

u3a Sale Newsletter

November 2026

Welcome to the November 2026 Newsletter

I would like to thank John Hemsworth for laying a wreath on behalf of Sale u3a at the Remembrance Parade held at Sale on Sunday 8th November. A donation is also being sent to the Royal British Legion.

As you are all aware the present committee has to step down at this time and a new committee will be nominated for the 2027 year. We are looking for new members who might be interested. If you think you might like to join the committee and you have any questions, please speak either to myself, Kathryn or any other committee member.

We would love you to come to the AGM on Friday 11 December. Nominations are needed for the committee (forms will be on the notice board) and you can discuss with any committee member. Please submit any questions you wish to raise to the Secretary by end of November (in writing to the post box or by email). Meeting to be followed with our annual Christmas social event which will include a return visit by magician Peter Turner and refreshments including mince pies.

Chair - Carole Barley

Remembrance Day 2026

At the Remembrance Day ceremony at Sale War Memorial on Sunday 8th November, John Hemsworth laid a wreath on behalf of Sale u3a.

Sale u3a has made a donation to the Royal British Legion.





Reminder - Subscription Renewal 2026/27 - 1st November

Just a reminder that Membership Subscriptions (£15) were due for renewal on 1st November 2026. Our Membership Secretary (Louise Glossop) has circulate by email letters explaining payment methods. Online payment by bank transfer is preferred but Louise outlined other payment options.

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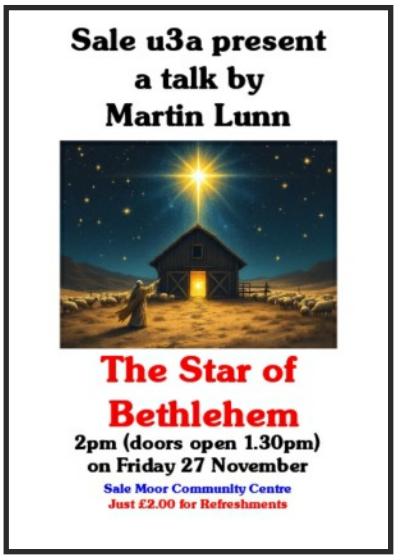
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Friday Talks and Film Shows

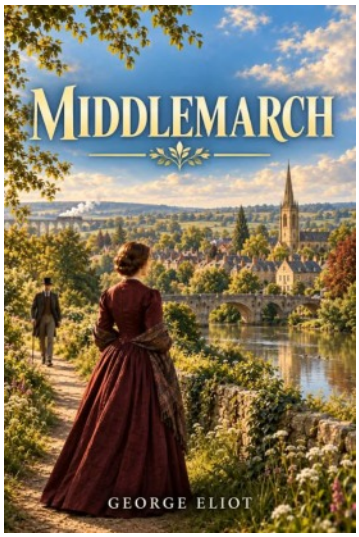
Our general meetings are always popular. Most months we have a film on the second Friday and a talk on the fourth Friday.

Our next talk is on Friday 27th November *"The Star of Bethlehem"* by Martin Lunn. This is an astronomer's view of what the star could have been.

On 11th December we will be having our AGM, so the next film will not be until 8th January 2027 when we will be showing "The Critic" a deliciously dark and sharp-witted thriller, written by Patrick Marber and featuring an all-star British cast including Ian McKellen, Gemma Arterton, Mark Strong, Ben Barnes, Alfred Enoch, Romola Garai and Lesley Manville.

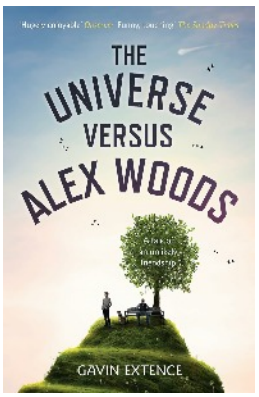


Literature Group



The Literature group read "Middlemarch" by George Eliot during the summer break. Not everyone tackled it but those who did found it to be a book of two halves. The first half was a bit slow where we meandered through Dorothea's sad marriage to Mr Causabon and generally established the lives of the residents of the midlands village of Middlemarch. The characters are greatly enjoyable, especially Mrs Cadwallader who had some really great lines. The great heroine is Dorothea Brooke who marries the dour and much older Mr Causabon. This marriage and the marriage of Dr Lydgate and his poor choice of wife, Rosamund, highlight the pitfalls of marriage when divorce was nearly impossible. If you are very lucky you will be left a widow with lots of money. The main themes are the connections between people who are born and grow up knowing everything about their neighbours and the uncertainty of marriage. The contrasts between the rich and the poor were starkly outlined. The Reform Act of 1832 was a recurring feature of the narrative. The dialogue is often very funny and it speeds up in the second half when we gallop through the ups and downs of all the principal characters. A great read if you have the time!

In September we read "My Friends" by Frederick Backman. This was about people who keep each other alive sometimes without realizing how much their presence matters. Moving between a group of troubled teenagers 25 years in the past and a grieving young artist in the present, the story examines friendship, art, loss, violence, memory and the strange ways people become family, At its centre is a famous painting whose real value has little to do with money but more to do with the personal connections it has. We had mixed reactions to this book. It was very disjointed with weird names and sometimes no names for main characters. Mixed reviews but a very good discussion where we generally agreed to differ.



In November we are reading "The Universe versus Alex Woods" by Gavin Extence.

If you are interested in joining the Literature Group, please contact Marilyn Lea