

Chalfonts U3A Newsletter No.59 February 2020

●
 Monthly Meeting Diary Dates for 2020 at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre
 (Please Note - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)

12 February	Denise Beddows	Denise, a local author, will give a talk entitled "Bulstrode revisited" This follows on from her previous talk about the Bulstrode estate having uncovered new information about one of its past occupants in particular Ambrose Bennet an alcoholic judge and persecutor of the local Quaker community.
11 March	Bobbie Darbyshire	Author Bobbie will give a talk entitled "Where do novelists get their ideas from"? She won the 2008 fiction prize at the National Academy of Writing and her latest book is called "The posthumous adventures of Harry Whittaker".
8 April	Professor David Brodie	Author of "Traacherous Games" and "Beggar on a bicycle", David will share a personal journey from the early days of sports science to some recent advances in cardiovascular health, including a range of research activities and their practical outcomes.

Reminder Please note that members should bring their 2019-20 membership card to all meetings. Please also be considerate to other community centre users when parking. There is the public car park in Church Lane which is a few minutes' walk away.

Editor's Update January has passed quickly, and we can now look forward to Spring! Bulbs are popping up all over our gardens bringing a welcome sight of growth and colour just like Chalfonts U3A!!

CU3A Membership Renewal Memberships are due for renewal at the end of March and members have been sent a renewal form for completion. You can renew your membership from 1pm at the next monthly meeting on 12 February, at a drop-in session from 10-12 noon on 25 February, 11 March at the monthly meeting and at the drop-in session 10-12 noon on 24 March. Membership has been reduced to £20 per person.

I have a **plea** from convenors highlighting the need for members to check their emails regularly and if a reply is needed to respond **promptly**. Members may be unaware how much extra time it takes chasing things up. This particularly relates to the large group outings walks and theatre trips. So please be considerate of our convenors!

Dinghy Sailing Ahoy me hearties! The Chilterns and South Herts U3A Dinghy Sailing group have been in touch to let our members know about this group which meet on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of the month at Troy Lake, West Hyde. Members from several different U3A groups come together to sail and socialise. New members are welcome, and tuition will be given where necessary, so any ability is catered for. Sessions will cost £8.50

There will be a 'Meet the Members' session from 2-4pm on Tuesday 7 April. If you would like to know more about their group, please contact sailing@cvu3a.uk (Chess Valley U3A). Further Information can also be found on the [chalfontsu3a](http://chalfontsu3a.org.uk) website.

Existing Groups

Bird watching An intrepid band of 7 set off on January 21 heading for Slimbridge WWT. We were at the mercy of the weather, with fog and low cloud forecast but guess what we had a beautiful sunny bright day ahead of us! We were able to observe many winter visitors, captive ducks and geese. We saw over 50 species some not seen before and the Bewick swans were an amazing sight. The final feeding at 4pm as the light was fading was particularly enjoyable. Please visit the website for some photos of some of the feathered friends we met. If this whets your appetite for the great outdoors, then please contact birdwatching@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Excursions

Tuesday 25 February: Albert Hall "Behind the Scenes" Tour & nearby Museums. There is a short waiting list.
Monday 23 March: Maritime Museum and Greenwich Village attractions. Full details to be issued shortly
Tuesday 21 April: Repeat visit to Oxford/Ashmolean. Those from the 2019 waiting list have been given priority for this outing and were emailed on 28/01/20 asking for a response by 8 February. Once uptake is known all other members will be given the details of this excursion so that they can book a place. If you would like to join the excursions group please email: excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk so that your name can be added to this group.

French Beginners Plus There are vacancies in this group, which meets twice monthly. If you want to join, please contact the new convenor Vince Barker frenchbeginnersplus@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

New Experiences The New Experiences group have had 2 events recently. In December 23 members went tenpin bowling in High Wycombe. Most hadn't played for years, some never. Scores in each game ranged from 24 to 153 but we had a fun afternoon on a very wet day.

