

# St Austell u3a June Newsletter

It seems almost unbelievable that we are just two weeks away from Midsummer's Day!

We await the Government's decision on the further easing of Covid restrictions on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Whilst vaccinations in the UK are now this week being offered to the under thirties, the discovery of more variants appears to be resulting in an increasing number of cases which may delay this long awaited next step.

## Speaker

Our Speaker last week was Susan Symons who provided us with a fascinating insight into the life of the young Queen Victoria.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am we have Jim Holmes Photographer "**Life in Landlocked Laos**" a personal journey through the food, landscapes, people and history of this magical place. Sounds like one not to miss.

## Venue

Discussions with St Austell Arts Centre regarding our return are on-going. At the time of writing we have not been able to secure a re-opening date from them.

## Groups' News

The role of Groups Co-ordinator has passed from Crystal Pearce to Maryanne Thomas. ([maryanne.thomas@staustellu3a.org](mailto:maryanne.thomas@staustellu3a.org))

The Walking groups, Petanque and Tai Chi have restarted and the Singing for Fun Group have held a one-off outdoors session. The Wine appreciation Group has a couple of events planned over the coming months. Other groups are continuing to make plans for how and when they can reconvene.

A new Ukulele Group run by new member Peter Pateman is looking for interested members to join. This is open to all beginners. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Peter at [peter.pateman@staustellu3a.org](mailto:peter.pateman@staustellu3a.org) or via the Website [here](#).

I suggested in last month's newsletter that Groups should showcase their activities on the website. Sheila Ward's Tai Chi Group have done just that and a video is now live. To view go to the Tai Chi group page on the website or click [here](#).

If you have an idea to showcase your Group but don't know where to start or need some help let me know. [chris.crane@staustellu3a.org](mailto:chris.crane@staustellu3a.org)

Our Zoom licence is also available if your group wants to meet virtually.

## **Theatre Trip**

There are still places available to u3a members to attend Miracle Theatre's outdoor comedy production of 'Starcrazy' on Thursday, 5 August, at Tregrehan Gardens, St Austell. £15/person. Meet at 17.45 for picnic before the event. Contact: [linda.johnstone@staustellu3a.org](mailto:linda.johnstone@staustellu3a.org)

Remember our u3a [website](#) is updated on a regular basis with latest information and you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

That is all for this month.

Best wishes

Chris Crane