

# NW U3A NEWS

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### Diary of Events

The **Jodrell event** is proving very popular and it will also be run on a second date, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. The format will be exactly the same as the event on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. In view of the limited number of U3A's who have filled the 25<sup>th</sup> September day, it appears possible that we may even have to try to arrange a third Jodrell event. The 25<sup>th</sup> September date is now completely FULL. An application form for the second event is attached as *Appendix 1*. If you are interested but cannot make this date please let me know.

We have not yet had much response to the **Lancashire Sinfonietta** event organised by Lancs Link. The Sinfonietta are giving public concerts in Lancaster on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct and Preston on 25<sup>th</sup> October at 19.30. In association with this, **U3A Lancashire Link** have organised a session by the Sinfonietta's Principal Oboe Rachael Clegg, who will give a Recital and Talk related to the concert on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct at St Cuthbert's Church Centre, Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston at 14.00**. Please advertise this in your U3A if you are not too far from Preston. The concert has a top class set of soloists and the talk/recital promises to be very good also. Please let John Ellison know asap (01524 733 400 or email) as present numbers are not enough to make the Wed 21<sup>st</sup> event viable.

NWREC has decided on major changes to the **Residential School**. This is now fixed as 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at **Myerscough College, Bilsborrow** just off the A6 between Preston and Garstang instead of the date in July at Newton Rigg, Penrith. The reason for this change is partly the difficulty in arranging a deposit for a school so far in the future as the previous July date, partly finding an alternative and very attractive venue with first rate facilities on a big rural campus with extensive gardens of high quality at a very good price, and partly being able to return to our original idea of having it in the spring well away from the National Summer Schools. The School will start late morning on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April, and run till **after** lunch on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April and this full 3 day school will cost no more than the previously envisaged 2 day one. *In order for us to complete the planning will you please return the form in Appendix 2 asap in order to book a provisional place and make a preliminary selection of study courses.* We have now got a substantial fraction of Tutors fixed and we need to know about interests for some others. Accommodation will be in modern en-suite single rooms very close to a lecture theatre and a suite of study rooms which are very flexible and are fully equipped with facilities for presentations (e.g. power point type).

We are not requesting any money at this stage but we estimate the basic cost for full board (including lunch on both Wed and Sat), morning and afternoon refreshments, the study courses and some evening special talks will be in the region of £180/£200 which is excellent value. A few specific courses (particularly those involving trips) are expected to require a supplement. Day delegates can be accommodated with full board at a significantly lower price.

The planning of the **Study Day at Lancaster** on 4<sup>th</sup> November for actual and potential group

**leaders/coordinators** from U3A's is now more advanced and you need to apply now. This will follow the general format of the ones held in 07 at Alston Hall, and 08 at Bolton. The idea is to have sessions on different topics in small groups in different rooms in parallel for much of the time and have one or two short talks of general interest (probably use of laptops with digital projectors and hints on how to keep groups fresh). Refreshments (morning and afternoon) and lunch will be included and the study day will run from 10.15 till 16.15 at a cost of £12. *An application form is attached as appendix 3.* This should be returned asap and by 5<sup>th</sup> October if at all possible. If it is over booked acceptance will be on a first come first served basis.

**What Liverpool has to offer following its Capital of Culture year 2008**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 2010**

A selection of guided tours and presentations to include the Art Deco Philharmonic Hall and a rehearsal of the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, The Walker Art Gallery with Dr Paul O' Keefe, The Art Collection tour and the History of the Building Tour at the Tate, two presentations at the Maritime Museum, two presentations at the Slavery Museum, St Georges Hall with a talk by Steve Binns MBE, the Liverpool community historian, A Slavery Tour taking in many important locations in the city and a Science walk with a possible visit to the University science museum. The cost is likely to be in the region of £10-£12 per head.

*NW Region AGM with speaker* 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 is the preliminary date. Plan is AGM in the morning followed by Lunch then a speaker. More information soon.

## Reminders of other events

*Penrith Study Days.* Two study days on the period 1900-1914 on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009 and Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010, 10.30am to 4.15pm, cost around £5.00 a day (includes coffee/tea, but not lunch). For further details, please send a stamped and self-addressed envelope (for A5 size pamphlet please) to Robin Acland, Chapelside, Mungrisdale, Penrith CA11 0XR. He will then send full particulars in early September, including how to sign on. Contact him at [racland@enterprise.net](mailto:racland@enterprise.net) or on 017687 79672.

*The Philosopher / Novelist* - a philosophy/literature short course Mondays Nov. 2: 9: 16: 23: 30: Dec 7 10am-12noon Clitheroe Library to explore the relationship between the philosophy and the fiction of, in particular, Iris Murdoch and Jean-Paul Sartre. We shall use a mixture of presentation and discussion. Beginners in philosophy will be welcome. Cost £6 (£1 per session), cheques payable to 'U3A Clitheroe' ) Contact Meg Shaw 01200 426103 [margretshaw@fsmail.net](mailto:margretshaw@fsmail.net), Further details including a preparatory reading list will be sent. Please don't delay as numbers are limited - **and you need time to read!**

## Report of the third NWREC meeting 20.08.09

### News from TAT

Alec McMinn reported on the latest information.

- 1) The Edinburgh conference has got a satisfactory number of bookings (after a very slow start).
- 2) The trust is finding it difficult adapting to the rapid increase in the size of the organisation.
- 3) Submissions and bids under the government white Paper are progressing.
- 4) More efforts are being made to enhance the public profile of the movement.