Then in January, 24 members went on a backstage tour of the Wycombe Swan Theatre. It was fascinating and hard to believe that currently, the scenery, curtains etc. are still pulled up and down by ropes. This was followed by a very enjoyable afternoon tea. Contact Angela Cranston newexperiences@chalfontsu3a.org.uk.

Table Tennis We ventured to Bicester for our rematch having thrashed them last year, but this time they had found some better players and it didn't quite go to plan for us! Very enjoyable though. Thanks to our great team and photos are on the website.

Table Tennis 3 This group got off to a flying start and we have 23 people signed up for Tuesday's session from 1.30-3pm at the Leisure Centre. David Morgan is the convenor and if interested in finding out more please contact him at tabletennis3@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

New Groups

Ballroom Dancing This group will be meeting on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, starting in March. If you would like to join the other couples twirling round the dance floor please contact the convenor, Carolyn Edwards at ballroomdancing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Dine Out with Friends There are members interested in meeting up for lunch and/or dinner in local restaurants, pubs and cafes. There will be an initial meeting this month, so if you would like to join them please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Please note Dining in with Friends and the proposed new group Dine Out with Friends are 2 different groups so apologies for any confusion. Dining in with Friends is home based with 3 couples providing venue and food and Dine out with Friends offers the opportunity to eat out at local restaurants. Further information on the website.

Family History 2 We will be having an initial meeting of this group in the hall after the general meeting on Wednesday 12th February. Jan Sawyer, convenor of the original group, will be coming to talk about her group so that the new group can decide how to proceed. If you are interested in tracing your family tree along with others please come along or contact Nigel Trotman groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.gov.uk

Scrabble 2 The new group has started and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month during the afternoon in the community centre. Contact Brenda O'Gorman at scrabble2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Proposed Groups

Bridge Beginners Several U3A members have asked if we can start a beginners Bridge Group. If you would like to join the many bridge players around please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

French Intermediate 3 The other 2 French Intermediate groups are now full, so a new group will start this month. For further details please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

History There has been some interest in this new group starting and there will be an initial meeting soon to discuss format. For information please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

As you can see from the above, if a group is full, we try to start a new one. So, if you have tried to join a group and been told it is full, or you are a convenor with a waiting list, please contact Sue or Nigel.

Our thanks go to the exiting convenors, Mary Kendall, Angela Lindstrom and Jacqui Robinson, who have done a great job over the last few years. Welcome to our new convenors, Marguerite Fletcher, Chris Percy and Vince Barker, who have taken over existing groups and Carolyn Edwards and Brenda O'Gorman, who are convenors of two of our new groups.

If you want any information about existing groups or have ideas for any new groups please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk or at the signing in table at the monthly meetings.

Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups and Convenors

February 2020

Nigel Trotman – Groups Coordinator 1 groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk Sue Fisher – Groups Coordinator 2 groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

