

## **St Austell u3a January 2024 Newsletter**

A Happy New Year to all members.

It was great to see so many members at the renewals day recently but it was extremely busy in the car park and in the Assembly Room. To make the renewal process easier we have decided that on Friday 19th January we will **NOT** be serving tea and coffee in the bar.

Instead Social events and Theatre Group will be in the bar to take bookings and payments.

In the Assembly room we will process membership renewal payments and members that have paid by BACS can collect their cards. This hopefully will make the Assembly Room less crowded and noisy.

New members can go upstairs to Lounge 1 to have a chat about joining St Austell u3a.

### **WANTED**

Is there anyone interested in joining the Committee to assist the Treasurer and Finance Team? If you are interested please contact Chris Scott, Treasurer. His email address is: [chris.scott@staustellu3a.org](mailto:chris.scott@staustellu3a.org)

### **St Austell Arts Centre**

Sheila Vanloo and the Trustees would like to say a huge thank you to those who helped with the cleaning of the Arts Centre last Sunday.

The New Key Safe has been installed and Group Leaders who use the Arts Centre have been advised of the code for January.

## **New Groups – A great start to the new year!**

### **Line Dancing**

“Come and line dance with me, Cathy on a Tuesday afternoon at Charlestown Church Hall”. A new Line Dance group starting on January 30th 13.30 - 15.00 will run weekly (with a few breaks for holidays). For more information or to join this Group please contact Cathy O’Neill: [cathy.oneill@staustellu3a.org](mailto:cathy.oneill@staustellu3a.org) Absolute beginners, beginners, returners, improvers all welcome. The class will start at absolute beginner level and get a bit harder through the session, teaching throughout. Mixture of all kinds of music from country to jazz, pop, Irish and golden oldies.

### **French**

'Bonjour et Bienvenue'

A new French Group will be starting in February at the Arts Centre on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, running from 10:00am to 12:00, and we are very lucky to have one of our members, who is a native French speaker, as our Group Convenor. So if you want to learn and practice French in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere please contact Danielle on 07960 442403. This will be an Intermediate group suitable for members with a basic knowledge of the French Language, maybe gained at school or picked up from occasional holidays in France. The aim of the group will be to improve comprehension, widen vocabulary and for members to become more comfortable reading and speaking French.

### **Short Walks**

The next Short Walk is on 26<sup>th</sup> January around Fowey. Contact Roger Jones if you are interested in joining.

[roger.jones@staustellu3a.org](mailto:roger.jones@staustellu3a.org)

## Travellers' Tales

The next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> February when Mark Stephenson will recount his recent journey around the South Pacific to Hawaii, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and the Fijian Islands”

All are welcome to come along, and if Mark's below photo of the Cook Islands is anything to go by this will be a fascinating talk.



Please let us know if you would like to be added to our mailing list. [sally.haywood@staustellu3a.org](mailto:sally.haywood@staustellu3a.org)

## Speaker

Our next Speaker on 1<sup>st</sup> February is Paul Holden on “The Treasures of Lanhydrock”.

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Best Wishes

Chris Crane