

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

14 March	Roger Shaw	<i>An illustrated talk of the perils of the people who went through the north-west of America in 1844 on the Oregon Trail</i>
11 April	Monica Weller	<i>who will explain how she solved the case of Dr Helen Davidson who was murdered in Hodgemoor Woods in 1966.</i>
9 May	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	<i>Followed by a 'Retrospective Filmshow of vChalfonts U3A activities'</i>

FROM THE EDITOR

MOTORISTS BEWARE - A word of warning to drivers. Members may be unaware of the parking conditions in the precinct – there are cameras which record your registration no. and time of arrival as you enter the car park and when you leave. Should you exceed the one hour limit, there is an automatic charge of £120, reduced to £60 if you pay straight away. This means that if you are enjoying a leisurely coffee in Costa, you need to keep an eye on your watch to avoid this penalty. When the new M&S opens, don't spend too long browsing the delights on offer as the one free hour can disappear all too quickly.

Also did you know that members can read about the speaker and see photographs on the website following our regular monthly meetings?

Here is the link <http://www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk/monthly-meetings/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

A big thank you to all those who have already renewed their membership for 2018-2019 – we even had a form sent from Australia! If you haven't yet done so you will be able to renew from **1.15-1.45pm** at the monthly meetings on the 14 March and 11 April or at the **drop in sessions** at the Community Centre **10 – 12 noon on Tuesday 27 March and Wednesday 25 April**. You can of course renew by post. If you would like a membership form these are available on the website www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk

EXISTING GROUPS

Bus Pass Adventure - Wednesday 28 March - Chesham Town and Market

Following last year's great success the Bus Pass Adventure Group is set to start again. Our first 2018 trip will be to Chesham (which proved very popular last year). We shall meet outside "Crumbs" in Chalfont St Peter to catch the 09.45 bus to arrive in Chesham at 10.25. Time then to visit the market, browse the shops and have a light lunch - M & Co have a cafe that offers light lunches. There is a 2.45 bus which arrives back to Chalfont at 3.15pm. If you would like to join others for this social day out please contact Dorothy Bowie via email buspass@chalfontsu3a.org.uk **Excursions**

Looking ahead ...

Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) – Tuesday 17 July 2018

This trip proved very popular last year and we have been able to secure a repeat booking for this Summer. Those on the waiting list (who didn't get a place last time) will be given priority for this trip. Full details will be announced in due course to all members.

The State Rooms and Gardens at Buckingham Palace – Tuesday 11 September 2018 Guide Dogs for the Blind, Leamington Spa and British Motor Museum Thursday, November 2018

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If you are interested in joining the Excursions Group please email excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Please visit the Chalfonts U3A website www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk – the excursions page is extensive and has a wonderful gallery of previous trips.

New Experiences Group

This group provides a wonderful opportunity to take part in activities you may never have tried before. Activities may be adrenalin-fuelled, artistic, thought provoking or just fun. Here's what's coming up!

Go-Karting, Aylesbury - Friday 20 April

Come to try out go-karting. Everyone will have two 15 minute sessions on the track in their Grand Prix experience and compete against the clock. Price includes all equipment, a driving induction and experienced marshalls. Cost £42.

High Rope Course, Go Ape, Black Park - 23 May - 11 am

For the even more adventurous, try a 3 hour tree top adventure on the high rope course at Go Ape in Black Park. Take Zip wires, Tarzan swings, rope ladders and a variety of obstacles and crossings. Cost £29

Visit www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk - New experiences page for more information and contact Angela Cranston if you are interested in joining the group or taking part in any of the planned activities.

NEW GROUPS

Garden Visits Group

It has been suggested that visits could be made to gardens, both open to the public, and by prior arrangement to those normally closed to the public. Please contact Nigel Trotman by email at groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Coffee Mornings Group

Chris Coteman has offered to organise coffee mornings at the Greyhound in Chalfont St Peter and is open to all members. This would be a chance to socialise over a coffee and croissant. There would be a small charge for the refreshments, and a tip. Those interested should contact her for further details

Bird Watching

There was a suggestion at the end of last year to start a bird watching group. Hopefully the weather will be getting better soon and the birds will be returning from their winter holidays when it will be a good time to start the group. If anyone is interested please contact Sue Fisher at groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

INTEREST GROUPS MEETINGS GUIDE

The guide shows a list of all existing groups with their meeting days, times and frequencies. The guide can be accessed on the Chalfonts U3A website under the heading of 'Interest Groups' www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk. It is important that this is used as a guide only. Members wishing to join or attend groups should first contact the group convenor to check on group numbers, meeting place and confirmation of the day and time. Group convenor contact information is detailed in the Newsletter.

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