

Members

We trust that you are safe and well. Your BU3A Committee continues to work, to provide a focus during these demanding times. Facebook and Webpage are currently being updated, and our Speaker Organiser has secured speakers for February and March.

Recent networking with Glens and Dalriada U3A continues and they have been invited to join our Main Meetings. In turn we are welcome to join their monthly meetings. Some of us joined them on 13 Jan to hear David Latimer talk about his book “A leap of Faith” and his friendship with Martin McGuinness.

Your U3A is here to give support, as best we can. Remember, if you would appreciate contact via a phone call, we have a small team who are happy to do so (confidentiality assured) - Email contact: newsu3a@gmail.com to take up this offer.

JANUARY e-NEWSLETTER contains BU3A updates, and information from external organisations. Read on and enjoy!



WINNERS DECEMBER QUIZ

1st Jane and Drew/2nd Frances and Michael/3rd Marshall and Sylvia

26 JANUARY - QUIZ NIGHT. BU3A Quiz will be on Tuesday 26 January at 7.30 pm. Contact Irene at quizbu3a@gmail.com
The Zoom link will be emailed to you.

DIGITAL COMPUTER TRAINING – FEBRUARY 2021

Topics: - Getting to know your device/Downloading apps/Shopping online/Setting up an email (adding subject details)/Photo Editing.

2 SPACES LEFT – Contact Irene at groupsu3a@gmail.com with Training in the subject line. The zoom link will be emailed to participants.

FEBRUARY MAIN MEETING

2 FEBRUARY 2021**TIME: 11 am****SPEAKER: STEVE PRICE and HIS MAGIC SHOW**

Something mind-boggling and different!

Steve has presented his Magic Show to other U3A's and comes highly recommended. (Zoom link will be emailed to members, and the Meeting Room will be open from 10.30 am).

MARCH MAIN MEETING

2 MARCH 2021**TIME: 11 am****SPEAKER: JOHN ARMSTRONG MBE (CHAIRMAN, ARMSTRONG MEDICAL LTD TITLE: Resilience through challenging times"**

Local businessman John Armstrong may be known to some of you. BU3A Gardening and Photography Groups have benefitted from his hospitality, while visiting his magnificent property and gardens at Balnamore. Background: Since 1984 John has developed Armstrong Medical from a small medical device distributor to a manufacturer of acute respiratory care products, supplying the most prestigious hospitals and healthcare companies across the world. After 36 years of tremendous leadership, John recently retired in December 2020.

UPDATES – ACTIVITY GROUPS

Activities Leaders/administrators have been invited to produce a Monthly Report which highlights their Activity and informs members. Thank you to Marion, Gladys and Irene whose Creative Writing, Family History and Zoom Readers Reports follow: -

CREATIVE WRITING

Hello members



- We have an enthusiastic group who meet on 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- No skills are needed just enjoyment of writing.
- Our topics range far and wide anything from The Garden to Good bye and Good Riddance to Local events and characters.
- We write from our experience or from imagination
- The only requirement is to have fun which we do in spades
- Why not give it a go you would be very welcome

If you have time on your hands during this Lockdown why not put your writing skills to the test?

For more information just give me a call

Marion (Administrator: 0771 400 9460)

FAMILY HISTORY

The Family History Group met on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 at 11 am.

We watched a very interesting video about Dervock and some of its interesting residents. The Group agreed that they enjoyed videos about our local area.

Kathleen informed the group about films that the BCRC are putting on each week and told us how to gain access. The discussion then turned to Fairy rings, Fairy trees, Fairy forts and Ring Forts. Kathleen and Davy were able to tell us

where these could be found locally. It is amazing how much there is of interest, historically, right here on our doorstep.

Irene shared a light-hearted document she had come across from the Mormon Society about names and occupations found on census records which were both interesting and amusing eg 'A woman named Rose married Robert Garden' and 'A women's birthplace was listed as 'in a Stagecoach between Nottingham and Derby'!'

Davy shared some extracts and pictures from an old book he has about fitting machine guns onto planes through the wings.

It is not unusual for our group to deviate from a planned discussion and very often a 'walk down memory lane' is of great value too.

Next meeting Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 11.00am

Anyone wishing to join us please contact us via groupsbu3a@gmail.com with 'Family History Group' in the subject line.

Gladys and Irene

ZOOM READERS

Zoom Readers will meet again on 16 February at 10 am. Our next read is '10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World', a 2019 novel by Turkish writer Elif Shafak. This is available on Libby, The Library App.

We have also chosen our March read which is 'The Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman. Available as a download from as little as £1.00 on eBay.

To add to the fun of reading we are adding 'Little Women' by Louisa M Alcott as an 'in-between'. No pressure then!!

Any member who would like to join in will be made most welcome. Contact us on groupsbu3a@gmail.com with 'Zoom Readers' in the subject line.

Irene

INVITATIONS - CAUSEWAY C&G BOROUGH COUNCIL

Invitation to join us on Tuesday 26th January to mark Burns Night as part of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Good Relations Programme.

Hear! Here!

Burns Night Tuesday 26th January @ 7 pm

To mark Burns Night 2021, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Good Relations Team will host as part of our Hear Here Programme, an evening of discussion, storytelling, poetry and music with David Hume MBE (historian), Liz Weir MBE (storyteller in residence, Libraries NI) and An Corraiste.

This will be an online session via zoom.

To register visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-burns-night-tickets-136819529897> or email bebhin.mckinley@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

PRESS RELEASE: Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council launches centenary civic gift initiative

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council will present a civic gift to individuals, organisations or businesses who celebrate their 100th birthday in 2021. It's part of Council's programme of events to mark the centenary of Northern Ireland, which will showcase the very best of the Borough through the century, and what makes it such a special place.

The Council is now calling on the public to help identify those eligible to receive this honour throughout the year.

The Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Alderman Mark Fielding explained: "A centenary birthday or anniversary is a very special occasion, and even more so in 2021 as we prepare to mark 100 years of Northern Ireland.

“If you know of a family member, friend or neighbour who will turn 100 this year then let us know so we can include them in this once-in-a-lifetime initiative. Similarly, if you know of a business who will celebrate its 100th anniversary please come forward. We want to reach out to all those for whom 2021 marks 100 years of achievement and history, and help to celebrate this with a token of our congratulations.

“As a Council, it is our aim to utilise the centenary to celebrate our people, places and products and this includes our oldest residents and institutions who have been a part of the fabric of our society for the past century.” The scheme is now open, and will apply to all centenary birthdays and anniversaries from January 1st 2021 until December 31st 2021. **If you want to nominate an eligible recipient then please email mayorsoffice@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or ring 028 7034 7010.**

For all the latest news and updates from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council go to www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

**Community Development Section, Leisure & Development Directorate
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INFORMATION/IDEAS for potential INCLUSION

IN FEBRUARY e-NEWSLETTER

should be forwarded to

Marie at: newsu3a@gmail.com

by Friday 29 January