

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

8 June	Paul Whittle	<i>The River Kwai – the True Story – the famous World War II railway, the subsequent film and the many differences between fact and film making</i>
13 July	Chris Truran	<i>will be talking about his experiences in the world of Forensic Science</i>
10 August	Tony Eaton	<i>The Curious Disappearance of Major Glen Miller. An Illustrated talk</i>
14 September	Andrew Willis	<i>The History of Harefield Hospital including old photos and Powerpoint presentation</i>
12 October	Alistair Lack	<i>Travels with Auntie – An illustrated talk on the BBC</i>

As you can see from the Diary Dates above, we have a very varied series of speakers during the coming months to keep our interest stimulated and we look forward to the usual good attendance at our monthly meetings.

Summer is now truly upon us even though June began with rather arctic conditions – we anticipate better weather as the month goes on. However, all the seasonal events are taking place – the recent Chelsea Flower Show, Ascot, Henley and Wimbledon to come plus for soccer fans the Euro 2016. Locally there is the Chalfont St Peter Feast Day on Saturday 25th June when we will be manning a stand. Last year's presence on Gold Hill Common resulted in several new members and this is a great opportunity to put Chalfonts U3A on the local map. We hope many members will come along to visit us on the day.

WEBSITES

Do visit the Chalfonts U3A website for more information about upcoming events and to view the extensive gallery. Events organised by Thames Valley Network can be found on their website www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk and the National Website is also a useful resource www.u3a.org.uk

CONVENOR MEETING

There will be a meeting for all interest group convenors, administrators and helpers at 3:30pm on Wednesday 8 June after the monthly meeting. If you are not yet a convenor but are thinking about starting up an interest group please come along - you will be welcomed with open arms! Please contact Helen_Whitlum for more information.

EXISTING GROUPS UPDATES

Advanced Italian Conversation - We now have five members who are all proficient Italian speakers (not necessarily fluent) and we have decided to meet up every two to three weeks. Meetings so far have been held at "coffee time" (11.00am) at various restaurants in Old Amersham. Dates of future meetings are always decided when we meet and our get-togethers last for between one and two hours. It has also been mutually decided that we want to keep the group small but would be happy to have one more member, making a maximum group of six persons. We hope to have the opportunity at a future date of engaging an Italian lady to lead us at some of our meetings. The format of our meetings will evolve as we go along. At present we are all getting to know each other and enjoy using our Italian.

Excursions

Beaulieu, New Forest, Hampshire – Wednesday 6 July 2016. An all day trip to Beaulieu Palace, The Abbey, Gardens, National Motor Museum, Secret Army Museum and the World of Top Gear. Full details and a booking form

will be emailed out to the Excursion Group Members on Tuesday 14 June. Those not on email will receive the information by post. If you wish to be added to the excursion list please email chalfontsu3a.excursions@gmail.com
Lawn Bowls - The lawn bowls group, who meet fortnightly from 10-12 at Chalfont St Giles Bowls Club, is now up and running with an enthusiastic group of learners for this skilful game. If you would like to come along or find out more, please email Mike Alderton

Nordic Walking – A big thanks to Karoline Lamb for running two Nordic walking courses last year. Unfortunately, there has been little appetite amongst our members for further courses and so this group is now closed.

Sunday Group – The objective of the Sunday Group is to run a range of outings and activities for people who want to do something on a Sunday and to vary the outings so that they appeal to people of all ages (we currently have membership from age 60 to 91). Car sharing for all of our events means that people who don't drive can still come out (making a contribution to petrol). So far the group has been to Pinewood Cinema, for pub lunches, visited garden centres, open gardens, NT properties, the bluebells in the woods followed by lunch at Denham Garden Village, a market and a walk around Black Park. Some of us even walked across the fields from Chalfont St Peter to Chalfont St Giles on Easter Sunday. Our outings always include somewhere for refreshments – most important! – and often an opportunity for Sunday lunch for those of us that are on our own and don't want to cook for ourselves in the evening. Those that don't want a full lunch can buy a snack at the places we visit.

Theatre Visits - These are our planned visits for next few months:

- July 14** "Swan Lake" matinee London Coliseum (plus exclusive talk with ballet principals.) Booking imminent.
August 30 musical "Funny Girl" Apollo Theatre London - fully booked.
November 4 "The Elizabethan Experience" Shakespeare's Globe Theatre London, comprising theatre tour, Globe exhibition, Elizabethan dressing demonstration, refreshments and Bankside and Rose Tour. Booking imminent.
November 30 Christmas treat. Matinee to "Kinky Boots" Adelphi Theatre London followed by a two-course meal and tour of Christmas lights. Booking Imminent.

Wine Appreciation - This group continues to flourish with a very successful tasting of New Zealand wines held recently at Linda and Andrew's house. The group meets monthly in members' homes to share wines from different countries. Contact Grace Hunter for more information.

NEW GROUPS

Canal Boat Trips – Now that the summer season is almost here, we are hoping to arrange a number of canal boat trips from Harefield for groups of up to 12 people. The cost would be £10 per person for a full day from 10am to 6pm. You can bring your own lunch or stop off at a pub. The boat is equipped with a gas stove, water, fridge and toilets. You can help with the locks if you are feeling energetic or just relax and take it easy. If you are interested in going on a trip please contact Helen Whitlum

Thames River Boat Trips – There is the possibility that we may be able to arrange a couple of river boat trips for up to 12 people. The cost would be around £25 per person for a full day out. Members of the Committee did the trip last year and enjoyed a wonderful day out on the water. If you are interested in going on a trip please contact Helen Whitlum

Yoga – This group got off to an encouraging start when ten members turned up for our first session. For more information see Convenor List.

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.

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