

# Chalfonts U3A Newsletter No.55 October 2019 ●

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

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| 9 October   | Mike Payne      | Mike's talk is entitled: " <b>Westerns</b> ". discussing films, tv and the actors. He has previously given talks on Pinewood Studios and The Burma Star.  |
| 13 November | Bernard Lockett | " <b>Reflections on post war East London with a comparison to the present day</b> " 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.  |
| 9 December  | Roy Collis      | Roy has been Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire since 2001 and will be speaking on the subject of " <b>What does a Deputy Lord Lieutenant do?</b> " 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. |

## 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** After an amazing summer and a rather wet end to September, autumn is now upon us. Don't worry as we now have Christmas to think about! Please find further information and attached booking form to apply for tickets to a Christmas Carol Concert organised by The U3A Thames Valley Network and given by The Brandenburg Singers under Musical Director Bob Porter on Tuesday 3 December at 2.00 pm in St James Church, Sussex Gardens, Paddington, London W2 3UD. There are 2 further concert dates 6/7 December and tickets can be booked at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

## U3A National Conference.

Members of the committee attended the annual national conference at the end of August. This was a great opportunity to meet with other U3A Committee members from around the UK and collate and exchange ideas and good practice adopted at other U3A's. Over the next few months we will be planning a few exciting developments for our U3A including the possibility of a Facebook page! If you would like to see feedback from the conference, please contact Jane Barker for a copy of the report at [secretary@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:secretary@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

## Visit to Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Hyde Hall

In early September 47 members went on a great day trip to the RHS garden at Hyde Hall in Essex. Our entry to the garden was free as a benefit from our affiliation with the RHS. We had expert guides to show us round the garden and share their knowledge. Did you know that roses smell differently to everyone? We were blessed with a warm day which added to our enjoyment.

## EXISTING GROUPS

### Computing Group

All levels of computer users are welcome. We normally start with a discussion of any computer issues members may be having followed by two sessions on various computing topics. At our next meeting we will be looking at Social Media and if time using the free Microsoft program OneNote for Windows, Mac OSX and Mobile to create scrapbooks for your hobbies and interests. For more information please contact [computing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:computing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

### Excursions

Formans Salmon Smokehouse tour and boat trip. Due to demand this trip is now running on both 3 & 10 October – both excursions are full with a waiting list.

Tuesday 5 November 2019 – Wembley Stadium Tour & Designer Outlet complex.

Wednesday 4 December 2019 – A day out in Winchester (Cathedral Guided Tour/Christmas Market)

All members of the Excursions Group will be contacted nearer the trip dates with full details.

Contact Val Smith or Tricia Reeve for more information at [excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

**iPad User Group** Our first group will be completing their sessions in a couple of months. A new cohort will begin in the New Year. There are still a few places available so if you wish to join email Phil McAvoy at [ipad@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:ipad@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

### **Lawn Bowls**

We had a good summer with everyone enjoying the outdoors and had a good turn out nearly every two weeks. Help was on hand from Pam and John Anderson. Contact Pam or Mike Alderton at [lawnbowls@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:lawnbowls@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

### **New Experiences**

19 of the New Experiences Group tried out archery in September at the White Mark Bowmen Archery Club. The club made us very welcome and showed us how to use the equipment. Then we were able to practice firing at several different targets in the woods. All agreed that it was a very enjoyable new experience.

**Coming up** there are still a few places on the Samba Drumming Workshop and the Gin making Experience. Please contact Angela Cranston at [newexperiences@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:newexperiences@chalfontsu3a.org.uk) for more details.

### **Philosophy**

Are you interested in Philosophy? If so join us at the Philosophy Group's next meeting at 2pm on Thursday, 24 October when the subject under discussion will be the Philosophy of Science.

Please contact [philosophy@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:philosophy@chalfontsu3a.org.uk) for more details.

