

## JULY MEETING

Monthly speaker meetings continue to be well attended by members and also by people enquiring about membership particularly following the Feast Day. Our current membership stands at 400 and we have seen steady growth since our inaugural meeting. Chalfonts U3A is now a fully fledged member of the Third Age Trust having completed our probationary period. Committee members will represent us at the Third Age Trust Annual Conference 25-27 August and also at the U3A Thames Valley Network meeting on 31 July.

**INTEREST GROUP UPDATE** – For all specific group enquiries please contact the relevant group convenor.  
**For general group enquiries contact:** [groupscoord1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:groupscoord1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

**Bridge:** Following the success of the Bridge Beginners Group convened by John Edwards a new Intermediate Bridge Group will have its first playing session on the afternoon of Wednesday 19 August. There is already strong support for this from members and volunteer Convenors. A Home Bridge Group is also being formed for those who prefer to play in small groups in members' homes. Enquiries should be addressed to Geoff Glover for the time being.

**History:** The History Group will have its second meeting at 2pm on Tues. 29 Sept. I will contact all known members - anyone else is welcome to join us. Peter Degen, Convenor.

**Literature and Poetry:** We held our first meeting on the 2 July which was very enjoyable and rewarding. The next meeting will be held at 10.00am on Thursday 8 August.

**Local History Group:** This group is proposing to arrange visits to some of the historic former manor houses in and around the village, accompanied by a guide who can tell us something of their history and the fascinating people who lived there. Guided visits are also planned to our local churches, to explore their history, and to churchyards where we may learn of the worthy, famous and infamous people buried there. Guided walks along the village's 'history plaques trail' are also envisaged. It is also proposed to have a series of talks on significant local people and events, and on issues which have over time affected the community and the landscape of our village. Contact Elaine Quigley

**Nordic Walking:** The first Nordic Walking course will finish shortly. If there is sufficient interest, a second 4-week course will start on Monday 17 August, continuing on 24, 31 August and Tuesday 1 September. If you are interested, please contact Karoline Lamb

**Photography:** The Group met up at the CSP Community Centre on 23 July to view photographs taken on recent visits to Amersham and Marlow. Our next meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Wed. 19 August, and we plan to visit two gardens in Denham village and Higher Denham. See more details on the website.

**Table Tennis Group** has been successful in finding a venue! The group is now meeting every other Tuesday at the Chalfont St Peter Leisure Centre between 3.00 & 5.00pm. Dates as follows: 4 Aug, 18 Aug, 1 Sept, 15 Sept, 29 Sept. Contact Chris Coteman for more information.

**Textile Group** Takes off !!! We are holding a 'set up' meeting for the new Textile Group on Monday, 7 September in the Members Room at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre from 11.30am-1.00pm. We are then proposing to hold regular monthly meetings in the Mary Smithells room at the Community Centre, starting on Thursday 17 September from 2.00-4.00 pm and then every third Thursday in the month. This group will not be instructional but hopefully a lot of sharing of ideas will happen. If you have an interest in knitting, crocheting, hand stitching, machine stitching, etc., etc., and would be interested in joining a group of like-minded people - then please bring along your project and come and join us. It would be good to see you. For more details contact: sally dinning

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**Excursions: Hatfield House - Wed 26 August.** There are a few spaces left for this all day trip. Cost £30 per person to include coach, private guided tour of house and visit to East and West Gardens (cost of lunch and tea not included). If you are interested download the booking form from the website - see under Events or email [chalfontsu3a.excursions@gmail.com](mailto:chalfontsu3a.excursions@gmail.com)

## **NEW GROUPS**

**Cycling:** Anyone interested should contact: [groupscoord1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:groupscoord1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

**London Walks:** We now have a group of five people who have volunteered to get this group off the ground. We are hoping that the first London Walk will happen in September. Watch this space for more details! Many thanks to those who volunteered to help – we need more members like you!

**Lawn Bowls:** We have a member, Michael Alderton, who is keen to set up a Lawn Bowls group. Michael belongs to the Chalfont St Giles bowls club and can arrange coaching for those new to the game and interested in learning to play. The group would meet at the bowls green in Chalfont St Giles perhaps once a week during the season which runs from April until the end of September. If you are interested in joining this new group please contact Michael

**Musical Concerts:** If you are interested in going to local musical concerts and have suggestions for forthcoming events where you would like to car share with other Chalfonts U3A members then do contact Elaine Quigley

**Patchwork & Quilting:** We have a member, Linda Liston, who is willing to set up a group if there is enough interest. Linda would provide some basic instruction and show group members how to create a simple design and choose fabric. The group would work around a large table, cutting and pinning the fabric to sew at home. There may be some cost involved in buying equipment for your own use. If you think you might be interested please contact Linda. There is the possibility that this group may be combined with the Textiles group if numbers are low.

**CONVENOR MEETING:** There will be a meeting for group convenors after the speaker meeting on 9 September. If you are a convenor, helper or administrator for a group please attend if you can.

**WEBSITE DESIGN GROUP:** This is not an interest group, but we need a small group of people who are interested in helping us develop our new website. The group will be led by Tony Darbyshire, our Webmaster, and we expect the group to meet for around six months until the new website has been built. No technical skills are needed, the help is to do with content. If you are interested please contact Tony

## **DIARY DATES**

<b>12 August</b>	David Richards	<i>will give a talk on Isambard Kingdom Brunel</i>
<b>9 September</b>	Paul Whittle	<i>Hill Stations of the Raj In British India. The hill stations gave a welcome respite from summer heat of the plains. Nostalgic reminders of the Raj, tea gardens, stunning mountain scenery and a visit to four hill stations in India, Burma (Myanmar) and Sri Lanka</i> (Paul Whittle actually gives his fees to support several charities)
<b>14 October</b>		<i>Mrs Eileen Dickson from the Witness Service based at High Wycombe Magistrates Court will be talking about her work.</i>

**Membership enquiries only: Valerie Darbyshire, Membership Secretary:**  
[membership.chalfontsU3A@gmail.com](mailto:membership.chalfontsU3A@gmail.com)

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

**Members are invited to contribute to the Newsletter: [newschalfontsu3a@btinternet.com](mailto:newschalfontsu3a@btinternet.com)**