

St Austell u3a April 2024 Newsletter

I think you will all agree, that now Easter is over, we've had enough rain and now need some warm sunshine!

St Austell Arts Centre

There appears to be some confusion over the Arts Centre "signing in" book in the outer foyer.

Members should **not** sign in this book at coffee mornings or speaker meetings, but should sign the u3a book which is in the main foyer on the u3a table hosted by a member of the "meet and greet" team.

When attending a Group meeting at the Arts Centre, **it is only** the Group Co-ordinator who should sign in and out.

Store Room

On Tuesday afternoon (9th April) I found that the keybox code containing the key to the Store Room at the Art Centre was left with the opening code selected and therefore insecure! On behalf of the Committee, **IF** you have access to the storeroom **please** ensure that when returning the key to the keybox, that the code is changed to prevent unauthorised access.

2023 Christmas Extravaganza DVD

Nolan & Eleanor Westlake have produced a DVD of our Christmas Extravaganza. The cost to purchase a copy is £5.00. Please order in person with Eleanor at the next coffee morning if you would like to order a copy.

Speaker

A huge thank you to Ian Mitchell who was able to step in at very short notice after our planned speaker unfortunately had to cancel. Ian's talk "The Psychology Underlying the Political Choices Voters Make" had us all enthralled and questioning ourselves!

Before Ian's talk Michael Grindley gave us a short presentation on the Asian Hornet incursions. More information is available on the British Bee Keepers Association website at:

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/FAQs/report-a-sighting-of-the-asian-hornet>

Our next speaker will be on 2nd May and is "Little Harbour Children Hospice" by Nikki Harris. Many members will be aware of the excellent Children's Hospice on Porthpean Road. It's a fantastic facility doing marvellous work.

Many of you attended Paul Holden's wonderful insight into the Treasures of Lanhydrock as our Speaker back in February. For a limited time only, it is possible to see the restoration work which is being undertaken on the Long Gallery at Lanhydrock. Visitors are invited to climb a purpose-built scaffold to see the full length of the Long Gallery ceiling up close and watch the conservators at work. See the National Trust website for more information:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/lanhydrock?origin=search>

Groups

NEW Classical Guitar Group

More details to follow soon!

Travellers' Tales

The next meeting is on Friday 3rd May at 2pm. The topic will be New Zealand. All welcome to come and share their Kiwi stories. Contact: sally.haywood@staustellu3a.org

Short Walks

The next short walk scheduled is at Mylor Bridge on Friday 26th April. The walk is approximately 3 miles long and circular, taking 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. On Monday 25th March there was a visit to Healeys Cyder Farm.



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.

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

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/StAustellU3A>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/staustellu3a/>

X (Twitter): <https://twitter.com/StAustellU3A>

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Best Wishes

Chris Crane