financial Times. His book, *Traversa: a solo walk across Africa!*, received terrific reviews on both sides of the Atlantic and was serialised in the Sunday Times.

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