

St Austell u3a January 2022 Newsletter

This is the first Newsletter of 2022 and I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. I would like to wish a happy and healthy New Year to all members!

Request for Shoe Boxes and Unwanted Toiletries

A reminder that Norma and Shirley would like your shoeboxes and unwanted toiletries so that they can make decorated boxes for people who arrive at the refuges in St Austell without any of their possessions. You can drop these off at the Arts Centre on Membership Renewal Days, Speaker Meeting Days and Coffee Mornings in January and February.

Membership Renewal Days

A reminder that we have another Membership Renewal Day on Friday January 28th (10.30am to 12.00pm) and there will be free tea and coffee available. The easiest way to pay is by BACS transfer, ideally 72 hours before the renewal day, but we will be taking card payments and cheques on the day. There will be Gift Aid forms available for you to fill in if you are opting in to this, please do seriously consider the Gift Aid option as this is of great financial benefit to St Austell u3a and will help to keep Membership fees down in the future. You will also be able to purchase Pre-Payment Cards.

If you are unable to attend the renewal day, you can nominate another member to collect your membership card for you. We will keep a note of their name and membership number so we know the card has been collected.

Speaker Meeting

Our next Speaker meeting will be on February 3rd James Murray – “Gershwin – How We Love You.” Doors open at 09.30 and the talk will commence at 10.30. For those unable to attend in person, we are hoping that we will be able to simultaneously share this via Zoom. More details to follow.

Car Parking Volunteers

We would still like some more volunteers for the car parking team at the Arts Centre, please let us know if you are able to spare some time to do this, there will be a rota for the car parking team so we are not expecting you to be available for every St Austell u3a event we hold.

Mah Jong Group

Wendy Bennett has found a venue for her Mah Jong Group which she will be re-starting in February, if you would like to join the group please get in touch with Wendy:

wendy.bennett@staustellu3a.org

Our Next AGM

We are planning to hold our next AGM on Thursday May 5th at the Arts Centre.

Bob Cornelius

I am sad to advise that Bob Cornelius passed away over Christmas. Bob joined the u3a specifically to help with a French conversation class as a previous moderator for Cornwall this was one of his many talents. Completely committed to the community, whether it was fund raising, supporting the local rotary or helping with the sailing community. One of life's characters, he had a twinkle in his eye and kindness in his heart. Bob's wake was held at the Polgooth Inn as a drink was also something he enjoyed. The u3a were very appreciative of his help with French and his involvement ensured an interesting and lively group.

Best wishes

Chris Crane

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