

Welcome to the July Newsletter.

Finally, we have had some sunnier weather!

However, personally I had made the decision to take a cruise around the rest of the British Isles, where the temperature seemed to stay in the mid-teens with mild drizzle wherever we went!

Now that I'm back, I'm so pleased to hear that the Feast Day went so well.



AGM

I look forward to seeing many of you at our **Annual General Meeting** at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre on Wednesday 10th July at 2pm.

You will get to hear what your Committee has been up to over the last year and will be able to elect the Committee members for 2024/25.

After the AGM there will be refreshments and the monthly meeting at which you will be able to collect your new membership card.

David Powell, newsletters@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

New Members:

A warm welcome to our new members:

Chris Gledhill, Christine Cornwell, Gaynor McCulloch, Jane Moore, Jan Patman, Joyce Gledhill, Len Mann, Maureen Loveday, Pam Greenfield, Sharon Gotts, Vivienne Barnard, Pamela Derbyshire, Janette Hunter, David Hilton, David White, Pamela King, Dorothy Williams

Committee News

Au revoir ...

At our Annual General meeting (AGM) this month we will be saying goodbye to three very hard-working Committee members, as it is time for them to step down. Volunteers **Eileen Powell**, our Vice Chair, **Gary Tomlin** our webmaster and **Lesley Bedford**, our group co-ordinator have all fulfilled their roles with enthusiasm and made a huge contribution to the continued success of our u3a.

Eileen joined the Committee in 2019 as our newsletter editor and publicity person. In 2020 she found herself charged with keeping communications going through the start of the Covid pandemic, producing twice as many newsletters as previously. Since 2021 Eileen has served as Vice Chair and taken the lead in member support. She has excelled in this task and the new members coffee mornings have been a great success.

Gary is Mr Technical - introducing Committee members to the “cloud”, the intricacies of webmail and zooming our monthly meetings. Gary has been tireless in developing and maintaining our website, which is a wonderful resource for our u3a .

A key role in our u3a is to support the smooth running of our many interest groups. Lesley’s superb organisational skills, combined with her personable approach have ensured our groups are successful and well run, with new groups starting regularly.

I know that all three of them have enjoyed their roles supporting our u3a and contributing to the development of our u3a as Committee members. As the outgoing Chair I would like to formally thank them for everything they’ve done.

Jane Barker

Farewell

Thank you Jane, but we have to add our thanks to you too.

Jane is also coming to the end of her time in her roles both as Secretary and most recently Chair.

Jane has worked tirelessly in both roles and has contributed much to where we are now as a thriving u3a. She has been very supportive to all the committee members and encouraged new directions for many of the current roles, enabling committee members to initiate and promote their ideas for future growth of our u3a.

We all send her our thanks and very best wishes in her future endeavours.

Written by Eileen Powell, on behalf of the whole of the committee.

Chalfonts Feast Day 2024



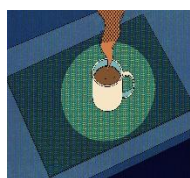
On Saturday 29th June we had a stall promoting our U3A, at the Chalfont St Peter Feast Day.

The stall was manned by several different members during the day. We had samples and posters from



some interest groups on display and attracted a few new members.

New Members Coffee Mornings



We had our monthly get together for new members on Monday 10th June.

There won’t be a coffee morning in July, as the summer school will be running.

New members will be sent details of the next date in August as soon as it is arranged with the café.

Eileen Powell Vice Chair newmemberscoffeemorning@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Chalfonts U3A Monthly meetings:



10 July 2024 at 2.30pm (after the AGM) – Estate Planning

Lucy Goldsman is from Co-op Legal Services. She will talk to us about Estate Planning matters, such as Wills, Power of Attorneys, Inheritance Tax and Trust Wills. She's promised that it'll be informative, with no "hard sell", so a good time to get answers to our questions about this important topic!

