

St Austell u3a February 2023 Newsletter

Sadly this Newsletter starts with the news of the recent death of long time member John Shaw. The funeral will take place at 1.30pm on 9th February at Bodmin Crematorium.

Speakers

Unfortunately our first Speaker of 2023 on Thursday 2nd February (“The Story of China Clay in Cornwall” by Malcolm Gould) was cancelled due to Malcolm being unwell. We hope to be able to reschedule his talk for later in the year.

The next speaker is Thursday 2nd March – “Truro Cathedral” by Mary Prior.

Group News

A number of groups have not recommenced meeting since the easing of Covid restrictions. Additionally some others have had to be suspended due to Group Leaders stepping down and a lack of enthusiasm by other members of the group willing to take on the role. (It is a role that can be shared!) Generally those that are meeting are fun and lively groups that epitomise the u3a ethos and certainly fit the “Live, Laugh, Learn” mantra! If you don’t already volunteer in some way, please consider how you personally could help keep St Austell u3a an active and vibrant organisation.

Travellers’ Tales

This group would love to have more members who have some tales to share of their own. Most of us I am sure have had some travel experiences which would be of great interest to this group. If this is you please contact sally.hayward@staustellu3a.org

The next Traveller’s Tale is 3rd March when Mark Stevenson’s talk is “Dubai to Cape Town - A 30 Day Voyage”. All members welcome.

Short Walks

Short Walks are now on the 4th Friday of the month. The next walk is at Lanhydrock on 24th February. The full list for 2023 is available on the

website. Please contact Roger Jones if you would to join the walks. roger.jones@staustellu3a.org

Long Walks

The next long walk is 8th February when Pippa Boardman will be leading a walk through the Gover Valley. If you would like to join the Long Walks group please Contact pippa.boardman@staustellu3a.org

Social Events

The January Event was Ten-Pin bowling at Ozzle Bowl followed by a meal at the Rann Wartha. A fun evening was had by all with Ray Smith taking the winner's prize of a bottle of wine. Huge thanks to Helen Neilson for organising a great event.



February's event is a Tour of the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre at St Dennis.

Events for the rest of the year can be found on the website <https://staustellu3a.org/social-time> and at coffee mornings.

Special Event – All Members Welcome

As a follow up to the talk on Global Warming during questions to the speaker there were a number of members interested in ENERGY SAVING. This included RENEWABLES such as Solar panels, Solar thermal, Battery storage, Air sourced heat pumps; INSULATION – Loft, Cavity wall; ELECTRIC CARS; Using energy efficiently.

On TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY at 2pm in the Theatre at St Austell Arts Centre there will be a short presentation from Community Energy Plus and then an open forum to discuss any member's issues with regard to

these topics. If you would like more information please contact roger.jones@staustellu3a.org

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Best Wishes

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