



*A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
 TO ALL OUR MEMBERS*

Following our very successful Christmas Social, when we were royally entertained by our own Singing Group and other members, we would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January at our first monthly meeting of 2016 or at some of the interest groups which are going from strength to strength. Thank you all for your encouragement and support in making Chalfonts U3A so vibrant and enjoyable.

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

January 13	Mike Payne *	<i>The history of Pinewood Studios *</i> *Please note this change of speaker.
February 10	Colin Oakes	<i>will talk about Amersham through the ages.</i>
March 9	Denise Beddows	<i>will speak about Bulstrode House</i>



ARE YOU AN EGGHEAD?: Eggheads- are looking for teams of six to take on their resident general knowledge geniuses. Applications by 11 December email: eggheads@12yard.com or contact Helen Whitlum groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- **Equipment Officer** - We need an Equipment Officer to look after, and loan out, our equipment which includes a laptop computer, projector screen and microphones.
- **Website Design Group** – We need a small group of people to help with the design of our news website.

If you would be willing to help with either of these, please contact our Webmaster, Tony Darbyshire (see website for contact details).

Interest Group Displays – We are hoping that there will be display tables in the Mary Smithells Room before and after the January monthly meeting for the Badminton, Cycling, MOTO and Wine Appreciation groups. Do come along and see what these groups are all about. The convenors will be pleased to see you there and will answer any questions you may have.

INTEREST GROUPS UPDATE

Discussion Group - The next Discussion Group meeting will be on Wednesday 20 January @ 7pm – main topic of discussion is 'China today?' For more information contact Tricia Reeve_ – new members always welcome.

New Cryptic Crossword “Success”! - Last month, the Cryptic Crossword group got off to a flying start with three intense sessions of over two hours each. It was unanimously decided to carry on in the New Year. As of now, there are six regulars with room for two more. The first date for January has not yet been decided, but If you are interested, please contact Bob Leven

Patchwork – Some of you will have seen the impressive display put on by the Patchwork group at the November meeting. The group is thriving but needs a few more members to increase the exchange of ideas. If you are interested in joining the group, then Linda Liston will be very pleased to hear from you. Please get in touch with Linda



Theatre Visits - On Saturday 23 November fourteen of us went to Wycombe Swan to see "Lord of The Flies." This was a really excellent production which originated at the Regents Park Open Air theatre. It certainly caused much discussion amongst the theatre goers. The feedback was very positive. On 5 December 24 of us are returning to the Swan to see "Jesus Christ Superstar" Afterwards we have arranged a Christmas meal at a local pub/restaurant for those who want to go,. There has been a great deal of interest in the 16 February visit to London to see "Motown". Initially there were 48 of us but I was fortunate enough to get a few extra tickets and a bigger coach so now we are a party of 52. This will not be increased! It does show the importance of responding quickly if you wish to take part in theatre trips. We have no waiting list at present, but we will start one if any other members are interested.

NEW GROUPS

Badminton – We have a number of people interested and a possible convenor and we are now looking for a suitable venue. If you would like to join this group please contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk.

Book Club 2 – We are pleased to announce that we now have a convenor for a second book club. Thanks to Alyson Klein for volunteering to run this group. Contact Alyson if you are interested in joining.

Classic Cars - Do you own, or would you like to own a classic car? Or just interested in classic cars from the 1930s through to the 1970s? If you would like to join a new interest group which will discuss classic motoring topics and arrange visits to local classic car events and shows from spring to autumn, please get in touch with Geoff Glover

Cycling – The group is in the process of being set up. We are pleased to say that we now have a convenor for the group. Thanks to David Burry for taking this on. Please contact David Burry if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions.

Italian Conversation – Do you speak Italian at an intermediate or higher level? Would you be interested in meeting up with other members to converse in Italian? If the answer is “yes”, contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk.

MOTO (Members on Their Own) – We are hoping to shortly get this group off the ground. David Burry has agreed to be the convenor. If you are interested in joining the group please see David at the January meeting.

Music – It is still hoped that a music appreciation group and an instrumental group can be formed but this may not be until the New Year.

Philosophy – Do you enjoy a thought-provoking discussion on some of Life's big questions? If so, this could be the group for you! We have a potential convenor, but we need a few more people to join the group before we can get it up and running. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk.

Spanish Conversation – Intermediate – We now have an intermediate Spanish conversation group. Please contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk for more details.

Sunday Group – After a highly successful launch coffee meeting the Sunday group is up and running! The first group meeting will be on Sunday 13 December at 12.30 for lunch in Merlins Cave in Chalfont St Giles.

THAMES VALLEY NETWORK

Please visit their website www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk to find out more about event programmes for the remainder of the year and into 2016. Open to all U3A members.



Membership enquiries only: Valerie Darbyshire, Membership Secretary:
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Please remember to bring your membership card to every monthly meeting and all interest groups.

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