

Monthly Meeting Diary Dates for 2019 at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre (**Please Note** - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)

- 10 July John Tyler John Tyler is a local naturalist, who will be giving an illustrated talk on **"The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns"**. From warm seas, through Ice Ages, tundra and forest to the farmland and beechwoods of today, we travel through a hundred million years to follow the story of the Chiltern landscape and its wildlife.
- 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 today home for 140 people. But it has been overrun by a variety of feral species. He will discuss an ambitious fiveyear programme to save Floreana by eradicating these invasive species and working alongside the human inhabitants towards sustainable livelihoods

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that members should bring their 2019-20 membership card to all meetings.

A gentle reminder to you all that we would appreciate a donation of 50p per member towards tea, coffee and biscuits which, as always, is organised by Sue Jupp and her helpers.

Editor's Update

The Annual Chalfont St Peter Feast Day took place on Saturday 29 June and as in the past Chalfonts U3A had a stall. We were fortunate to have plenty of support throughout the day, a big thank you to those members who helped on the U3A stall and of course the weather. Although this was not a membership drive, more of an information gathering and public relations activity, we were pleased to be part of this community event. In the evening The Singing for Pleasure Group joined The Accord Choir and children from St Peter's School in a concert led by Choir Master Ben Ewert and entertained the crowd to a lovely selection of popular songs.

CU3A Treasurer's Financial Support Assistant needed

Since our inception in 2015 ChalfontsU3A has grown to become a highly successful and thriving group of Third Agers. With over 800 members and 65 different activities. the administration and financial workloads have increased hugely but is now in need of help. Are you someone that can spare a couple of hours a week to help with the group's finances? Peter Brady, our Treasurer would love to hear from you. A knowledge of Excel would be useful but not essential as training can be provided. As JFK might have said: "Ask not what Chalfonts U3A can do for you but ask what **You** can do for Chalfonts

U3A" For further information please contact Peter Brady treasurer@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

The Really Useful Group (RUG)-more volunteers needed

Members of this group help out in all kinds of useful and practical ways - such as putting out tables and chairs at the monthly meeting and helping with tea and coffee. If you think you could help with this please contact secretary@chalfontsu3a.org who will pass your details on to the RUG organiser Joyce Cripps.

To all members - please respond to emails!

Please respond to emails sent out by Interest Group Convenors as this will make their life so much easier when trying to fix a date for a meeting or when asking for your opinion. It is very frustrating not to receive any acknowledgement and it also makes the job of the convenor harder than it needs to be. They are running the groups for your enjoyment so please be considerate and reply when emailed.

CU3A emails going into junk/spam folders

Some members have reported that emails from Chalfonts U3A sent via the Beacon system are ending up in their spam or junk folders. To avoid this we suggest that you add noreply@u3abeacon.org.uk to your Contacts list as most of the emails concerning U3A and the Interest groups will come from that address.

EXISTING GROUPS **Book Club 2** We are a friendly group of about eight people who meet in each other's houses once a month on Thursday afternoons. We talk about the book that we've just read, then choose a new book from three presented by one of our members. This means that we get a variety of genres; mostly modern 20th and 21st century novels from around the world, with the occasional historical novel or biography. I found that the group is very beneficial as I was getting stuck in a rut, only reading my favourite authors and missing out on all the exciting, different books that are out there. If this sounds like you, why not come and join us? Contact Alyson Klein bookclub2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk **Computing Group**

All levels of computer users are welcome. We normally start with a Q & A session where members can discuss any computer related issues they may be facing. After that we normally have two sessions where we discuss a computer topic, this is usually lead by Phil, Gary or Tony. Previous subjects have included: computer security and performance, Backups, Web Browsers, Google Search, Spam, Google Drive, Photos and Microsoft. There are about 70% Windows users and 30% Apple Mac users in the group, so we try and make the topics of interest to both parties. For more information please contact computing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Garden Visits Group Members may be interested to know that the newly acquired St Michael's Convent, Vicarage Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8AT, neglected for many years, is now being developed by the community as a place for quiet and reflection. It includes a walled garden with vegetables, a woodland dell with trees and ferns and a recently built chapel. Open to the public 20 July from 2 - 4.30 p.m. Admission is by charity donation and refreshments will be available.

German Conversation Group

We would be pleased to welcome new members to our group. For more information please contact Renate Danner at germanconversation@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Local History Group

Chalfont St Peter can provide lots of local historical stories, especially if you browse through the Library's stock and members of the group have already found quite a few interesting items. We also look further afield, as I have a stack of discs from the cache that was kindly donated to me to share with the members. These were made by the Daily Mail in the 1970s and reveal many experiences of those having to cope with life during the war. However, what I really enjoy is asking local people to look through old photos and letters. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm. For more information please contact Elaine Quigley at localhistory@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

New Experiences Group

Thirty two New Experience Group members met in June to climb over the roof of the O2. Suitably geared and harnessed we set off up the steep fabric walkway to a viewing platform at the top. From there we could see all over London and take photos before the steep descent down. Photos of most of the New Experience Group's activities are now up on the website. Segway, Samba drumming, orienteering and a gin making workshop are our next adventures.

Old Time Music Hall Group

We are a busy group, going to Retirement Homes in the surrounding area, but we have a prevalence of lady members. We would like to encourage more of you to join our group but particularly male singers. So, if you have the energy, we have the space and would love to hear from you. For more information please contact Bob Leven at musichallsinging@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Wine Appreciation Group 2 In June we had a tasting of Spanish wines. On 17 July we will be tasting Bordeaux wines, with New Zealand and South African in the following months. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month. New members welcome.

New Groups

iPad User Group

The iPad User Group have had its inaugural meeting .Twenty two members have joined, and it is now full. A waiting list for a new group will start in the New Year. Phil McAvoy the convenor. can be contacted on ipad@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Proposed New Groups

Walking group (Strollers)

37 members are interested in starting this new group. and following the July monthly meeting we will get together in the Hall. please join Nigel there to find out more. Nigel Trotman at groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Cribbage

We have some interest in starting this new group but would like to hear from more members. For more information please contact Nigel Trotman on groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Dining out with friends

A member has suggested this new group. This would involve meeting for lunch or dinner in local pubs or restaurants. If this is of interest, please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups and Convenors July 2019

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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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