

u3a Longridge Monthly Bulletin

Happy New Year to all members

Membership Cards

A number of membership cards are still uncollected. If you know someone who hasn't been able to get theirs, please consider taking it for them

- **Dementia**

Anne was overwhelmed by the number of members who generously offered to help her with the running of the group. Thank you all.

- **Friends of Longridge Library**

Many members are already aware that the Friends of Longridge Library host various events including theatre and film showings. The library supports our u3a reading groups with books.

Members may be interested that funds can be raised by becoming a Co-op member and selecting the library as their community cause.

Petanque

Taster sessions have been arranged for Petanque at the Broughton centre as promoted at the December meeting. 6 members are signed up to attend on Wednesday 21 January and a further 5 members on Wednesday 28 January. They will need outdoor clothing! For a regular group slot, they currently do any morning, except 1st and 2nd Wednesday. Speak to Rob Kemp if you are interested in joining one of the taster sessions.

Interested in Chess?

There will be a signup sheet at the January meeting for a potential chess group.

Refunds

Some members are owed a refund as a result of the change of venue for the Xmas party. You will be able to collect it at the meeting in January. If you can't attend, it would be very helpful if you could arrange for someone to collect it on your behalf

Looking for something new in the New Year? Can you help?

We would like to invite members to volunteer to contribute alongside Rob towards parts of the Group Coordinator role. Ideally, we would like to have a small team of people who can work together and contribute to tasks such as:

- Update venue risk assessments. Maintain equipment inventories. Gather group attendance records.
- Support individual interest groups, helping convenors and others, eg matters relating to venues, group communications, equipment and sharing group tasks.
- Helping to set up new groups.

Many of these tasks are an annual one-off whilst others are as and when a need arises.

Please contact Rob via email groupcoordinator4u3a@gmail.com . You can also chat to Rob at the monthly meeting.

Thanks

Notice to Convenors

PAT testing of electrical equipment

All electrical equipment must to be PAT tested by the end of January. Please take the items that you are responsible for to Longridge Electrical Shop for testing. Payment and collection of the certificates will be arranged for you by the Trustees. All you have to do is to take the items and collect them afterwards.