

## St Austell u3a August 2022 Newsletter

August is here and so are the tourists! The roads, local beaches and attractions are at their busiest.

Many groups have decided to take a break from meeting until after the holiday period so please check to ensure your groups are meeting. Group Convenors, please let Maryanne Thomas and me know if your group is **NOT** meeting and when it will restart.

### The Wine Appreciation Group

A recent event by this group just goes to show what our members can achieve! The Assembly Room at the Arts Centre was transformed into a "fine dining" restaurant for an evening of Food and Wine pairing. David & Pippa Boardman, with help from Nicky Tombs and Jenny Skipp, served a 5 course gourmet "small plates" supper with complementing wines to 27 members of the group. It received well deserved fantastic "reviews" from members.



The main course of Beef fillet with blue stilton, onions, a port dressing and side salad

Does a Group that you belong to have something to shout about? If so then send me details for the Newsletter and / or the website.

### Speaker

The next Speaker meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> August and we are very lucky to have Lyndon (Sid) Allen as our Speaker. Sid's family has lived in Charlestown for many generations. He runs Charlestown Historic Walking Tours and has a wealth of local knowledge which he loves to share. Sid has also just finished his second book. I for one am very much looking forward to his talk, it's definitely one not to miss!

### Jan Badger

Jan has decided to step down as Secretary of St Austell u3a. I am sure that you would all like to join the Committee in thanking Jan for her hard work, enthusiasm and commitment.

### AGM

A reminder that our AGM will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Your Committee has continued to serve members' best interests despite the current absence of a Chair. We now also look to the membership for a new Chair and Secretary. I am sure that you all enjoy attending groups, meeting friends and learning new skills. This is only possible if we have commitment from enough members to run interest groups, help with events and engage with Group Leaders and Officers. We look forward to receiving nominations (proposers and seconders) for those wishing to join the Committee and help keep St Austell u3a a vibrant forward looking organisation.

We propose to update the St Austell u3a Constitution in line with that adopted by u3a National. A copy is attached herewith and is also available via our website.

Best wishes

Chris Crane