

DIARY DATES FOR 2016 - (PLEASE NOTE - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)

13 April	John Ambrose	<i>An amusing and informative talk entitled: Tax, Care and Toy Boys</i>
11 May		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and election of Committee
8 June	Paul Whittle	<i>The River Kwai – the True Story – the famous World War II railway, the subsequent film and the many differences between fact and film making</i>
13 July		Chris Truran <i>will be talking about his experiences in the world of Forensic Science</i>
10 August	Tony Eaton	<i>The Curious Disappearance of Major Glen Miller. An Illustrated talk.</i>

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our first AGM of the Chalfonts U3A will be held in the Main Hall of Chalfont St Peter Community Centre Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9Q on Wednesday 11 May at 2-00pm. We are hopeful that this first AGM will be well attended by our members and will also be an enjoyable afternoon. There will be a slideshow of our activities over the last fourteen months prepared by our resident photographer Tony Darbyshire, and after the meeting we shall be entertained by our **Singing for Pleasure Group**. Hot drinks and biscuits will be served as usual after the meeting by our faithful Tea Team.

Any nominations for officers or non-officer members of the committee and any proposed motions should be sent to the Chairman David Burbidge at least 28 days before the date of the meeting. 13 April is therefore the last day on which motions can be submitted. A proposer and seconder is required for both items. Existing members of the Steering Committee have expressed their willingness to continue as Committee Members and have been proposed and seconded in accordance with the constitution. The U3A constitution is available on the website and a hard copy will be displayed on our new noticeboards which you will find in the hallway of the community centre.

AGM AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report and presentation of Accounts
4. Interest Group Reports
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner
6. Election of the Committee
7. Agreement of the Constitution
8. Any motions received
9. Any other business

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to the many members who have renewed already. Can we urge others to please renew now. Annual membership for 2016-17 will remain at £22. The membership year of Chalfonts U3A is 1 April to 31 March. Forms are available at the Monthly Meeting or on our website. Members are asked to complete a new form for the 2016-17 year and also to complete the Gift Aid Declaration if you are a taxpayer. New membership cards will be issued on renewal – please destroy the old one. Reminder to our members that membership cards should be produced at all monthly and interest group meetings please. If you haven't yet received your new card, please check in the Mary Smithell's Room on 13 April. Email membership.chalfontsU3A@gmail.com

Change of e-mail address – To help us keep our database up to date we ask members to advise our Membership Secretary, Val Darbyshire, of any changes, particularly e-mail addresses, otherwise you may miss out on important communications.

NEW GROUPS

Golf - Would any members be interested in forming a Golf Group to include all standards from Beginners to Club players? Lessons would be available at a local club. Please respond to Bob Leven

Lawn Bowls – The Lawn Bowls group will be starting up for the summer season in May. The group will meet at Chalfont St Giles Bowls Club. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Michael Alderton

Music Appreciation – There will be a “Desert Island Discs” type meeting run by David Burbidge on Tuesday 19 April at 1:30 pm in the Mary Smithell's Room. If you are interested in coming along and joining this group please contact David

Singing – Music Hall – Would you like to join in a good, old fashioned Music Hall style singsong? Thanks to Bob Leven for getting this group off the ground. The group met for the first time on 5 April. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Bob

Gardening – We are sorry for the delay in getting Gardening off the ground as we know there are many members who would like to join. Unfortunately, the person who was going to run the group is now unable to do so and therefore we are seeking one or more volunteers to organise the group. Please can you think about taking this on? It will be a lot of fun and a good opportunity to make new friends and learn from each other. If you can help, please email groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk

Italian Conversation (Intermediate/Advanced) - Hai voglia di parlare italiano? Siamo un gruppo piccolissimo, al livello medio/avanzato, che ci incontriamo circa una volta per mese per fare una chiacchierata molto informale - non c'e' una lezione! Se vieni con noi, sia sempre il benvenuto - provi pure! Please contact Barbara Lloyd if you can understand this and would like to join the group.

EXISTING GROUPS UPDATES

Discussion Group – After successfully running the Discussion Group for the past year, Tricia Reeve is looking for a new convenor to take over the group and has asked the group members for a volunteer to replace her but to date noone has come forward – so if you can help please contact Tricia direct: email groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk.

Wine Appreciation - "The Wine Appreciation Group's Cheese and Wine Lunch on 2 April, was a very enjoyable occasion. It was attended by 20 people and held in the members' room at the community centre. We enjoyed a range of nine different cheeses, with biscuits, french bread, grapes and chutney. The desserts were chocolate biscuit cake, apple pudding and fresh fruit salad. The wines were: white Angove Chardonnay 2014 from Australia, a wine previously tasted at one of our evenings; red Ataliva Malbec 2014/2015 from Argentina. More red was drunk than white. The water, still and sparkling was from Deeside. The idea of the lunch was to raise the profile of the Wine Appreciation Group. This was so successful that we might need to start a waiting list. Next meeting of the group is on Wednesday 4 May when we will be tasting South African Wines. Please email Grace Hunter if you wish to attend.

Membership enquiries only: Valerie Darbyshire, Membership Secretary:
membership.chalfontsU3A@gmail.com

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

Website: Google – Chalfonts U3A – visit Events, Groups, Gallery etc.
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