



## MONTHLY BULLETIN JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year to all our members. As 2019 begins we have plenty to celebrate here at Towcester U3A. Our membership is increasing, our monthly meetings are well attended and our interest groups continue to grow and flourish. 2018 was indeed a good year and I hope you all benefitted from being a member.

### Monthly meetings

Today January 30th we welcome Ian Keable talking about James Gillray "The First Ever Political Cartoonist".

On February 27th our speaker will be Steven E. Bruce "Buying and Selling at Auction" Steven has told me that as part of his talk he is happy for members to bring along any items for discussion and evaluation.

On March 27th David Skillern will present "The Bentley Boys - The Playboy Racers".

### Out and About with Towcester U3A

A very successful visit to Blenheim took place in December. I hope to have an account of the visit together with photographs in the next edition of The Tuba which is out at the end of next month.

Following on from the success of the Blenheim visit Jeanette Waite has now organised a further day out for Towcester U3A members. This being a coach trip to Lincoln on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2019. The coach will depart from Northampton Road Towcester (near the Forum) at 9 am. Returning from Lincoln at 4pm.

This is a "do it yourself day", nothing planned but hopefully members will be dropped off at the Cathedral Quarter. Apparently it is a very steep approach to that area. If that is not possible, buses are available from the City centre to take you up to the Cathedral and down again into the City.

The cost will be £12 per passenger. Cheques should be made payable to Towcester U3A, with passenger names, membership numbers, your e-mail address, phone number and ICE details to Jeanette Waite. Jeanette will be taking bookings at the monthly meeting.

If you are unable to get to the meeting they can be posted to 12 Hawthorn Drive Towcester NN12 7AE

### News From The Groups

#### Garden Visits

A full programme of visits for 2019 will be published in The Tuba.

The first 3 visits will be available to book at the monthly meeting on January 30th They are :-

SNOWDROPS Welford Park Newbury Thursday 21st February. Then on to Yarnton Garden centre and Shopping Village for lunch Cost £12 coach plus £6 entry to Welford. This includes tea and coffee. Total £18 Cheques payable to Towcester U3A please.

Wednesday 13th March Kew Gardens Cost TBA. Coach TBA.

Wednesday 10th April Wisley. Cost Nil free entry for all! Coach TBA due to extra cost for using M25 circle. Cost will be announced at the February meeting.

**Members on garden visits must have valid U3A membership.** For further details please see Carole Hunt at the monthly meeting or ring 01327 352564

## Science For All

The group has been unable to book the usual room at the library for 2019. Therefore, the next 3 meetings will be at SNVB South Northamptonshire Volunteer Bureau which is where the group used to meet before moving to the library. This applies to February, March and April. After that it is hoped to use the Sawpits Centre. At the moment there is no AV equipment there but this may change after April.

Thursday 7th February Talk by Anne Webb "My Time at Beechams- Inventing Aquafresh"

Thursday 7th March Discussion New Materials Graphene. High Temperature ceramics. Sustainable materials.

Thursday 4th April Talk by Glynis Drinkwater "The History of Maths"

**The full programme for the year will be published in The Tuba.**

**London Explorers Group 1** meets on the second Thursday of the month and spends the day In London visiting various place of interest you might not have been to before. We also do guided London Walks on a theme (about an hour and a half gentle stroll). We have spaces to take on new members so if you are interested in joining the group please contact Mike Isherwood mikeish@hotmail.co.uk. who can give you further information.

Here is the programme for the next 3 months

14th February 2019 A tour of the Royal Institution and the Faraday Museum.

14th March 2019 Carlyle's House and the National Army Museum

11th April 2019 Leighton House Museum

**Theatre Group** There is already a lot of interest in "We Will Rock You" in March 2020 so if you are interested make sure you put your name down. Marion is always keen to hear from members as to which shows they would like her to book Musicals/Thrillers/Comedies? e-mail marionjollywilson@hotmail.com 01604 864254

**Photography Group** Examples of photos submitted for the 2018 Versatility challenge will appear in the Tuba. Thanks to all who have sent their photos. They are amazing!!

**The Chess Group** is keen to welcome new members of all levels. If you are interested contact Steve Maclean fruitbog@outlook.com

**Boys Toys.** Due to the closure of The Bull this group will now meet at the White Horse at Silverstone.

## New Groups

**English Legal System** This is a 12 session course held on the last Friday of the month. It covers how our legal system works and how our laws are made and put into practice. Alongside this, the group will visit courts to see the law in action. Contact Anne Webb anne.webb@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07745673870

The **new Creative Writing Group** is going great guns [that is probably not a good example of the quality that is being written!] If you have a way with words or simply like to stretch yourself please find out more about this group by contact anne.webb@yahoo.co.uk Tel 07745673870

**Mah-jong 3** meet in the library at the Forum on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 2pm to 4pm. If you are interested contact Lyn 01327 359645

## Quiz

**The next Quiz is on Monday 11th February at 2pm in the Town Hall.** Do come along and have a fun filled afternoon. Even if you don't like quizzes it's a good way to meet people. You don't need to come as a team just turn up and join in. Refreshments are provided. Phone Anne Webb 07745673870 email anne.webb@yahoo.co.uk

The Towcester Mayor's Ball, a fundraising event in support of the Mayor's charities, is to be held on Saturday 4th May 2019 at the Towcestrians Rugby Football Ground. The Mayor and Mayoress of Towcester Peter and Jonna Conquest are Towcester U3A members. More information can be obtained from [enquiries@towcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@towcester-tc.gov.uk)

The next edition of the Tuba will be published in February. May I have any items for publication as soon as possible.

Don't forget you can keep up to date with all that is happening by visiting our website [www.towcesteru3a.co.uk](http://www.towcesteru3a.co.uk) or Facebook page.

Thank you, Carol.