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

INTEREST GROUP	CONVENOR	EMAIL
Art Space	Sandie Webb	artpractical@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Badminton	Chris Percy	badminton@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Ballroom Dancing	Carolyn Edwards	ballroomdancing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Birdwatching	Tony Micallef	birdwatching@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Book Club 1	Jane Barker	bookclub1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Book Club 2	Alyson Klein	bookclub2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Bridge	Geoff Glover	bridge@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Chess	Tony Micallef	chess@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Computing	Tony Darbyshire	computing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Coffee Mornings	Chris Coteman	coffeemornings@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Cribbage	David Burbidge	cribbage@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Creative Writing	Denise Beddows	creativewriting@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Crochet	Jeanette Galletly	crochet@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Cryptic Crosswords	Bob Leven	crypticcrosswords@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Current Affairs	Robert Coleman	currentaffairs@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Cycling Longer Routes	Dave Duckworth	cyclinglongerroutes@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Dining in with Friends	Sandra Bowles Terri Weidner	dininginwithfriends@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Discovering Art	Bob Bell David Martin	discoveringart@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Excursions/Outings	Tricia Reeve Val Smith	excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Family History	Jan Sawyer Marguerite Fletcher	familyhistory@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Flower Arranging	Angela Kemps	flowerarranging@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
French Conversation Beginners 1	Marian Cooper	frenchbeginners@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
French Beginners Plus	Vince Barker	frenchbeginnersplus@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
French Conversation Intermediate 1	Sandy Oldham	frenchconversation1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
French Conversation Intermediate 2	Ray Luker	frenchconversation2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
French Conversation Advanced	Judy Cutter	frenchfluent@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Garden Visits	Jane Barker Jacqui Greenham	gardenvisits@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
German Conversation	Renate Danner	germanconversation@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
iPad User Group	Phil McAvoy	ipad@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Italian Beginners	Lesley Bedford	italianbeginners@chalfontsu3a.org
Italian Conversation Advanced	Barbara Lloyd	italianadvconversation@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Lawn Bowls	Pam Anderson Mike Alderton	lawnbowls@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
London Walks	Pam Anderson	londonwalks@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Mah-jong	Sam Patel	mahjong@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
New Experiences	Angela Cranston	newexperiences@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Old Time Musical Hall Singing	Bob Leven	musichallsinging@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Philosophy	Linda Hagreen	philosophy@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Photography	Tony Darbyshire	photography@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Pilates	April Morgan	pilates@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Poetry & Literature	David Burbidge	poetry&literature@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Quizzing	Margaret Turner	quizzing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Rummikub	Georgina Cane	rummikub@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Scrabble	Anne Higson	scrabble@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Scrabble2	Brenda O’Gorman	scrabble2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Science & Technology	Cathy Williams	science@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Singing for Pleasure	Brenda O’Gorman	singing4pleasure@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Spanish Conversation	Stuart Hammond	spanishconversation@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Spanish Beginners 1	Ivor Spector	spanishbeginners1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Spanish Beginners 2	Peter Shaw	spanishbeginners2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Spanish Improvers 1	Margaret Burbidge	spanishimprovers1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Spanish Improvers2	Sue Medlock	Spanishimprovers2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Sunday Group	Sue Fisher	sundaygroup@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Table Tennis 1	Sue White	tabletennis@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Table Tennis 2	Eileen Powell	tabletennis2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Table Tennis 3	David Morgan	tabletennis3@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Tai Chi Beginners Tai Chi Admin	Margaret Rutter Stella Ellis	taichi@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Textiles and Craft	Teri McAvoy	textiles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Theatre Visits	Sheila Tarrant Danny Robins	theatretrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Walking 6 – 10 miles	Wendy Bretherick Marion Clegg	walking6-10miles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Walking less than 6 miles	Nigel Trotman David Cooper	walking2-6miles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Walking Strollers	Valerie Hadfield	strollers@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Wine Appreciation	Grace Hunter	wineappreciation@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Wine Appreciation 2	David Hillis	wineappreciation2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Yoga	Geoff Clegg	yoga@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Chalfonts U3A Committee

Chairman	Bob Borwick	chairman@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Vice Chairman	Mike Lawson	vicechairman@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Secretary	Jane Barker	secretary@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Treasurer	Peter Brady	treasurer@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Accessibility	Eileen Powell	accessibilityofficer@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Beacon Administrator	John Hardwick	beaconadmin@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Finance Officer	Chris White	financeofficer@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Interest Group Co-ordinator 1	Nigel Trotman	groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Interest Group Co-ordinator 2	Sue Fisher	groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Membership Secretary	Val Smith	membershipsecretary@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Newsletter	Eileen Powell	newsletters@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Publicity	Eileen Powell	publicity@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Speaker	David Morgan	speakercoordinator@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Venue Co-ordinator	David Burbidge	venuecoordinator@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Webmaster	Gary Tomlin	webmaster@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Chalfonts U3A general enquiries
Chalfonts U3A suggestion box
Chalfonts U3A website

contactus@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
suggestionbox@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk

U3A National website
Thames Valley Network website

www.u3a.org.uk
www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

February2020