

Chalfonts U3A Newsletter No.56 November 2019 ●

Monthly Meeting Diary Dates for 2019 at the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre
(Please Note - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)

13 November	Bernard Lockett	“Reflections on post war East London with a comparison to the present day” This is an overview of social changes in the East End since the War with Bernard’s personal thoughts on the changes that have taken place.
11 December	Roy Collis	Roy has been Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire since 2001 and will be speaking on the subject of “What does a Deputy Lord Lieutenant do?” He has been heavily involved in many charities since 1996 including The Star and Garter Home in Richmond along with many others which he continues to do today.
8 January	Ian Keable	Ian is a member of the inner magic circle and may well surprise us with a magic trick or two to highlight his research on “A century of deception: Hoaxes in the 18 th Century”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that members should bring their 2019-20 membership card to all meetings.

A gentle reminder to you all that we would appreciate a donation of 50p per member towards tea, coffee and biscuits which, as always, is organised by Sue Jupp and her helpers from the Really Useful Group (RUG). Please also be considerate to other community centre users when parking. There is the public car park in Church Lane which is a few minutes walk away.

Editor’s Update Plenty to read about in this month’s newsletter and opportunities for you to become more involved in your U3A so let’s hear from you!

Message from the Committee Chairman

I am delighted to announce that Chris White has joined our Committee as Finance Officer and will be working alongside Peter our Treasurer, who has experienced a huge rise in workload due to our growing membership. Chris brings with her considerable skills from her business background. We warmly welcome her to the team. Our outstanding ‘webmaster’ Tony Darbyshire is sadly standing down from the post. Tony, has been with the group since its inception and his skills and guidance have been immeasurable. We are extremely fortunate that Gary Tomlin will be joining the Committee as the new ‘webmaster’. Many of you will know Gary as co-convenor, with Tony, of the computer group. We welcome Gary and the vast knowledge of the computer industry he will bring to the team. Tony has very kindly agreed to assist Gary and will continue as the group’s official photographer.

CU3A Development Plan . At their last meeting the CU3A Committee agreed a development plan for the next 2 years. In essence to continue to offer many different groups (with your support!) for you to join; to look at new ways to pay for your membership and activities; and in conjunction with U3A National Office explore the possibility of retail discounts with local and National Companies for the benefit of members and also to look at introducing new ways of communicating with our members using social media.

It is important that we get any changes and new ideas right for you our members, so if you are interested in being involved in any of these areas of development, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Secretary Jane Barker initially at secretary@chalfontsu3a.org.uk who will put you in touch with the relevant committee members.

Archiving our U3A. We are a "young" U3A, having been running for just over four years, so we thought this was a good time to start recording the history of our organisation. As well as the formal records – e.g. minutes of committee meetings and newsletters, we want to capture the experiences and views of our members. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please get in touch through Jane Barker at secretary@chalfontsu3a.org.uk or David Burbidge at venuecoordinator@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

EXISTING GROUPS

Computing Group

All levels of computer users are welcome. At our next meeting we will be reviewing the results of the 2019 Computing Group questionnaire and then look at dealing with spam and for the last part of the meeting we will continue to explore social media. For more information please contact computing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Discovering Art Group

John Bailie is organising a coach trip to the William Blake Exhibition at Tate Britain in late January There may be spaces available on the trip for CU3A members who are not in the Discovering Art Group. Contact Bob Bell and he will provide details and pass on the names [.discoveringart@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:discoveringart@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

Garden Visits Group

We have a trip to RHS Wisley on 12 December where we will see the "glow" event after dusk, when part of the gardens and greenhouses are lit up in a spectacular light show. Another early spring social with lunch is planned for 26 February at CSP Community Centre following the success of last year’s event. The planning group members are already hard at work putting together next year’s programme of visits which we will publish in early Spring.

IPad Group

The iPad users' group is now fully subscribed for starting in the New Year. Phil will email those already signed up closer to the start date. To join the waiting list please contact Phil McAvoy convenor at ipad@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Mah-jong Group

We have amended/clarified several of the rules and incorporated some 'Special Hands' to ensure those playing are making progress and enjoying the stimulation. We currently have over 30 members registered and 16 to 20 people show up for each session.

New Experiences Group

The New Experiences Group took part in 2 very different activities in October. Firstly 36 of us decorated glass suncatchers and coasters, using different textures and colours of powdered glass. There were some very artistic original creations produced!

Then 38 of us attended a samba music workshop, creating lots of noise and rhythm with various unusual samba instruments. We named our group Pandemonium and we all had an enjoyable, invigorating and noisy time, proving that everyone has rhythm even if they think they don't! Ollie our musical director was very encouraging.

Coming up we have gin-making, ten pin bowling and a backstage theatre visit. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Angela Cranston at newexperiences@chalfontsu3a.org.

Singing for Pleasure Group

The Singing for Pleasure Choir is flourishing, 4 new members have recently joined us, 3 ladies and 1 gentleman. We are still a little short of men, especially bases. November and December will be busy as we have 2 concerts at local care homes; and we will be taking part in the Remembrance Service on the 10 November at St Peters Church and the Christmas Concert in December. contact Brenda O'Gorman on singingforpleasure@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Walking Group (up to 6 miles)

Last month for our 4th walking weekend we ventured to Holnicote House at Selworthy, on Exmoor. 44 of us occupied the hotel and the weekend offered a choice of walks of varying difficulty and length over the two days. We were lucky to have reasonable weather throughout and enjoyed the beautiful scenery on the moors, the coast, and from the hotel. Entertainment was provided by the walk leaders in the evenings, and there was a great deal of hilarity. The next walking weekend in 2020 is at Dovedale and already fully booked with 60 people signed up. There is a waiting list which can be joined by contacting Mike Lawson at vicechairman@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

New and Proposed Groups

World War Songs

Some members of the choir have shown an interest in setting up a new choir based on songs from the two world wars. If you are interested in joining them, contact Brenda O'Gorman at singingforpleasure@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Mixed Walking Cricket

A member has suggested starting a mixed walking cricket group though we will probably have to wait till next year for this activity due to our weather! This is a group run very successfully in several other U3As. Contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Greek

A member would like to learn Greek. If you are interested in joining a group or can offer any advice with learning Greek please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Rummikub 2 Scrabble 2 and Book Club3

The existing groups for Rummikub, Scrabble and Book Club are either full or on an inconvenient day or time for some, so if you would like to be part of a new group contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Table Tennis 3

The 2 current table tennis groups are full, so we are hoping to start a new group for those waiting to play. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Powell tabletennis2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups and Convenors

November 2019

Nigel Trotman – Groups Coordinator 1 groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

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If you would like to join a group or find out more, please contact the convenor by email

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