

## **May News 2024**

Dear Member

We have just come to the end of two terms of group activities for another year. Can I personally thank you all for your continued support throughout this period.

Talk Time completed its programme on Monday, 20th May and I must thank Pam Pinkerton and Christine Stewart for their time and energy in producing a very diverse set of talks.

All group leaders must be praised for their time and effort throughout the past two terms, and I wish you all a good rest and hopefully we will see you all return from Monday, 2nd September.

I know how much joy and camaraderie comes from members attending our varied Day Trips & Holiday programme. Gill Dalton, Sheila Downes and Janet Turner deserve all our thanks for their time and effort throughout the year.

Your Committee has worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure the smooth running of our U3A. I thank them personally at every Committee Meeting for their continued dedication.

Alsager & District U3A have a duty to let members know about events and activities that may interest them. Outlined below are several that may interest you.

### **Alsager Community Theatre**

Every summer Alsager Community Theatre (ACT) take over the Courtyard at Little Moreton Hall for a magical open air theatre experience. This year the local drama group have chosen to take on, in keeping with the Tudor backdrop, Shakespeare's iconic love story of Romeo and Juliet.

Due to the popularity of the annual residency the show spans 6 nights over 2 weeks, from Thursday 11th – Saturday 20th July, so there is ample opportunity to catch a performance.

ACT have decided to set their scene in the Tudor period making the experience even more immersive for their audiences. Wonderful period costumes will be on show as well as accomplished performances by a very talented ACT cast.

Why not arrive early and enjoy a picnic on the lawns in front of Little Moreton Hall? Seating will be provided in the Courtyard but, for your own comfort, why not bring a cushion to sit on and warm clothing for the cooler evening temperature.

For more information about ACT, why not pop and see them at the Alsager Carnival on Saturday 8th June. They have a stall on Milton Park with information available for the upcoming shows.

### **News from Congleton U3A**

#### ***Jazz Band looking for a new Music Director***

The current MD of Congleton U3A Jazz Band is stepping down at the end of August after their gig at Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival. The Jazz Band is a 20-piece band with vocalist who play big band jazz and swing music. They rehearse in Mossley Village Hall on Thursday afternoons (2 – 4pm) during U3A terms. They aim to perform 3 or 4 times a year. If any



member is interested in becoming the new MD or would like more information, please contact [linda\\_messham@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_messham@hotmail.com).

### **News from Southport U3A**

**SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW** Following on from two fun years at Southport Flower Show, Southport u3a will be back this Summer to celebrate the Show's 100th anniversary, this year with a rather special show garden, a design that charts the history of gardening over the last 100 years. This will be a large 17 metre curved garden which emulates the path of a garden since 1924 to present day, depicting five period gardens linked by a path, The Southport Flower Show is taking place between 15-18 August 2024 Do come by and see us, our Photography Group will be there every day so have your photo taken by the garden and say hello.

#### **u3a Discount Code : Discount for all u3a Members.**

Southport Flower Show are offering all u3a Members £10 off gate tickets if they buy before 31 July. Just use the promo code 'u3a' when purchasing an any day ticket online and the cost will be £19 instead of £29. For tickets and more information, go to [www.southportflowershow.co.uk](http://www.southportflowershow.co.uk). If you need free coach parking, buggies or wheelchairs or simply would like to let us know when you are coming please email Chris at [southportu3aflowershow@gmail.com](mailto:southportu3aflowershow@gmail.com). The show attracts around 60,000 visitors over 4 days. We will collect interest from attendees from across the country and will be passing contact details back to the relevant u3as Look forward to seeing you over the Summer - Chris Howorth Southport u3a

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Civic re-opens on Monday 2nd September 2024:

- ◆ from 9.30am onwards for all member questions/queries
- ◆ from 10.30am for coffee/tea & biscuits
- ◆ from 11.15am for Talk Time

SEE YOU THEN.

**Alsager & District U3A AGM:** Monday 21st October 2024 at 11.15am

Have a peaceful, restful Summer. I really hope the weather improves!! Thank you for your support.

***Kind Regards – Alan Bell, Chair***