



# The Sentinel

The newsletter of Balsall Common U3A

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## Talks

“Marie Curie Cancer Care” is the talk on the 4<sup>th</sup> October given by David Brown. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November the talk is “Warwickshire Folk Tales” by Colin King. Talks are held at St. Peters Hall, Holly Lane, Balsall Common and start at 2pm.

## December Core Meeting

Advance notice that the December meeting will be held at the Village Hall in Station Road and not at St. Peters Hall. This is due to the possibility of a by-election being held at St Peters Hall.

## Film Group

On the 10th October “The Full Monty.” Robert Carlyle/ Tom Wilkinson. Six unemployed steel workers form a male striptease act. The women cheer them on to go for “the full monty” - total nudity. The film will be shown in The Westlake Room at the rear of the Village Hall and starts at 1.45pm.

*Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac.*

## Mahjong Taster Session

The mahjong group is offering a FREE taster session for U3A members to try out this fascinating game. No previous experience is necessary and all equipment is provided. The session will take place in The Westlake Room, at the rear of the Village Hall, from 2pm - 4:30pm on Tuesday 9th October. Spaces are limited so contact Sue Simms on [sue\\_simms@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_simms@hotmail.com) to book your place.”

## Petanque

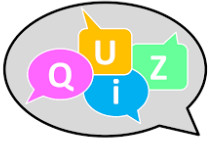
Well done to Balsall Common U3A Petanque group which recently came sixth in their league. A team of ten players competed and they will be trying to move even higher in the league next time.

## New Groups

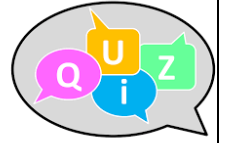
The U3A relies on members running groups, could you organise a new group which is not already covered? Is there a subject you would like to find out more about, help is available from the National U3A and firstly from our Groups Liaison Officer by email at [whitelin@btinternet.com](mailto:whitelin@btinternet.com)

## Kenilworth U3A Open Day

We have received an invitation from Kenilworth U3A for members to visit them on their open day on 4<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00am. to 15.00pm. at Kenilworth Methodist Church, Priory Road, Kenilworth CV8 1LQ.



# Balsall Common U3A



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
6:30 for 7:00pm start  
Balsall Common Village Hall, Station Road

## **Teams of 6**

(come as a team or join a table on the night)  
Open to all U3A members

## **Cost £5:00 per person**

**(by cheque payable to Balsall Common U3A)**

This includes a light supper of baked potato  
with a choice of baked beans, cheese and coleslaw

Please reserve your place early, as numbers are limited  
to sixty, by contacting Margaret Burleigh  
secretary@balsallcommonu3a.org ☎ 01676 533762  
or at the core meetings in October or November.

N.B. The final date for payment is 1<sup>st</sup> November.  
**No refunds will be made after that date.**

Those attending are requested to bring their own  
drinks/glasses/nibbles etc.

Paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided.

Please help by taking away your own rubbish.

### **Out and About**

Wednesday 31 st October we have a tour of the BBC Studios, Mailbox Birmingham starting at 12:45 pm all places have now been taken if you wish to go on a reserve list please contact Peter Calver. Cost is £9.00 Payment for this tour and should be made by the October Core Meeting.

Thursday 8th November is the last tour for 2018; this is to the Coventry and Solihull Waste Reduction Unit, London Road Coventry. Tour starts at 10:30. There are only 3 places still available for this trip. Participants must not have a fear of heights and should be aware that inside the facility it will be hot and dusty. There is no charge for this visit. If you want to take any of the spare places on the latter tour please email Peter Calver – petercalver@outlook.com. Cheques for the BBC Studios Tour should be made payable to Balsall Common U3A

*Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and I thought to myself, where the heck is the ceiling?*

### **Three Month Diary**

The three month diary up to the end of the year is attached to this email as a separate file, our thanks to Martin Richards for compiling this.

**Amazon** Do you purchase items from Amazon? If you access Amazon by clicking on the icon on the home page of our website Balsall Common U3A will benefit by up to 6% of the cost of your purchase at no additional cost to the purchaser.

*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.*