

# St Austell u3a August 2021 Newsletter

## Hooray!

The Committee has approved our return to meetings at the St Austell Arts Centre from September 1<sup>st</sup>. Group leaders have been advised and where applicable time slots have been confirmed. However, it remains up to individual members to carry out their own individual risk assessment to ensure their own and that of other members' wellbeing is not compromised.

Chris Scott has contacted all members with details regarding our return.

Our first face to face coffee morning will be on 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Arts Centre from 10.30 until 12.00. This is the perfect opportunity for new members to join and meet existing members and for all to purchase prepayment cards. Since it may not be possible for many members to purchase prepayment cards until then, the £1 fee for attending a meeting at the Arts Centre will be waived until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

**NB** When attending any meetings, it is important that all members carry their membership cards and that the reverse of the card contains emergency contact details. (Name and telephone number).

## Key Holder Annual Audit - Urgent

To comply with the terms of our insurance we need to confirm the details of **all** those members who have keys for the Arts Centre. Please advise Chris Scott immediately if you are in possession of any Arts Centre Keys. [chris.scott@staustellu3a.org](mailto:chris.scott@staustellu3a.org)

## Speaker

Mark Stephenson again hosted our speaker Alan Jones on August 5<sup>th</sup>. "*Keep Your Hair On*" was an informative and amusing talk on the international trade in human hair. Next month September 2<sup>nd</sup> (our last Zoom speaker?), Mary Smith Jones "*A School Girls War*" The talk tells the story of school life during WW2 and features the recently discovered and exquisite art work of a WW2 school art teacher.

We currently have no Speakers booked beyond September and without volunteer(s) from members to fill the vacant post of Speaker Secretary **we will be unable to provide an on-going speaker programme.**

There is a large file of available speakers to be passed on. If you are interested in helping out please contact [jan.badger@staustellu3a.org](mailto:jan.badger@staustellu3a.org)

## **Groups' News**

Many groups have been meeting outdoors and some "events" have been a great success.

The Petanque Groups organised an open competition at Tregony Sports and Social Club which many non-playing members attended for an afternoon picnic complete with live music from The Garker Street Band. Photos from the day can be viewed [HERE](#)

The Wine Appreciation Group held a summer garden party in Chris & Karen Scott's Garden again, with live music from The Garker Street Band. Everyone took a platter of food which resulted in a wonderful feast, and of course their own wines to drink.

(The band raised over £400 for the RNLI (Fowey Lifeboat) from these 2 events)

Steve Bird organised a visit for the Photography Group to Wheal Martyn and I'm sure we will see some amazing members' photographs from this event soon.

**Happy Snappers** is a new group. This group should appeal to those who enjoy taking photos either on their phones or camera. Members will need access to phones or cameras as this is the means by which to send and receive images, be willing to share information using their email address with other group members, to enable them to make a commitment and participate fully. The group will be run entirely on line and therefore we would not need to meet up to operate. Full details on the website [HERE](#)

**Traveller's Tales** will be one of the first groups to restart at the Arts Centre on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and subsequently on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. We gather each month to hear travel stories from around the world:-

Most stories are told to us by members who have been on exotic journeys; New Zealand, Costa Rica, Russia, Himalayas. Some are

stories of the annual U3A trips. Spain, Scotland, Croatia, Yorkshire and even Peru. Occasionally we have visiting speakers who have visited Uzbekistan and Bolivia.

For the new session we already have volunteers; so far one person has volunteered three stories of expeditions she has led, Sri Lanka, Namibia and Mongolia. Another with a story of Christmas in Sweden, and another on a trip to South Africa. We also have a friend who has volunteered to talk about her experiences working with the Inuit up by Hudson's Bay (I am already in trouble, as "Inuit" is the name for a very restricted group (apparently) and I do not remember the proper names). She is not a member (yet).

Until the conditions are right for anyone to travel we might need to rerun some of our older tales to fill the gaps, and they might interest new members. On this first meeting of the new session we need to check the equipment and I would like volunteers to help set a programme for the coming year etc. **If you have a story we need you !!\*\*\*???**

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If you would like a mention for your group in the next Newsletter just let me know! [chris.crane@staustellu3a.org](mailto:chris.crane@staustellu3a.org)

### **Phishing and Other Scams**

The Third Age Trust has circulated information about the latest scams. If you have not seen this please check the link [HERE](#)

### **Finally**

St Austell Market House will be officially reopened at 09.00 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August with Stalls and live music. Full details on their website [HERE](#)

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

Best wishes

Chris Crane