

Sevenoaks U3a - Summary of Group reports - June 2021

Aviation

The group did not meet after the initial lockdown in March until October 2020 when we started meeting monthly on Zoom. We agree a topic for in advance of each meeting and look for material to support the subsequent discussion. Recent topics include: biofuels; drones; hydrogen as a fuel; additive manufacture (3-D printing); revival of supersonic airliners. Recently we have also watched DVDs of aviation interest. Currently we are a small group and would welcome one or two new members. We meet in the morning of the third Friday in the month.

Group Organiser: Frank Matthews aviation@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Book Circle - Wednesday

We read mainly modern fiction, but not exclusively. We meet in members' homes from May to October. Books are chosen by members plus suggested titles from Sevenoaks Library.

New Members Welcome

Group Organiser: Mary Arthur or Anne Evans booksweds@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

The Industrial Heritage Group has continued to meet on Zoom throughout the lockdowns. In the last few months we have had presentations on such diverse subjects as the History of Winemaking in SE England, Orchards in Kent, Industry in the Ashdown Forest, Gunsmiths and Electric Traction on the rails. We have a good program which will take us through to December. and will cover more eclectic subjects such as Pins and Needles, Joseph Lucas and the History of Astronomy.

Group Organiser: David Gardener iheritage@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Garden Group 2

Throughout both Lockdowns the group continued to hold monthly Zoom meetings to discuss future gardens to visit, and found sites we could visit on line and then discuss.

A few members did book and visit gardens that were part open. Most members are keen gardeners, including those who don't garden now, all enjoy the outings.

We sometimes manage two gardens in one day if they are close to each other.

Group Organiser: Cherry Moss garden2@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

German – Language and Culture - This group meets monthly via Zoom. We subscribe individually to the publication 'Presse und Sprache' which prints topical articles from German newspapers which we read aloud and discuss.

Group Organiser: Isabel White

London Studies 1 - Meeting monthly using Zoom, we have taken it in turns to talk about either a London-based topic, or reviews of past visits and visits we had planned to take last

year & hope to make in due course. Also we have had talks about the work of particular London architects and about people commemorated by Blue Plaques & statues. Group

Group Organiser:: Diana Goymer londonstudies1@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Tai chi

During the lockdown relaxation period last summer, when it was permissible to meet outdoors, we continued having sessions on the patio at the back of my house. Everyone was masked & suitably distanced. We have now started again recently in the open air again. but depending on the governmental policy may soon be able to meet again at St. Edith's church hall every Wednesday morning.

New members need to be familiar with the '24' form and, if not, it is suggested they start by joining the Sevenoaks Adult Education Centre to learn this form.

Group Organiser: Magdalen Kit Fong-Fry taichi@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Wire and Beaded Jewellery Making

This Group has continued in fine form throughout the Lockdown, not only exchanging emails and texts but also directly using Zoom and recently even in the garden (suitably distanced). We enjoy exchanging ideas, learn and help each other or even sometimes with the help of a professional jeweller.

The first 'proper' meeting will be in June on the 2nd Wednesday.

Group Organiser: Cherry Moss jewellery@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Other Groups

The following Groups have already restarted or are looking forward to restarting very soon, showing the person to contact if you wish to join. Contact details are in our Handbook.

Snooker. snooker@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Crossword. Sheila Bonnett

Chess Magda Sweetland

Digital Image Manipulation 1, 2 and 3 Janet Austin

Researching Family History Jean Stirk

Folk dancing Peter and Lyn Nixon

History of Transport Michael Harwood

History of Art Lyn Mead

Wot is Art? Lyn Mead

Migration of people Lynda Alleeson

Poetry 2 Hilary Walker