



## MONTHLY BULLETIN MAY 2019

The AGM will be upon us as this May bulletin is published. If all goes to plan we will have a new committee which will meet for the first time at the beginning of June. Some members of the present committee will be standing down and again I will publish all this information in the new Tuba in June. Not only will we be looking back but we will be looking forward to the year ahead! We have some exciting speakers visiting Towcester and we will, of course, be planning our 10th Birthday celebrations.

### Monthly meeting

**Today May 29th following the AGM** our speaker will be Richard Carter with his presentation about the National Leather Collection.

**On June 26th** we will have an introduction to the glass artist Derek Hunt. Derek is a renowned British Glass Artist. He designs glass artwork for public spaces including libraries, schools, hospitals, theatres and churches.

**On July 31st** we welcome Geoff Lambert with his presentation “My Dog’s Nose Knows“ about Medical Detection Dogs. Geoff hopes to bring a dog to interact with the audience but not to detect illness.

### Membership Re-newal.

A reminder that it is now time to re-new your U3A membership. If you do not re-new it you will no longer be able to take part in group activities or attend monthly meetings. You can re-new at the monthly meeting or by downloading and completing the Membership Renewal Form on the documents page of our website. You will also find our guide to on line re-newel.

### Coach Trip - Tuesday June 25th Litchfield.

The coach trip planned for June 25<sup>th</sup> **will NOT now go ahead** as there was insufficient interest on that particular date.

### Group News

#### Next two outings for London Explorers 1.

13<sup>th</sup> June

London Walks “Past The Palace”

11<sup>th</sup> July

Tate Britain

### Photography Group

April saw the photography group having their annual DRT session. What does DRT stand for? Dining Room Table!

It’s time to play! The results can be seen in the next edition of the Tuba!

### New Groups

#### Poetry Appreciation 2 has been re-named. The group is to be called Alternative Poetry.

This group will be different as it is including Hymns and Pop song lyrics. The subjects will be varied, for example the first month’s subject is Railways. Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month (first meeting June 28th 2019) at member’s house in Syresham between 10.30am and 12 noon.

Please contact Eileen for further details [eandgd17@gmail.com](mailto:eandgd17@gmail.com)

## Conversational Spanish

Are you interested in speaking Spanish? Kety Hodge wishes to start a Conversational Spanish Group. Anyone wishing to join this group or would like more information can contact Kety on 01327 340550.

## Garden Visits Update

Please note a payment date is now required for Garden Visits. Money to be paid by the date shown

Peter Beale's Roses and Bury St Edmund. Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June £14pp Leaves 8.00am.	<b>Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> Last Day for payment</b>
Bowood House and Gardens. Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July £27.25pp Leaves 8.30am.	Payment by 19 <sup>th</sup> June.
Kentwell House and Gardens. Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August £23.30pp Leaves 8.30am.	Payment by 26 <sup>th</sup> June.

**Please** see Carole at the monthly meeting or call 01327 352564. All cheques payable to Towcester U3A. All members must have valid U3A membership card. May 2020.

**The next New Members Meeting** will be on Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sawpits Centre 10.30 am. It is always a pleasure to welcome our new members to this meeting. It gives them an opportunity to find out about our groups and meetings etc. It is also an opportunity for us to get to know our new members, who very often bring new skills and ideas to the U3A.

**On Tuesday July 2nd at the Sawpits Centre** at 11.30am there will be a **SCAM AWARENESS PRESENTATION**. Pamela Hayton is a Community Banker for NatWest and part of her role involves delivering "Friends Against Scam" to educate as many people as possible to prevent them from being a victim of a scam. The presentation lasts approximately 45 minutes and Pamela will allow time for questions at the end. **This is a free service and the meeting is open to all our members.**

## WANTED

If you are upgrading your TV perhaps you could consider donating your old one to us. The groups who need the Sawpits Centre need a screen so they can view presentations photos etc. As there are no curtains a projector is not really ideal.

## We are nearly 10!

Next year will be our 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We are members of a popular U3A with a continually growing membership. The success of our U3A reflects both the opportunities it provides for us to learn, exercise and socialise and the self help nature of the U3A. I think we are justified in celebrating what Towcester U3A has become over the last 10 years.

Some of you have been members since it began, others for a much shorter time. Please seek out your old photos and prepare to record your memories in preparation for next year. Meanwhile we cannot rest on our laurels. As we start a new U3A year we know that we need to develop alongside our membership growth. We have much to look forward to! Carol



