

St Austell u3a October 2021 Newsletter

Our first coffee morning for many months was held on 24th September at the Arts Centre. It was lovely to see so many “old” faces and a great opportunity to welcome some new ones.

Like all other u3a's, St Austell u3a is dependent upon its members volunteering to help each other and the group as a whole. Whether that's running an interest group, making the tea and coffee or as a trustee/committee member. Volunteers are always needed and always welcome. I would ask all members who do not currently offer their time, to consider how they can help to make our u3a a u3a to be proud of.

For example, we need volunteers at the Arts Centre to help with car parking when there is a coffee morning.

Our Speaker meetings have been very popular in the past and it would be such a shame not to be able to reinstate these in the near future. We have a file of speakers just waiting for an invitation which we could call upon, but without volunteers to co-ordinate, sadly we remain unable to offer this to members!

Speaker Meeting / Coffee Morning

Despite being currently unable to offer members a monthly guest Speaker, the normal preceding Coffee Morning **will** be held with a revised timing of 10.00 to 12.00 at the Arts Centre. Our next meeting will therefore be on 7th October.

Membership Fees / Gift Aid

From 2022 we will be giving the option for all members to add Gift Aid to their annual membership. This potentially provides us with an additional 25% of paid membership fees from the Government.

With the hope and belief that most members will opt into Gift Aid, the Committee has agreed that the cost of membership for 2022 will remain at £20.00 per annum.

Group Meetings

Now that many groups are meeting it is essential that you advise the Group Leaders of your attendance, if they request it. Please have the courtesy to communicate with your Group Leaders to avoid them wasting their time.

NB When attending any meetings, it is essential that **all** members carry their membership cards to ensure that we can comply with Track and Trace requirements and that the reverse of the card contains emergency contact details. (Name and telephone number)

Travellers' Tales

After a few months of Zoom, Traveller Tales now have an exciting programme of talks over the next few months. This is available to view on the Website [HERE](#).

Christmas

Some members have enquired about a possible Christmas Lunch or Party. As many members do not yet feel confident at this time to socialise in such an environment, we will be holding a Christmas themed coffee morning on December 2nd. We hope that for Christmas 2022 we will be able to organise a much more in-keeping celebration.

Forthcoming Events

At the Arts Centre on Sunday, 21st November 7.30pm, there is a talk on the life and works of the world-famous ceramic artist Clarice Cliff. There is a special discount code for U3A Members, saving £2.00 on the standard ticket price of £8.50. In order to benefit from the discount, U3A Members will need to use the Promo Code "U3A" or "u3a". Enter that in the Promo Code box and Click on Apply - it confirms the Benefit of the Code - a £2.00 Discount on the Advance Ticket Price.

The Promo Code will also work if you wish to Phone or Buy In-Person at St Austell, Truro, Bodmin or Liskeard Tourist Offices - giving the Promo Code **before** they order the tickets.

The talk will be given by Claire Peate, the screenwriter of a new Sky Cinema film based on the life and work of Clarice Cliff due to be streamed on Sky and with a cinema release in November, starring Phoebe Dynevor (star of netflix's Bridgerton) as Clarice.

Full details on the event and tickets are available here:

<https://crbo.ticketsolve.com/shows/873621207>

Claire will be in discussion with the former BBC Radio Cornwall Presenter and Producer Tim Hubbard. In addition to talking about this fascinating character they will also talk about the problems inherent in making a major motion picture during the middle of a worldwide pandemic! In the second half, audience members will also be able to ask their own questions.

This event will not be publicly announced until next week. So, U3A Members will have a Priority Booking period available to them, in addition to the discounted ticket price.

Policy Documents

Our [Safeguarding Policy](#) document has been updated and is available on the website.

If any member who does not have email / internet access would like a “hard” copy of any of our policies, please let us know and we will provide a printed copy.

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