



University of the Third Age in Bury St Edmunds



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FEBRUARY 2009 UPDATE

NEXT LECTURE AT THE ATHENAEUM — 17th March

The Tale of Beatrix Potter by Mark Mitchells

Mark gave us an excellent lecture on Hadrian's Wall last year and makes a welcome return to present the writer and artist of children's books that remain classics to this day.

A Newsletter in Colour?

There has been some discussion at committee meetings recently about producing the newsletter in colour. Unfortunately, when researching costs, it was found that the newsletter with relatively little colour (i.e. just the front and rear pages) would cost more than double that of our current black & white production. So, the printed newsletter - which is distributed to every member's household - will continue to be in black & white. However, if you have given us your email address, the newsletter sent by email will be available in 'glorious Technicolor' - some of it, at any rate. It can also be seen in this way on our web-site.

TRAVEL GROUP VISIT TO YORK, 13-17 JULY

There are still a few places available for any members of Bury U3A to join the Travel Group 5 day visit to York in July. We shall travel by coach and stay in university student accommodation (half board, single en suite rooms), and visit many interesting places. Total cost is £330 per person.

Please contact Frances Lewis on 01638 713155 for more information.

Care on the Road (Short Course) Update

John Dean, Course Leader and Approved Car Tutor for the local RoSPA Advanced Driving Group, has examined the cost of offering practical experience under the auspices of this Group. They normally require payment for an advanced test upfront as well as a membership subscription. However, John has persuaded the Group to offer a special concession to U3A Members, that of Associate Membership.

For an annual cost of £10 this would give the Associate Member the opportunity to attend all meetings/talks notified in their local newsletter. Driving problems could be discussed with other members who may be able to advise on any issues. Practical help could include the opportunity of a couple of 'on the road' sessions with John to help with resolving problem areas that may have arisen over the years. **If you are interested please contact John on 01284 700172**

U3A Signpost is sent out as a one page email on the first of every month by the U3A Internetwork Group UK and U3A Online Australia to any and all U3A Groups. Members interested can receive the email directly if they contact Tom Holloway at tom@worldu3a.org

The email covers items likely to be of interest to U3A members around the world, such as tips about new software, useful websites and forthcoming events, which have been sent to the editors by other U3A members.

Back issues are available from <http://u3asignpost.pbwiki.com>

Please note there is too much information to publish in the Updates and often in the Newsletters so only a reminder about U3A Signpost will be published in future publications. Bill Gridley

March Newsletter. Last day for submissions to Bill Gridley is **3rd March**, either by
Email: bgr707@waitrose.com or Post: **4 Russet Close, BSE IP32 7HD**

HIGHGROVE VISIT TO PRINCE CHARLES' GARDENS - ATTENTION LUCKY WINNERS!

We have been allotted 15th April for the visit. When I have discussed travel / arrival times with the coach company I will publish exact details and issue tickets.

IMPORTANT. Please note that the date has been moved forward from the original suggestion of early May. Anyone who can't make 15th April, please inform the office ASAP as those on the waiting list can go back in the draw. **Jayne Gilbert 01284 789335**

Garden Group 2

The group is organising a trip for **Wednesday, 3rd June to Kew Gardens** which this year is celebrating its 250th Anniversary. There will be new garden displays and a tree top walk for the adventurous. Anyone interested should contact **Beryl Duncan on 01284 828592.**

WANTED

Study Group Session Leaders for the Suffolk Network Study Day on 10 October 2009. Would you like to lead a group for a 1 ½ hour session in a subject you enjoy? **Please contact David Dougan at the office or Frances Lewis on 01638 713155 for more details.**

Art Group Offer open to all U3A BSE Members

Life Drawing Session with tuition from S. Marsdon to be held at the Hyndman Centre on 10th March from 1.45 - 4.00. Cost £6.00 for non Art Group members.

Please contact Pat Stoten on 01284 810917 for availability.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

In order to save printing & postage costs only one copy of the newsletter is provided for each household. In the past this newsletter has normally been addressed to 'Mr Jones' rather than 'Mr and Mrs Jones' but future newsletters will be addressed to 'Mrs Jones' to balance out the past discriminatory practice!

You may be asking why it is that we don't address them to Mr & Mrs. The reason is that it is far too difficult for the computer to work this out – probably because it was invented by - guess what!

John Child, Membership Secretary

Dates for your Diary 2009

17 th March	Athenaeum Lecture "The Tale of Beatrix Potter" by Mark Mitchells
2 nd April	BBC Television Studios, London W12 - Educational Visit
21 st April	Athenaeum Lecture "Literature and the Garden" by Dr Twigs Way
15 th April	Highgrove Visit to Prince Charles' Gardens
25 th April	Suffolk Network Spring Symposium - CANCELLED
19 th May	Athenaeum Lecture The British Antarctic Survey - its work. by a member of the BAS Team
16 th June	Athenaeum Lecture A Monologue on Monologues by Professor Eric Midwinter - a founder member of the U3A
21 st July	Athenaeum Lecture Wetlands - the RSPB in the Fens by Eleanor Fretwell - from the RSPB Visitor Centre at Lakenheath Fen

Please note that further details are available for the above events on notices on the board at the lecture and will also be published in more detail later.

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