

## DIARY DATES FOR 2016/2017 - (PLEASE NOTE - All meetings start promptly at 2pm)

12 October	Alistair Lack	<i>Travels with Auntie – An illustrated talk on the BBC</i>
9 November	Alan Copeland	<i>will give a presentation on Pubs and the way pub sign writers introduce their sense of humour into their work</i>
14 December	Sue Benwell	<i>who will be speaking on the Life of Sir Norman Wisdom</i>
11 January 2017	David Keen (our guide at RAF Hendon)	<i>will speak about the Dambusters Raid</i>

## THIRD AGE MATTERS

Did you all see the photograph in the latest edition of TAM of Pam Jones, National Chairman and Val Darbyshire, Membership Secretary, welcoming our 500<sup>th</sup> member Christopher Franklin? If you missed it, you will find it on page 76 in the Coast to Coast section.

## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Celebration of 1,000 U3As

1.30 for 2pm, 22 November 2016, Friends House, Euston Road, London Guest speaker Baroness Frances D'Souza (Speaker of the House of Lords) and Dr Eric Midwinter (U3A founder). Quite a few of our members have already booked and tickets are still available cost £5 from [u3a1000.eventbrite.co.uk](http://u3a1000.eventbrite.co.uk)

### U3A Christmas concert with the Brandenburg Singers and Organ

Wednesday 7 December and Monday 12 December at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy £19 per person. To book visit [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk)

## RUG

What is “RUG” you are thinking! **RUG** stands for **Really Useful Group**. This is not an interest group like any other but is a list of members who are willing to help your committee to organise events such as the AGM, stands at the CSP and CSG shows, the Christmas social etc. and generally helping out such as putting out chairs at meetings and tidying up after events. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Mary Smithells Room before and after the October meeting. Please give us a hand and put your name down. Alternatively please contact Helen Whitlum or Nigel Trotman by email. Helen Whitlum [groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk) Nigel Trotman [groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

## EXISTING GROUPS

**Book Club 2** - The second reading group has been going from strength to strength since January this year. We do have one vacancy at present. We don't always all like the books we read, but we always have a great discussion about them. The books we have read are : The Green Road by Annew Enright, The Other Typist by Suzanne Rundell, A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry, Casual Vacancy by J K Rowling, Brazzaville Beach by William Boyd, Burying the Typewriter by Carmen Bugan, The House I loved by Tatiana de Rosnay, The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy by Rachel Joyce. And we are currently reading: The Memory Stones by Caroline Brothers.

### Excursions **Wednesday 7 December – Christmas at Waddesdon with High Tea**

Join us for our special Christmas Celebration at Waddesdon Manor with Festive High Tea. The afternoon visit will include private viewing time of specially decorated rooms in the Manor - a Christmas Fair with over 60 stalls with seasonal gifts and festive foods – son-et-lumiere will light up the House from dusk – as darkness falls experience the 'Winter Light' display of over 9,000 illuminated slender glass spheres. All this followed by a special High Tea taken together in the Manor

Restaurant with savoury treats, dainty desserts, choice teas and glass of prosecco. Not to be missed!  
Fact Sheet & Booking Form to be emailed out to all Excursion Members on Wednesday 19 October.

**Monday 20 March 2017 – Brooklands Museum. Details to be announced later.**

**Theatre Visits** - Members will receive details in the next few weeks in respect of our plans for theatre outings for 2017. In the meantime we are looking forward to our visits to the Globe Theatre on the 4 November and Kinky Boots on the 30th November. If you would like to become a member of the theatre group or put forward suggestions for theatre outings, please email: [theatretrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:theatretrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

## NEW GROUPS

**MOTO (Members On Their Own)** – We already have a very successful Sunday social group up and running but would you like to see a separate group specifically for members who are on their own? If you would, then please contact Helen Whitlum on [groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk). Helen will be very pleased to hear from you, especially if you might consider helping to get the group up and running!

**Science and Technology** – As mentioned in previous newsletters we are planning to start a new group which will explore various aspects of science and technology. The thinking so far is that the group is likely to include a mixture of discussions, visits and guest speakers but now is your chance to say what you would like from the group! There will be a short meeting at 3:30 on 12<sup>th</sup> October (after the monthly meeting) for those members interested in joining this new group. Please come along with your ideas for the group. No former knowledge necessary!

**Sunday Lunch Group** – Would you like to enjoy a regular Sunday lunch at a variety of local restaurants in the company of U3A friends? If the answer is “yes”, then please contact Sue Fisher. Sue has very kindly agreed to help set this new group up for us.

## THE NEW CHALFONTS U3A CUSTOM-BUILT WEBSITE - WHAT IT DOES, AND HOW IT'S DESIGNED TO WORK

Our new custom-built website is there for all our members with internet access. At the top (for those not too familiar with the terminology it's called the **Header**) we have page links that help you to navigate the website. Briefly, some of these are:

The **HOME** page. This gives an overview of things that have happened. It has a link to the **Noticeboard**, which is also on the main header bar menu. Why not make the Noticeboard your first stop as here you will find the latest news. New additions to the board will happen fairly often. When a particular event is over it will be removed. So visit it frequently not to miss anything that might be of interest to you.

The **Header** menus are self-explanatory and cover **Interest Groups**, which can be found in both an alpha-list The **Membership** menu; anyone who wants to know about joining can find answers to their questions and also a Membership form. The **Events** tab gives information about the **Monthly Meetings** on a 'sub-menu'. This page shows guest speakers for three or four months ahead, and their subject. We also have a **Gallery**. We will put any pictures/videos we have inside a Year folder, 2015, 2016 etc. The galleries are in the early stages and are not yet complete as they are very time consuming to put together. We aim to have the galleries in place by spring 2017. There is a comprehensive **HELP** page. If a member wants to know about how the website works, the help page should do exactly that. Just below the Header section is the main **Content** area. It has a white background and this is where, when you visit any of the pages, the content for that page is displayed.

We want our website to act as a **HUB** for members. So, at the bottom the **Footer** has links to the **local media newspapers** in the South Bucks area. Also links to the **CSP Community Centre, Community Library** and the various **council websites** in Bucks. We also have lots of other U3A website information, including links about the worldwide U3A movement and to main media websites, e.g BBC/ITV and others members might find useful.

The easiest way to find out more is to explore the website for yourself. The life blood of the U3A movement is the various Interest groups, so there is a separate page for all of these giving information about meeting day, time, frequency and other information relevant to the particular group. Each of the Interest Group pages then have links to 'more information' on the group, which states their objectives and what their group is all about. We can add other pages to any of the interest groups with relevant information about their topics.

Finally, if you have friends who may be interested in knowing more about Chalfonts U3A the easiest way to help them, rather than spending hours of your time explaining what the U3A is all about (if they have internet access), is to ask them to visit our **Membership** page on the website. The website address is: <http://chalfontsu3a.org.uk> - and remember, these days, you can just type into the address bar [chalfontsu3a.org.uk](http://www.chalfontsu3a.org.uk) and this will then do the horribly techy bit of <http://www> for you!

## **WALKING GROUP TRIP AWAY**

Led by Nigel Trotman, twenty-nine of our members have recently been away on a four-day walking group trip to Yorkshire. They will visit Malhamdale and Malham Cove in the Dales National Park. We look forward to hearing all about this 'first' for Chalfonts U3A and to seeing photographs of our intrepid walkers as they explore one of the most beautiful parts of our wonderful country.

### **MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES BELOW:**

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