



The Sentinel

The newsletter of Balsall Common U3A

Editor Len Tomnie

March 2019

Swing Division

On the 7th March our own big band Swing Division will be playing for us at the meeting at St. Peters, Hall Holly Lane, Balsall Common starting at 2pm.

On the 4th April there will be a talk on Caving by Keith Edwards.

Film Group

On the 13th March the film is "Everyone Dies Alone" (Alone in Berlin).

Superior German version of a film released last year; starring Hildegard Knef.

(The soundtrack is in English) When they start losing family members and neighbours due to WWII and the Nazi government's policies, a quiet married couple becomes disillusioned and begin spreading leaflets against the government - a crime punishable by death.

Starting at 1.45 in the Westlake Room at the rear of the Village Hall.

I have opinions of my own -- strong opinions -- but I don't always agree with them. -

Gardening Group

A visit to Ashwood Nurseries and John Massey Garden (Chelsea Gold Medallist) in Kingswinford has been provisionally booked for Monday 20 May and is open to all U3A members. We need a minimum of 25 to take part in the tour of the private garden for which the cost is £6.50. The rest of the day will be at your leisure to spend time in the nurseries, shop and restaurant. Own transport (car-sharing where possible please).

To register your interest please email Laura Eden (g.eden15@btinternet.com) with your name(s), address, email address and phone number. Payment to be made IN CASH PLEASE preferably at the March core meeting but by the 25 March at the latest to 147 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

Membership

As this "Sentinel" goes to press there are still 26 members who have not yet renewed their annual subscription nor made any contact to explain the delay. The annual membership fee was due to be paid by 31 December 2018.

I regret to inform you that if I have not heard from you by 15 March 2019 your membership will be terminated and you will be unable to participate in any group activities.

Richard Drake, Treasurer

Balsall Common U3A Annual General meeting 9 May 2019

Please note that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 2pm, in St.Peter's Hall, Holly Lane, Balsall Common prior to the Core Meeting. Elections will be held and you may nominate any fully paid-up member for a position on the Executive Committee. A pro forma is attached below. Existing committee members are eligible for re-election (except for Lynn Brinkworth who has completed the maximum of 5 years) and the constitution allows for additional members. New committee members are most welcome. Individual roles and responsibilities will be agreed at the first meeting of the new committee, immediately following the AGM.

In addition, any member is entitled to propose a resolution, seconded by another member, for consideration at the AGM. A pro forma is attached below. Nominations for Committee Members and/or proposed resolutions should be sent to me at either of the addresses below by Wednesday, 3rd April.

A formal notice of the AGM, including nominations, previous minutes, resolutions, and Officers' reports, will be sent to all members at least three weeks before the meeting.

Margaret Burleigh (Business Secretary), 8 Burleigh Close, Balsall Common CV7 7NZ date

Email: secretary@balsallcommonu3a.org

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Committee Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Nominee's signature	Proposer's signature	Seconder's signature

Resolution to be proposed:

Proposed by	
Proposer's signature	
Seconded by	
Seconder's signature	

Please complete & return by 3rd April to:

Margaret Burleigh (Business Secretary), 8 Burleigh Close, Balsall Common CV7 7NZ

or secretary@balsallcommonu3a.org

Theatre Group

Two Visits to Talisman Theatre: on Friday 22 March 7 30 pm to see Deckchairs 5 One Act Plays each with 2 female performers. Cost £9 50.

Tickets to be paid for by 4 March.

Also Friday 3 May–Talisman Theatre to see Charles III.

Tickets to be paid for by 4 April.

For enquiries contact Claire Laland on theatre@balsallcommonu3a.org

Out and About Group Visits

There are still places left on the Out and About Events for March and April.

On Thursday 14th March a visit to a new museum in Stratford upon Avon, the MAD museum. No, not mad as in insane but MAD as an acronym for Museum of Art and Design. The MAD Museum is a combination of Heath Robinson, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and Scrapheap Challenge. The weird and wonderful, interactive machines portray clever engineering, inspirational creativity and wit. MAD displays over 90 pieces of Kinetic Art and Automata. The displays are very much hands on allowing you bring the machines to life. Entrance cost is £5.00 each (minimum 10 members maximum 30). You will be expected to make your own way to Stratford or car share. Payment would be appreciated at the March Core Meeting on 7th March.

Thursday 11th April 2019 – Combined guided visits of Lord Leycester Hospital Warwick in the morning (11:00 am) and afternoon (13:30) of Collegiate Church of St Mary in Warwick.

Cost is £8.00 per person. Again participants to make their own way to Warwick

If you are interested in attending either of these events please let me know petercalver@outlook.com or telephone 01676 535318.

People say I act like I don't care. It's not an act.

Balsall Common U3A Website.

The website is a useful source of information on our U3A with items such as details of the activity groups, the core meeting programmes, and you can even read The Sentinel on there. Keep in touch with the U3A by visiting the website on a regular basis. www.balsallcommonu3a.org

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If you know of any member who is in hospital, ill at home or bereaved, please inform a committee member and, if appropriate we will arrange to contact the member.