

Chalfonts U3A Newsletter No.53 August 2019

Monthly Meeting Diary Dates for 2019 at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre

(Please Note - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)

14 August	Michael Hodges	Michael is a metal detectorist, who will be giving a talk entitled “History beneath my feet” If any members have any old or unusual coins, Michael will have a look at them and hopefully share his expertise with us...
11 September	Dr Mark Collins	Mark is the Former Chair, Galapagos Conservation Trust and will give a talk entitled “Floreana: rebirth of an island in the Galapagos” . Floreana, has been the focus of several attempts at the establishment of industry and is home to 140 people. It has been overrun by a variety of feral species. He will discuss an ambitious five-year programme to save Floreana by eradicating these invasive species and work alongside the human inhabitants towards sustainable livelihoods
9 October	Mike Payne	Sadly Malcolm Nelson who was going to speak to us on the second part of catching smugglers has had to cancel, but luckily Mike Payne has agreed to talk on his latest topic Westerns. He will talk on the films, TV shows and the actors. He has in the past spoken to us on Pinewood Studios and The Burma Star.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Editor's Update

As a result of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) our newsletter no longer shows personal telephone numbers or personal email addresses, as these could easily end up in the public domain. Congratulations to our new walking group Strollers and Valerie Hadfield for running it.

TVN Ukulele Activity Day: 22nd October, 2019, Benson

Applications are now invited from individual members to join in the Ukulele Activity Day. There is a limited number of places available. Applications from individuals will be accepted from Thursday, 1st August and will be acknowledged by email unless a stamped addressed envelope. is enclosed. Copies of the flyer and the individual application form are available on the Chalfonts U3A website. Applications and any enquiries should be addressed to Patsy Thornton, whose full contact details are on the application form.

Annual convenor Social

On Thursday 18th July the Group Coordinators organised the annual Social for all Chalfonts U3A convenors, administrators and members of the RUG (Really Useful Group). The evening started with a short meeting where the convenors were welcomed and thanked on behalf of all of the members of Chalfonts U3A for their efforts by the Group Coordinators and Bob Borwick, remembering that without our convenors there wouldn't be any groups, the life-blood of any U3A. The convenors talked about their groups and the importance of the U3A ethos 'by the members for the members'. It was agreed that the Beacon system was a great help to administration. With appetising snacks, and a glass of wine we all agreed it was an enjoyable and worthwhile event. Please see Tony's photograph of those who attended under 'Group convenors' on the CU3A website.

EXISTING GROUPS

Bridge Group

The Bridge Group welcomes interest from recently recruited members who would like to play Bridge on the first and third Wednesday afternoons of the month at CSPCC. We play purposeful but convivial duplicate Bridge usually fielding between 5 & 8 tables. Anyone interested in joining or initially observing play or wishing to have more information should contact Geoff Glover at bridge@chalfontsu3a.org.uk.

Coffee Mornings Group

We have had some great times at the Greyhound over the last few months – lots of chat and delicious croissants, but as the weather has warmed up the support has dwindled, so we have decided not to hold another meeting until the Autumn. Will advise you further during September. Thank you to all who attended and have a great Summer. convenor, Chris Coteman on coffee_mornings@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. After that we have two sessions on various computing topics. At our next meeting we will be looking at using the free Microsoft program OneNote for Windows, Mac OSX and mobile to create scrapbooks for your hobbies and interests. For more information please contact computing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Excursions

Thursday 3 October 2019- Formans Salmon Smokehouse tour & Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park boat trip

Tuesday 5 November 2019 - Wembley Stadium Tour & Designer Outlet complex

Wednesday 4 December 2019 - A day out in Winchester (Cathedral Guided Tour/Christmas markets)

All members of the Excursions Group will be emailed nearer the trip dates with full details.

Garden Visits Group

The group had a lovely visit to Church Gardens in Harefield recently. This is a very special place with extraordinary owners - Patrick and Kay McHugh - who have renovated the walled garden and created a wonderful garden with much history, loads of interest and very pleasing results. The surroundings are surprisingly rural and very private. If any CU3A members fancy visiting, it is open again for the National Garden Scheme on 26th August from 2-5pm. The address is Church Hill, Harefield, Uxbridge UB9 6DU. <https://www.churchgardens.co.uk/our-story>. We have two visits lined up for August - to St Timothees near Maidenhead and a coach trip down to Pashley Manor and Great Dixter. New members are always welcome to join our group and any suggestions for visits are very welcome

iPad Group

The new iPad group is up and running. We have had 2 sessions and our third is due in August. Interest has been very encouraging, such that we have had to limit the numbers for this cohort. 23 people have shown interest so far. Therefore, there are 16 on this current group, and we have created a wait group of 7, so far. These will be the basis of a new group which I hope to start in the new year of 2020.

If you wish to be included in this group, do get in touch with Phil McAvoy at ipad@chalfontsu3a.org.uk.

Singing for Pleasure

The Choir under the leadership of our new Choir Master, Mr Ben Ewert, performed their first concert on Friday, 26th July at Woodland Manor Care Home. We were welcomed by the staff and residents. Ben, with his usual excellent skills, guided us through songs from the shows:- My Fair Lady, Music of the Night and Sound of Music. We also sang Fields of Gold, Heal the World, Danny Boy and Molly Malone.

It was lovely when the residents and staff joined in the choruses. With the absence of Reg, who is still recovering from surgery, we had just one male singer. Well done Geoff, an excellent job, move over Pavarotti. Seriously though, we need more male singers so if you feel you can hold a note please join us.

I feel sure we will perform at many venues in future. How lucky were to find such a talented Choir Master.

Spanish Beginners Groups 1, 2 and 3

The groups are generally looking for additional members. Groups 1 and 3 have amalgamated. Please contact the following for more details.

Ivor Spector on spanishbeginners1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Peter Shaw on spanishbeginners2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Ros McDonnell on spanishbeginners3@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Table Tennis

The group are playing a friendly against Bicester U3a on Friday 30th August from 10 -1pm at Chalfont St Giles Table Tennis Club and welcome any potential players and supporters to come along. Contact Eileen Powell for more information on tabletennis2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Walking Group (up to 6 miles)

July saw our groups 100th walk taking place since we started in April 2015. We celebrated the event by gongoozling, followed by lunch. Our group members have now between them totalled collectively over 10,000 miles on the walks. A good sociable time is always had along the way, followed by a lunch. We welcome new members to our group. Please contact Nigel Trotman on walking2-6miles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Wine Appreciation Group 2

In July we had a tasting of Bordeaux wines. On August 21st we will be tasting New Zealand wines, with South Africa in the following months. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month. New members welcome. Contact David Hillis at wineappreciation2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk.

PROPOSED NEW GROUPS

Walking group (Strollers)

'The Strollers' walking group has been set up in response to requests for shorter or less strenuous walks. Our first walk will take place on Thursday 15th August, meeting at 10.30 am in the Car Park at the Coy Carp Inn at Harefield. This will be a walk along the canal for around 30 minutes, and then returning to meet in the pub. Hopefully, it will be a chance to get an idea of the range of walks that members are interested in and get together to formulate some ideas over coffee or lunch. For more information please contact Valerie Hadfield on strollers@chalfontsu3a.org.uk.

Cribbage

Interest is growing for this group, and it is hoped that it will become active in the near future.

For more information please contact Nigel Trotman on groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups and convenors

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

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