



BRADFORD ON AVON AND DISTRICT

Around 75 members came to our Christmas lunch in St Margaret's Hall. We enjoyed tasty food, mulled wine, music and the chance to chat amongst ourselves. It was lovely to see and hear so many of our members enjoying the occasion.

And then all of a sudden we are in 2020! We are looking forward to an active year in the U3A and we would like to wish you Good Health, Peace and Happiness.



Our first monthly talk will be on Thursday 9th, 2:30pm at the United Church and we will be welcoming Peter Noble from Bath who will be talking about adventures in the Antarctic.

We have an interesting line up of talks for the next few months including 'Archeological Treasures of Wiltshire' ' I didn't mean to go abroad' and 'The Invasion of England (Magna Carta)

A reminder of one of the key principles of the U3A **THE MUTUAL AID PRINCIPLE**

**All U3As are run by volunteers and without people volunteering for various roles a U3A cannot continue.
WE NEED NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS!**

Please don't ignore this appeal. The committee have been under strength for some time and the situation is now more serious with Eve resigning as Vice Chair. Eve was the last of the original committee who set up our U3A and we thanked her at the Christmas lunch and wished her well for the future.

WE DO NEED A REPLACEMENT!

The main roles of the Vice Chair are to deputise for the Chair at certain times, to attend and offer ideas/advice at a monthly committee meeting and to generally get to know about the U3A. This may seem daunting but we have all started from scratch in our roles and we are a friendly and helpful committee.

SO PLEASE CONSIDER WHETHER YOU COULD TAKE ON THIS ROLE AND RESPOND TO THE CHAIR OR ANY OF THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

ARTS ASSOCIATION COACH OUTINGS CORRECTION

For bookings contact Dalyce on 01225 864159, or email trips@boaarts.org

Tuesday 10 March : coach outing to **OXFORD**, cost £18.00.

Leaves Station car-park 09.15am

A special interest day 'Climate Change and Sustainable Futures' is being organised by Kennet U3A on May 5th and they have been given permission to hold the event in Marlborough College. Please have a look at the agenda and contact me (boau3achair@gmail.com) if you would like more information. I have more details about the speakers, about the venue and parking arrangements and the application form.

PROGRAMME

9:15 Coffee available in Ellis Theatre Foyer

09:30 Welcome Memorial Hall

09:45 Climate Change – is it really real? Penny Tranter, Meteorological Office

Global 'Climate Change' has created global concern. In this presentation we will look at: the causes, projected impacts, possible steps for mitigation and the need for greater understanding of climate change and greater global awareness of the issue.

10:45 Coffee Ellis Theatre Foyer

11:05 Fusion Power. Within our grasp? Robin Stafford Allen formerly Culham Centre for Fusion Energy

The world energy issue will be covered and then I will move on to showing what nuclear fusion is (power generation free from CO₂ and nuclear waste) and how it is being researched using the machines in UK (JET) and the latest machine in France (ITER). I will endeavour to show the progress toward putting fusion generated electricity onto the grid within our lifetime

12:05 Buffet Lunch Adderley Room

13:30 The Circular Carbon Economy Professor Peter Edwards FRS, University of Oxford

Carbon will continue as a necessary component for our energy future – *but* – only with its continued use in a sustainable *and* circular manner. **Our Carbon Economy must therefore become a closed loop, Circular Carbon Economy.** The *Circular Carbon Economy* is the route to a world economy that is both restorative and regenerative

14:30 Societal Perceptions of Climate Change and Support for Low Carbon Lifestyles Dr Katharine Steentjes, University of Cardiff

The challenge set out by international agreements, to keep global warming to below 2°C, will require drastic changes to our lifestyles. This talk will examine current shifts in public perception and look at what motivates behaviour change. The aim being to understand psychological barriers and motivations to embrace low carbon lifestyles on both individual and a societal levels.

15 30 Closing Words; Tea Ellis Theatre Foyer

16:00 Departure

Jean-Pierre Blandin has helped the French Conversation group for some time but has decided to return to France. If anyone knows a French national living in the area who would be interested in assisting at the twice-monthly meetings(2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of the month) please contact Richard Tranter. tranter498@btinternet.com