

Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope you are keeping safe and trust that the following news items are helpful and of interest to you:

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Saffron Walden u3a will be held on Monday 6 September 2021 at 2.30 pm and, due to the uncertainty regarding Covid-19 restrictions, the Committee has decided this will be via the Zoom link.

In order to comply with Third Age Trust guidelines, we shall commence with an Extraordinary General Meeting in order to amend our existing Constitution, which will allow us to conduct meetings by electronic means.

This will be followed immediately by the AGM and the **full Notice is detailed overleaf.**

We do hope that as many of you as possible will attend this meeting and, to tempt you, **we have invited Brad Ashton, an ex-comedy script writer, who will give a talk entitled "My Own Comedy Favourites". Some of you will remember his previous talk held earlier in the year, which proved extremely popular.**

Our meeting will start promptly at 2.30 pm and we would ask you to log on after 2.15 pm using the link in the newsletter emailed to members on 4th August.

We will try to keep the meeting as brief as possible and then we can enjoy Brad's talk after about 20 minutes.

Membership Renewal

Because our AGM will be held via Zoom, with no face-to-face opportunity to renew your membership, **we are having a membership renewal session on Tuesday 7th September at the Saffron Walden Band Stand in Jubilee Gardens between 10am and 12 noon.**

If you would like to renew your membership at this session please bring your completed renewal form, your old membership card and a cheque for £10.00 made payable to the Saffron Walden u3a.

u3a Pop-up Day

On Tuesday 7th September, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm, there will be a table in Jubilee Gardens with information about u3a activities and groups, and with an opportunity to renew your subscription for 2021/22 between 10 am and 12 noon. The ukulele group will be providing some entertainment, and we hope to see you there even if only to say hello.

This will be a lovely way to re-engage with our u3a, chat to friends old and new, and find out if there are any groups you would like to join.

We will not be signing people up for groups, you will need to contact the appropriate coordinator to find out details and availability.

And this is the perfect time to consider whether you have a skill or interest you can share with u3a members. We've all had 16 months of being mostly at home, so I imagine you've learned some new things, developed some new skills, found some new interests - how about sharing them.

I will be pleased to talk you through the process.

Mary Curtis (Activities Organiser)

Luncheon Club

We hope to resurrect the luncheon club in September if there is sufficient interest. The club is an informal social meeting of members monthly in different pubs and restaurants around the district.

If you are interested could you please contact Peter Cowper, Coordinator, on 01799 527161 or 07939 317174 or email petercowper@btinternet.com.

Theatre & Travel

The next T&T outing is to Mannington Hall in Norfolk on 30th September. Please contact Pam Mugliston on 01799 521697 or email pjmteddybear@btinternet.com

Thursday 9th December 2021: Albert Hall, John Rutter Christmas Celebrations, Matinee. If you're interested please contact Chris Duffy on 01799 520173 or email chrisduffy146@gmail.com

We have the following vacancies for our Eastbourne holiday from 13th to 17th September: 4 single, 1 double and 4 twin rooms - £379 pp. Please contact Jean on 01799 513411 or email little361@btinternet.com

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Saffron Walden u3a will be held via Zoom electronic link Monday 6th September 2021 at 2.30 pm, or at any adjournment thereof.

AGENDA:

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Amendment to existing Clause 14 by the addition of:
 - vi *In exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee may elect to hold the general meeting by electronic means only which must be set out in the notice of the meeting, including an explanation of the exceptional circumstances which require the general meeting to be held by electronic means only.*
For the purpose of this clause 'exceptional circumstances' means circumstances which in the reasonable opinion of the committee render it impossible to hold an effective general meeting in person.
 - vii *If the meeting is to be held solely by electronic means pursuant to clause 14 vi, the place of the meeting shall be deemed to be the charity's registered address.*
 - viii *Proceedings at a general meeting held by electronic means pursuant to clause 14 vi will not be invalidated due to technical issues which prevent members from joining such meeting electronically, so long as a sufficient number of members to form a quorum under clause 16iv is able to join the meeting successfully.*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Saffron Walden u3a will be held via Zoom electronic link Monday 6th September 2021 immediately following the Extraordinary General Meeting, or at any adjournment thereof.

AGENDA:

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous AGM
4. Chairman's report for the year ended 31 July 2021
5. Treasurer's report for the year ended 31 July 2021 and Adoption of Accounts
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner of Accounts
7. Election of the Committee for 2021-2022
 - Under the terms of the Constitution, all the members of the Executive Committee, including those serving as Officers, will retire at the Annual General Meeting.
 - All Officers and Non-officer members of the Executive Committee have a one-year term of office and may serve not more than six terms in the same role.
 - No individual may serve more than a maximum of nine years in any combination of Officer roles or non-Officer member, after which there must be a break of at least one calendar year.
8. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman of the meeting

Only current members are entitled to attend, vote and speak at the Meeting.

Anthony Treglown, Secretary