

MORE NEWS AND REQUESTS ABOUT GROUPS

Ambling group

So far there is only one amble scheduled for November, on Thursday 7th November. We would be delighted if leaders for ambles in the second half of November and the first half of December could come forward, please.

Sarah and Peter: Contact details are in the list of groups in the Newsletter.



Bird Group

I have started a bird group. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 11.30 am. Our first trip was a very successful visit to Cheltenham reservoir where we saw, amongst other birds and dragon flies, a family of grebes with two adults in winter plumage and two juveniles.

Future trips:

November 6th Daisy Bank

December 4th Pittville Park

January 1st Slimbridge

Details are in the Groups Notice Board pages in the Newsletter.

Art Appreciation Groups

We usually have a loose theme for our sessions; in recent months these have included 'Fruit and Veg', 'Social Awareness' and 'Approaching Landscape'. Meeting in the sympathetic surrounds of the Art Gallery and Museum (The Wilson), we discuss/argue about illustrations of a wide variety of paintings - some in the Cheltenham collection and others from elsewhere (including the Tate, the Ashmolean and Bristol.) As a result of members asking searching questions about individual artists, we now include half an hour or so exploring a single artist - the latest one being Graham Sutherland.

Feel free to drop in for a taster.

We meet every month: Group A in the afternoon of the second Thursday in the month and Group B in the morning of the second Friday in the month. You can attend either or both.

Dates for the next two months are given below, and can also be found in the Groups Noticeboard pages.

Thursday Nov 14 th :	2 - 3.30
Friday Nov 15 th :	10.30 - 12noon
Thursday Dec 12 th :	2 - 3.30
Friday Dec 13 th :	10.30 - 12noon.



David Addison. Details in the Newsletter.

Walking 2

This will be a second walking group starting in January, very similar to the current walking group. There will be walks on Saturday mornings, hopefully led by volunteers, ending with a pub lunch. As you may know, there is a high demand for places on walks, and I am hoping that if there are more walks available it will become easier to book. Sometimes there may be two walks on the same day! People can belong to both groups and choose the most convenient walks.

I will try to put on a program for January/February and there will be a meeting in January to plan for the rest of the year.



If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Chris Robinson details in the Newsletter.

Motor Sport Group

The newly formed Motor Sport Group is up and running. We are, of course, following the exciting F1 season, and attendance at Castle Combe and Prescott Hill Climb events has already been arranged. Other events, including a visit to the Williams F1 factory, are in prospect. We can now welcome additional members.

If you are interested in joining us, please call Peter Butcher details in the Newsletter.

Writing for Pleasure 3 - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME !

Our group - Writing for Pleasure 3 - meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm at 20 Priory Street, Cheltenham (not far from the town centre). There is visitor parking (£1) in Priory Street, which can be arranged.

We are an easy going group, and flexible. On the fourth Wednesday we read out a prepared piece of writing - either a short story or a poem.

For further information, please contact: Katy Stanley
Details in the Newsletter.

The Tuneless Choir (a.k.a. The Untuned

*Many people have had a desire to sing but for whatever reason have
⇒ to the belief that their voice is tuneless!*



I know that my wife is a prime example of this. When at convent school, she was told by the nuns not to sing but to mime instead. This has severely dented her confidence such that she has always repressed her singing voice. There is actually a pleasing voice there!

*At the recent new members' meeting several people recounted similar stories to me. If you are someone like this, or you just want to sing, then the **Tuneless Choir is for you.***

Our aim is to sing together, just for fun, in a non-judgmental environment to try and find our collective voice. Who knows? We may learn to sing in the process. There are no expectations, no auditions, no necessity to be able to read music and no other requirements except for a nominal fee.

The songs taught will be easily learned 'by ear' but if you need visual memory joggers, words and music will be available. I myself find it hard to learn by ear, but once I have seen the music and sung it, I can easily recall it. We are all different.

There is no waiting list (at the present time) and we shall be meeting from 23rd October on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at 2:00pm in a central Cheltenham location, the Unitarian Church Hall. There is potentially a limit of 35 places but we are just over half that number currently.

I very much hope that you will be able to come along and discover the magic in this interesting venture.

Howard Silvanus-Davis

COMPUTER GROUP

Are you still finding computer technology confusing???

I am very pleased to announce that TECH Connect (part of IT for Africa who are a charity) have a classroom set up and are able to offer **FREE computer help** in how to use a computer or your own computer.

This is held in Unit 4 Mead Road, Leckhampton, GL53 7EF and they can be contacted on 01242 228800. You do need to contact them to arrange a mutually convenient time on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at either 10 – 12 or 2 – 4.

The nearest bus route is the F and get off on the Leckhampton Road at the stop after the Norwood and walk through (about 5 minutes).

This does not alter the fact that we will still have a help desk in the coffee hall at open meetings. You can also contact me if you have

problems with your own computer or smart phone etc., and I will hopefully find a U3A fellow member tutor to assist you.

If you need assistance please Jo Stock details in the Newsletter.

MOTO (Members on their own)

Are you a single member of Cheltenham U3A? Do you sometimes wish you had other people to go to social events with, or just others to chat to on a regular basis? With our MOTO group we aim to put members in touch with each other and to arrange get-togethers and outings.

We have a regular monthly meeting on the first Wednesday from 10.30am at St Matthews Church. Why not come along and find out more? The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th November – see separate advertisement in this Newsletter.

There is going to be a Christmas meal on **Wednesday 15th January 2020** at the Everyman Theatre. They have space for 50 people with a lift to all floors and accessible toilet facilities.

Price £19 for two courses or £23 for three courses, including crackers.

Please contact Marie or Sue for further information, details in the Newsletter.