



Editor's Update Well here we are in July and after my 3-year stint I am on my way with my keyboard in hand as this is my final newsletter. It has been a busy time as we coped with the pandemic and the newsletter took on a different face, being published fortnightly. It's

role increased as we felt it important to keep members updated on so many things from 'where to get food deliveries to learning how to use zoom'. Now zoom has become for many such a part of our lives. I have been sent some editor jokes which I will share with you at the end of the newsletter and for the very first time we have no members' musings! This is probably due to a number of factors: Watching too much Wimbledon, the heatwave, or gone on holiday!



I hope you will support our new editor in the same way and continue to contribute to the life of our very special u3a.



Save the date for our AGM 20 July at 2pm

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 2pm. It will be a hybrid meeting, taking place in person at the Community Centre in Chalfont St Peter and on Zoom for those who prefer to attend online. It is important that we have enough members attending, so please do try and come along. We need 85 members for a quorum. If you wish to attend via Zoom and have not yet registered, please email chair@chalfontsu3a.org.uk giving your name and saying Yes! For those attending in person the short meeting will be followed by tea and cakes and an opportunity to meet fellow u3a members. The meeting cannot go ahead without a quorum, so please come, and support your Committee.



There will be a short business meeting during which we will receive the Accounts and Annual report and elect some new Committee members. We will be celebrating the amazing work done by two of our founding members - David Burbidge and Val Smith - who are stepping down from the Committee after seven years' service.



Save these dates for our forthcoming monthly meetings

13 July at 2pm Keith Hoffmeister from **The Chiltern Society HS2 Project Team** will give us an update on progress.

10 August at 2pm 'Two Mansions: Hermit's Wood and Pollards Wood Grange'

From our very own U3A member, Denise Beddows! A new talk, focusing mainly on the mansions' more famous residents which included brave, betrayed heroes, and an outrageous eccentric. Both mansions are situated in Chalfont St Giles.

14 September at 2pm "Beacons of the Past- Hillforts in the Chilterns Landscape"

We welcome Dr Wendy Morrison to talk about a project she has completed with her team for Chilterns Conservation Board looking into the location and history of our ancient hillforts. Ask her about the way that they were found using aerial surveys and did you know there is a hillfort in Cholesbury near Chesham?

And of course, there will be a cup of tea afterwards to catch up with friends! These meetings will also be available to access via Zoom with details being sent out 48 hours in advance.



The CSP Community Centre continues to raise funds for the New Build and are delighted to announce the renewal of the successful 50/50 club. If you would like to be part of the club and support the centre with a donation, whilst having a chance to win a monthly cash prize please contact Carol at cbirkenshaw@csppc.org.uk



Thames Valley Network is going live at 10am on Friday 29 July at Benson Oxfordshire and will be resuming face-to-face meetings at Benson in the newly re-furbished hall. They are planning a dual-purpose day for this come back. The morning will be a Reps' meeting open, as usual, to one or two nominated representatives of each of our member u3as.

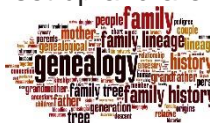
The afternoon will be a presentation entitled **'Welcome to my World'** by William French who is a retired butler to the Royal family and stars. As well as a fund of wonderful stories, he brings with him a large collection of photographs, both formal and informal, of members of the Royal Family, including H.M. the Queen, that you will never have seen before because he took them all himself (with permission of course). Members wishing to attend may come in time for lunch at 13.00 or just for the talk which will start at 14.00. Tea will be available afterwards. The booking is via TicketSource as usual, but as there are different sections to the day, it is a little more complicated than usual.

