

DIARY DATES FOR 2018 - (PLEASE NOTE - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)

11 July The medical detection speaker will *A representative of the Medical Detection Dogs* also be bringing gifts for us to buy *will be talking about this charity.* to raise money.

8 August Roger Shaw

*1421 and the Ming Dynasty.
Admiral Zheng and 100,000 sailors in four fleets went round the world and found America 70 years before Columbus who had a Chinese map.
A fascinating tale of how this was achieved.*

12 September Tom Way

A wildlife photographer who is based in Buckinghamshire. He will be showing us exciting wildlife photos from around the world

FROM THE EDITOR

Today we have the opportunity to welcome two overseas visitors – Barrie and Caroline Greenwood from Christchurch New Zealand who are U3A members in their home town. U3A is truly an international organisation and we are always interested to hear from groups far and wide, and New Zealand is about as far as it can be from the UK. Welcome Barrie and Caroline - we hope you enjoy your stay in the UK.

A note of warning to members for our next meeting on 11 July. This clashes with the CSP Academy's Sports Day and therefore we anticipate that parking will be difficult. It would be helpful if car drivers could double up with other members, walk if possible, or park in the Church Lane Car Park or driveways of members who live close by. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding.

Chalfont St Peter Feast Day

Not only was the 23 June a glorious day weather wise, it was also a glorious Feast Day with attendance at one of the highest levels seen in recent years. It was good to see an increase in the number of stalls with new local companies and organisations taking part for the first time. Chalfonts U3A stall saw an abundance of visitors during the day, many of whom wanted to know more about our organisation. They must have been impressed as quite a few have since become members! We were also joined by many of our existing members, coming over to say 'hello' to the band of volunteers hosting the stall during the day. Our ever popular 'free prize draw' attracted lots of contestants with this year's prize of 'free membership' being won by a man from our village.

After only three years existence and with 700 members, Feast Day is a wonderful opportunity for us to show what a major part of the community we are. A big thank you to all our members.

Parish Council's Guide to Chalfont St Peter

This publication is being distributed throughout the village and contains very comprehensive information regarding the many and varied aspects of Chalfont St Peter. Members will be interested to see our own U3A article on pages 48-49 which highlights many of our activities including photographs of recent events.

EXISTING GROUPS

Coffee Mornings - Do come along to the next meeting at The Greyhound on Thursday 26 July 10 - 11am. This is a social event and gives everyone a chance to chat with other members. For more information contact Chris on coffeemornings@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Discovering Art - John Bailie will be standing down as convenor of the Discovering Art group at the end of September for personal reasons. John will be available to work alongside a new convenor until the month of October. Members interested in becoming a convenor of the group should contact John Bailie

Excursions Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) – Tuesday 17 July 2018

Places have been confirmed by email and those on the waiting list notified. Nearer the excursion date detailed information about the trip will be emailed.

**The State Rooms and Gardens at Buckingham Palace –Tuesday 7 August 2018
(previously scheduled for 11 September)**

Places have been confirmed by email and those on the waiting list notified. This excursion has proved to be a popular choice so we shall plan another visit to the Palace State Rooms and Gardens when they open in the **Summer of 2019**.

Upton House & Gardens, Warwickshire - Thurs 27 September 2018

A full day out at this National Trust property - full details to follow

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Leamington Spa & British Motor Museum – Thurs. 8 November 2018 Full details nearer the time.

If you have ideas/requests for future excursions we are always very pleased to receive them. Email: excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk. Thank you to those who send in details - we look at all suggestions and report back to the sender.

Local History Group – Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 September, usual time 2pm in the Mary Smithells Room at the Community Centre. Please note: no meeting in August.

Philosophy Group - has been in silent meditation for a couple of months. On re-entering the world they decided that their next meeting will be at 10.00am on Thursday 26 July. The subject for discussion will be *John Stewart Mill and Utilitarianism*. There will be an introduction to the topic by one of the members followed by a *stimulating* discussion in which you will all be invited to participate. New members will receive an enthusiastic welcome. Please come along.

Quizzing - John Bailie will be standing down as convenor of the Quizzing group at the end of September for personal reasons. John will be available to work alongside a new convenor until the month of October. Members interested in becoming a convenor of the group should contact John Bailie at quizzers@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

NEW GROUPS

Crochet - Jeannette Galletly has agreed to form a new crochet group with members found through our newsletter. If you are interested in joining the new group where you will be able to learn how to crochet, or help others then please contact Jeannette Galletly at crochet@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Spanish - A number of our members are seeking to start a new Spanish Group which would cater for those members who have a good level of 'conversational' skills in the Spanish language and who are or have been fluent and are seeking to enhance those skills. If you are interested in being part of this group, please do not hesitate to get in touch and be part of an inaugural meeting (TBA) of interested members. Please contact, groupcocoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Wine Appreciation 2 - As the wine appreciation group is full, we think the time is right to start a second group, especially as David Hillis has offered to be its convenor. Several U3A members have expressed an interest in joining a second group. There will be a joint meeting on Wednesday 5 September at 7.30pm. We will be tasting three white wines and three red wines. The cost is £10 per person per evening. If you wish to join the group, please say if you are able to attend the joint meeting. The new group will decide when and where they wish to meet. For details please contact David Hillis

GDPR - GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

Thank you to all the members who have returned the GDPR forms. This is an important issue so if you have not yet returned the forms will you please give the matter your urgent attention. If you cannot download the forms or are having any other problems, please contact chairman@chalfontsu3a.org.uk. For those who require printed Chalfonts U3A forms, these will be made available at the next monthly meeting.

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