

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Magda Sweetland & Linda Young have been editing the Newsletter for as long as most of us can remember but they have finally decided to 'put down their pens' and enjoy a well deserved retirement from their editorial duties.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and all our Members I would like to thank Magda & Linda for all their hard work and their considerable contribution over many years.

This month's Newsletter has been produced by a new Publications Team comprising Victoria Baxter and Elizabeth Purves with Mary Butson continuing to be responsible for distribution. Please note that all copy for the Newsletter should be sent to Victoria & Elizabeth.

You will have received the Handbook for the forthcoming year. Graham Smith has expressed his desire to stand down as Editor of the Handbook and this responsibility will now be taken over by Sue Henson and the Group Development Team. Many thanks to Graham for his contribution.

This is the launch month for the Enewsletter and I hope that many of you are taking advantage of this and viewing this edition electronically.

As we move into a new academic year I hope you will all enjoy and get lots of stimulation from your study groups.

Jim

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HOSPITALITY TEAM



The members who bake cakes and serve tea at monthly meetings and other events are now known as the Hospitality Team. The new arrangement for serving teas in the small room at the back of the Community Centre, instead of from the serving hatch in the main hall, has proved very popular. It speeds up the queuing and provides tables and chairs for those members who prefer to be seated. Members of the team, led by Di Latter, take it in turns to be on duty. New volunteers are always welcome.

Diary

October

Mon 12	Science Group
Mon 12	Apple iPad, IMac, iPhone & Watch
Wed 14	Bridge for Pleasure
Mon 19	Computer Group
Tues 20	Strollers
Mon 26	Half Day Walking
Wed 28	Bridge for pleasure
Wed 28	Monthly Meeting

November

Tues 3	Ely Cathedral Tour
Mon 9	Science Group
Mon 9	Apple iPad, IMac, iPhone & Watch
Mon 16	Computer Group
Wed 25	Monthly Meeting
Fri 27	Strictly Variety: U3A Arts & Drama Group

December

Sat 19	The Mill Theatre Sonning outing
Mon 14	Science Group
Mon 14	Apple iPad, IMac, iPhone & Watch
Mon 21	Computer Group

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May

Tues 17 - Sat 21 Visit to Dresden and Leipzig

MONTHLY MEETING

2.00pm Wednesday 28 October

The meeting at the Bat & Ball Community Centre will feature an illustrated narration entitled *Tales from our Past*. It comprises a series of tales, some farcical, some tragic, but all true drawn from the long and distinguished history of Sevenoaks. The script has been written by Diana Edwardes, a local writer and director known particularly for her Community Theatre projects. There will be three narrators accompanied throughout by an audio-visual showing the people, places and objects by Graham Usher of the Sevenoaks Camera Club.

MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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To date **116** members have signed up.

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DATABASE

In order to keep track of our U3A membership we maintain a database of members' details.

Over the past year this has been very efficiently managed by Elaine Knight-Elston. Unfortunately, Elaine has had to give up her role as Database Manager. I would like to say a big thank you to Elaine for her dedication and enthusiasm, she will be sorely missed as a key member of the Membership & database Team.

David Jackson is kindly holding the fort on a temporary basis.

Jim

BERYL'S BLOG

Why do we have a Vice Chairman?

As Sevenoaks U3A has grown the workload of the Chairman has expanded too. More recently it has almost been a full time job so the Executive Committee decided to devolve some of the work.

External issues and links with outside bodies are now handled by me, the Vice Chairman, while the Chairman, Jim Purves handles everything else.

So what do I do? I liaise with National Office and neighbouring U3As and attend meetings of the Kent Network, the umbrella body for the Kent U3As. Issues affecting all U3As are discussed and there is a chance to share ideas over lunch.

David Taylor and I went to a workshop about new management systems being developed for U3As, which could simplify much of our administration, and I was invited to Kings Hill U3A's summer meeting, which was really enjoyable because they served an excellent cream tea after the speaker. I am hoping for another invitation next year.

