



Chairman's Thoughts

Elaine Parkes (292184)

Hello everyone

Hilary Skipsey, after many years as Leader of the Theatre Group, has decided to step down at the end of February. I am extremely grateful to Hilary for all her hard work. She truly embodies the ethos of U3A. Over the years Hilary has held a number of different roles on the committee. When she stepped down from the committee she still continued to lead the Theatre Group and to help to distribute the paper newsletters. She thoroughly deserves a rest! Tricia and Richard Hirst have agreed to step in for the next six months. Could you take over after then? Do you like visiting the theatre? Hilary says that it is not an arduous role and she will pass on the details of all her contacts. Please think about it, we do not want to close this group.

Eileen Monks has decided to step down as Leader/Liaison for the Computer Group which is based at Chinnor U3A. I am very grateful to Eileen for efficiently performing this role for so many years. She also deserves a rest. Eileen will step down at the end of March and I am very pleased to say that she has managed to find a successor! Thank you very much to Angus Mylles for agreeing to take on this position.

As many of you already know members of the committee have been working hard over the last two months to ensure that our U3A complies with the new General Data Protection Regulations. I would particularly like to thank David Ackroyd, Tony Barker and Chris Collins for helping me to draft a Data Protection Policy, a Privacy Policy and a new Application Form. At the risk of boring you all, (and believe me I have read and heard enough about GDPR to last me a lifetime!) I do need to ensure that all members are aware of the implications of the changes. Once the regulations come into force we need to have your explicit consent to store your data. In order to achieve this we will be issuing personalised membership renewal forms. This will also give you the opportunity to check that the information which we hold is correct. We shall be giving out the renewal forms at the General Meetings in March and we will be encouraging you to sign the forms and return them at the end of the meeting. The rest of the forms will be delivered either by hand or post. Please help us by returning the forms promptly. The Data Protection Policy and Privacy Policy are available for you to read on our website. If you normally receive a paper newsletter then you will be given paper copies of the two policies when you renew your membership.

Another consequence of GDPR is that we can no longer hold ICE details on our database. All the information which we collected from you has now been deleted. Instead we are giving out ICE cards for you to keep with you and we would like you to have them with you whenever you are at a U3A event. It is particularly important that the members of the more 'active' groups such as walking and cycling have their ICE cards with them. In any case it is a good idea to have the card with you at all times, as it is designed to be useful to the Emergency Services. If you have not yet been given a card, do not worry. Group Leaders will have cards, they will also be available at General Meetings and on outings.

The new Data Protection Regulations should not cause you any concern. The changes are intended to ensure that all organisations (not just U3As) keep our personal information securely.

Best wishes, Elaine

Notices

EGM Monday March 12th at monthly General Meeting

The Third Age Trust have been advised by the Charity Commission that they and all U3As should make a change to the Object Clause in their Constitutions so that all U3A activities are compliant with CC regulations. This will make no difference to the way our U3A is run. We therefore propose to hold an EGM at 2.30 on Monday March 12th. This will only take a couple of minutes and we can then continue with the normal meeting.

The Proposal:

The present Object Cause will be replaced with:



The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work, by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.

French Conversation Group

There are some places available in the French Conversation Group. The group focuses on conversation (not teaching grammar etc.). No one has more than A-level or equivalent and they all need help - hence the need for their native French tutor, Odile. It is instructive, forgiving, friendly and fun - and even occasionally includes lunch in French at the Seven Stars. If you would like to know more please contact Paul Dickinson paul.dickinson2007@btinternet.com .

General Meetings

Organiser: Angela Hart (292070)

Monday 12th and Thursday 15th March: Tales of a Scotland Yard Detective

Our March speaker is Steve Roberts, a former Detective Inspector with the Metropolitan Police. Starting out "on the beat" in the East End of London - once the home of the likes of Jack the Ripper and the Kray twins, but now uber-trendy - Steve soon became a detective, making his way to the Flying Squad which brought him into contact with professional hardened armed robbers. During his 30 years' service, he worked at various locations and at New Scotland Yard on a number of specialist investigation units including service in the Flying Squad and the Kidnap and Specialist Investigation Unit. Steve has many stories of investigations and arrests as well as insights into the criminal mind.

Monday 9th and Thursday 19th April: Up The Mountain, But Not Over the Hill

April's speaker, Janette Taylor, presents an illustrated talk on her experiences as a medical research volunteer trekking up to, and camping at, Everest Base Camp. Jan's talk outlines the purpose of medical research to discover how to best improve intensive care patients' outcomes. Often intensive care patients suffer from inadequate circulation of oxygen to the major organs. In this research, healthy volunteers are tested in a naturally low oxygen environment to see how well they cope with low oxygen levels

Events and Outings

Coordinators: Margaret Ackroyd (292393), and Mary Paterson (291919)

Battle of Britain Museum, Bentley Priory, Stanmore - Wednesday 14 March 2018

Bentley Priory Museum tells the fascinating story of the beautiful Grade II* listed country house, focusing on its role as Headquarters Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain.

