

Chalfonts U3A Newsletter No.58 January 2020 ●

Monthly Meeting Diary Dates for 2020 at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre
(Please Note - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)

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| 8 January | Ian Keable | Ian is a member of The Inner Magic Circle and may well surprise us with a magic trick or two to highlight his research on 'A century of deception: Hoaxes in the 18 th Century' |
| 12 February | Denise Beddows | Denise, a local author, will give a talk entitled 'Bulstrode revisited' This follows on from her previous talk about the Bulstrode estate having uncovered new information about one of its past occupants in particular Ambrose Bennet an alcoholic judge and persecutor of the local Quaker community |
| 11 March | Bobbie Darbyshire | Author Bobbie will give a talk entitled "Where do novelists get their ideas from"? She won the 2008 fiction prize at the National Academy of Writing and her latest book is called "The posthumous adventures of Harry Whittaker" |

Reminder Please note that members should bring their 2019-20 membership card to all meetings.

Please also be considerate to other community centre users when parking. There is the public car park in Church Lane which is a few minutes' walk away.

We would also appreciate a donation of 50p for tea, coffee and biscuits which are provided by Sue Jupp and her team from the Really Useful Group.

Editor's Update Firstly I would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year and hope that you will continue to support our U3A in 2020. There have been lots of group Christmas celebrations and the convenors have been busy organising some new events for 2020

Gary Tomlin our Webmaster has asked me to share this request with you regarding information for the website:

Calling all Interest Groups! We would love to have updates from your interest group to post on the Chalfonts U3A website, so if you have any photos of your group or items you have made, why not share them with everyone. Perhaps you can also give us a paragraph of what your group is up to which we can also post on your group's page. You can send an email with photos and stories to webmaster@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
 Also, if you are a group convenor could you have a quick look at your groups page on the website and let us know if we need to update the details.

Existing Groups

Book Club 2 This is a friendly group of people who meet in each other's houses once a month on Thursday afternoons. We discuss the book that we've just read, then choose a new book from three presented by one of our members. "Discuss" sounds rather academic for what we do, we are just a group of people who love reading and like to get together over a cup of tea and biscuits to talk about books. We take it in turns to choose a book, so we get a variety of genres; mostly modern 20th and 21st century novels set all over the world, with the occasional historical novel or biography. I found that the group was a real benefit to me, as I was getting stuck in a rut, only reading my favourite authors whom I knew I would enjoy, and missing out on all the exciting, different books that are out there.

'The Light Between Oceans' by Margot L Stedman is our next read and we will meet on Thursday January 23rd 2-4pm If this sounds like you, come and give it a try. Contact Alyson Klein at bookclub2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Computing Group All levels of computer users are welcome. We normally start with a discussion of any issues members may be having with their computers. We then have two sessions covering specific topics and we will advise the group members nearer the date what they will be. For more information please contact computing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Dining with Friends This works on an at home basis with one couple hosting and another two couples bringing starter and dessert respectively, with the drinks being shared. The emphasis is on good company, lively conversation and not as a cookery competition! Our bi- annual meal at a local restaurant in January will enable everyone to meet up together and if anyone is interested in joining the group, we would be delighted. Please contact Sandra Bowles or Terri Weidner at diningwithfriends@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Family History. Mary Kendall has stepped down as co-convenor of this very successful and popular group and will be replaced by Marguerite Fletcher who has been an enthusiastic member of the group. Jan Sawyer will remain as co-convenor.

Garden Visits We ended 2019 with a very wet, but still enjoyable visit to Wisley to see the Christmas lights. We were relieved that there was a welcoming café, shop and greenhouse to provide some shelter from the downpour! CU3A's affiliation to the RHS will continue next year and there will be a further trip to Wisley but in the Summer. This will be open to all CU3A members and we will have free admission to the gardens. Our programme of events should be available in February when we are holding a social event (lunch and expert speaker) at the Community Centre. (now fully booked!) contact gardenvisits@chalfontsu3a.org.uk to join.

Local History. Sadly, this group will no longer be in operation and thanks go to Elaine Quigley who alongside Val Darbyshire were co convenors.

Wine appreciation groups 1 and 2. Both groups have had successful years with monthly meetings and additional activities such as a joint trip to Waddesdon Manor for a visit to their cellars for a tasting. The membership is now full for both groups. However, if there is enough interest, a third group could be started. Both the current groups meet on Wednesdays and there have been several people who would like to join a wine appreciation group, but Wednesday was not a convenient day. If there are members who would like to start a new group, we would be pleased to hear from them and provide any help required. As happened with the establishment of group 2, some members from the original group joined the early meetings to provide a good level of attendees while the new group established itself. Contact David Hillis wineappreciation2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk.

New and Proposed Groups

Ballroom dancing Are there any budding Strictly Come Dancing pairs out there who would like to join a ballroom dancing group? This could be for beginners or more experienced dancers and will probably meet on Tuesday mornings perhaps twice a month. Contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk for further details

Family History 2 As the existing group is full it has been suggested that a new group is started so if interested please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Dining Out with Friends. There are several people interested in joining this group which we are hoping to start this month. This could include having lunch or dinner in various restaurants. Contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

History It has been suggested that we start a History group so if interested please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Robotics, Electronics and Programming Group The idea of starting this group came from The U3A Robots Constructors' Challenge. No knowledge is necessary, we will all learn together. Members will all be at different levels and we can share our knowledge and enjoy the experience of creating our robotic overlord. Details of this group are on the Chalfonts U3A website. We have had some interest and will have our first meeting in January, so it is not too late to get onboard. For more information contact computing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Scrabble 3 We now have several people interested in this new scrabble group. If you would like to join them, we are going to have an initial meeting on Friday 10th January to decide details including day and time of meetings. Contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Table Tennis 3 There has been quite a lot interest in starting this new group in the New Year and we now have a day and time confirmed. Tuesday 14th January 1.30-3pm at Chalfont Leisure Centre so if anyone out there has their table tennis bat handy and would like to try a new form of exercise and shed those excess pounds, do join us! Contact Eileen Powell tabletennis3@chalfontsu3a.org.uk for more details.

If you want any information about existing groups or have ideas for any new groups please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk or at the signing in table at the monthly meetings.

Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups and Convenors

January 2020

Nigel Trotman – Groups Coordinator 1 groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

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If you would like to join a group or find out more, please contact the convenor by email

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