



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Ash & District

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Newsletter February 2010

Hello again,

As you read this, it is mid-February and here's hoping we have left the worst of the winter weather behind us. January was very interesting, with a week in which only two groups survived the snowy weather. Four intrepid ramblers braved the conditions for a 6 mile walk near Chilworth and two people met to play scrabble. It was very depressing with day by day cancellations. The only bright spot was that everybody I phoned that week was at home. U3Aers are such busy people that I usually end up phoning at least twice before I catch them indoors. I'd like to thank Laurie Castledine for his sterling work with keeping the website updated with information, sometimes updating two or three times a day. It was a great help, Laurie, so thank you on behalf of everyone. One of the casualties of the snowy week was the fire safety talk. I know many people were looking forward to the visit by Farnham Blue Watch but they were very busy that week, so we had to postpone them. We plan to rearrange the talk for later in the spring though. I'd also like to welcome our new members. Hopefully you will feel at home in Ash U3A and enjoy the splendid interest groups we have on offer.

Jane Morgan, Chairman

Communication

One of my missions as chairman is to improve communications within the whole of Ash U3A. Many of you receive this newsletter by email and, as you will know, since the last newsletter we have sent out two emails to everyone with news. The first was to confirm the fire safety talk and the second was to cancel it. With the email was a request to pass on the information to any friends who are not emailers. So, if you are a non- emailer reading this and the news about the fireman did not reach you by word of mouth, please would you phone me. If I know who you are I will set up someone to be certain to pass anything on to you in future, so that no-one misses out.

Jane Morgan 01252 311498

Ash U3A Monthly Meetings Spring 2010

March 16th We welcome back Adrian Thomas who gave us such a fascinating and informative talk last year about estate planning, wills and financial affairs. This time he will expand on some of the topics he touched upon during his previous visit.

April 20th is the Photo Competition.

May 18th The talk this month is entitled "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies" and will be given by Martin Lloyd. An afternoon of intrigue appears to be in store.

June 15th Ann Chance will give a talk with the enthralling title of "The Mafia and I conquered Mount Everest."

All of these meetings begin at 2.30 at St Peter's Centre, Ash Street (opposite St Peter's Church).

Photo Competition

The annual photo competition is scheduled for the monthly meeting on April 20th when we will be welcoming back Wendy Flaherty, our judge from last year.

This year there will be three categories and members are invited to submit a maximum of two prints in each category. The prints can be any size up to A4 and should not be framed. Please label the back with your name, membership number and category. Wendy will talk about as many photos as possible and award a prize from each category and an overall first prize. The categories are

1. Shadows
2. The Weather
3. Open - anything you fancy.

Please give your printed photos to any committee member by the end of March. Glyn Morgan has offered to scan in the photos and they will be projected at the meeting while the judge is making her comments. If you are able, please also hand in a CD containing your photos, so that Glyn does not have to scan them all. Happy snapping!

Group News

Scrabble

The Scrabble group is up and running, is meeting regularly and having fun. They have room for two or three more members. If you are interested in joining them on a Monday afternoon, give Anne Hill a ring (01252 687423) or go to the branch website ashu3a.org.uk for more details of meetings.

Gardening in Retirement

We have had a good response to our proposed formation of a Gardening in Retirement group. If you are interested in joining such a group and haven't yet put your name down, please ring Anne Hill (01252 687423) for further information. An inaugural meeting will be held in February and all those who have registered interest will be contacted with details.

Group Leaders' Meeting

A reminder that the first group leaders' meeting of 2010 will be held on Thursday 4th March in the small hall, Ash Centre at 2.00pm. Hope to see you there.

Ramblers Walk in the Snow.

On Thursday 14th January a few hardy Ramblers met for their monthly long walk. Not to be put off by the weather, it was decided to travel by train to Chilworth for the day's walking.

The walk was a 6 mile walk through snow covered fields and woods around the Chilworth area. Although a little hard going in places it was an enjoyable walk, with light refreshments at the local hostelry while waiting for the train home.



Finally

If you read your copy of U3A News carefully, you may have spotted a mention of Ash U3A. Heather from the Family History group has produced some folders of invaluable information for family historians. These have been used and much appreciated by the family history group for a few months now and have now been offered to other branches by Heather. This is a huge undertaking with vast amounts of invaluable data, so many thanks to Heather for all her work.

Ash U3A Spring Programme.

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MOTO 'Members on their own' meet on the last Sunday every month at 1400 MH				

Please Note

The programme attached to this newsletter was correct at the time of printing but things do change constantly so please phone the leader or coordinator before attending a group for the first time.

Victoria Hall Fund Raising

The Victoria Hall in Ash has embarked upon a fund-raising drive to finance improvements to the hall. Their next events are as follows.

Sat March 6th - Murder/Mystery Play - £10 including food, bar available

Sat Apr 10th - Quiz Night - £10 including food, bar available

Sat May 8th - Ash Garden Club is holding a Plant Sale but there will be books, toys, bric a brac etc on sale as well

Thurs May 27th - Beetle Drive - £5 bring your own food and drink

Monthly meeting tea rota

Please remember to sign up for the tea rota at the monthly meetings. Pam Jarman does all the buying and organising - all you have to do is make tea, put biscuits out on plates and smile sweetly. There is even a dishwasher to make the clearing up easy.



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