

St Austell u3a March 2024 Newsletter

Long term Member Joan Mitchell celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family on 5th March. Joan was subsequently presented with a lovely bouquet at our speaker meeting on 7th March on behalf of St Austell u3a by our Secretary Richard Ash.



Speaker

Martin Webster from ShelterBox gave a fantastic talk on the relief work undertaken around the world by this wonderful charity which has its roots in Cornwall. Donations by members afterwards totalled in excess of £200.

<https://shelterbox.org/about/>

Our next speaker will be on 4th April and is “The History of Boatbuilding and The Social History of Mevagissey Area” by Gary Mitchell.

Gary is the son of the famous boat builder Percy Mitchell, and provides an illustrated talk on the history of boatbuilding and touches on the social history of the Mevagissey area. His presentation includes about 100 photographs dating from 1876.

Groups

NEW Classical Guitar Group

Plans are well underway to cover all ability levels by forming a consortium with other local u3a groups.

Lostwithiel has already agreed to be the Beginners Group, while we will be the home for the intermediate group. Carrick and Newquay have also expressed an interest.

More details next month!

Quiz Group

This group is currently full and there aren't any vacancies at this present time.

Travellers' Tales

The next meeting is on Friday 5th April at 2pm. Helen McAndrew Pearson and Richard Pearson's subject is: "Volunteering in Nepal". All are welcome to come along. Contact: roger.jones@staustellu3a.org

Short Walks

The next short walk scheduled is at Portscatho on Friday 22nd March. The walk is circular and approximately 3 miles which will take around 2 hours. Contact: roger.jones@staustellu3a.org

Social Group

This group is open to all St Austell u3a members and organises an event every month. For example on Monday 25th March is a trip to Healeys Cyder Farm and Wednesday 24th April 2024 is a visit to Killerton House and Gardens.

Tickets for Social events are always be on sale at Speaker meetings and Coffee mornings at the Arts Centre.

There is a short video on the homepage of our website highlighting St Austell u3a, which if you've not seen before it can also be viewed by "clicking" [HERE](#).

If you are a Social Media user you can follow St Austell u3a on:

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Best Wishes

Chris Crane