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December 2018 Newsletter Melton Mowbray U3A

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At the meeting this month on Thursday 20th December 2018

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| Speaker | No Speaker -It's the Christmas Entertainment! Hurrah! |
| Display | No display this month |
| Catering | Vera Mowbray, Francis Waite, Collette Marshall, Eunice Fletcher, Pat Fisher and Sue Pymm |

General Notices

CHRISTMAS MEETING BUFFET

Once again, we are asking you to bring along a plate of food to the Christmas meeting after the entertainment on 20th December. This always goes down well every year and somehow, we always get a good balance of sweet and savoury.

What ever you bring along will be gratefully received.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019

It's that time of the year when we ask you to renew your membership. I have attached a renewal form to this email (the right one this time!) so please fill in the form together with a cheque for the correct amount and send this or give it to Bill Shaw the membership secretary at the monthly meeting. Thank you.



Group Activities



GROUPS NEWS

Our annual "Meet the Groups" event will again replace the January monthly meeting. This event is usually the best attended meeting of the year and attracts many new and prospective members so everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated. We hope that all

groups will be represented and suggest that a rotation of group members man the stand so that everyone gets a chance to see what other groups are doing.

Any groups with special needs, e.g. bigger tables, power points, screens etc should email the groups coordinator as resources will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please also notify any changes to group leaders contact details as we will be printing our annual batch of groups list prior to the event

Christine Bluett (Groups Co-ordinator) email: groups@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

AMERICAN STUDIES

Please note there will be no meeting in December

The next meeting will be at 2:30pm on Thursday 17 January at Tescos – new members are very welcome

Subject: Bring your own topic

Contact: Chris Lawman

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

Meetings of the group:

5th December Glyn 2nd January Glinka

Contact John Playfer email composer@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

THEATRE GROUP

Sue Skyrme will not be available to be a Group Leader as from January 2019. We thank Sue for her work for the group.

Anne Dyster, whom many of you will know, used to organise the theatre trips, will be coming to join us and we welcome her as a Group Leader.

White Christmas at Curve on 12th December 2018. If anyone has any query, please contact Angela Fielding

Saturday Matinees at the Little Theatre, Leicester

Contact: Lynda

Saturday 26th January – ‘Wait Until Dark’ (Thriller) ***Please collect your tickets from the Theatre Desk.***

Saturday 9th February – ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’ (Heartwarming American Drama) Tickets £12.25 **due now**

The Comedy about a Bank Robbery, Curve, Leicester. Matinee on Wednesday 27th March. Tickets are £28.00 **to be paid by the January meeting** at the latest

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat: Wednesday 5th June, Kilworth House. Tickets are £47.00 per person (to include coach travel) Booking has opened early so please don't leave it too late - a deposit of £30.00 will secure you a seat. Please pay your deposit (or the full amount) **by the end of January**

Matthew Bourne ballet – 'Romeo and Juliet'. Music by Prokofiev. Theatre Royal, Nottingham. **Matinee** performance **Thursday 3rd October** tickets are £30.80 and to be paid for by the **February meeting**

Cats at Kilworth House Theatre on Wednesday, 28th August 2019 for 8:00 p.m. performance. Tickets £39.00 plus transport. Full payment to be made by 1st March 2019. Contact: Angela Fielding

OUTINGS NOTICE

Despite the tube strike on the 7th November we all enjoyed our day in London.

In the outings team we now have three volunteers. We would like one more person to complete our team. If you are interested, please visit the outings desk at the next meeting, or:

Contact Pauline Black or a member of the team.

TAI CHI

Finding Balance classes will start 11th January at the Samworth Centre. Just come along. £2 for U3A members to cover room hire. Please confirm that you would like to attend to peter.finding.balance@gmail.com

HISTORY GROUP

There will be no meeting of the history group in December.

The next meeting will be on the 18th January at Sage Cross Church at 2pm. The speaker will be Jed Jaggard and his subject will be "The Real Dad's Army"

All are welcome. You do not have to belong to the History Group, as long as you are a paid up member of the U3A

**Anne Purvis
Committee member**



Luncheon Groups



LUNCHEON GROUP GK

Our Christmas Lunch will be held at Brooksby Hall, on Thursday December 6th, at 12:30. please arrive by 12:15.

Any problems please contact me



Walking Groups



2ND MONDAY WALKING GROUP. 14th JANUARY 2019

Meet in the village of Hambleton, for a walk along Rutland Water. 10:15 for 10:30 start.

Group Co-ordinator: Geoff Harris

1st THURSDAY WALKING GROUP

Thursday 3rd January 2019, Hambleton peninsular 5 miles.

Optional lunch at the Old Buttercross, Barleythorpe, Oakham.

Walk Leaders: Wendy and Stuart Posnett
Group Co-ordinators: Wendy & Stuart Posnett
walkingthursday1@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

4TH MONDAY WALKING GROUP

There will be no walk in December, but the Annual Skittles Tournament and Buffet Lunch takes place on Monday 17th December, at The Blue Bell at Hoby, commencing at 12 noon. Places should have already have been booked and pre-paid. Any queries please contact Jennifer Gregory.

Group Co-ordinator: Jennifer Gregory
walkingmonday4@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk

3RD WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP JANUARY 16th 2019

The January walk will be at Watermead Country Park on January 16th 2019. Meet at the Hope & Anchor PH, Wanlip Rd, Syston, (LE7 1PD) 10:15 for a 10:30 start

Group Co-ordinator Rob Issitt **walkingwednesday3@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk**



Annual Group Reports



AMERICAN STUDIES GROUP

We are a small group which meets every third Thursday of the month at the Tesco training room at 2.30 pm

Since about a year ago we have changed the format from a set subject to everyone bringing their own topic. This has helped to avoid presentations overlapping

In recent months we have covered a wide (and sometimes surprising) range of matters including those listed below:

The Space Race, Pony Express, history of US art, Charles Lindbergh, US national parks, the Wizard of Oz, Andrew Carnegie, Hawaii, the Lusitania, Eugenics.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, they would be made most welcome.

Contact: Chris Lawman



Final Notices

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE FOR THE JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER:

All the **Bridge Groups** this month.

I don't appear to have any annual reports from the **art** or **beading groups**. If you would still like to put in a report please let me have it by 31st December 2018 for inclusion in the January newsletter. Members do like to read them!

Contributions to the January 2019 newsletter to be received no later than 31st December 2018. Items should be emailed to editor@u3ameltonmowbray.org.uk or posted to 28 Grantwood Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1SB

CATERING GROUP FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING ON 17th January 2019 at the **Baptist Church: Margaret Thompson; Lynette Wareing; Sue Wait; Vera Mowbray and Barbara Guntrip.**

OUR U3A CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to everyone in the five language groups who made decorations to go on our Christmas tree in St. Mary's Christmas Tree Festival.

Jackie McMillan