Explore the important stories of 'The One' - Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, 'The Few' who took to the air to defend our skies and 'The Many' without whose tireless work on the ground victory would not have been possible and discover how technology, leadership and courage forged victory allowing Britain's darkest hour to also be her Finest Hour.

National Memorial Arboretum - Wednesday 18 April 2018

The 150 acre Arboretum site is a living, growing tribute to those who have served and continue to serve our country. It is home to over 350 thought-provoking memorials, each with a story to be discovered. The memorials are diverse in nature, rich in symbolism and collectively represent a broad population of society from military associations, Charitable organisations, emergency services, fraternity groups and individuals.

U3A Holidays

Refer to website and organisers

Walking and Sightseeing in St Ives, Cornwall - 26 to 30 May 2018. 4-night full board holiday with two levels of organised walks. Or just come for the break and organise your own sightseeing. Organiser Angela Wenham 291932.



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Bologna and region, Italy - 11 to 16 June 2018. 5-night holiday with professional guides to see the palaces and art galleries. Flight from Heathrow.

Organisers Tony Dlugosz (01296 748131) and Anne Gatward (292811).

Cycling in Bordeaux, France – 1 to 8 September 2018. Our U3A cycling group are embarking on a boat/bike holiday next September in the Bordeaux area of France. Anyone interested in cycling and not a member of the cycling group is welcome to join us on this adventure.

The holiday is on a river boat with hired bikes on board, and varying distances (20-32 miles) are cycled daily to the next embarkation point. Cycling is not compulsory and there is an option to stay on board.

Organiser: Eileen Monks (01844 216033 or emonks@tiscali.co.uk)

Wider U3A News

further details from Elaine Parkes (292184)

Thames Valley Network Study Days

The Work of William Morris - Kelmscott Manor - 10 May 2018

Kelmscott Manor is a limestone manor in the Cotswold village of Kelmscott, near Lechlade. It dates from around 1570, with a late 17th-century wing, and is Grade I listed. It is probably the most evocative of all the houses associated with Morris and contains an outstanding collection of the possessions and works of Morris, his family and his Arts & Crafts associates, including furniture, original textiles, pictures, carpets, ceramics and metalwork. The study day will take the form of lectures and a guided tour of the house, garden and the village.

South East Forum

U3A Summer School 2018 - Chichester University 18-21 June

Choose from 13 courses and full supporting programme. See website for further details and book early to avoid disappointment

National U3A Events

Spanish Treasures: Spanish Paintings at the National Gallery, 13 March 2018

Join National Gallery experts for a day of talks exploring the dazzling paintings of Murillo, Zurbarán, El Greco, Velásquez, Goya and Picasso. The National Gallery's collection of Spanish paintings is renowned as one of the finest in the world. It is arguably the best place outside of Madrid to study the work of Velásquez and holds masterpieces of the 'Golden Age of Spain', the great flourishing of the arts from about 1575 to 1700.

U3A Explores Science at the Royal Institute on Monday 19 March 2018

A study day covering a range of expert presentations

See website for details.



Notes from the Interest Groups *(telephone 01844 unless otherwise stated)*

Book Group 1

Leader: Ann Warris (292273)

27 March "Catcher in the Rye" by J.D.Salinger, presented by Diana Hartley

24 April Group 1 - "Man of Property" by J Galsworthy, presented by Audrey Fisk

Book Group 2

Leader: Elaine Parkes (292184)

13 March "Children Act" Ian McEwan, presented by Mary

10 April "Age of Innocence" by Edith Wharton, presented by Elaine

Card & Board Games Group

Leader: Ann Rickard (291613)

Group meets 22 March and 26 April at Ann's home

Computer Group

Leader (Chinnor U3A): Robin Preston-Whyte (350382)

Haddenham U3A Liaison: Angus Mylles (290727)

2 March – Computer Shop Update at Chinnor Village Centre

6 April – Sandbox, Virtual Machines at Chinnor Village Centre

Angus Mylles has taken over as the Haddenham U3A Liaison for this group.

