

**MONTHLY MEETING DIARY DATES FOR 2019**  
**AT THE CHALFONT ST PETER COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**(Please Note - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)**

<b>13 March</b>	<b>Peter Ellis</b>	<i>Climbing Everest from Tibet and a climb to Vinson Massif in Antarctica - a large mountain massif 21 km long and 13 km wide lying within the Sentinel Range of the Ellsworth Mountains over-looking the Ronnie Ice Shelf near the base of the Antarctic Peninsula located about 1,200 km from the South Pole.</i>
<b>10 April</b>	<b>Alan Copeland</b>	<i>This month we welcome the return of Alan Copeland speaking on <b>Eccentric London</b>. Alan was the very first speaker we had at Chalfonts U3A.</i>
<b>8 May</b>	<b>AGM</b> <b>Followed by talk with Keith Hoffeister</b>	<i>We welcome the return of our speaker. Keith spoke to us at our AGM in 2017 when he informed us of the progress of HS2. Keith is coming back to tell us of what is happening now and what has gone on during the last two years.</i>

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Chalfonts U3A will be held at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9QX at 2pm on Wednesday 8 May 2019. Under the terms of the constitution the Chairman, Secretary and a number of the general members of the committee are required to resign this year.

Nominations for the Officers of the new committee have been received as follows: Chairman: Bob Borwick, Vice Chairman: Mike Lawson, Treasurer: Peter Brady (*present holder of the post who has indicated he is willing to continue in this position*), Secretary: Jane Barker.

Nominations for the General Committee are: Nigel Trotman, Sue Fisher, (*present members of the committee who have indicated they are willing to stand again*), Eileen Powell, Val Smith, David Morgan, John Hardwick and David Burbidge. Val Smith and David Burbidge are resigning from their posts of Secretary and Chairman respectively but have indicated they are willing to continue on the committee as general members.

Any other nominations for officers or non-officers of the committee or any proposed motions should be sent to the Chairman David Burbidge at least 28 days before the date of the AGM. A proposer and seconder are required for both items.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership – it has been a great help with the administration. CU3A membership runs from 1 April – 31 March each year which means all memberships are due for renewal at the **end of March 2019**. The Membership Renewal form has been sent (either by email or post) to all members and is also available to download from the website.

You will be able to renew and collect your 2019-2020 card from **1pm at the 13 March or 10 April monthly meetings**, or at **drop in sessions from 10am – 12 noon on Tuesday 26 March or Wednesday 17 April 2019 in the Chalfonts Community Centre**. Membership forms will be available. We do hope that you will renew and continue to be part of Chalfonts U3A. If you have any questions or would like to know more please email [membershipsecretary@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:membershipsecretary@chalfontsu3a.org.uk) or contact Val Smith or visit the website <http://www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk/membership/>

## EXISTING GROUPS

**Bus Pass Adventures** - The very successful group was previously in operation during the spring and summer months. Now that spring is in the air it would be the ideal time to make a new start for the year. We are looking for a new convenor, either from the extensive existing group or from any of our members. Full advice and assistance will be given to anyone wishing to fill this post. Please contact Nigel Trotman for more information at [groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org](mailto:groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org)

**Canal Boat Trips** - Our first day trip of 2019 is booked for Thursday 23 May and waiting for passengers! We already have one booking. The boat is easy to access, with a hydraulic platform to assist those a little challenged with knees

that don't bend too well anymore. If you are a wheelchair user, please chat to Sue Patey or Sue Gillard (or email via U3A website) if you'd like to go but are not sure.

**Current Affairs** - The new Administrator for this group is Robert Coleman. For more information regarding the group please contact Robert Coleman at [currentaffairs@chalfontsu3a.org](mailto:currentaffairs@chalfontsu3a.org)

**Excursions - The Baps Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple** on 15 February was a great success – there are some wonderful photographs on the website – do take a look at the gallery on the excursions page. As so many of you have been interested in this excursion we will be arranging a repeat visit and those who were on the waiting list for the February trip will be given priority for a place when we go again. Email [excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk) if you would like to add your name to the list.