Booking for the day has been split into two. First is the Reps' Meeting with optional lunch, then second is the Afternoon Talk with optional lunch. If Reps want to stay all day, they will need to make two bookings but only pay for lunch on one of the bookings. The lunch is shown as an optional extra on both bookings. A booking can be made for up to two people, TicketSource will request the details for the second person. <http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/?p=2578>
To receive notification of forthcoming TVN events as soon as they are published, please email: events_info@u3atvnetwork.org.uk



Interest Groups. Please Note For all the interest groups included below please contact Lesley Bedford [Group coordinator@chalfontsu3a.org.uk](mailto:Group%20coordinator@chalfontsu3a.org.uk)

A new Family History group has been set up and are having their first meeting on **Thursday 14 JULY at the CSPCC at 2 pm.**



No coffee morning in July but date for August will be circulated

An informal meeting is being planned see if another one or two French groups can get started, so anyone interested in either beginners or more advanced French, get in touch. The meeting is likely to be the last week of July.



Anyone who hasn't already been in touch that they are interested in joining a new Sunday group please get in touch as it is hoped to arrange a meeting about setting this up soon.

Perhaps you are interested in learning chess?



If so, make the first move!



Flower Arranging. Our meeting this month to be held at CSPCC on Thursday July 21 at 2pm will be about how to use garden flowers, which ones are the best to cut and which ones you don't cut, and which can be incorporated into a summer flower arrangement. The sessions are always fun and interesting, and are led by Pippa who is a Florist. She demonstrates, then guides us through building a beautiful arrangement. New members are always welcome Contact Angela Kemp flowerarranging@chalfontsu3a.org.uk



New Experiences



12 intrepid members were swinging through the trees at Go Ape in Black Park last month. After negotiating several tricky crossings, the zip lines brought us down to the ground with a bump. Luckily, there were no children on the course to show us up.

15 group members had a go at paddleboarding this month. We chose a beautiful day and enjoyed paddleboarding on Taplow Lake and the Jubilee river. Because it was so hot, falling in was not a problem, which was just as well as getting our balance proved to

be quite challenging! Angela Cranston newexperiences@chalfontsu3a.org.uk



Old Time Music Hall Singing Group If you have a relative who is currently resident in a local care home, you might like to have a chat with the activities officer and suggest that they might be interested in a visit from Our Chalfonts u3a OTMH Singing Group who are always keen to add to their existing "portfolio."

Contact convener Bob Leven at musichallsinging@chalfontsu3a.org.uk



Photography Group The next meet up is to Oxford -on 21 July 2022

We will meet at the CSP Community Centre at 12.15pm, and then travel to the Thornhill Park and Ride on the A40, to catch the bus into the city centre. We will then spend our time taking any pictures. Lots of great opportunities, including museums, streets, and a host of amazing buildings. At around 3.15pm we will link up again at Pret A Manger café at 26-27 Cornmarket St, Oxford OX1 3EY. After tea/coffee/cake, we will then head back to CSP for around 5.15-5.30pm.

An email reminder will be sent out to group members in the week commencing 18 July with details of the two themes. Members interested in joining the group, please contact the group convener Tony Darbyshire at photography@chalfonts.u3a.org.uk



Chalfonts u3a Walking Weekend 20 October to 23 October 2023

The long weekenders have a provisional booking for a whole house booking for Harrington House, Bourton-on-the-Water for our 2023 three-night guided walking holiday, full board included price £425. Look it up on the HF holidays' website Country Houses, Cotswolds.

Please note not all accommodation is in the main house. We need 40 people to secure a whole house booking. If you are interested in joining the group weekend in 2023 in the Cotswolds, let me know. If there is space, after I have received bookings from the group members, I will contact you towards the end of July. Deposits of £75 per person will be payable in early August. I am allocating accommodation on first come first served basis.

Grace Hunter- convenor- Longwalkingweekendgroup@chalfontsu3a.org.uk



Now over to our Members' Musings

As I mentioned in Editor's Update there have been no musings sent in, so I have a few editorial jokes to end on! Thank you to Derek Russell and others for these amusing lines.

Writing copy is enjoyable but the editor's job is more **rewording!!**
She claimed to be a copy editor, but she had no proof.

What made you become an editor? Well to cut a long story short!
Eileen never believed she was cut out to be an editor, even her blood is a Type - O!

And finally, I submitted 10 puns to the chalfontsu3a newsletter, hoping one would make it in.

Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

Goodbye!

