

Chairman's Chat

This is our first Newsletter since the AGM. It was encouraging to see such a large attendance and interest in the make up of the Executive Committee. On behalf of all of us on the Committee I would like to thank you for your support.

Within this newsletter there are instructions on how to sign up for the new eNewsletter which comes on stream in September. I would encourage you all to consider changing over to the eNewsletter which is a safe and secure way of viewing the Newsletter in full colour. You will also be able to print it off if you wish to view it in hard copy. This will result in cost savings for our U3A as we will reduce our expenditure on printing and postage. There will be a transition period for the first three months whereby Members will receive the Newsletter both electronically and in hard copy.

Wednesday September 23rd at 2pm is our Open Day event at the Community Centre when Members old and new will be able to discover the wide range of study groups and activities on offer. Please do come along and support this event.

Jim Purves chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk Tel: 01732 463041

NOTE: We hope to see everyone at the Community Centre on 23 September at 2.30pm for the Open Afternoon. The Group Organisers will be making a good display of what their groups offer. Even where groups are full, we will be recording names regarding the possibility of setting up further groups of that kind.

We intend to have people **meeting and greeting at the monthly meetings**, particularly for the benefit of new members, so would anyone who would be prepared to take on that role on a Wednesday afternoon from time to time please contact :
Sue Henson on groupdev@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

News from the Groups

Sue Henson 01732 490383 groupdev@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

U3A Scrabble Group

Does anyone have a card table or tables which we could kindly borrow, or indeed accept if you no longer need them? Thank you.
Pamela Holiday 01732-458834

Fungi Walks

Don't forget that Trudy Fleming will be taking groups of up to 12 people on fungi spotting walks from Monday, 28 September, and weekly from 10 - 12 thereafter until early November. If you would like to join her on any of these walks please contact her by phone on 01732 730774 or by email to fungi@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Industrial Heritage

Are you interested in the industrial heritage of our area? If so why not come and join us, as our small group is looking for additional members. Our aim is to explore the industrial past in the South East by means of talks, exhibitions and visits where appropriate. During the last season we have included Kent Airfields, Brickmaking, The Great Eastern and Wood in Kent. We meet on the 3rd Friday in the month at 2pm.



Electronic Newsletter

With excellent feedback from those taking part in the "electronic newsletter" trial we believe that many more Members will wish to receive it; with 700 newsletters printed and posted each month there are considerable savings to be made.

By signing up you would receive both paper and online copies initially. After three issues we hope that you will be happy to continue with only the online version but you will, of course, be free to return to the paper based version if you choose.

Those on the trial have drawn up a list of advantages :

- It arrives much *earlier* than the posted newsletter.
- The newsletter is in *full colour* (full colour Flyers may encourage better take up for social events).
- *Access is quick and easy* – click a link in your email to read the newsletter on a tablet, computer, laptop or smartphone.
- Read the newsletter *anywhere with an internet connection* and print a single article or the whole newsletter on a standard A4 printer.
- *Enlarge* the newsletter on screen for easy reading – even on a smart phone like the iPhone.
- Greater uptake of the online edition, additional content (more text and photos) will allow us to go beyond the traditional four page format.
- When errors are identified the electronic newsletter is changed and made available immediately.



How do I sign up for the Electronic Newsletter?

Please email Chris Streets (cstreets@aol.com) with the subject 'Sevenoaks U3A Electronic Newsletter'. Please give your name so that he can add you to the list.

What do I do if I have a problem?

All recipients of the electronic newsletter will be given the telephone number and email address of the 'helpline' person(s) to contact.

What do I do if I prefer to keep the paper copy in future?

You will receive *both* the paper based newsletter and the electronic newsletter for three months. At the end of this period you can choose to return to paper only.

Handbook 2015–2016

Enclosed is this year's handbook. Despite careful checking, some errors crept into the final copy :

Page 2: The Chairman's email address is **chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk**

Page 2: Sue Henson's email should be **groupdev@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk**

Page 19: Italian Intermediate, the contact information is correct but aligned incorrectly

Page 21: A stray ampersand is on the end of the top line of Music Appreciation 1

If you spot any additional errors please email John Cox on j@famousworksheets.co.uk

