

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

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| 13 June | Helen Fry - <i>local Historian, Biographer and Scriptwriter</i> | <i>Will give a power point presentation entitled Latimer House Secret WW2 History.</i> |
| 11 July | | <i>A representative of the Medical Detection Dogs will be talking about this charity.</i> |
| 8 August | Roger Shaw | <i>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.</i> |

FROM THE EDITOR

June – the name derives from Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage who was the wife of the supreme deity, Jupiter. But of course, you all knew that! It might come up in a quiz sometime. This month is full of promise for everyone interested in sport – and what an array is on offer – Cricket, The World Cup, Wimbledon, Ascot, Henley and many more. I have heard that some have invested in larger screen TVs for the events – 50" flatscreen sets perhaps. Whatever happened to the little black and white set in its walnut cabinet which resided in a corner of the living room?

Chalfont St Peter Feast Day - Saturday 23 June - Chalfonts U3A have a stand at this very popular all day event held on Gold Hill Common. If you are able to spare an hour to help man the stand please email Bob Borwick vicechairman@chalfontsu3a.org.uk. It's great fun and a good chance to catch up with all our members!

Members are reminded that a concession is granted to U3A members who book holidays with **Riviera Travel**. Ten per cent of the cost of your holiday will be donated to Chalfonts U3A – this is a valuable revenue stream for us, so we encourage you to bear this in mind when booking your next trip away.

Reminder to all our members on email - please ensure you have noreply@u3abeacon.org.uk in your computer's address book or contact list. List it under Chalfonts U3A and that will help ensure that all relevant emails make it to your Inbox and not your Spam folder. We want to keep in touch so you don't miss out on anything.

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.

EXISTING GROUPS

Bus Pass Adventures Group - Due to family circumstances Dorothy Bowie has had to stand down as Convenor and we are now looking for someone new to take on this role. The group has had some great days out and it is a social gathering too! If you are interested and would like to know more please contact Nigel Trotman at groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Canal Boat Group - Our next available trip is on Thursday 12th July. We have had some really sunny days out on our trips so far which has added to the relaxed atmosphere of canal life. For further details of the group and forthcoming trips please contact Sue Gillard at canalboattrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Theatre Group - The group has two outings coming up. On the 27th June we are seeing Brief Encounter at the Empire Cinema Haymarket, a combination of live performance and film, followed by The Jersey Boys at the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury on the 4 July. They are evening performances starting at 7.30 p.m. Both outings are full.

Members booked on these trips will receive further details shortly. If you would like to join the theatre group, please email theatretrips@chalfontsU3a.org.uk

Excursions

Bristol on 18 May – our day out was a great success and we were really lucky with excellent sunny weather which was ideal for both our guided tour of the Clifton Suspension Bridge and also the very informative tour on the Open Top Bus all around Bristol. There was so much to do we were spoilt for choice – some of us visited the famous SS Great Britain and new Brunel Museum, while others took ferry rides on the River Avon or just enjoyed watching the world go by in the harbour side cafes. Certainly a day to remember!

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 out.

The State Rooms and Gardens at Buckingham Palace –Tuesday 11 September 2018

Full details nearer the time

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Leamington Spa & British Motor Museum – Thursday 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.

New Experiences Group has been very adventurous recently. Ten members went go-karting in Aylesbury and drove very recklessly round the track in an effort to overtake and beat everyone else's lap times. Some were more reckless than others but everyone emerged unscathed, though very hot, at the end. Then nine of us tried out the Go Ape high ropes and zip wire course in Black Park. There were some very scary moments, but everyone bravely completed the course and retired to the cafe with great relief and clothes full of wood shavings. There are lots more New Experiences planned for the coming months. These include an Old Amersham Treasure Hunt, paddleboarding, orienteering, a Murder Mystery Dinner and paintballing. If you are interested in any of these and would like to join the New Experiences Group please contact Angela Cranston

Walking (up to 6 miles) - We have now completed 71 walks, and are always seeking out ideas for new walks, and if possible new walk leaders. Full assistance is given in making all arrangements. The only essential is to find a good pub for the lunch and socialising at the end of the walk. New members welcome to the friendly group. For further details please contact Nigel Trotman at walking2-6miles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

NEW GROUPS

Crochet group - It has been suggested that we start a crochet group. Those interested contact Nigel Trotman at groupscordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Garden Visits Group - The inaugural outing of the Group took place on a very warm and sunny Thursday afternoon, 17 May at the Wind in the Willows in Higher Denham. The garden opens to the public under the National Garden Scheme but Jane had arranged a private visit and tour for us with the enthusiastic and knowledgeable owner, Ron James. Covering around three acres, Ron and his wife have built up the garden over the last 30 or so years and Ron was able to give us a wealth of background information on how this was achieved and details of the many plants, shrubs and trees, along with hints and tips for our own gardens (Question: how do you keep the slugs off your wonderful collection of hostas?) Answer: initially plenty of slug pellets, a gravelled area and his secret weapon - mallards! After a very pleasant tour lasting about an hour, we were able to re-visit areas of our own particular interest and enjoy tea and biscuits on the terrace. All in all, a very successful first visit. Future outings planned for 2018 are to Craiglea House in Chalfont St Peter, Wendover, Waterperry/Oxford Botanic Gardens and Diple Mill/West Green House in Hampshire.

Coffee Mornings Group - Christine Coteman held a very successful first meeting of the group on 18 May at the Greyhound Inn, Chalfont St Peter. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 June starting at 10.00 until 11.00 at the Greyhound Inn. For further details please contact Chris Coteman at coffeemornings@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Bird Watching Group - The first meeting of the new Bird Watching group will be held on Tuesday June 12 at College Lake, Tring. For further details please contact Tony Micallef at birdwatching@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Jiving - one of our members has shown an interest in learning to jive. Anyone interested in this group and or would be able to teach please contact Nigel Trotman at groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

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