

MAY MEETING

John Pearson was an engaging speaker with humorous and informative anecdotes of his varied career with Marks and Spencer which found him involved in sourcing, bread, wine and particularly cheese - quite a mouth-watering combination.

WEBSITE

No direct address yet, but use the link for Chalfonts U3A: <http://u3asites.org.uk/code/u3asite.php?site=752> - or google Chalfonts U3A. Do take time to visit the site and see what's going on and to keep abreast of the latest developments.

INTEREST GROUPS

There are now twenty six groups up and running with more due to start in the Autumn - check the website to get the latest information. If you wish to join a group please contact the convenor directly. Help is available if you are able to start a group: email groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk and we will do all we can to assist.

Spanish – Geoff Whaley, Head Convenor, reports – There are now two groups: Beginners administered by Margaret Burbidge and a more advanced group run by Angela Windsor. The former group is using "Mi Vida Loca" as a learning aid which has been downloaded free from the BBC. The latter group is employing a Spanish lady at a modest charge, for conversation etc. Both groups have already met and are continuing to evolve. The groups are at a sensible size, so if anyone wants to join, I could maintain a waiting list until there is a minimum of six before initiating a new group.

Nordic Walking – We would like to get this new group off the ground. We have a teacher who is willing to run a 4-week course which could be followed by an ongoing group if there is enough interest. The teaching will be free but there will be a small charge of £2 for the pole hire. To register your interest groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk

Gardening Group Update – Unfortunately Rosemary Day, the planned convenor, is unable to get the group started until the New Year. Are there any other keen members of this prospective group who would be willing to get the group off the ground during Rosemary's absence please? Please email groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk if you can help.

****Textiles – New Group**** Are there any ladies (or gentlemen!) who have an interest in textiles of any sort e.g. embroidery, patchwork, crochet, lace-making etc.? Would you like to join me, perhaps fortnightly for a couple of hours, bring along a project in progress and enjoy a cup of coffee. There would be no teaching involved, but an opportunity for like-minded people to share ideas, expertise and inspiration. Sally Dinning

Interest Groups in progress: The following groups are in the process of being set up:

London Walks -
Nordic Walking

Table Tennis – waiting for a venue
Textiles/Sewing/Craft

Interest Groups Needing Convenors/Voluntary Teachers

Dancing – 25 people interested
Intermediate Bridge – 15 people interested
Local History – 44 people interested

Music/Singing/Instrumentalists/concerts
Pilates – 50 people interested
Yoga – 22 people interested

DIARY DATES

The monthly Speaker meetings are held at 2pm at the Chalfont Community Centre

10 June 2015	Tony Maisey	<i>Retired doctor shares his amusing experiences</i>
8 July 2015	Hugh Granger	<i>The Art of Deception in WW2</i>
12 August 2015	David Richards	<i>Isambard Kingdom Brunel</i>
9 Sept 2015	Paul Whittle	<i>Hill Stations of the Raj</i>



REFRESHMENTS: We are able to offer tea/coffee/biscuits after the 10 June meeting. Do stay on and socialise. Donations will be very welcome.

For information on Interest Groups please contact the Convenor direct or for general interest group enquiries email: groupscoord1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Membership enquiries only: Valerie Darbyshire, Membership Secretary info.chalfontsu3a@gmail.com

Please remember to bring your membership card to every monthly meeting and all interest groups.

Members are invited to contribute to the Newsletter with comments, items of interest, special birthdays, suggestions for activities etc. Please send them to: newschalfontsu3a@btinternet.com