



# University of the Third Age in Bury St Edmunds



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## MAY 2009 UPDATE

**NEXT LECTURE AT THE ATHENAEUM — 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

### **A Monologue on Monologues**

**by**

**Professor Eric Midwinter**

**We are especially pleased to welcome Eric as a founder member of the U3A in Great Britain. A prolific author, he will present one of his favourite subjects - the old stage artistes who performed the great monologues in the Music Halls and elsewhere.**

**FOR THOSE (SEE DATE) WHO GET THIS UPDATE BY EMAIL AND ANYONE ELSE WHO READS.**

**Book Club 1 - Enjoy a good read and discussion.**

Book Club 1 members meet on the third Monday of the month to discuss our varied choices of mainly novels, modern and classic, by writers from a range of nationalities though mainly British.

We gather in St Mary's Church tower, Bury, to exchange views on our choices picked democratically.

There are now vacancies for at least four more people who enjoy a good read, to join us at 10am as described above.

Why not come along on **May 18th** to discuss *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh?.

Interested? Please contact the acting leader, **Susan Sollohub, 13, Capel Close, Troston, IP31 1EP**

Tel. **01359 269574** Email [suesollo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suesollo@yahoo.co.uk)

Susan, who is currently the Acting Group Leader, is looking for a member to take on the role of Group Leader for the new academic year. If you are interested, please contact her - see above.

### **Church Group Visit**

Members of the Bury U3A Church group have enjoyed a visit to St. Mary's Church, Troston, to see its nationally important medieval wall paintings.

The local heritage group very much hopes they will return to enjoy them even more once a three-month conservation project is completed in the summer.

And that invitation, of course, extends to all members of the Bury branch. The Grade 1 listed church is a hidden gem found down a country lane easily accessible from the centre of the village which is seven miles north-east of Bury and three miles north-west of Ixworth.

The conservation team were due to start work in early May and expect to finish by late July.

The background to the wall paintings and the intricate conservation process in progress will be explained by experts on Wednesday, July 15th, and probably Wednesday, July 22nd, at 12.30 pm.

These talks are free but donations towards the appeal would be welcome.

For further information, please contact **Bury U3A member Susan Sollohub, Troston Heritage Appeal Group Secretary on 01359 269574** or at **13, Capel Close, Troston, IP31 1EP**

### **Art in Action - an Educational Visit**

In addition to the many arts and crafts on display and demonstrated by the artists, the gardens at Waterperry are superb and recommended by the RHS whilst the house, with wall murals, etc. can also be visited.

Website: [www.artinaction.org.uk](http://www.artinaction.org.uk). Art in Action is held at Waterperry Gardens, in Oxfordshire. The trip is arranged for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – cost £26 per head.

Transport will be by bus, leaving Ram Meadow at 8:30 am, returning around 7 pm. Please apply to:

**Jayne Gilbert, Meadowsweet Cottage, Stansfield, Suffolk CO10 8LN**

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of tickets.

**June Update.** Last day for submissions to Bill Gridley is **2<sup>nd</sup> June**, either by Email: [bgr707@waitrose.com](mailto:bgr707@waitrose.com) or Post: **4 Russet Close, BSE IP32 7HD**

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## SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2009/2010

At the Annual General Meeting in February, the retiring Committee announced that it should be possible to maintain the subscription rate at £12 for the coming year.

Since then, the organisation has been hit by two large increases of approximately 50 per cent in the cost of hiring the Athenaeum for our monthly lectures and in maintaining our subscription to the Third Age Trust, the national body.

The Committee has examined these proposed increases with great care and has concluded that without an increase in our subscriptions, we would face a deficit in the coming year of £1300 or about £2 a member. That is clearly not tenable.

The Committee has considered carefully whether to withdraw from membership of the Third Age Trust but has concluded that the benefits far outweigh the costs, even at the new level. Equally, the Committee has looked at the possibility of moving lectures to a new venue but has again decided that there is no practical alternative.

With reluctance therefore the Committee has come to the conclusion that the subscription rate for 2009/2010 should be increased to £15. In percentage terms, this is a large rise but in cash, it is an extra £3 a year.

We are still absolutely confident that we are one of the lowest-cost organisations in the town and that we provide excellent value for money.

**David Dougan, Chairman, May 2009**

Please note that subscriptions can be paid on and after the **July Lecture** when the Programmes and Membership cards for 2009/2010 will be available. **Bill Gridley**

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### Liebe Leser und Leserinnen,

Die deutschsprechende Gruppe ( Conversational German) der U3A braucht neue Mitglieder. Haben Sie vielleicht den Wunsch und die Gelegenheit Deutsch mit uns zu sprechen, einmal in der Woche?

Wir suchen auch einen echten Deutschsprechender oder eine Deutschsprechenderin uns zu begleiten, zu helfen und zu ermutigen. Wenn es jemand gibt der diese Rolle spielen wolle dann bitte melden Sie Sich bei uns nämlich

**Michael Green 01284 700 152 / Roger Mangnall 01284 702 502**

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### Hidden Gardens 2009

This annual event - a garden exploration in the heart of Bury St Edmunds' medieval grid - will take place on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009 11am - 5pm.**

Admission by programme, £5 per person, children free. Tickets in advance from the Tourist Office, Angel Hill or the Park Keeper's Office, Abbey Gardens. Tickets on the day from Gazebo on the Angel Hill and from the Tourist Office.

**Horringer Open Gardens.** This event is on **Sunday 7 June between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm.** Around 14 gardens are open (including Anne McCord's in Hawthorn Drive). There are refreshments available, paintings for sale and a plant stall from a local nursery. Admission is by programme, £3.50 per adult from the Community Centre to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

*Although these are not organised by our U3A they have been included as I feel they will be popular with our members* **Bill Gridley**

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## Dates for your Diary 2009

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| <b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Athenaeum Lecture<br/>A Monologue on Monologues<br/>by Professor Eric Midwinter - a founder member of the U3A</b>              |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>'Art in Action' Visit to Waterperry Gardens in Oxfordshire</b>   |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b> | <b>Athenaeum Lecture<br/>Wetlands - the RSPB in the Fens<br/>by Neil Renwick - from the RSPB Visitor Centre at Lakenheath Fen</b> |

***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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