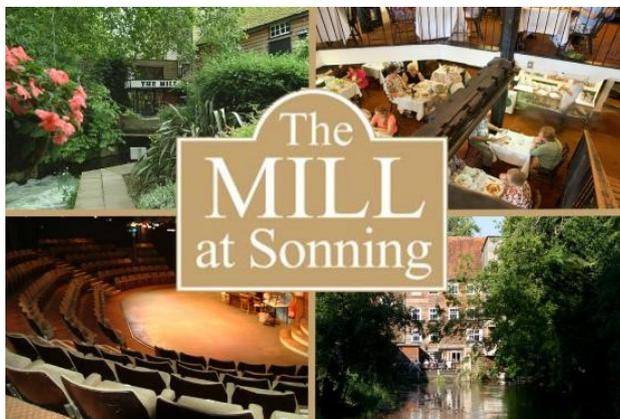
N.B. If your circumstances or those of someone you know in U3A have changed, please let the Membership Secretary know on **membership@u3a.org.uk** or ring 01732 883386

Social Events News

Pam Walshe 01732 454769

Ely Cathedral

A visit has been organised to Ely Cathedral with tour and lunch on Nov 3. Afterwards members are free to visit the stained glass Museum, Oliver Cromwell's house or the Ely Museum, all close by and priced at under £5. (Flyer enclosed.)



The Mill Theatre, Sonning

On December 19 there is a Christmas visit by coach to The Mill Theatre, Sonning, Berks to see the matinee performance of Richard Harris' play *Stepping out* plus two course meal with coffee and programme included in the price. (Flyer enclosed.)

Dresden and Leipzig

Next year an overseas visit to Dresden and Leipzig is being organised from May 17-21 2016. (Flyer on the final page of this newsletter.) Please respond promptly if you would like to join the group.

Events open to All

Ambling Wednesday 16 September

Meet in Ide Hill Village Hall car park (map ref GR488517) for a three and half mile walk starting at 10 am. The Ide Hill Village Hall is on the B2042 (Cold Arbor Road) between Bessels Green and Four Elms. The car park fronts this road. The walk will be followed by an optional lunch at The Woodman, Goathurst Common.

Leaders: Robbie and David Hill 01732 453185

Half Day Walking Monday 21 September

Meet on the road by the church at Knockholt (NGR 468589) in time for a 10 am start. A five mile walk to Cudham then going north, followed by an optional lunch at the Tally-Ho.

Leader: Nick White 01959 564145

Bridge for Pleasure Weds 14 & 28 October

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

We are an 'Open' group, so any new players can just come along. If you need to make contact, call Colin and Mary Butson on 01732 458356

Diary

Sept

Wed	9	Knole trip to Cambridge**
Wed	16	Ambling
Mon	21	Half Day Walking
Wed	23	Open Afternoon
Thu	24	Science Group outing to F A S T**
Mon	28	Fungi Walks start

Oct

Wed	14	Bridge for Pleasure
Wed	28	Bridge for Pleasure
Wed	28	Monthly Meeting

Nov

Mon	3	Ely Cathedral Tour*
Sat	19	The Mill Theatre, Sonning*

2016

May

Tues	17- Sat 21	Visit to Dresden and Leipzig (Flyer on Page 4 of this newsletter)
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* Flyer enclosed

** Flyer sent previously

Trip to Leipzig and Dresden

*4 night trip commencing 17th May
2016 – returning 21st May 2016*

Leipzig and Dresden are two of the most beautiful cities in Germany. Having been almost destroyed during WW2 and left to languish during the East Germany era, a huge amount of work has been undertaken during the last 2 decades to restore both cities to their previous glories. Both cities are located in a scenic part of northern Germany.

The program for the trip is as follows, and includes:-

Coach transfer from Sevenoaks to Gatwick

**Flights from Gatwick to Berlin – departs
Gatwick 08.40**

Coach transfer from Berlin to Leipzig

**2 nights hotel in Leipzig with breakfast
included**

Guided tour of Leipzig

**Coach transfer from Leipzig to Dresden
(including stopover to visit Colditz 9 –
entrance and guided tour included)**

**2 nights hotel in Dresden with breakfast
included**

Guided tour of Dresden

Coach transfer from Dresden to Berlin

**Return flight to Gatwick from Berlin
(arrives 19.15)**

Coach transfer to Sevenoaks



This tour is inclusive of all accommodation and transportation. Hotels will be good quality 3 or 4 star.

A local tour representative will meet us in Berlin and escort us throughout the stay in Germany

Prices

25 to 30 passengers -

£695 pp in a twin or double room

31 or more passengers -

£ 675 pp in twin or double room

Single room supplement -

£ 109 per person

If less than 25 people book, we may have to revisit the prices....

**If you are interested, please
contact me at the following
e-mail address as soon as
possible, and not later than
Wednesday 30th September. A
deposit of £ 100 per person will
be required by that date, with
final balance 8 weeks before
departure**

**davidgardner9999@gmail.com
or call 01732 461147**