

U3A Theatre and Cinema group Notes from 21 January 2022 meeting

21 people attended. 19 apologies

Linda welcomed everyone including former members and new members (first meeting for almost 2 years!) and outlined Covid measures.

1. Events:

We didn't have any group events in January but some members talked about some of the events they had been to and have booked onto privately in the near future.

2. Update on upcoming Group Events

(i) **Shrek, the Musical** on 12 April at John Keay House, St Austell at 7.30pm (St Austell Operatic Society). Two tickets (@£15 each) are being returned, so let me know if anyone interested soonest. We also have a further allocation of tickets at £17 each. 18 members attending to-date.

(ii) **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat** at the Theatre Royal Plymouth on Wednesday, 27 April matinee. **One ticket in original allocation left.** Discounted price £27, possibly moving up to £34 if more tickets requested. Please let us know straightaway. 18 have agreed to go and have paid up; the Treasurer will be 'phoning me on 24 January to confirm numbers and arrange payment to the Theatre Royal. Tickets will be either sent to us by e.mail or by post. Really looking forward to it!

We discussed the options for **travel** up to this event and concluded:

To accept the quote of £275 for a **coach** from St Austell to Plymouth and back.

Based on 12 people, we need to collect £23 from those 12 people. Please pay the Theatre Group account **by Monday, 11 April**. If paying by BACs use **xxxxTGCO**, where xxxx is your membership number. I have included a/c details at the end of this document in A.O.B. Pick-up point in St Austell will be confirmed nearer the time. Margaret or I will be at Registration, Coffee and speaker mornings if you prefer to pay by cheque.

(6 people have decided to go in their own cars)

Plenty of room on the coach if more people decide to go this way. If this occurs Linda intends to organise a small refund to those who have already paid, on the day!

3. We then ran through lots of upcoming events at The Hall for Cornwall, The Theatre Royal, St Austell Arts Centre and the White River Cinema.

NEW. The group decided to make our **MARCH group event**, the **Press Gang shanty singers, with guest singer, Tom Lewis**. This will be held at St Austell Arts Centre on **Thursday, 31 March, starting 7.30pm. Cost: £12/ticket**. Linda will reserve 15 seats and bookings can be taken at the Registration morning (Friday, 28 January), Speaker morning (Thursday, 3 February) – see Margaret Clark. Alternatively e.mail myself. Margaret can also collect cheques (payable to St Austell u3a). If paying by BACS please use **code xxxxTGPG**, where xxxx is your membership number. Payment deadline: Monday, 14 March, please. I have included a/c details at the end of this document in A.O.B. And yes, a dozen of us did go to see 'Press Gang' in 2019 and commented that it was "a really enjoyable night out"!!

4. A.O.B.

- (i) After the refreshment break, we talked about possibly looking for another afternoon to hold the meetings, to try to avoid 'Short walk' clash. When Jonathan is back, Linda will enquire about availability of the Assembly Room and report back, but for the time being we will stick with 3rd Friday in the month.
- (ii) Linda reminded everyone who hasn't yet renewed their u3a membership to do so, either by BACS into the General u3a account or attending the 2nd registration event on Friday, 28 January (10.30am-12noon). Consider Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer.
- (iii) Reminder, 3 February Speaker morning. Topic: composer 'Gershwins'
- (iv) **Theatre Group account details:**

Name of the account: ST AUSTELL U3A
Sort Code: 20-30-47 A/c no. 63651363

Reminder please; when making BACS payments, could you also kindly send Linda a quick e.mail to let her know it has gone through. Otherwise it is quite hard to track everything on the monthly statement from the Treasurer. Thanks!

- (v) It's great that so many members are using the Pre-Payment Card system. These cards can be purchased at coffee and speaker mornings

Thanks to all those who attended.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to health reasons, we will NOT hold a Theatre Group meeting in February, so date of next meeting will be FRIDAY, **18 MARCH 2022** at 2pm in the Assembly Room.