**The BMW-Mini Plant, Cowley, Oxford with lunch – Tuesday 19 March 2019.**

This trip is now full. However if you would like your name to go on the waiting list please email [excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk) as places can become available at the last moment.

**A DAY IN OXFORD: Thursday 11 April 2019. Guided Walking Tour of Oxford Colleges and City followed by a visit to the Ashmolean Museum with private highlights tour.** Members of the excursion group have already been sent the factsheet and booking form for this outing – either by email or post.

Thank you to all of you who have sent in ideas for trips. We very much appreciate your suggestions and report back on them all. If you would like to join the excursions group please email [excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

**New Experiences Group** - have painting workshops, circus skills workshop, barn dance and walking on glass planned for the next couple of months. There are a few places left for the walking on glass experience on 30 April. This is completely safe and professionally organised. Please contact Angela if you are interested. There are also still a few tickets available for the barn dance on Friday 22 March. This is now open to Chalfonts U3A members who are not in the New Experiences Group. There will be a three- piece band and the cost will be £15 including a fish and chip supper. Email Angela if you would like to attend.

**Garden Visits – Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Affiliation** - Chalfonts U3A is now affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). The main benefit of the affiliation is free group entry to a RHS garden for up to 50 members. We plan to organise a trip to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex on 10 September 2019. Details will be promoted in late summer and the trip will be opened up to all CU3A members (not just those in Garden Visits group).

CU3A members can also benefit from a **discount of 30% on the normal adult admission prices** for themselves and one other adult to the four main RHS gardens - Wisley in Surrey, Hyde Hall in Essex, Harlow Carr in Yorkshire and Rosemoor in Devon. To obtain this benefit you will need to borrow our RHS reduced price entry card which is kept and managed on our behalf by Jane Barker, our garden visits convenor. If you want to borrow the card contact Jane at [gardenvisits@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:gardenvisits@chalfontsu3a.org.uk) to arrange collection. Please return the card promptly after your visit so that other members can use it. There is no limit to how many times the card can be used. At the end of the year we will review how often the card has been used and whether we wish to continue with the affiliation to the RHS.

**Singing for Pleasure** - Brenda O’Gorman presently leads the group, and they are rehearsing at St Peters Church.

**Theatre Group** - We have obtained tickets to see **Rip It Up – 60s hits** at the Garrick Theatre on Wednesday, 17 April for the evening performance. The show features musicians from JLS, The Wanted and McFly. Strictly fans will recognise these performers along with Louis Smith as they give you the hits of the 60s. This show has a short run & Group discounts have only just become available. In contrast on the 19 May we will visit the Mill at Sonning to see the **Pasadena Roof Orchestra** who will play “hot” numbers from the 20s and 30s. The Orchestra provide an excellent evening’s entertainment – dinner before concert included. There is an opportunity to see them locally at the Kings Church in Amersham as part of the Amersham Festival of Music.

As usual we will travel by coach from Chalfont St Peter. Details of these outings have been distributed to the theatre group members. Our visit to see Rip It Up was suggested by a couple of members, so please let us have your suggestions. If you would like to join the theatre group please email: [theatretrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:theatretrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

**Wine Appreciation Group 2** - The February tasting was on Chilean wines, including a very nice Carménère. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is on 20 March and we will be tasting Portuguese wines. After that April 17 with some choice English wines.

## **NEW AND PROPOSED GROUPS**

**Beginners Spanish** - We have a number of members who are ready to form and start a new Beginners Spanish group. We need a few more members to enable the group to commence. If you are interested please contact Margaret Burbidge

**Dinghy Sailing** - The sailing season runs from the end of April to the end of October, and we meet at the

Rickmansworth Sailing Club, at West Hyde, between Maple Cross and Denham, on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month from 13:00 - 17:00. Together with other U3A sailing groups, we enjoy sailing in various craft with supervised help. This group has vacancies. New members, including beginners, are welcome. Each session costs £8.00 per head. For more information, contact Judith Young (Dinghy Sailing Convenor at Chess Valley U3A) on 01494 580912

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