



CALVERTON AND DISTRICT

Newsletter

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Photo by Brian Smith

From the Chair...

Two months after getting the “go ahead”, the new committee arrived at the inaugural meeting on Wednesday 24th July, not knowing whether 5 or 50 people would turn up!

In the event Calverton Village Hall was packed to the rafters with about 125 people attending – in spite of the sweltering heat.

The picture above shows that even the car park was overflowing with visitors' cars.

During the meeting I outlined what Calverton U3A had to offer. That included regular monthly speakers and access to a range of interest groups – 12 on the first day, with more to come. The initial groups ranged from walking, cinema, grumpy old men, lunching and French conversation to ukulele playing for beginners, photography, geology, reading and folk songs.

More interest groups have now been added to the list - international dining, an introduction to heraldry, gardening, geology and papercraft. **Not a bad range for a brand new U3A!**

The interest groups will be on at times and at venues decided by the individual group members, so talk to the group convenor to make your preferences known.

Future monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Calverton Village

Hall (Park Road) at 10.30am. The next meeting on August 14th will feature a talk by William Ruff on some of the amusing origins of words in the English language that we use every day – prepare yourself for a few surprises!

At the inaugural meeting we had no idea how many people would sign up for membership. In the event nearly 100 people signed up on the day, with others following up by post – pretty good for the very first meeting!

I was particularly struck by the friendliness of the people attending. Everyone was happy to chat and show how enthusiastic they were about CaD U3A. One lady actually rang after the meeting and told us that she had got home and said to her husband **“I think I've found just what I'm looking for”**. Great! (I think she meant the U3A, not me!)

If you'd like to come along to see what Calverton U3A is all about, we'd love to see you (you can come along to a meeting before deciding whether to join or not). Membership is open to anyone (not just Calverton residents) who has finished full-time working.

I do hope that you decide to join us, and look forward to meeting you

Michael Dobbs - Chairman

Interest Groups

The interest groups are the backbone of the U3A movement, and at the time of writing, Calverton & District U3A, has 17 groups, with convenors, ready to go.

They are listed below, with brief details. Some are yet to arrange venues and dates, but be sure to sign up (no commitment) at the monthly meeting or get in touch with the group convenor.

More details are shown on the website (www.calvertonu3a.org.uk) on the "Groups" page.

Each month we expect to add more groups - so if you have some ideas, let Len (9654611) or Lynn (9655050) know your thoughts.

Of course, each group needs a convenor (leader) so if you would be willing to do this, please let us know. It's not a difficult task and you'll get lots of help, so why not give it a go?

The job of convenor can even be shared between two people!

Group Name	When	Venue	Convenor
Bridge for Beginners	Tues fortnightly from Sept 10 th	venue TBA	David Vanner 0115 845 0697
Films	various dates	Bonington or Broadway	Margaret Jones, 07831 559 188
French Conversation	2nd Tuesday, 10am-12noon	venue TBA	Terri Beale 07930 414284
Gardening	dates TBA	venue TBA	Joyce Videan 0115 965 6541
Geology 1	10 meetings alternate weeks	venue TBA	Freddie Davies 0115 920 4239
Grumpy Old Men	1st Tuesday 2.30pm	Coal & Lace	Terry Beale 0115 845 7694
Heraldry - Introduction	10 meetings alternate weeks	venue TBA	Freddie Davies 0115 920 4239
International Dining	4th Tuesday	Local restaurants	Julie Thompson 07811 844 734
Lunch Group	4th Thursday - 11.30am	Various local restaurants	Barbara Taylor 07779 791367
Papercraft	Launch at Sept General Meeting, start Oct	dates/venue TBA	Helen Houlden 0115 965 6132
People's Stories thru Song & Verse	1st Thursday 7pm	in members' homes	Len Hand 0115 965 4611
Photography for Fun	Tuesday 2pm	Calverton Parish Council Office	Brian Hillary 0115 847 7988
Reading	2nd Monday 2.30-3.30pm	Calverton Library	Cynthia Mee 07748 208 266
Ukelele for Beginners	1st & 3rd Thursdays 2pm	Woodborough Institute	Michael Dobbs 0115 965 2376
Walking - Long	8+ miles	Dates and Venues TBA	Pat Barton 0115 965 3811
Walking - Medium	5 to 7 miles	1st Friday 10am, local	Lynn Majewski 0115 965 5050
Walking - Short	< 5 miles	3rd Tuesday 10am, local	Anne Boyle 0115 847 7702