Cycling Group

Leader: Marie Woodrow (292012)

Malcolm White (291677)

27 March. Approx 15 miles starting at the Red Lion at Chalgrove and led by Malcolm White

23 - 26 April 2018 - Cycling Holiday to New Forest

1 to 8 September 2018 - Cycling Holiday in Bordeaux (see Holidays)

Dance Group

Leader: Theresa Smith (01296 747893)

Square dancing continues every Thursday lunchtime at 12.15 in Haddenham Village Hall

Digital Photography Group

Leader: Bernard Warner (296118)

16th March – Group meeting – Portrait Photography with a model and a photographic makeup artist at Guide HQ, Southern Road, Thame

Discussion Group 1

Leader: Tricia Hirst (291117)

Member meetings 19 March and 16 April

Discussion Group 2

Leader: John Holloway (290247)

Member meetings 26 March and 23 April

Earth Matters Group

Leader: Sue Oswell (290568)

14 March – Talk: Fossils, Simon Penn 2.30pm at Haddenham Methodist Church

Film Club

Leader: Roger Rickard (291613)

Monday 5 March – Walk the Line (Johnny Cash story)

THURSDAY 5 April – The History Boys (Note Thursday, not Bank Holiday Monday)

French Conversation Group

Leader: Paul Dickinson (215140)

Group meetings on 12 and 26 March, 9 and 23 April at The Seven Stars, Dinton

Friday Luncheon Club

Leader: Annette Marsden (01844 291022)

9 March: Black Boy, Oving

Gardening Group

Leader: Doreen Barker (290377)

19 March - Demonstration "A Posy in a Teacup" with participation led by member Jan Pike

German Conversation Group

Leader: Paul Dickinson (215140)

Fortnightly group meetings – 14 and 28 March, 11 and 25 April



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Golf Society

Rounds to be confirmed

Leader: Chris Vernon (291783)

Local History Group

28 March: "The Civil War in Bucks" by Prof Ian Beckett. Note this meetings starts at 2.30pm

Leader: Steve Sharp (290597)

April talk to be announced

Talks held in Haddenham Methodist Church.

Mah Jong Group

Wednesday meetings at Haddenham Catholic Church: 7 and 21 March; 11 and 25 April

Leader: Carol Mason (292236)

Friday meetings at Community Library: 16 March; 6 and 20 April

Music Appreciation Group

5 March – "Order and Oppression" – programme compiled by Margaret Rayner

Leader: Ed Bullimore (291011)

No meeting on 2 April

Opera Group

No events planned during March and April

Leader: Rosalie Sadler (290210)

Out with Friends Group

Group meetings 7 March, 4 April at Bradmoor Farm. See website for events and outings

Leader: Pat Woodward (290460)

Sunday Lunch Club

25 March: lunch at The Green Dragon, Haddenham

Leader: Ray Price (299320)

April to be announced

Table Tennis Group

Fortnightly sessions at Youth and Community Centre: 14 and 28 March and 11 and 25 April

**Joint Leaders: Steph Everitt (01296 748780)
and Sylvia Eyles (eyless@msn.com)**

Tai Chi Group

There is currently no Tai Chi until further notice due to Mike Moore's indisposition.

Leader: Mike Moore (290258)

Technical Group

26 March – talk by Howard Pearce on the processes for the delivery of the new BMW Mini - 1430 at Haddenham Youth and Community Centre

Leader: Kevin Nash (01296 658810)

Ten Pin Bowling Group

Weekly sessions each Monday morning at 10.00 am at Rogue Bowling Centre, Aylesbury

Leader: Michael Walden (291617)

Theatre Group

Tricia and Richard Hirst are taking over leadership of the Theatre Group for a period of six months while a permanent leader is identified. Volunteers welcomed.

Leader: Tricia Hirst (291117)

Visiting Country Churches Group

Thursday 15 March – St Mary the Virgin, Aylesbury. Opportunity to attend lunchtime concert before visit.

Leader (GTU3A): Elizabeth Bridges (216646)

Haddenham U3A Liaison: Jane Brown (261195)

Thursday 26 April – Guided tour, St Andrew's Church, Chinnor

Walking Group 1

20 March – Circular walk led by Joy Dyson in Quainton area (tbc)

Leader: Malcolm White (291666)

Walking Group 2

16 March - Circular walk centred on Pishill led by Paul Dickinson and Libby Hardy

Leaders: Andrew and Helen Wild (01296 748679)



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Walking – Long Distance

Leader: Neil Dury (291809)

Planned walks by the group will now be moved back by one month because of postponements due to The Beast from the East.

March 29 – led by Neil Dury and Anne; April 26 – led by Hilary and Edgar Skipsey

Wine Group

Leader: Richard Moore (290972)

Wine tasting meetings 14 March and 11 April at St Mary's Centre

Writers Group

Leader: David Gregory (01296 747528)

15 March – Group Meeting. Poems contributed by the group



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