

**25<sup>th</sup> August** 2 pm Ash U3A Get-together and AGM 2.45pm Ash Centre.

Good News! There will be no increase in Ash u3a fees for 2022-2023.

August 2022

Chairman Diana Wilson

The Ash Summer Fun Day was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July at The Ash Centre. It was a beautiful day and Meg Wilson, the Ash u3a Publicity member, excelled herself with the decoration in the tent. Thanks must also go to the many Group Leaders who contributed their work samples for display. There were plenty of visitors, especially u3a members who came along to support and enjoy the social environment. We won't know how successful the event was until we assess the take up of membership in September.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Your view is IMPORTANT. Please would you read the following and forward any comments to me at <a href="mailto:Chair@ashu3a.org.uk">Chair@ashu3a.org.uk</a> within the next 7 days.

The cost of everything is going up!! Each day we hear another saga of increased expenses, and Ash u3a is not immune. The Committee is considering whether or not St Mary's Church Hall in Vale Road might be a suitable alternative to the Large Hall at St Peter's as it is considerably cheaper. Scottish Country Dancing has moved there very successfully and other groups are considering a move. Presently the Hall is free on monthly meeting dates.

Many of you will have noted that the National u3a are putting forward a resolution at their AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> October to raise the contribution from each u3a. If the monthly meetings are held at St Mary's the £200 saving would easily cover any request to raise our annual fees to National u3a.

There is car parking at St Mary's but it is more limited than St Peter's. Parking in Wood Street alongside the Church Hall is usually easily available.

Your comments are valuable to the Committee's deliberations and it is hoped to have a decision prior to the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

## Ash u3a Monthly Meeting Tuesday 20 September

(Venue and time to be confirmed)

# 'Dr Livingstone I presume'



Fran Sandham will talk about the history and controversy surrounding the meeting in 1871 of Stanley and Livingstone in the African town of Ujiji in the country now called Tanzania.

#### Ash u3a SECRETARY

The Committee is delighted that Eileen Monds has agreed to take on the role of Secretary to Ash u3a. Eileen is well known to many u3a members as she was a previous Membership Secretary. She will take over from Anne after the AGM and be welcomed into her new role at the Committee Meeting on Monday 12 September.

On behalf of us all, I would like to express sincere thanks and gratitude to Anne Everitt who has been a loyal and efficient Secretary for the past six years.

## Saville PRO Slide 35mm Slide Projector



Members are advised that Ash u3a still has a slide projector that has remained unused for a long time. It includes 3 carousels to hold 80 slides each, remote control, projector stand, light pointer, mains leads and instruction booklet.

It has been tested and is in working order but this projector is heavy and is approx. 20 years old. If any Ash u3a Group or member is interested in using it, please contact:peterstratford200@btinternet.com

Otherwise its disposal will be arranged.