

# **u3a St Austell Monthly Newsletter**

## **March 2021**

Gool Peran Lowen, Happy St Pirans Day!



As the Covid vaccination program continues apace and the number of infections continues to fall, the publishing of the “roadmap” and the easing of restrictions, all bring the possibility of restarting some our groups a little bit closer. We are awaiting publication of guidance from u3a Head Office and as soon as this is available we will be able to assess the implications for how we may achieve this. At the end of the month the clocks “spring” forward and I am sure that we will all be happy to welcome warmer days and lighter evenings.

I am pleased to announce that Maryanne Thomas has joined the Committee and will be assisting Crystal Pearce in her role as Group Co-ordinator. Crystal has organised a Zoom meeting for all Group Convenors to gain an understanding of how they see their Groups evolving in the coming months.

Yesterday’s speakers were Sue Sayer and Rob Wells from The Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust. They captivated us with the amazing story of Septimus a grey seal who lived and died in the waters around St

Austell Bay. If you enjoyed their talk Sue has asked if members would be kind enough to complete the survey in the below link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WTNQD8Y>

If you missed the talk or would like to learn more see the YouTube links and their website also below.

<https://youtu.be/8WnCct7rJGw>

<https://youtu.be/MMBo82lmsXU>

<https://youtu.be/nZuZFHFSpu4>

[www.cornwallsealgroup.co.uk](http://www.cornwallsealgroup.co.uk)

Next month's speaker (April 1<sup>st</sup>) is from the Humanimal Trust. Founded by Professor Noel Fitzpatrick in 2014, Humanimal Trust drives collaboration between vets, doctors and researchers so that all humans and animals benefit from sustainable and equal medical progress but not at the expense of an animal's life. This is a concept known as One Medicine.

Still on the subject of animals and wildlife, Ladock Parish Wildlife Group hold regular virtual talks via zoom which are open to all who are interested. Their programme for the first half of the year and contact details are available on the u3a website [HERE](#). Please mention St Austell u3a in your email to Rowena if you wish to attend any of their events.

### **Travellers' Tales SOS appeal!**

This U3A group has been meeting remotely for the last few months, exchanging travel stories and having travel presentations on Zoom on the first Friday of each month.

We are now running short of stories and presentations so would like to ask everyone in the U3A, regardless of whether you are in the group, to consider whether you might be able to share a story of your own travels, anywhere, any type of travel and however long ago. Have you been on a U3A holiday in the past and would like to reminisce? Has anything unusual happened to you abroad? Do you have interesting travel photos to share? (Technical help is available so don't let that put you off).

Finally, if you are aware of anyone in the St Austell area who is struggling financially to feed themselves or their family, help is at hand from the [Community Larder](#).

That's all the news for this month, wishing you all a very pleasant March.

Best wishes

Chris Crane