



# The Sentinel

The newsletter of Balsall Common U3A

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## **Talks**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November the talk is "Warwickshire Folk Tales" by Colin King. The talk on the 6<sup>th</sup> December will be "We Can't Let You Broadcast That" by David Clark. The November talk will be at St. Peters Hall, Holly Lane, Balsall Common. The December talk will be at the Village Hall in Station Road, Balsall Common. Talks start at 2pm.

## **Film Group**

On the 14th November 12 Angry Men. Henry Fonda/ Lee J. Cobb/Martin Balsom. Director Sidney Lumet. A jury holdout attempts to prevent a miscarriage of justice by forcing his colleagues to reconsider the evidence. 1957

*I could agree with you, but then we'd both be wrong*

## **Quiz**

Thank you to those members who have already paid. The final date for payment is November 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the date of the November Core Meeting. After this date, (*or after 6p.m. on this date?*) any unpaid places will be offered to people on the waiting list. If you are paying by post send your cheque to: The U3A Secretary, 8 Burleigh Close, Balsall Common, Coventry CV7 7NZ.

## **Fraud**

The U3A National Newsletter has a link to the Metropolitan Police article on various types of fraud. This is worth having a look at and can be found at [www.met.police.uk/fraud](http://www.met.police.uk/fraud)

## **Free Computer Courses**

Two free computer courses are to be held for U3A members, one for beginners and one for improvers. For more information see:

<http://www.balsallcommonu3a.org/news.htm> or telephone Bob Ireland 0121 745 6471

## **Warning**

If you are going on an Out and About visit by bus you should know about this. Earlier this year National Express rolled out contactless payment on their buses. As a Concessionary pass holder this means that you must remove your bus pass from wallets or purses before touching it on the reader. If you place your whole wallet or purse on the reader you may be accidentally charged for a ticket if you have a contactless bank card.

### **The Craft Group.**

The craft group have made twelve charity boxes which are going to organisations researched by the group. Six will be going to Samaritan Purses for children across the world, the other half are going to Link to Hope for families in Eastern Europe. The boxes contain items made by the group and items that have been donated, and contain items such as games, toys, bags, and scarves.

At their next meeting the group will be making wreaths for Christmas. If you would like to improve your craft skills get in touch with the group co-ordinator Jane Cooper.



### **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](http://www.balsallcommonu3a.org)

*Some people are like clouds. When they go away, it's a brighter day. -*

### **Your Membership Details**

If you change your home address, telephone number, or email address please make sure that you let the membership secretary know at [membership@balsallcommonu3a.org](mailto:membership@balsallcommonu3a.org)

### **To New members of Balsall Common U3A**

A warm welcome to those members who have joined us recently. We are a friendly and sociable group so if there is anything you want to know please ask. Our website ([balsallcommonu3a.org](http://balsallcommonu3a.org)) has information on all our groups and has details of upcoming activities. If you would like to join any interest group contact the group coordinator (the coordinator can be found by clicking on the activity on the left hand side of the website.) For the ramblers group you can just turn up. At our monthly meetings (called core meetings), we have a guest speaker followed by a "cuppa" and a biscuit. Do come along and join in.

*The surest sign that there's intelligent life elsewhere in the universe, is that it has never contacted us.*

**Amazon** Do you purchase items from Amazon? If you access Amazon by clicking on the icon on the home page of our website Balsall Common U3A will benefit by up to 6% of the cost of your purchase at no additional cost to the purchaser.

*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.*