

## St Austell u3a June 2022 Newsletter

I hope that you have been enjoying the recent spell of good weather and making the most of what Cornwall has on offer to us "locals" before the crowds descend.

I would like to start this Newsletter with a quote from u3a founder Eric Midwinter:

*"In any group activity, some will do more than others. The danger of the co-operative, self-help motif is that without due care the some become the very few and the others become the almost all. The u3a is not, nor should it ever become, a service charity in which a few provide a programme for the many. Everyone should be an involved member."*

As you will be aware St Austell u3a has been without a Chair for a significant period. Your Committee, Group Convenors and other volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that our Group Meetings, Coffee Mornings and Speaker Meetings can continue safely despite the challenges that Covid has placed upon us all. We have welcomed a good number of new members and some new groups have been started with others proposed for the near future. However, for St Austell u3a to continue to flourish we do need a Chair who can help guide us and help us to continue to grow and offer a u3a we can all be proud of. If you feel this could be you, or you know someone who you feel could fit the bill, then please contact a committee member soonest.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

We would also like volunteers to help set up tables etc for Coffee Mornings and/or to help clear up afterwards. (30 minutes maximum)

Our next Coffee Morning is 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Speaker**

The next Speaker meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> July when local environmental campaigner and founder of "Final Straw Cornwall", Pat Smith (AKA Action Nan) will join us for a Q & A session. I have known Pat for a few years and I know that with her knowledge and passion, this promises to be a very interesting and informative session.

### **Events**

30<sup>th</sup> July Tregony and Kernow Petanque are holding a fund raiser towards the 6 new pistes planned at Tregony Sports & Social Club.

Entry to play in the Melee is £5.00 per person on a first come, first served basis. It is a 9.30 am registration and a 10.00 am start. Parking on the Sports Field. Players please bring raffle prizes, and we will be engaging in other fund raising activities on the day.

There is a band playing between 2.00pm and 3.30pm when food will be served. The Sports and Social club are paying the band. The band will also have a bucket for donations to the RNLI.

The food choices for £10pp are as follows:

Burger or Salmon with chicken kebabs, grilled haloumi and salads

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OR

For £3.50pp

Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Salad

Guests are welcome, again on a first come first booked basis for food. Picnics are welcome but please support the club by purchasing drinks here and **not** bringing your own. A similar event last year was very popular and well supported by u3a members.

**To book your place** and order food please contact either Pete English on 07971 092418 or Pippa Boardman on 07718 759258.