

Pershore and District

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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May 2019 Newsletter

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Chair's Chat

It was such a relief to be able to trial a new method of signing members into the April monthly meeting and to see it working so smoothly. All we now ask is that you literally sign in. You no longer need to tick off your name by finding it on a list of 550 or so other names. We will keep this under review and work to continue to develop and refine the system to avoid unnecessary queues before you enter the auditorium at Number 8.

As Speaker Coordinator, I am fortunate to receive an almost constant supply of suggestions for forthcoming speakers from our members. I try to follow up as many of these as I can which has resulted in us often being booked up to 18 months ahead. In principle I like to vary the type of speaker and the subject in order to appeal to as many of our members as I can over the course of a year. Do keep the ideas coming!

In February 2016, even pre-dating the Data Protection changes of 2018, it was agreed that advertisements would not be accepted for inclusion in this newsletter. However other announcements can be included if they are relevant to our demographic and are of a non-profit making nature. The inclusion this month of the information about Wychavon's music workshops for those living with dementia and their carers fits this latter category. If you are involved with a local charity and want to let others know about an event relevant to other U3A members, by all means let our newsletter editor Sandra Chapman know sandrafairways@gmail.com. Sandra may not be able to publish everything that comes through but she will always do her best.

I was recently tackled about an apparent lack of phone numbers for our U3A committee members. Data Protection brings many challenges! It will be discussed at our May committee meeting. For now, by all means use my home number if you need to contact us by phone and I will ensure the query is passed on or dealt with: 01386 642422.

Wednesday June 5th at 2 pm is a key 'save the date' for all you music lovers. Our many and varied U3A music groups will be giving a free concert at the Baptist Church on Broad Street lasting for an hour or so. Having seen many of them perform at our October 2018 Open Morning, I know we are in for a treat. Do come along if you can! It will mean a lot to them if we can fill the church with supporters.

And finally – we are still looking for someone with an interest in maths or accounts to volunteer to be our treasurer. Mike Ainley is kindly covering the role at the moment but it is not fair that he should continue to do this alongside his considerable duties as membership secretary. You don't have to be an accountant. If you are willing to use spreadsheets, deal with petty cash and manage payments by cheque and by BACS, please contact either me or Mike for an informal chat. We are just as likely to find ourselves a new treasurer amongst our new members as we are amongst our existing members so please don't be shy!

Jill

Jill Wilson, Chair

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Speakers at our forthcoming Monthly Meetings

Venue: Number 8,
High Street, Pershore WR10 1BG
(in the auditorium)
Time: 2pm Entry: free

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after the meeting at no cost.



Tuesday 21 May 2019

'The historical background to nursery rhymes' by Terry Penny

Nursery Rhymes only acquired that name in the early part of the 19th Century. They were never intended purely for children. Some of the Rhymes recorded historical events (Elizabeth I visiting Banbury Cross, Patience Muffet being scared by a spider). Others were used to spread subversive messages (The rhyme that helped to start the Peasants' Revolt in 1381). Some rhymes told of the way in which people lived (17th century invention of rhyming slang as in Pop Goes the Weasel) and others could result in your death.



Tuesday 18 June 2019

'Through the garden gate' by Adrian James

Adrian is a regular & popular speaker to groups & societies throughout Worcestershire and the surrounding counties. He is based in Offenham and is a keen gardener, opening his garden to the public on selected days.

Through the garden gate features five gardens built around extraordinary and defining Features: Kensington Roof Gardens in London the Abbey Garden at Malmesbury in Wiltshire, Longstock Park Water Garden near Stockbridge in Hampshire, Kilver Court at Shepton Mallett in Somerset and the Eden Project near St Austell in Cornwall.



(Please note this is one week earlier than usual because Number 8 is not available on 16 July)

Tuesday 9 July 2019

The Archaeology and History of Bredon Hill by Deborah Overton

July sees the return of Deborah, the retired Worcestershire archaeologist from Pensham who last spoke to us about rabbits and rabbit warrens, to talk about her favourite subject, Bredon Hill.

With Bredon looming over the town to the south and being such an integral extended part of Pershore, it promises to be a fascinating talk.



