

CLECKHEATON U3A

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2023

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Welcome to the new year at Cleckheaton U3A. What a difference a year makes! Last autumn we settled in the Town Hall as usual in the hope that the worst of Covid was over, but with no idea of the upheaval that lay ahead of us. However, all our classes are now held in Gomersal Public Hall and many thanks must go to all who have been involved in the move - the committee, tutors and of course the Town Hall staff.

Our total membership is now approaching 350 in the 28 groups.

There are three new winter classes this year: Watercolours Beginners with Carol Clark, Needle Felting with Wendy Fowler and Local History coordinated by Caz Goodwill. Three classes have new coordinators: Ballroom Dancing with Pauline Haynes, Advanced Watercolours with Pat Nicholson and Line Dancing with Gordon Hellawell and Bill Scarlet. Unfortunately, owing to lack of numbers, German Beginners, Music Appreciation, Psychology and Holiday Greek will not run.

CLASS VACANCIES

There are still vacancies in some groups and a list of these can be seen on the website. If you are interested in joining another class, please make arrangements via the website or by phone. If, however, you are unable to continue attending a class, please inform your tutor or a committee member as soon as possible as there may be a waiting list.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

Sometimes classes have to be cancelled either because of severe weather or when something unexpected arises. If it seems your class may be cancelled, please refer to Stop Press on the website or ask a friend to do it for you. By clicking on **Follow** on the website you can be informed automatically whatever the reason. You never know when that may be useful.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In an emergency it could be necessary to leave the Hall quickly to reach our assembly point at the front of the building. **Can you get down the stairs easily and safely without help?** Even if your problem is only temporary, it is vital that we know where assistance would be needed. Please let your tutor know without delay.

If the Hall has to be evacuated, all class members must register in person with their tutor as soon as possible at our assembly point so that everyone is quickly accounted for.

REFRESHMENTS

Although the caretakers set out the refreshments in each room before classes, it is the responsibility of volunteers from each group to clear up.

SUMMER CLASSES

The lunch club continued during the summer and fourteen groups based in the Town Hall enrolled for classes between May and August.

AGM

The AGM followed on from a coffee morning on 20th June. Events of the year were reviewed and members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Chris Moore was a welcome addition to the committee.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

This will take place in Cleckheaton Sports Club on Tuesday 12th December from 2-4pm and is a free event for members. It will include entertainment and refreshments.

Raffle tickets will be sold during the social and the raffle drawn later that afternoon. Since the donation of prizes and the sale of raffle tickets help to keep our costs down, please be as generous as you can. Contributions can be placed in the box in the foyer or handed to any committee member. Large gift bags would also be useful.

SPRING COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on Friday 22nd March from 10am-12noon in Gomersal Public Hall and is an annual event for members and their friends aged fifty and over. It is a pleasant way to round off the winter session and gives the opportunity to the art and craft classes to display their work.

Refreshments will be free, but help with clearing tables and washing up will be appreciated.

WHAT NEXT?

We are always looking for new topics to offer. Have you a special interest which you would like to share with a group? If you would like to discuss this further, please contact us via the website or ring one of the contact numbers below.

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