

## **St Austell u3a April 2023 Newsletter**

I hope that you have enjoyed Easter (despite the weather!) and have not over indulged in too many eggs!

### **Coffee Mornings and Speaker Meetings**

As you will be aware the Coffee Mornings are now held on the third Friday of the month and the doors will **not open before 10.30** am until 12.00. Please do **not** arrive earlier than 10.30 unless you are a “helper”.

Speaker Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. The doors will **not open before 9.30** am when tea and coffee will be available until 10.15 latest.

We ask members to observe these timings to give us time to properly prepare and set-up prior to meetings and likewise to tidy-up in time to be in the theatre before the talk commences.

### **Speakers**

The April speaker saw the return of Lyndon (Sid) Allen with more history and tales of Charlestown.

<https://www.charlestowntours.co.uk/>

The talk on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May is “The Work of the Friends of the Royal Cornwall Hospital” by Beatrice Dyer.

### **On Line Payments**

When paying for events on line, please ensure that you use the correct Payment Code (<https://staustellu3a.org/group-account-codes>) and pay into the correct account. If in doubt contact a member of the Treasury Team or your Group Leader.

### **Riviera Travel – Benefits for u3a**

Riviera Travel operate an “Affinity” Charity Scheme with the Trust that can benefit all u3as. Riviera Travel will donate 10% of the total basic cost of holidays booked by members as a charitable donation back to the u3a. Any holiday booked by a member with Riviera Travel is eligible.

How it works:

- Make a booking by contacting Riviera Travel directly, simply mention you are a member of u3a and want to claim Affinity Commission for your u3a.
- At the end of your holiday, Riviera Travel make a payment to the Third Age Trust. After deducting a handling fee, the Third Age Trust will pass the donation on to the relevant u3a.

If booking online, use: [www.u3ariviera.co.uk](http://www.u3ariviera.co.uk) it 'tags' u3a in general to the booking and then we will be prompted to check which local u3a is to benefit.

## **Car Sharing**

Many members sensibly car share when attending events. Some questions have been raised regarding how insurance may affect this practice.

The Association of British Insurers is supportive of car and ride sharing platforms. ABI motor insurers have agreed that your insurance cover will not be affected if your passengers contribute towards your journey costs (including fuel, vehicle depreciation and associated vehicle running costs), as long as lifts are given in a vehicle seating eight passengers or less. This does not apply if you make a profit from payments received or if carrying passengers is your business.

If in doubt speak to your insurer.

## Short Walks

Short Walks are now on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. Unfortunately the Luxulyan Valley walk on 24<sup>th</sup> March had to be cancelled due to the weather. The next walk is on 18<sup>th</sup> April at Mylor Bridge. The full list for 2023 is available on the website. Please contact Roger Jones if you would like to join the walks. [roger.jones@staustellu3a.org](mailto:roger.jones@staustellu3a.org)

## Social Events

The Cornish Evening on March 24<sup>th</sup> was a great success with Cornish food, Cornish quizzes, Marion's Cornish poems and NoteAbility singing Cornish songs.



April's event is a walking tour of the **Tamar Bridge** - yes we will be walking across it both ways on 25<sup>th</sup> April. We will be told about the history of the bridges and the ferry.

May's event is Caerhays Castle and gardens. Date to be confirmed.

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

### **On-Line u3a Events**

There are many u3a events which are available on-line. These are available to all members. Details can be found here: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

### **Shoe Boxes & Toiletries**

Norma Jarman and Shirley Polmounter have asked me to thank all members who donated boxes and/or toiletries. A total of 14 boxes were sent off in time for Easter.



### **Non u3a Events**

St Austell Library's next events are:

Paula Rooney's debut talk on travelling around the globe on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. This a free event but tickets must be booked in advance.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm. Sean Taylor MCIFA " What Have The Romans Done For Roche" A brief summary of Neolithic to

post-Roman sites discovered on the St Austell to A30 Link Road. Tickets £5 including a drink.

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NB There will be no newsletter in May 2023.

Best Wishes

Chris Crane

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