## Events in the NW

Major changes and developments were discussed. These are reflected in the Diary of Events above.

## Communications

In view of important developments it was agreed that a second Newsletter should be produced immediately.

**We would be very glad if a copy of each of our Newsletters could be posted on each NW U3As website.**

We have not yet got a person to start up our NW U3A website. The idea is to have someone set it up and then for a NWREC member to maintain it. **WE URGENTLY NEED A VOLUNTEER TO SET IT UP FOR US.**

John Ellison

23.08.2009

## NW REGION U3A

### VISIT TO JODRELL BANK OBSERVATORY SECOND DATE

(Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics at The University of Manchester)  
on **2 October 2009** 10.30 till 16.00 including lunch at around 12.00.

Application Form - 2<sup>nd</sup> Date

NAME

ADDRESS

POST CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

YOUR U3A NAME

There are several lunch packages and costs vary between them. Catering is done for our group so we must have exact choices on your form. All packages include free parking, the talk and tours organised for us by Prof Ian Morrison, free access to the visitor centre, free access to the arboretum, a short film presentation on 'Our Sun, What a Star!' in the 3D theatre. Arrival 10.30 or thereabouts. Main talk and guided tour will start about 13.00. Arboretum and general visitor centre attractions and film probably before lunch. Visitor centre closes 16.30/17.00

Please RING the options you select

- A) total cost £13.50. Soup, sandwich, tea/coffee
- B1) total cost £15.00. Vegetarian Lasagne with garlic bread, Chocolate fudge cake, and Tea/Coffee.
- B2) total cost £15.00. Vegetarian Lasagne with garlic bread, Strawberry cheese cake and Tea/Coffee
- C1) total cost £15.00 Chicken Supreme with mushroom sauce, new potatoes & vegetables, Chocolate fudge cake, and Tea/Coffee
- C2) total cost £15.00 Chicken Supreme with mushroom sauce, new potatoes & vegetables, Strawberry cheesecake, and Tea/Coffee

It will probably be possible to arrange a free guided walk round the arboretum if you wish to participate please RING this paragraph.

I enclose a cheque for the appropriate amount payable to **NW Region of U3A's**. Please return this form asap to **John Ellison, 4 Crag Bank Crescent, CARNFORTH, LA5 9EQ**. Please apply as soon as possible and please send a separate form for each participant. Numbers are very limited to avoid overcrowding.

If you are interested in attending but cannot make this date please contact John Ellison by email at [j.ellison521@btinternet.com](mailto:j.ellison521@btinternet.com) or if this is not possible by phone 01524 733400 in the evening.

**NW REGION U3A  
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**

*Myerscough College, St Michaels Lane, Bilsborrow, near Preston*

*7 – 10 April 2010*

**PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION**

*I hope to attend the above residential school. (Residential / Day only – please delete one)*

NAME

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EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

YOUR U3A NAME

*Courses in which interested (those in bold have known tutors, others are more tentative)  
Please indicate preferences (1, 2, and 3 if possible). Some courses are expected to be half courses  
and their timetable will be put together according to selections made. Some courses will include  
trips/facilities and will probably involve additional costs.*

<b>Archaeology - British Pre-History</b>	
Family History	
Gardeners Question Time	
<b>History of Art includes Lakeland Artists</b>	
Horticulture	
Improving your Golf (College has 9-hole course, putting surface and driving simulator)	
Lakeland Poets	
Literature	
<b>Local Geology</b>	
<b>Memory and Mental Well-being</b>	
Nuclei & Quarks (Not for Particle Physicists but needs a Science background)	
<b>Practical Photography (digital)</b>	
Romans in the NW	
<b>Ruskin</b>	
Words and their Origins	
OTHER please enter interest here	

Please return completed form to Kathleen Mercier either by post (9 Pipers Ct, Caroline Pl., Oxton, Prenton, CH43 1TR) or email [kathleenmercier@talktalk.net](mailto:kathleenmercier@talktalk.net) **asap** and by early October at the latest to reserve your place.

## U3A LANCASHIRE LINK

# WORKSHOP FOR ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL U3A GROUP LEADERS

A STUDY DAY AT LANCASTER FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE  
ON 4 NOVEMBER 2009

## APPLICATION FORM

The cost including Lunch and Refreshments (morning & afternoon) will be £12 per person and the meeting is expected to run from refreshments on arrival at about 10.15 a.m to immediately after refreshments at about 4.15 p.m.

NAME

ADDRESS

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EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

Name of U3A

ARE YOU AN (ACTUAL/POTENTIAL) GROUP LEADER/COORDINATOR  
(please delete as appropriate and name of group)

TOPICS IN WHICH INTERESTED (please be as specific as possible so that details can be fine tuned and you can be fitted into the most appropriate groups.)

I enclose a cheque for £12 per person made payable to **U3A Lancashire Link**. If your U3A may help to finance your participation, please send in your form now, noting the position and we can sort out the money situation later! Please return this form to **John Ellison, 4 Crag Bank Crescent, CARNFORTH, LA5 9EQ**. Please apply as soon as possible to help planning and please at latest by the end of September.

Contact John Ellison at [j.ellison521@btinternet.com](mailto:j.ellison521@btinternet.com) (or in evenings on 01524 733400).