

## INTEREST GROUPS

So that you, the members, can participate and enjoy a group of your particular expertise or interest, convenors are busy forming groups from the information you have supplied and we appreciate their willingness to organise and run a group. Sign-up sheets for Interest Groups are available. Don't feel that you have been forgotten if the group of your choice doesn't yet appear in our listings. We are working hard to fulfil everyone's expectations and are setting up the most popular groups first which will take a little time.

## CONFIRMED INTEREST GROUPS AND THEIR CONVENORS:

- Art Appreciation – Pam Degen (starting early autumn 2015)
- Book Club – Jane Barker and Jacqui Robinson – First meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June. Scope for two groups
- Bridge for Beginners – John Edwards
- Computing – Phil Siddons
- Current Affairs – Jenny Brooke
- Discussion Groups – Tricia Reeve
- Family History – Jan Sawyer and Mary Kendall
- Gardening – Rosemary Day unavailable for next 3-6 months - interim convenor needed
- Life Coaching – Dana Johnson
- Mah Jong – Jenny Brooke
- Poetry & Literature – David Burbidge
- Photography – Tony Darbyshire – First meeting held in CSP Library on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 •  
Scrabble – Anne Higson
- Spanish – Geoff Whaley – General meeting 11.30am Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April in Mary Smithells Room. Scope for two groups.
- Table Tennis – Chris Coteman
- Tai Chi – Margaret Rutter
- Theatre – Maureen Huxtable – First show “Beautiful”, the Carole King musical, evening of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, cost £55. Second show “The Taming of the Shrew”, Beaconsfield Open Air Theatre, matinee on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, picnic first, cost £16.
- Walking – Less than 6 miles – Nigel Trotman – First walk, Burnham Beeches, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Second walk, Sarratt, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Walking – 6-10 miles – Wendy Bretherick / Marion Clegg – First walk, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 8 miles

## INTEREST GROUPS IN PROGRESS - Work is ongoing in setting up the following groups:

- Art (Practical) – John Huxtable
- Art (Practical) – To extend interest and experiment - Douglas Grey (tutor) – Needs an administrative convenor / helper – any offers?
- French / French conversation – convenor and helper found. General meeting 10.30am Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April in Mary Smithells Room. All interested in French welcome.

## INTEREST GROUPS REQUIRING CONVENORS AND NUMBER OF INTERESTED MEMBERS:

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| • Dancing – 15              | • London Walks – 69      |
| • Excursions / Outings – 86 | • Music – 15             |
| • History - 32              | • Pilates – 50           |
| • Intermediate Bridge       | • Wine Appreciation – 18 |
| • Italian – 6               | • Yoga – 23              |
| • Local History – 26        |                          |

For information on interest groups please contact:  
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## NEWS AND REMINDERS

To date we have in excess of 300 members and our particular thanks go to our committee members, many of whom have been working tirelessly on our behalf. Our thanks also to Jan Sawyer who has joined the Steering Committee as Venue Coordinator. Membership forms are still available for those who haven't yet signed up (Cheques made payable to **Chalfonts U3A** or cash). Annual subscription £22.

Many of you will have been present on 11<sup>th</sup> March when we held our first monthly meeting since our formation as Chalfonts U3A. Again the numbers in attendance were overwhelming and we want to thank everyone for their support and patience as we get our activities up and running. In future we hope to serve tea after our monthly meetings and we're organising a rota for this.

**Website** is not currently active but members can contact the National website: [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk)

**Monthly Meetings** – second Wednesday of the month, 2.00pm at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre

**🌀 HELP NEEDED FROM MEMBERS FOR INTEREST GROUPS 🌀**  
**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS CONVENORS & HELPERS**



Please remember to bring your membership card to every monthly meeting and to all interest group activities.

## DIARY DATES

<b>Speakers:</b>	<b>8 April</b>	Alan Copeland	<i>Curiosities in the Chilterns</i>
	<b>13 May 2015</b>	John Pearson.	<i>Blessed are the cheese makers</i>
	<b>10 June 2015</b>	Tony Maisey	<i>Retired doctor shares his amusing experiences</i>
	<b>8 July 2015</b>	Hugh Granger	<i>The art of deception in WW2</i>

🌀 **2 DECEMBER 2015 SOCIAL EVENT** 🌀  
(note this is the **first** Wednesday of the month)

*“The Chalfonts U3A is a new branch of the U3A – University of the Third Age – which is an organisation of members who are no longer in full-time employment but who wish to keep their minds active, learn new skills, meet like-minded people and join different groups giving them a chance to explore their interests further.  
U3A is run by the members for the members”.*

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