

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

March 9	Denise Beddows	<i>Magnificence and Scandal on our doorstep - Bulstrode House</i>
April 13	John Ambrose	<i>An amusing and informative talk entitled: Tax, Care and Toy Boys</i>
May 11		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and election of Committee
June 8	Paul Whittle	<i>will talk on The River Kwai – the True Story</i>

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the ChalfontsU3A will be held in the Main Hall of Chalfont St Peter Community Centre Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9Q on Wednesday 11 May at 2-00pm. Any nominations for officers or non-officer members of the committee and any proposed motions should be sent to the Chairman David Burbidge at least 28 days before the date of the meeting. A proposer and seconder is required for both items. Further details about the meeting will be included in the April newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to the 200 or so members who have renewed already. Can we urge others to please renew as soon as possible. Annual membership for 2016-17 will remain at £22 – to spread the membership secretary's workload, you can renew from now onwards. The membership year of Chalfonts U3A is 1 April to 31 March. Forms are available at the Monthly Meeting or on our website. Members are asked to complete a new form for the 2016-17 year and also to complete the Gift Aid Declaration if you are a taxpayer. Email membership.chalfontsU3A@gmail.com = new membership cards will be issued on renewal – please destroy the old one.

Change of e-mail address – To help us keep our database up to date we ask members to advise our Membership Secretary, Val Darbyshire, of any changes, particularly e-mail addresses, otherwise you may miss out on important communications.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Please use the website to access more information regarding events and groups and to visit the Gallery or to download a membership form. Google – Chalfonts U3A – visit Events, Groups, Gallery etc

INTER-U3A QUIZ ON SATURDAY 28TH MAY

Amersham U3A are organising a quiz night and we are hoping that Chalfonts U3A will be able to raise 3 teams of 8 people each. If you are interested in joining one of the teams (we already have 10 people interested) then please email David. Burbidge by 20th March. The cost is £10 per person and includes a fish and chip supper or vegetarian alternative. The quiz will be held at the Drake Hall in Amersham.

THAMES VALLEY NETWORK EVENTS – SPRING 2016 (OPEN TO ALL U3A MEMBERS)

Please remember that there are many exciting and interesting events organised by Thames Valley Network. See www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk.

GREAT NEWS – REDUCTION IN ROOM FEES!

In recognition of the current difficulty for convenors in ensuring that accommodation costs are covered when attendance varies, the Chalfonts U3A Committee has decided that as from 1 April 2016, there will be a change in the way that interest groups pay for meeting venues where there is a charge for the room hire e.g. rooms at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, the library, leisure centre etc. Currently, interest groups are responsible for paying the full cost of the room hire. From 1 April, each group member will be charged a flat rate of £1 for each session attended. If a

member does not attend a particular session then no fee is payable. The committee hopes that this will be seen as good news for both convenors and group members.

Interest Group Displays – There will be a display table in the Mary Smithells Room before and after the March monthly meeting for the Lawn Bowls group. Do come along and see what this group is all about. The convenor, Michael Alderton, will be pleased to see you there and will answer any questions you may have.

Cheese and Wine Lunch - Saturday 2 April, 12:00 – 2:00pm - The Wine Appreciation group will be holding a cheese and wine lunch on Saturday 2 April from 12 noon till 2 pm in the Members Room, at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. The invitation is open to all members of Chalfonts U3A. The room size means that the number of tickets is limited to 30. To reserve a ticket please email Grace Hunter on a first come basis. The tickets will cost £5. We aim to have a good quality selection of cheeses, biscuits and bread, together with a dessert. There will be red and white wines and water to drink with the cheeses. The wines will be donated and therefore do not need to be included in the ticket price.

NEW GROUPS

Badminton Group – meets every **Thursday 11.30-12.30** at the Leisure Centre where we have two courts.

Lawn Bowls – The group will be starting up for the summer season in May, meeting at Chalfont St Giles Bowls Club. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Michael Alderton. There will be a meeting and a sign-up sheet for those interested in joining the group on 9 March after the monthly meeting - Michael will be in the Mary Smithells Room before and after meeting.

Singing – Music Hall – Would you like to join a good, old fashioned Music Hall style singsong? If there is enough interest we are hoping to start up a group. We already have a volunteer to run the group, so if you are interested in joining the group please email groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk.

¿ **HABLAS ESPANOL ?** - Nos llamamos Stuart y Bob. Necesitamos dos personas mas, para charlar de vez en cuando. Si tienes interés, por favor

EXISTING GROUPS UPDATE

Discussion Group – after successfully running the Discussion Group for the past year, Tricia Reeve is looking for a new convenor to take over the group and has asked group members for a volunteer to replace her but to date no-one has come forward – so if you can help please contact Tricia direct or email 'groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk'

Excursions - RAF HENDON – Battle of Britain Talk/Tour - 23 March - now fully booked with waiting list.

BBC TOUR & visit to V & A and Science Museums – 21 April.

Information to be emailed out mid-March to everyone on excursions database.

Historic Buildings – There are now 20 members signed up to this group. To find out more contact:
Geoff Glover

Theatre group - We had a very enjoyable outing to "Motown" during the first week of its run. It was a packed house as was predicted. Our next trip to "Lottie's War "at Windsor is proving very popular and we are able to get extra tickets to meet the demand, but they need to be applied for quickly as we have to pay the theatre a deposit, and we wish to firm up our numbers. It also seems that "Funny Girl" may go ahead. Responses are still coming in for that. We have some plans for later in the year. More news on that later. Contact: Maureen Huxtable

Membership enquiries only: Valerie Darbyshire, Membership Secretary:
membership.chalfontsU3A@gmail.com

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