### **Singing for Pleasure**

The Choir resumed their rehearsals on 12 September, and the repertoire from now until Christmas will include classical numbers such as, O Sole Mio, and Santa Lucia all to be sung in Italian. We will also rehearse songs from shows and English and Irish ballads. Ben, our Choir Master is very talented and has the patience of a saint. We still need to address the balance of the choir and need more men, both tenors and bass. We meet in St Peter's Church on Thursdays at 10.30 am for between 1-1/2 hours. Please come along and give it a try. Ladies are also welcome Contact Brenda O'Gorman for more information at [singing4pleasure@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:singing4pleasure@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

### **Strollers** - First Outing voted a success!

The first Stroll was a simple canal walk in perfect conditions on 15 August from the Coy Carp at Harefield. 18 members took part, and the discussion afterwards produced several ideas about the way forward. Members will propose, plan and lead the walk which will take place either monthly or possibly 2-weekly, varying the day of the week. A simple Walk Proposal Form has been circulated to enable a quick summary of all the required details. The priorities are to find walks which are flat and to walk at a comfortable pace, compatible with 'strolling'. The majority are less concerned about distance, but walks will be between 2 and 4 miles Two further Strolls took place in Denham and then the Misbourne Valley between Chalfont St Peter and Chalfont St Giles. It is hoped to build up a programme of walks to enable more advanced planning, but in the first place members will suggest and plan the next walk each time. The next Stroll will be on 7 October. If you would like to join the Strollers, please contact Val Hadfield at [strollers@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:strollers@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

### **Table Tennis**

We have been invited back to Bicester U3A for a rematch on 31 October from 10-1pm this time taking 8 players 4 guys and 4 gals. We would encourage any players to sign up, don't be shy as this is a friendly. Hope to see some supporters and there is sure to be tea and cakes! Contact Eileen Powell [tabletennis2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:tabletennis2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

### **Proposed and New groups**

#### **Cribbage**

The first meeting of the Cribbage Group has been arranged for 7-30pm on Monday 30 September in the Mary Smithells Room at the Community Centre. If you have not already expressed an interest in joining the group, please contact David Burbidge at [cribbage@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:cribbage@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

#### **Italian Beginners**

There are 4 members interested in a new Italian Beginners Group. If you would like to join, please contact Sue Fisher at [groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

# Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups and Convenors

## October 2019

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Thames Valley Network

Christmas Concert by the Brandenburg Singers
Tuesday, 3rd December 2019 at 2.00 pm
St James Church, Sussex Gardens, Paddington, London W2 3UD

Your Christmas celebrations start here. Our concert, including popular carols, Christmas music, audience participation and seasonal readings will send you home singing. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the interval and there will be an address on an item of interest.



Bob Porter, Musical Director of the Brandenburg Singers, studied at the Guildhall School of Music and he has worked with every major professional orchestra in London. He is a Freeman of the City of London and is passionate about Choral Music, cricket, red wine and jazz.



The Brandenburg Choir is a rich and experienced group of musicians, drawn from choral societies, gospel choirs, cappella ensembles and chamber singers.



St James Church is the second building on the present site. The foundation stone of the present building was laid in 1882 by Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. Two years later, Oscar Wilde married Constance Lloyd in the completed church. During the second world war St James suffered considerable damage and it was reopened in 1958 by the Duchess of Kent. The present organ is one of the finest in any parish church. The church is within walking distance of Paddington Main Line and Tube stations



The concert will begin at 2:00 pm and will finish at approximately 4:15 pm.



Tickets are £19.50 to include the concert, mulled wine and mince pies. Please make cheques payable to U3A Thames Valley Network and send with the slip below to: Paul Booker, 1 Bear Lane, Wallingford OX10 8DR

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Name..... Phone number(s).....

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Please reserve me.....tickets. I enclose a cheque for £.....

I / we are all members of ..... U3A

Signed..... Date.....



If you require a receipt please include a SAE, otherwise an acknowledgement will be sent by email. Please bring your receipt / email to the concert as an admission ticket.