

## September : October News 2024

Dear Member

I have sadly to report to you all that Pam Rayworth, a Committee Member and Group Leader, has sadly passed away after a long illness. Pam worked tirelessly for Alsager & District U3A looking after the co-ordination of our Venues and leading groups in Table Tennis and Outdoor Bowls. She was U3A through and through and will be missed by us all. Our condolences have been sent to her family.

The Autumn / Winter term has started extremely well with all groups returning positively at the beginning of September. We have had new members joining us throughout September.

Nominations for Committee have now closed, prior to the AGM taking place on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at Alsager Civic @ 11.15am with coffee/tea and biscuits beforehand. I have to report that we have had no nominations for Chair or Treasurer. If you are aware of any member who would be prepared to stand then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### **NO CHAIR / NO TREASURER :: NO U3A**

#### ***With regard to Groups***

I have to say a big thank you to Martin Stone who has stepped down as leader of Poetry. The small group would like to continue but we need a leader. **PLEASE COME FORWARD.**

**INDOOR BOWLS** : Monday afternoon 2.00 – 4.00pm at Alsager Civic, from 10<sup>th</sup> October, needs new members. Bowls and instruction will be provided.

**TABLE TENNIS 2** : Monday 1.45 – 3.45pm at The 13 Club has vacancies. Please go along and try it out.

**BOARD GAMES** : Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm at Dennis Round Court will always accept new members.

We have vacancies in both **Card Making Groups / Mah Jong 1 & 2 / Cycling Groups.**

**MUSIC APPRECIATION** : Monday 9.20 – 10.40am at Alsager Civic would like to welcome new members.

**DANCE** : Both Ballet and Jazz, Thursday 12.45 – 1.45pm at Christ Church would like to welcome new members.

#### **TRAVEL :: DAY TRIPS**

- We still have availability for the day trip to Showtown, Blackpool on 16<sup>th</sup> October – 6 spaces available.
- A member has asked about a trip to the Chester Christmas Market.

Members can still book places on our 4 holidays :

- Festive Cornwall from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Eastbourne : March 2025
- Colours of Spring Cruise from 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Bishop Auckland for the Kynren – a story of Britain through the ages – August 2025

If you have an interest in any of the above come and see the Travel Team on any Monday morning at Alsager Civic.

#### **OPEN MORNING**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at Alsager Civic : 10.00 – 12.00noon  
 Bigger and Better this year with more group demonstrations and larger showcases.

#### **A.G.M.**

In conclusion, please remember to diarise our 27<sup>th</sup> AGM on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. It is my last AGM and I would like to be able to thank you for your support over the last 3 years. WE NEED over 100 members to be quorate.

*Thank you again for your continued support and backing over the last 3 years. It has been a privilege to be your Chair*

**kindest Regards – Alan Bell, Chair**