

TARPORLEY & DISTRICT U3A NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019 – No 22

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THE LIKELIHOOD THAT ELECTIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WILL BE HELD ON MAY 23RD MEANS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR OUR REGULAR MAY MEETING THAT MORNING. OTHER PREMISES IN THE AREA ARE SIMILARLY AFFECTED SO WE CANNOT BOOK AN ALTERNATIVE VENUE. THE MEETING WILL THEREFORE BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ONE WEEK LATER ON MAY 30TH. OUR APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE, WHICH IS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

Our NEXT GENERAL MEETING is on THURSDAY 25TH APRIL at 10:00am in Tarporley Community Centre. This month we will be hearing about the Restoration of the Tug Boat, Daniel Adamson.

Stuart Wood who talks on Radio Merseyside on Saturday mornings and Dave Pickup are coming to talk to us about The Danny. The Danny is a small but extremely powerful canal



tug built in 1903. In 1936, now the property of the Manchester Ship Canal, she became the official director's launch and was refitted in the Art Deco style but by 1984 she was withdrawn from service and by 2004 was earmarked for scrap. The presentation deals with maritime and social history and the saving of this remarkable tug by a team of committed volunteers.

MONTHLY MEETINGS – 2019 PROGRAMME of SPEAKERS

25 April	Restoration of the Daniel Adamson Tug Boat	Stuart Wood
30 May	Joyce Grenfell	Jean Finney
27 June AGM	Story of fine book bindings	Dominic Riley
25 July	The History of Soap Making	Diana Leitch
22 August	The Mainwarings and Peover Hall	David Young
26 September	20 Years as a Radio Newsreader	Victoria Meakin
24 October	History of ARIGHI BIANCHI	Messrs. Bianchi
28 November	Fiji – The Way the World should be?	Sue Hardacre

IF YOU KNOW OF GOOD – (i.e ENTERTAINING) – SPEAKERS please let Ann Schuberth know.

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ASHTON SINGS

On Saturday March 30th a large audience of members, family and friends gathered to enjoy a concert by Ashton Sings – and others. There was a wide range of songs performed: some very familiar, some less so and some not at all. *May You See Diamonds* and *Hine and Hine*

were both very moving and *There's a Guy down the Chip Shop swears he's Elvis* was hilarious. We also heard some fine Instrumental playing on keyboard, saxophone and SAW! Quite an experience to hear *Edelweiss* on the musical saw!



We also saw several comic items from Bill Harrison and Edward Baskerville. We were treated to Joyce Grenfell's *Nursery School Storytime* and some *Wonderful Church bulletins*. None of us who saw Edward's *The Lion and Albert* will ever forget the experience – or the moustache. It was a thoroughly entertaining evening with much fun and laughter. The Ashton Sings Choir raised £150 for Tarporley Hospital.

Unlikely as it may seem, this really is our chairman Edward!

Still time to book for a trip on Wednesday 15th May 2019 to Bodnant

Cost: £12 Coach + Entry: National Trust members free, non-members £12.60

On Wednesday 15th, we plan to go to Bodnant Garden (near Llandudno) with its wonderful spring magnolias and rhododendrons. We have timed our visit to coincide with one of the most spectacular sights in North Wales – **the flowering of the Laburnum Tunnel**. To book your place, print (or copy out) the booking slip below and bring it – with your **cheque for either £12 or £24.60-** to the booking table at the next general meeting

U3A TRIP to BODNANT on 15th May 2019

NAME/S:

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER:

PICK-UP POINT: Red Fox Bus Stop at 09.30am or Tarporley Community Centre at 09.40am
(please delete as necessary)

Cost: £12 NT Members or £24.60 non Members *(please delete as necessary)*

**I AM / AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TRUST
I HAVE READ & UNDERSTOOD THE GUIDANCE FOR TRIPS**

Signed

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Booking number/s please leave blank

What a busy U3A we are!

We have recently carried out a breakdown **of our use of Tarporley Community Centre** to support TCC's grant application for essential repairs.

Breakdown of U3A numbers that regularly use TCC

Weekly -	2 groups with approx. 18 members per group	144 attendees monthly
Bi-monthly -	5 groups with approx. 8 members per group	80 attendees monthly
Monthly -	13 groups with approx. 10 members per group	130 attendees per month
Monthly General meeting		125 attendees per month
Committee meeting		10 attendees per month (Ave)
Total monthly attendees		490 attendees per month
Annual attendance (10 months)		4900 per annum
Ad hoc functions		250 attendees per annum
Approx. total annual attendance		5150

ROTARY FILM SHOWS AT TARPORLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

April 19 - Mary Poppins Returns. (U) (3.30 pm)

Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.

May 17 - The Favourite. (15)

In early 18th century England, a frail Queen Anne occupies the throne and her close friend, Lady Sarah, governs the country in her stead. When a new servant, Abigail, arrives, her charm endears her to Sarah.

INTEREST GROUPS

Italian

We are progressing well without putting any members off learning, in a very friendly and relaxed environment.

A new beginners group could be an option if enough interest is shown! Please come along; we meet every first and third Tuesday of the month in the Tarporley Community Centre.

Arrivederci!!! Enrico Longoni Group Convenor

Dog Walkers

This group was formed around 12 months ago, and so far we have enjoyed a monthly walk on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our walks are obviously on dog friendly terrain, and are typically between 3 and 6 miles, often with a refreshment opportunity, either during or at the end of the walk.

The group is an extremely friendly one (dogs and humans!), and although numbers need to be restricted, we currently have vacancies for a couple more to join. If you, or any U3A member you know, are interested, then please contact the group's leader Mike Walker, either by email at michaelwalker1@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone on 01829 781703.

Art Appreciation

Earlier this month 18 members of the Art Appreciation Group enjoyed a visit to the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool to see *Charles Rennie Mackintosh: Making The Glasgow Style*. Glasgow was the birthplace of the only Art Nouveau movement in the UK with its style and design spreading all over the world. The exhibition included more than 250 objects by Rennie Mackintosh and his contemporaries from private and public collections, including brilliant displays of furniture, ceramics, stained glass, metalwork, embroidery, architectural drawings, books and interiors.



We also took advantage of an opportunity to see the small exhibition of Leonardo da Vinci drawings, currently on loan from the Royal Collection and were bowled over by the detail of the works on display.

Later in the year some of us are going to spend a few days in Glasgow to see the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh for ourselves.

Theatre Studies Group

We continue to enjoy our theatregoing and since the last newsletter have been to Storyhouse Chester to see *Wise Children*. This was a touring production by the new *Wise Children* theatre company formed by Emma Rice, formerly of *Kneehigh* and *Shakespeare's Globe*. We have been to several of her productions and they are completely different from anything else we see. This one was based on Angela Carter's final novel of the same name and was loved by most, though not all of us! Filled with music and showgirls, references to Shakespeare, fun, pathos, confusion and secrets, it could only be described as a glorious riot of entertainment. I look forward to our follow up meeting when we all get to discuss the production and express our opinions. We have three live cinema broadcasts lined up in the near future and a trip to The Swan Theatre at Stratford upon Avon to see *The Provoked Wife*, starring Caroline Quentin.

Closer to home, one of our members is involved with **Cheshire Rural Touring Arts**, an organisation which brings the arts to rural areas, and, outside the theatre group programme, some of us have seen several small professional touring productions at Tarvin Community Centre. There is a one man children's show coming on 10th May, which some of you might like to consider for entertaining grandchildren. Tickets are available from Tarvin Post Office or online at the Cheshire Rural Touring Arts website at: www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk where you can find further details.