

Chalfonts U3A Newsletter No.54 September 2019 ●

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

- 11 September Dr Mark Collins Mark is the Former Chair, Galapagos Conservation Trust and will give a talk entitled “**Floreana: rebirth of an island in the Galapagos**”. Floreana, has been the focus of several attempts at the establishment of industry and is today home for 140 people. But it has been overrun by a variety of feral species. He will discuss an ambitious five-year programme to save Floreana by eradicating these invasive species and working alongside the human inhabitants towards sustainable livelihoods.
- 9 October Mike Payne Mike’s talk is entitled: “**Westerns**”. discussing films, tv and the actors. He has previously given talks on Pinewood Studios and The Burma Star.
- 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.

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.

Editor’s Update

Hello everyone and now back doing my editorial duties. Many thanks to Mike Lawson who took over the keyboard while I was away and did such a fine job I may have to disappear again.

EXISTING GROUPS

Book Club2 There are still vacancies in this group so please contact group convenor Alyson Klein for more details bookclub2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Canal Boat Trips

The group has been very successful, with thanks to Sue Gillard and Sue Patey as convenors, and Colin Smith and Bob Patey as “Captains” of the boats. The group will now be taking a break, and it is hoped that it will restart at some time in the future.

Coffee Mornings

There has been varied attendance this year, but it will re-start at the end of September – date to be announced. Held in the Greyhound Pub in Chalfont St Peter from 10 am with tea, coffee and freshly baked croissants provided. It is a great way to meet other members so do come along. The convenor is Chris Coteman coffeemornings@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Excursions

Formans Salmon Smokehouse tour and boat trip. Due to demand this trip is now running on the 3rd and 10th October. Both excursions are full.

Tuesday 5 November 2019 - Wembley Stadium Tour & Designer Outlet complex

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

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

German Conversation

The German Conversation Group meet at 2.30 at the Ethorpe Hotel in the last week of the month either on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, decided by e-mail when most people can make it. For more information contact Renate Danner germanconversation@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

New Experiences

The New Experiences Group tried out a couple of outdoor activities this summer, riding Segway in Black Park which was great fun and. taking an orienteering course in Langley Park. The checkpoints were very hard to find, sometimes almost buried in the undergrowth. However, 4 of the 13 groups found all 15 of them.

In the coming months archery, glass art, samba drumming, gin making, and a backstage theatre visit are on offer. If you would like to join the group please contact Angela Cranston on newexperiences@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Spanish Beginners

Our group, Spanish Beginners 2 is progressing quite well. We all enjoy learning Spanish and the group has a strong camaraderie. At the meetings we try to converse in Spanish taking the lead from the 15-minute Spanish course book. Currently a group of 7 but we could take one more person. Weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays from 2.30pm for a couple of hours in each other's houses hence the restriction to 8 members. If you are interested in being the 8th member please contact Peter on spanishbeginners2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Spanish Beginners group 1 amalgamated with the Beginner's group 3 and now has 10 members with some additional new members having joined. The new group had its first two meetings in August and hopes to meet twice a month on Monday afternoons, from 2.00- 3.30pm.

This group is now full, but if you are interested in joining a new group of Spanish Beginners, please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Table Tennis Group

On Friday 30th August we hosted our first competitive table tennis match against Bicester U3a at the Memorial Hall in Chalfont St Giles. Our team consisted of 4 guys and 4 gals from both the Tuesday and Wednesday groups. We played men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed matches and we were rather good as the result shows winning by 21-2. We entertained them to lunch and thank you to those who came along to support us. Bicester are hoping for revenge when we have a rematch sometime in the Autumn! Organiser for this event was Eileen Powell tabletennis2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk and thanks go to David Morgan for arranging the venue.

Textiles & Crafts Group

In August, the group got creative with glass under the watchful eye of experienced tutor Marie Cavanagh from Fired Works in Market Place, Chalfont St. Peter. The glass workshop started with a brief explanation about the types of glass and the different firing schedules to create different effects. We were each given 3 small glass sun catchers to decorate using various types of coloured glass: pre-fused cabochons and crushed glass in various grades known as frit. After completing our "works of art", Marie carefully transported the pieces back to her shop for firing in the kiln. Two days later, we were able to collect the fired pieces and the finished results were stunning. Tony Darbyshire has kindly uploaded some photos of the glass sun catchers (before and after firing) on the Chalfonts U3A website: <https://chalfontsu3a.org.uk/interest-group-news-2019/>

For details of the group contact Teri McAvoy on textiles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Theatre Group

Our recent visit to see Matthew Bourne's production of Romeo and Juliet was thoroughly enjoyed by some but it wasn't to everyone's taste. However, I think we all agreed that the dance content and music were outstanding. Our next theatre outing is to see The Mousetrap on the 8 October, followed by The Lion King on the 12 November. There are no available spaces on these outings but if you would like to join us on future theatre visits, please email theatretrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk Sheila and Danny - group leaders

Walking Group. Dovedale Peak District Walking Weekend October 2020

Pat and Mike Lawson have now taken over from Nigel Trotman in organising the annual long weekend walking trip. Nigel has done a terrific job organising this event over the past 4 years and he is now handing over his walking boots (not really!) A big thank you must go to him as this has to be planned a year in advance. We have a preliminary booking with HF Holidays at Peveril of the Peak, Thorpe, Dovedale, in the Peak District, A 3-night stay from Friday 9 October 2020 to Monday October 2020, with en-suite accommodation in the Country House, full board from dinner upon arrival to breakfast on departure day. Details can be found on their website: <http://www.hfholidays.co.uk/country-houses/locations/dovedale-peak-district>. The guide price per person is £290:00. We already have enough interest to make a booking and a £75:00 deposit will be required from all those committing to attend. This will need to be paid by 21st September. If you have any questions, please email vicechairman@chalfontsu3a.org.uk.

Proposed and New groups

Italian Beginners

A member has suggested starting an Italian Beginners Group. If you are interested please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Dine Out with Friends

Would you like to meet up with some u3a friends for lunch or dinner, maybe to chat about current affairs or discuss your interests? If so, please contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Do you have any interests which you would like to share with likeminded members of the U3A? Perhaps Motorbiking, Shakespeare, Walking Cricket, Astronomy, Debating etc? Contact Sue Fisher groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups and Convenors

September 2019

Nigel Trotman – Groups Coordinator 1 groupcoordinator1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Sue Fisher – Groups Coordinator 2 groupcoordinator2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

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

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