



BOOKHAM AND DISTRICT U3A NEWSLETTER

20 March 2021

Dear Fellow U3A members,

Thank you to everyone who has used the electronic voting process for our Annual General Meeting. As we come into the final few days of voting we have had over 175 members casting their votes and an excellent response from the postal votes from members who do not have internet access. As a result we are Quorate in terms of our Constitution and can proceed as planned on 6th April.

The meeting on 6th April is important and I am confident we will be able to accommodate everyone who wants to take part. I encourage you all to join us as it is an important part of our U3A annual process.

Looking back over the past month, we have had two events. The first was David Williams talking on “Winston Churchill’s most agonizing decision”. We had a full house for a fascinating talk which covered Churchill’s background and evolution into the wartime leader of this country. It was a story told with great authority and I suspect everyone learned something new in the process. As I said after the talk, David is a U3A member, he did not request a fee, and we thank him for the excellence of his talk.

The second talk was by Dr David Jones, from the Natural History Museum, who successfully covered the story of the evolution of life on earth in under an hour. It was a very detailed talk and I came away with two key messages; in terms of the life of our planet homo sapiens have only been here for a tiny length of time, and we are heading for extinction. Hopefully, the latter is a long way off.

Looking forward; **Tuesday 6 April at 2.30pm** is our AGM and monthly talk. Having complete the voting process in advance the AGM should be relatively short, but everyone has the opportunity to submit questions or comments in advance by contacting the Secretary.

This will then be followed by our speaker, **Jim Holmes**, an international photographer talking on ‘**Bowing to Tradition**’. This talk about Japan goes from the northern ‘snow country’ to the southern tropical beaches and includes the way traditionalism meets modernism in this most fascinating of countries. I am really looking forward to this talk and highly recommend it to everyone.

To register for the AGM and this talk please follow this link:

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Our second event for March is on **Tuesday 20th April at 2.30pm**, when we have a magician! Steve Price has been a professional magician for over 15 years and says his main aim is “to entertain and to make people happy”. That seems like a perfect sentiment for our current times. As we are meeting on Zoom there will be no requests for volunteers to join him on stage, but Steve has had rave reviews for his shows to other U3As and we should be in for an entertaining afternoon.

To register for this magic show please follow this link:

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For both talks the Zoom meeting will be open at 2.15 pm for a 2.30pm start.

Thank you for all your support over the past two and a half years, it has been a real privilege to have been your Chairman and I look forward to continuing my relationship with you all as a fellow member of a great U3A.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Roger'.

Some late news:

It is with great sadness that I have to share the news with you that Sheila Pomfret has passed away peacefully.

For many years Sheila was the outings organizer for Bookham and District U3A and many of us have enjoyed her trips, both near and far. I well remember her trips to the theatre in Woking, Richmond, and Chichester – they were always really well organized and great fun. She was also an active member of a number of Interest Groups, including my Wine Appreciation Group and we will raise a glass to her when we next meet.

We remember her with great fondness and our thoughts are with her family at this time.