Monthly Meeting Report

The Retreat from Mons – A personal journey by John Greenwood

Our speaker for April was our own John Greenwood who gave an interesting talk with an illuminating slide show...his subject was reflections on the British Army "Retreat from Mons"



My inspiration was that I wanted to connect, in my own way, with our chaps of a hundred years before, so I want to show pictures and film of what they went through, contrasted to what the places are like today and what it was like for me to move through that country"

Being close to the one hundred anniversary of Mons John spoke about his early childhood days living in the Black Country and through his family connections moving towards the first world war. John was a member of the Territorial Army and developed a profound interest in the retreat of the British Forces during a period of 23rd August to September 5th 1914 from Mons.

He made it a personal mission to walk the route of the withdrawal from Mons, John described in detail the makeup of a typical soldiers kit of that period including the uniform worn, boots, water bottle, ammunition carrier, rifle and last but not least the pay book which was the means of identity for all soldiers; interestingly in the back of the book was a last will request.

As John made his walk in full uniform, he thought of the sheer size of the operation the huge guns with a range of 6000 yards, the digging of the trenches and the use of thousands of horses including many from Argentina also the dogs used to pull the machine guns.

Overall command was in the hands of John French and one of the many controversial instructions of the time stated no bodies could be brought home to Blighty, they were to be buried in graveyards all over Europe.

John's talk was both interesting and a sad reflection of the ravages of the first world war for both the brave men who gave their lives in and the brave women and their families who remained at home.

Glen Powell

Pershore and District U3A Logo

Your opportunity to create a "NEW LOGO ", especially for our Pershore U3A.

With your help and all the creative talent within Pershore U3A we would like to invite your ideas and any designs you may wish to submit for this important logo.

I feel sure we will receive some really interesting suggestions from our members, please submit your ideas and any copy to me by email: moorsfieldhall@gmail.com before the closing date on June 1st 2019.

There will be a prize for the winning entry.

Thank you for your help and good luck.

Glen Powell Publicity officer

Create a logo
for
Pershore U3A

Events

Musical Concert



Wednesday 5 June 2019, 2pm

at Pershore Baptist Church, Broad Street, Pershore WR10 1AY

Several of the U3A musical groups are planning a joint concert. We are hoping to have contributions from bows and blows, 60's pop singers, pop players, hand bells, U3A singers and the ukulele group.

The Interest Groups

Group News

New Groups - Congratulations to two new Group Leaders.

Recorder Group - Leader: Hazel Woodhead

The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 10am-12noon at a member's home.

Book Group (Literary Group 3) - Leader: Jayne Bostock

The group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2pm-4pm at No 8

If you are interested in joining either of these or any other Pershore U3A Group, please contact Sue Lavery.

Closed Group - The Technology Appreciation Group is now closed.

Wish List for New Groups

Chess

Art Appreciation

Croquet

Patchwork/Quilting

Classic Cars (now recruiting)

Italian Beginners

If you would like to have your name added to any of the items on the Wish List, have any other ideas for Interest Groups or feel you can offer to be a Group Leader please get in touch with Groups' Coordinator. Sue Lavery u3apershoreGroupC@gmail.com or 01386 556892.

New Group recruiting members

Classic Cars Group (pre 1974 cars)

The Group will be open to all classic car and vintage car enthusiasts meeting once a month on the second Wednesday at The Gardeners Arms, Charlton, Pershore WR10 3JZ.



The first proposed meeting will start at 7pm on May 8th. The meetings are just for a drink and a chat with fellow classic car owners and to share details of events in the area. There will be no charge. I would hope to attend all the meetings."

Leader: Robert Heppell

To express your interest please contact Groups' coordinator, Sue Lavery on u3apershoreGroupC@gmail.com or 01386 556892

Cotswold Link U3A – Special Interest Day

The **Cotswold Link** is a network of U3As covering Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. The aims of this network are to further the experience and knowledge between local U3As; to assist with formation and support of new U3As within the Link area; to initiate and support joint activities. The following special interest day is **open to all members**.

Engineering the Future

Thursday 11 July 2019
The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6PN

09.45 Coffee/tea on arrival

10.15 “Powertrains for Vehicles 2025-2050”

Dr Claus Goersmann, Technology Support Manager, Johnson Matthey

Claus will discuss the role of the powertrain in controlling emissions in vehicles currently equipped with internal combustion engines, as advanced emission control options become increasingly available. Expectations for zero emissions are bound in the Paris Accord and individual government targets. He will discuss technology expectations and potential solutions in the timescale 2025 - 2050.

