

St Austell u3a November 2023 Newsletter

Now that the clocks have gone back, Halloween and Bonfire night are both over so Christmas will soon be upon us!

Talking of which, please make a note in your diary for Thursday 7th December when St Austell u3a will be hosting our 2023 “**Christmas Extravaganza**”. *Doors will open at 9.30*. Coffee and tea will be available until 10.15 **ONLY**.

The show will commence at 10.30 and will consist of performances by The Spanish Improvers Group, The Ukulele Group, The Tai Chi Group and The Singing for Fun Group.

Complimentary Mulled Wine [non-alcoholic] and Mince Pies will be served after the event.

Speakers

Unfortunately the speaker on 2nd November (“Cornish History” by local historian Michael Bunny) was cancelled due to storm Ciaran. We hope that we can reschedule Michael during 2024.

There is no Speaker Meeting on 7th December due to the “**Christmas Extravaganza**” see above!

Social Group

Thirty-two members enjoyed an informative and entertaining morning at Colwith Farm followed by a meal of Loaded Fries using the Farm’s own potatoes. Lovely to hear about a local family making a successful business.



The next event will be a coach trip to Tavistock for their Dickensian Evening on Friday 1st December leaving at 4:00 pm
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Groups News

There have recently been several instances whereby a Group Leader has been ready to start a meeting but no members have turned up! If you are unable to attend a group meeting please have the courtesy to let the Group Leader know beforehand.

Gardening Group

A huge thank you to the Gardening Group for attacking the beds at the front of The Arts Centre and making them look so much tidier.



Theatre Group

The Theatre Group is organising a trip to see the new musical live performance of 'The Devil Wears Prada' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth. The music is written by Elton John and it's based on the blockbuster film starring Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway. It's showing at Plymouth prior to going up to the West End. It will be a matinee on Thursday, 8 August 2024 and the seats in the stalls cost £35 each.

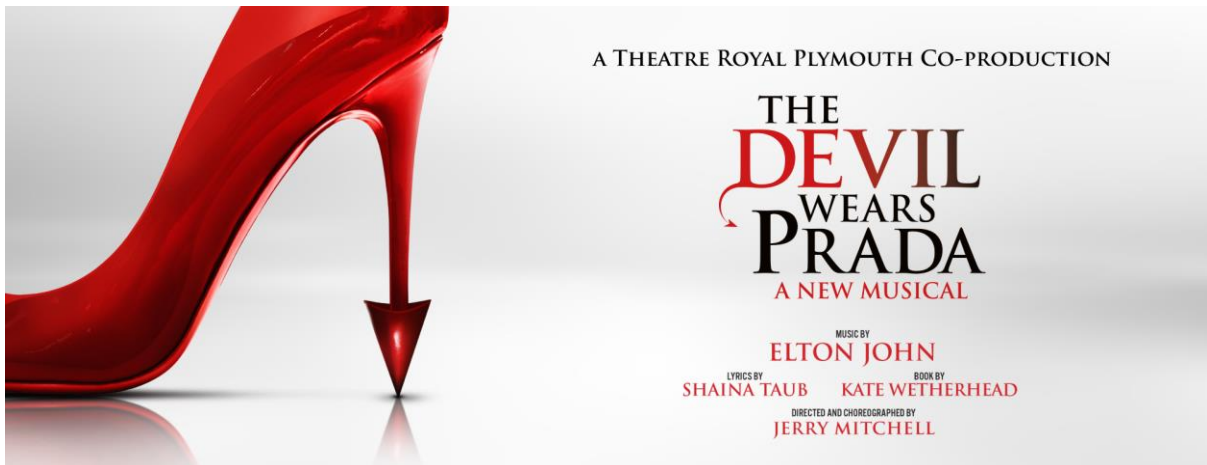
The Theatre will only hold our provisional group reservation until 24 November 2023, so we would need payment into the u3a Theatre Group account by 20 November.

So far 30 of the 40 seats provisionally reserved for us have been allocated, so there are some still available. Open to all St Austell u3a members. Please contact :

linda.johnstone@staustellu3a.org straightaway if you are interested. If you have put your name on the list and paid already, you need to take no further action at this time.

A coach will be organised to travel directly to and from the theatre, the price will depend upon how many members book – but payment for that won't be required until much nearer the time. (Likely to cost between £10-£15)

It should be a fun day out! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda.



Short Walks

The next short walk is scheduled to be around Padstow on Friday 24 November . 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

Christmas Boxes

Shirley Polmounter is once again collecting Christmas food donations to make up boxes to give to local families in need.

Xmas Puddings, cakes, chocolates, mince pies, tinned meat, fruit, pie fillings, biscuits etc etc.

Donations should be left outside Shirley's door: 5 Drinnan Court Mount Charles, or Norma Jarman's: Cuddra, Holmbush, - (house not the business) up to 12th December.

The next Coffee Morning is on Friday 17th November. **Doors will not be open before 10.30.**

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Best Wishes

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