

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

11 May		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and election of Committee
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>

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We look forward to seeing you at our first Annual General Meeting this coming Wednesday 11 May. This will give us all the opportunity to look back on our first year together to include a visual presentation highlighting our activities. After the formalities of the AGM we will sit back and enjoy being entertained by our "Singing for Pleasure" group followed by tea and biscuits.

THE NEW CHALFONTS U3A WEBSITE

At the AGM on Wednesday 11 May we will be giving a brief demonstration of our new website. The presentation will cover the main elements of the design and content. We are working towards a **launch date of 1 July 2016**. Feedback, so far, from those members who've had a glimpse of the website, is very positive. All very exciting!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The vast majority of members have now renewed their subscription for the year 2016-17. If you have decided not to renew your membership you will not be able to attend meetings after 31 May and circulation of the newsletter either by post or e-mail to you will cease.

EXISTING GROUPS UPDATES

Excursions

Audley End House & Garden, Saffron Walden, Essex – Friday 10 June 2016. Full details and the booking form will be emailed to the Excursion Group members on Friday 13 May. Those not on email will receive the information by post.

Beaulieu, New Forest, Hampshire – Wednesday 6 July 2016. Details of this trip will be announced in June.

Historic Buildings Group – enjoyed a recent tour of the Meeting House at Jordans when the local archivist gave the group a history of the 17th century building, its association with William Penn and the Quaker movement. Anne Foster and Margaret Turner are the new convenors of the group whose numbers have grown to 25. New members are welcome. The group meets each month at a building of its choice followed by social refreshment.

MOTO – This group is on hold for the time being. As an alternative you may like to join our Sunday group which is thriving and has an active social programme. Contact the convenors, Sue Fisher or Sally Lippiatt for details.

Badminton – Come and join our friendly group! The badminton group has been running very successfully since February and now has the use of two courts so there is plenty of opportunity for everyone to play. The group meets weekly on Thursdays, 11:30 to 12:30, at the CSP Leisure Centre. We currently have space for some additional members if you would like to join us. For more details, contact convenor, Angela Lindstrom

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

May 21 "Lottie's War" matinee Windsor- fully booked.

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.

NEW GROUPS

Gardening – We are sorry for the delay in getting this group off the ground as we know there are many members who would like to join. Unfortunately, the person who was going to run the group is now unable to do so and we are seeking one or more volunteers. Please can you think about taking this on? It will be a lot of fun and a good opportunity to make new friends and learn from each other. Contact: groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk.

Italian Conversation (Intermediate/Advanced) - Hai voglia di parlare italiano? Siamo un gruppo piccolissimo, al livello medio/avanzato, che ci incontriamo circa una volta per mese per fare una chiacchierata molto informale - non c'e' una lezione! Se vieni con noi, sia sempre il benvenuto - provi pure! Please contact Barbara Lloyd if you can understand this and would like to join the group.

Making Music – Do you enjoy playing a musical instrument? Would you like to join a group of like-minded others on a regular basis? We are looking for someone who would be prepared to run this group. If you can help or you would like to join such a group please contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk and include which instrument(s) you play.

Yoga – We are looking at the possibility of setting up a yoga group with outside help. The group would run weekly on a Tuesday from 11:00 to 12:15 in the Tony Graham Room at the CSP Community Centre. For the group to run we need one or two people to volunteer to help with the administration i.e. to liaise with the external person, collect the room fees, send emails and be a contact point. If you would like to take part in this group please can you help us? Please contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk if you can help or you would like to join the group. There will be a short meeting for those interested in joining this group at 3:30pm on 11 May (after the AGM) in the Main Hall.

Bell Ringing – Is there anyone out there who would like to have a go at bell ringing? One of our members belongs to a group at the church in Chalfont St Peter and would be happy to introduce anyone interested to form a Chalfonts U3A sub-group. Please contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk if you would like to join.

Sunday Lunch Group – It has been suggested that some members might like to get together regularly for a Sunday roast lunch at various places. If you are interested in joining in and/or would be prepared to organise this group please contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk

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 groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk. We need volunteers to organise the passenger list.

Thames River Boat Trips – We have a bit of a watery theme here! 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. As always, we would like volunteers to assist in organising the passenger list. If you are interested in going on a trip or are able to help please contact groupscoord1@chalfonts-u3a.org.uk.

CAN YOU HELP? If anyone in GX is able to give a lift to one of our members for the monthly meetings, contact our Secretary, Val Smith

Membership enquiries only: Valerie Darbyshire, Membership Secretary:
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