11.30 “From 3D Printing to 4D Printing: To Design, to 3D Print, & to Move”

Professor Moataz Attallah Advanced Materials Processing Laboratory, University of Birmingham

Moataz will give an overview on 3D printing techniques and applications, highlighting the potential of 4D printing in creating a new class of smart engineering products. 3D printing is widely used in a number of sectors, including medicine, space, defence, and engine component manufacture. 4D printing extends this by printing structures out of smart materials, producing structures that change their shape over time.

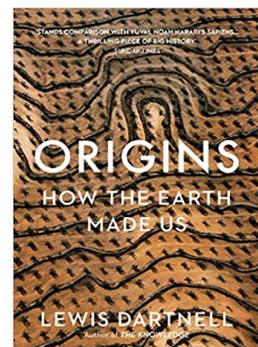
13.00 Lunch

14.15 “Origins – How The Earth Made Us”

Professor Lewis Dartnell Department of Life Sciences, University of Westminster, London

Lewis explains how our evolution has been shaped by that of the earth. He will discuss the point at which the empirical became the scientific, and the web of connections that will help us to meet the challenges of the future. He will be referring to his recently published, much acclaimed book of this title.

15.45 Close



Cost £18 to include attendance, car parking, coffee/tea on arrival and lunch. Deadline for receipt of payment and booking forms is 28 June 2019. Applications will be on first come, first booked basis. **Please return completed forms and cheques made payable to Cotswold Link to: Lynn Glaze, Brook House, Manor Road, Eckington, WR10 3BH**

For anyone wishing to pay direct: Lloyds Bank: 309206, Account Name: Cotswold Link, A/c No: 02375425 – please quote your surname/u3a as reference & please mark booking form, which can be emailed to lynnglaze@gmail.co.uk and advise her that you are paying direct, with other details on the **booking form overleaf**.

Exploring the Future Booking Form

I/We would like to attend the Study Day "Engineering the Future" on Thursday 11 July 2019. (Please complete further sheets if necessary)

Full Name/s

Address

Telephone No..... email

Member(s) ofU3A

Please give your U3A personal membership number/s

Please ✓ Payment by cheque enclosed Payment by bank transfer

[www. u3asites.org.uk/cotswold-link](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/cotswold-link)

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National Summer School

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th August 2019 - Aston University, Birmingham

We are fortunate to have one of this year's summer schools nearby at Aston University, just on the edge of Birmingham city centre. It is a lovely venue with the following courses on offer:

- Art History & Archaeology – Ancient Civilisations of the Americas
- Creative Writing – The Big Novel
- English Poetry - During the Reign of Queen Victoria 1837-1901
- Film - International Films
- Italian - La Bella Italia - Lingua e Cultura
- Linguistics - Child Language Acquisition
- Literature/Philosophy – Irisland
- Music - Jazz – The Sound of Surprise
- Ukulele - Play Ukulele
- Singing - Singing for Pleasure

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/summer-schools> to book your place

External Announcements

Pershore celebrates 40 years of train service to London

There are a series of special events being planned for May and June 2019 to celebrate the fact that it is 40 years since they restored through trains from Pershore to London.



Wednesday 22 May: Public meeting about Pershore rail and bus services at Pershore Town Hall 7pm

Friday 24 May: Historic rail film evening by Michael Clements at Pershore Library, Church St 7.30pm

Sunday 2 June: 40th anniversary celebrations at Pershore train station from 9am.

Music Workshops at Number 8, Art Centre, High St, Pershore WR10 1BG

WYCHAVON Music workshops

Fun music performances and workshops for people living with dementia and their carers



At Number 8 Arts Centre,
High St, Pershore, WR10 1BG



Fun music performances for people living with dementia and their carers.

Wednesday 15 May 1.30 – 2.45pm Reaction Music

Make your own rhythms, play, sing and be creative. The session explores world genres from Latin to African styles and more.

Wednesday 19 June 1.30 – 2.45pm Carol Sampson

Carol will take you down 'Memory Lane' with songs of the 50's, 60's, and 70's.

Wednesday 17 July 1.30 – 2.45pm Ken Elliott Band

Kevin and Kel are in a quirky band and will be performing some of their own original music. You will be in for a treat.

Booking at Number 8 Box Office. Cost £2 to include a drink and biscuit. For more information and leaflet with additional shows contact Jenny 01386 565396

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