Beryl

MEETINGS AND EVENTS OPEN TO ALL See diary page 1 for complete list of events

Science Group Monday 12 October

Facing the challenge of antibiotic resistance.

Talk by Mark Paget

Antibiotics form the cornerstone for current treatments of bacterial infections. However, the inevitable emergence of resistant bacterial strains is a major threat to human health. The speaker will discuss the nature of antibiotics, their discovery and approaches for re-engineering them. He will also discuss the nature of antibiotic resistance, how it emerges and spreads, and what we can do about it.

Oxford Village Memorial Hall, 2pm.

All Sevenoaks U3A members welcome.

£2 entry includes tea.

Win Gutteridge

Ambling

Wednesday October 21st. Meet in the lower car park of The Vineyard, The Down, Lamberhurst (TN3 8EU) for a 4-mile walk, starting at 10:00 am. Leave the A21 and enter Lamberhurst along School Hill and The Broadway. After The Chequers pub on the left veer right into High Street (B2100), this turns into King's Hill, at the top of the hill veer right and the pub is on the right after 100m. The walk will be followed by an optional lunch.

Leader: Janet Wilson

Computer Group Monday 19 October

Search Engines: Getting Best Results From Them

Talk by Russell Long

- Which One to Use?
- Best Techniques for Searching the Internet
- What a Search Engine Really Does
- Google – More than Just a Search Engine
- How Safe is Searching/Shopping Online?

At Oxford Village Memorial Hall 2pm.

All Sevenoaks U3A members welcome.

£2 entry includes refreshments.

Mike Bamforth

Bridge for Pleasure Weds 14 & 28 October

The Group plays at Oxford Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month from 9.50 a.m. until 12.15 p.m. The winner on 24th June was Denise Record, on 8th July Pam Kemp and on 22nd July Ceris Williams.

We are an "open" group, so any new players can just come along.

Colin and Mary Butson

Apple iPad, iMac, iPhone & Apple Watch

Meetings on the 12th October, 9th November & 14th December at the Oxford Methodist Church Hall from 2 - 4pm

Dave Simmons

Half Day Walking Monday 26 October

Meet at Chevening Church NGR 489577 in time for a 10 am start. A five mile walk to the North Downs Way passing the Chevening Keyhole. The walk will visit Kipling's Way through the Woods, the subject of his famous poem. Optional lunch at the White Horse in Sundridge. It is a replacement for the August walk which was postponed due to heavy rain.

Leader: Nick White

The Strollers Tuesday, October 20th

Start 11.00am in Horton Kirby from Westminster Field free car park off The Street. Postcode DA4 9BY. Pub lunch at the Fighting Cocks.

From West Kingsdown take the A20 towards Farningham roundabout, turn right before the roundabout into Eglantine Lane. From Eynsford on the A225 turn left at A20 Junction, go round the roundabout, back down the A20 and then first left down Eglantine Lane. Then left into Rays Hill which becomes The Street.

Leader: Barbara Coleyshaw

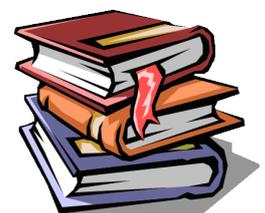
MEMBERS' CORNER

Email the
Publications Group

(Victoria and Elizabeth) with material ideas

Ightham: At the Crossroads

This is Ightham's history from prehistoric caves to the Queen's Jubilee in 2012 by U3A members Jean Stirk and David Williams, the first complete history. It covers the different people, their various roles in the community, changing attitudes from local and national influences, patterns of living and the physical setting. (408pp 256 images pub June 2015) Available from Sevenoaks Bookshop, or David Williams on 01732 764068, at £16 + £4 p&p UK



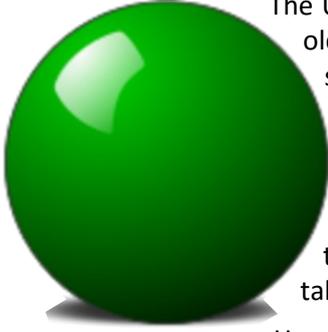
NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Sue Henson

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Group Development

U3A Snooker Group 2pm on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month.