The talk will follow the AGM, and will not be available on Zoom

14 August 2024 at 2pm – Guide Dogs - Make Every Day Count

We will be joined by Marilyn Fisher, Jeanne and the lovely service dog Breck. Marilyn will discuss how they breed, train and select partners for their dogs, and the positive impact these guide dogs have on their owners.

11 September 2024 at 2pm – The Falklands Conflict: a first-hand perspective

You may remember that Jim Ellis talked to us about memory in November last year. He is coming again to see us, to talk about the Falklands conflict. He'll recall some of the key events amidst the wind, rain, mud and cold of a Falklands winter.

All Monthly Meetings are held at CSP Community Centre, Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 9QX

News from our Interest Groups

Garden Visits Group



On 18 June 12 lucky members of the Garden Visits group had a private tour of the Gorehambury Estate garden, hosted by the head gardener. A fascinating visit to a garden that is rarely open to the public, with a great selection of unusual and interesting plants.

Jane Barker gardenvisits@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

U3A Bowls Group

Members from the 'New Experiences Group' joined us at Chalfont Bowls Club on the 1st June. It was a successful day finishing with a Barbecue. Everyone enjoyed the day, but as for our Tuesday morning Bowls, we have had to cancel 2 sessions due to the bad weather .

Mike Alderton lawnbowls@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

New Experiences Group



42 New Experience Group members took part in a treasure trail around Chalfont St Peter.

It turned out to be a hot day so the tea and cake afterwards was very welcome. The winning team of Sam, Nick & Norman answered all 60 questions correctly but everyone did very well. As the photos show the teams had fun in the children's playground en route.



Angela Cranston newexperiences@chalfontu3a.org.uk.

Textiles and Crafts Group



On Friday 21st June, 9 from our group attended the Handmade Oxford show at the Waterperry Gardens in Oxfordshire. The weather was very kind to us and there were lots of wonderful crafts e.g. jewellery, pottery, art and garden sculptures.

Some purchases were made and ideas generated for future projects. The gardens were also visited, all in all a very successful and



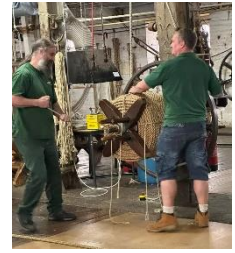
enjoyable outing.

Paula Walker & Sandra Dawson textiles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

EXCURSIONS



The 27 June trip to **Chatham Historical Dockyard** was a day enjoyed by all with the added bonus of sunshine! It was interesting to see how Rope is made on the Ropery Tour and then, with a guided tour around the dockyard, to find out more about how the popular TV Series “Call the Midwife” is filmed.



Stratfield Saye – 23 July



next year.

This will be a private visit to the home of the Duke of Wellington with a guided tour, refreshments and lunch included and a visit to the estate Farm Shop. Places have now been allocated but if you'd like your name added to the waiting list do email excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk. This trip proved very popular and we have already put Chalfonts u3a name forward for a possible date

August

If the weather is good (and if a coach is available) we may be able to go to a seaside resort for the day. Do let us know if you have any suggestions where you'd like to go.

Waverley Paddle Steamer trip – Sunday 29 September



Paddle Steamer.

We've booked a one-way evening cruise up the River Thames to London to see Tower Bridge lit up as it opens for the Waverley



We'll be taking the coach in the afternoon to Southend on Sea in time for the 5pm sailing and after the cruise we will be collected from Tower Pier to return back to Chalfont St Peter. Nearer the time full details on this outing will be emailed to all members of the Excursions Group.

Royal Albert Hall Carol Concert – 23 December

Tickets have already been allocated as they had to be obtained early this year.

If you would like your name added to the waiting list do email excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Val Smith & Kate Trotman, Joint convenors of the Excursions group
excursions@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Guitar Group

Beginners are welcome at our tutor led sessions. We hold these twice a month on Wednesday afternoons either in members' houses or in the hall (depending on numbers).