TBA: To be announced

If you're interested in joining a group, sign up at a general meeting or contact the convenor.



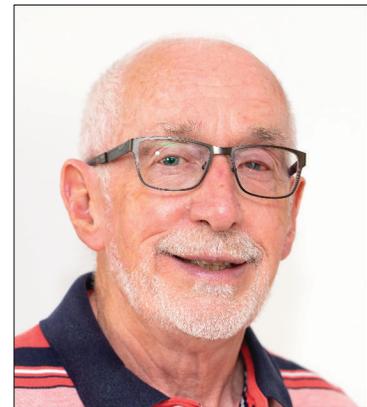
Lynn Majewski

Tel 0115 9655050

Interested in setting up an interest group?

Your Group Coordinators Lynn and Len will tell you how to do it.

Everyone is a little nervous about becoming a group convenor - but if you (or you and a friend) want to give it a go, you'll get all the help you'll need



Len Hand

Tel 0115 9654611

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From Your Treasurer

On behalf of your committee of what is a new, and I hope will be a vibrant U3A, I wish you a very warm welcome.

For those people who paid by cheque, you may have noticed that there was a slight delay in the money being taken from your bank.

The reason for this delay was that we were waiting for the bank to send us the up to date account details and paying in books. The bank can be excused, it was, after all, a new account for a new U3A.

All is well now and your cheques should have cleared.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Wednesday the 14th of August in Calverton Village Hall. The meeting starts at 10:30am, with doors open at 10:15am

Help Needed!

Running a U3A requires lots of help and we still need a **Meetings Manager** to help set up the hall (with assistance), once a month.

If feel that you might be able to do this, please get in touch with a committee member.

Our Speaker for the September General Meeting



Mike Newbold has been a television extra for over 13 years and has encountered some interesting and strange people. He'll be telling us about the rules and regulations, the pitfalls, the jargon, pay and his experiences in show business.

The meeting starts at 10.30am in Calverton Village Hall on Wednesday 11th September.

YESTERDAY

"YOU'LL LEAVE THE THEATER WITH A FULL HEART AND SINGING BEATLES SONGS ALL THE WAY HOME."

DIGITAL SPY



Calverton U3A's First Ever Interest Group Meeting!

Calverton U3A's film group met for the first time on Thursday August 8th at the Bonington Theatre, Arnold.

Group convenor Margaret Jones told us that the Film Group enjoyed the film 'Yesterday' which was a light hearted comedy. The plot was rather thin - unbelievably the world had forgotten about the Beatles after a huge power outage, but....

One singer / song writer remembered all the music and started to perform their songs, and surprise, surprise, it was a huge success!

Ed Sheeran made a guest appearance and there were strong performances by Himesh Patel and Lily James.

The outstanding part of the film was the music of the Beatles. The film is a celebration of their work and a great reminder of just how fantastic they were. It was a nostalgic trip down memory lane, and the group members thoroughly enjoyed it.

Some of us met afterwards for a drink and chat and look forward to our next trip to the cinema.

If you would like to join the film group, please contact Margaret on 07831 559188.

Send In Your News Item

If you have a news item for the newsletter, or would like to promote your interest group, please email the editor at mhdkad@gmail.com or phone 9652376 (if possible 5 days before the monthly meeting).

If you can send a photo as well, these are particularly welcome, but please get permission to publish from everyone in the picture.

Michael Dobbs - Editor