FIRST BIRTHDAY!



The U3A Snooker group is one year old - or thereabouts! It was a slow starter as it took quite a while to find a suitable base for the Club. There are very few snooker halls in the Sevenoaks area with more than one full size snooker table.

However, we succeeded in spades, as our current home boasts no less than 6 tables. All are in good condition and in a 'pukka' snooker hall with all equipment provided and at a very modest charge! It is located at The Olympic Centre on the outskirts of Swanley. Before you groan, please be assured that it is very easy to reach from all parts of the Sevenoaks area and the parking is free and plentiful.

We have a core group of about half a dozen members and we play at 2pm on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month. The common cry from pretty much all our members is 'haven't played since I was a lad!' Then there are a string of excuses such as bad eye sight, bad arm, dizziness, fallen off a ladder etc etc. So please don't think that you aren't good enough to join our group - it really isn't the same as what you watch on the TV! We would very much welcome new members of all abilities and either gender.

Liz Lucy

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Psychology Group

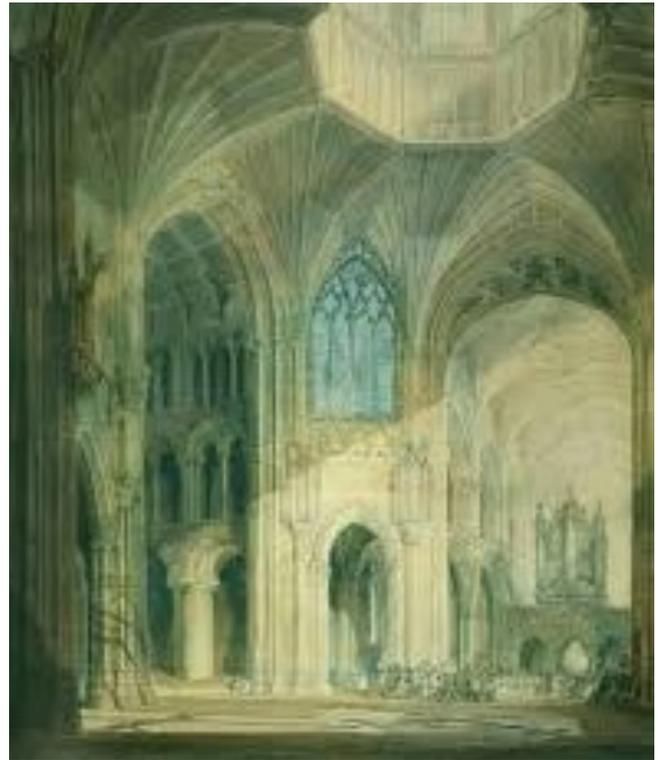
3rd Friday of every month 2 - 4pm

A new group set up this year. At our first meeting we will cover Mindfulness and Meditation, working on your emotional well-being. The next month will be on Transactional Analysis, understanding more about human behaviour, and our meeting in December will be on Decluttering. Ideas on letting go of "things" and making time and space in your life.

Indeg Robinson

Email the
Group Organiser

SOCIAL EVENTS NEWS



There are one or two places left for the Ely Cathedral Tour on Tues Nov 3, followed, if you choose, by a visit to the Stained Glass Museum, Oliver Cromwell's House, or The Ely Museum. If interested please fill in the flyer, included with the August Newsletter or available on the Sevenoaks U3A web site



May 17-21 2016. The visit to Leipzig and Dresden needs just a few more members to join those already committed to make it viable. Details on the last page of the August Newsletter or on the Sevenoaks U3A web site. If interested please contact David Gardner as soon as possible via this link:

Email the
Event Organiser