



The Sentinel

The newsletter of Balsall Common U3A

Editor Len Tomnie

June 2018.

Talks

On the 7th June the talk is "An Inspector Calls" (a school inspector) by David Howe. "The Life of Beatrice Cadbury" is the talk on the 5th July given by Fiona Joseph. Meetings are held at St. Peters Hall, Holly Lane, Balsall Common and start at 2pm.

Film Group

On the 13th June the film to be shown is; Louis Malle. In 1944, an 18-year old boy from small-town France, collaborates with the Nazi-regime and subsequently falls in love with a Jewish girl.

Films are shown at the Westlake Room at the rear of the Village Hall and start at 1.45pm.

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

Out and About Group

The following Out and About trips have been arranged there is still space for More delegates on all of these visits.

Thursday June 14th 11:00 Middleton Hall and Walled Garden guided tours of each. Cost £12.00 includes tea and biscuits on arrival. Payment will be required by the June 7th Core Meeting.

Thursday 12th July 1:30 pm guided tour of Guys Cliffe House near Warwick cost £8.00. This house mainly in ruins dates back to Saxon times and was the home of Guy of Warwick. Payment will be required by July 5th Core Meeting.

13th September starting at 10:30 is a guided tour of Birmingham Town Hall cost £8.00. Note this is not the Birmingham Council House but the Town Hall built in 1836 as a concert hall. The Hall is also famous for its large pipe organ and has many famous people speak / entertain there. Payment required by the September 6th Core Meeting.

Full details of all these visits can be found on the web site:

<http://www.balsallcommonu3a.org/Out%20and%20About.htm>

There is a limit of participant's on all these tours so please contact Peter Calver email: petercalver@outlook.com telephone 01676 535318 if you wish to be included on any of these tours.

Email Privacy

The Third Age Trust has completed the update of its privacy and data processing policies, and the Balsall Common U3a Committee is in the process of adapting them for our own use, to comply with GDPR.

Further advice regarding email privacy and other issues will follow, but for now please ensure that you follow the procedure below.

When sending an email to a number of recipients, to avoid revealing their names and addresses to the other people in the email, use blind carbon copy (bcc), not carbon copy (cc).

To do this, enter your own email address in the "To" area, click in the "Cc/ Bcc" area, and enter the members' addresses on the "Bcc" line.

Membership Fees 2018/19

The following was agreed at the AGM on 10th May 2018.

Membership Year

To make the membership year January to December.

Membership Fees

The Membership Fee will be **£12.50** for **2019** for all members.

This means:

Existing members - No Renewal Fees due until the end of this year.

New members - Anyone joining after 1st June will pay £6 for the balance of the year.

Richard Drake

Treasurer

A lot of people ask me if I were shipwrecked, and could only have one book, what would it be? I always say 'How to Build a Boat.'

Warwick District U3A - First World War Study trip

Places are still available on a First World War study trip on Sunday 19th to Thursday 23rd August 2018 which is being led by local author Alan Reed, a renowned Western Front guide. All those travelling must be a member of a U3A but not necessarily Warwick District. Highlights of the trip will include visits to the Vimy Memorial, Lochnagar Crater, the Thiepval Memorial, Passchendaele Memorial Museum, and the Last Post Ceremony where a wreath will be laid at the Menin Gate in Ypres. Where possible visits to specific graves or to see names on a memorial can be included.

For full details and costs go to <https://u3asites.org.uk/warwickdistrict/page/77190> or contact Ann Bailey at ann.bailey@care4free.net

Art and Antiques Fair – Birmingham

U3A members are invited to the Art & Antiques For Everyone Summer Fair on 19 – 22 July 2018 at the NEC in Birmingham – the largest vetted art, antiques and interiors fair outside of London.

For complimentary tickets to this event which can be both printed as well as an e-ticket please contact Priya at Priya.khosla@clarionevents.com

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If you know of any member who is in hospital, ill at home or bereaved, please inform a committee member and, if appropriate we will arrange to contact the member.