If you would like to know more please contact : guitar@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Theatre Group

This month 35 of us went to see Stranger Things on 12th June. The show had amazing special effects and everyone seemed to enjoy the show despite the story being a little confusing! However despite all this it was an enjoyable evening.

Next month there's no theatre trip and the trip to Chichester to see Oliver is the next outing on our calendar in August.

Thank you all for supporting us by going to the different shows and we appreciate your enthusiasm for the shows.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on the next outing.

Howard Dawson and Angela Windsor theatretrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk

Regional u3a Zoom events:

Details at <http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/>

Wednesday 10th July – They also serve at 10.30



In this talk, historian Richard Marks examines how women contributed to Britain's armed forces during World War Two. He explores the roles and responsibilities of women in the Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and the Army, as well as the medical services associated with them. He also reveals how women from different parts of the world participated in Britain's military efforts.

The fee for this event is £2.00 per device.

Please book electronically by clicking on this link [TICKETSOURCE](#).

Hurry as bookings will not be accepted after Monday 8th July

Monday, 22nd July at 10.30 - Women Artists of the Ashmolean Museum



We are pleased to welcome back Jude Barrett from the Ashmolean Museum. This time she will be choosing and discussing paintings by women artists whose works are exhibited there.

Please book electronically by clicking on this '[TICKETSOURCE](#)' icon or on the TVN website www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

Closing date Friday, 19th July

To receive notification of forthcoming TVN events as soon as they are published, please email events_info@u3atvnetwork.org.uk

Did you know?

As well as the 70 Interest groups that we have in our own Chalfonts u3a, there are many more that are available to us online.

Interest Groups Online (abbreviated as IGO) is an online u3a community that gives you the opportunity to join groups, talks and courses from the comfort of your home.

The activities are run by members and are a great way to meet people from all across the u3a movement.

It costs £12 annually to join, and there's 140 groups to choose from!

Details: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/interest-groups-online/interest-groups-online-groups>



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Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups

For general enquiries about interest groups please contact Lesley Bedford – Interest Groups Co-ordinator - groupcoordinator@chalfontsu3a.org.uk Telephone: 07970 848617

Or, if you know which group/s you wish to join please contact the convenor direct. You can find a list of all our Interest Groups on the next pages or here:

<https://chalfontsu3a.org.uk/interest-groups/>

****** Special note for members without email ******

If you have queries about any of the interest groups, please contact Eileen Powell, Vice Chair, on 07791 210087 who will be pleased to help you.

Chalfonts U3A Directory of Interest Groups

INTEREST GROUP	CONVENOR	EMAIL
Badminton	Chris Percy	badminton@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Ballroom Dancing	Laura Fordrey	ballroomdancing@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Book Club 2	Marsha Partridge	bookclub2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Book Club 3	Marsha Partridge	bookclub3@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Bridge	Sue Fisher	bridge@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Cryptic Crosswords Too	Val Darbyshire	crypticcrosswordstoo@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Family History	Jan Sawyer Marguerite Fletcher	familyhistory@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Family History2	Linda Kedge	familyhistory2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Flower Arranging	Awaiting new convenor	flowerarranging@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
French Conversation Intermediate 1	Sandy Oldham	frenchconversation1@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
French Conversation Intermediate 2	Ray Luker	frenchconversation2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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History	Trish Hart	history@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Italian Beginners Plus	Lesley Bedford	italianbeginnersplus@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Scrabble	Anne Higson	scrabble@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Science & Technology	Karen-Anne Devoil Tony Micallef	science@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Textiles and Craft	Paula Walker Sandra Dawson	textiles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
Theatre Visits	Howard Dawson Angela Windsor	theatretrips@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Walking 6 – 10 miles	Marion Clegg Sally Buckley	walking6-10miles@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Weekend Group	Sue Fisher	weekendgroup@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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Wine Appreciation 2	David Hillis	wineappreciation2@chalfontsu3a.org.uk
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