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Here is a "rogues gallery" of the Executive Committee as elected at the AGM.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their commitment and support in managing the running of our U3A. Jim Purves chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Monthly Meetings

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 25 October at the Bat and Ball Community Centre

Andy Robershaw will talk about the making of the film *War Horse*. The speaker is a military historian specialising in World War I on the Western Front. He is a media consultant, broadcaster and author and has been involved in the production of more than 20 films, TV and radio programmes.

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 22 November at the Bat & Ball Community Centre.

Mary Smith will give a talk about Maidstone Grammar School in the Second World War. She was headteacher of the school until 2014 and has published a book entitled *A Schoolgirl's War*. She has spoken to 53 women who were at the school during the war and has an exquisite collection of artwork from the person who was head of art at that time

Diary

November

November 8 Bridge for Pleasure

November 13 Science Group

November 15 Ambling

November 20 Computer Group

November 22 Bridge for Pleasure

November 22 Monthly Meeting

November 27 Apple Group

November 27 Half day walking

Newsletter Team: Victoria Baxter, Elizabeth Purves, Celia Smith

Copy for **December Newsletter** (which will be published on 22 November) by **Thursday 2 November** to: news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk Please note, there will be no January Newsletter.

The Open Afternoon went very smoothly this time with attendance well spread out, including both old and new members. Everything was set up in good time and at 3 pm Steve Plater demonstrated the defibrillation machine to the hall. Di Latter provided tea and biscuits and several groups reported new membership.

Table Tennis Groups

Sadly renovations at the Leisure Centre have delayed the start of the Table Tennis Groups. The first meeting of Group 1 is postponed to Wednesday, 25th October, and of Group 2 to Wednesday, 1st November.

French for Not Quite Beginners

Prospective members of a new French for Not Quite Beginners met at the Stag cafe on 10th October, to

discuss how the new group should be set up. Any member with some basic if rusty French who would like to join will be very welcome, recognising that dates, times and leaders will need to be arranged.

Contact Susan Henson

Science Discussion group

I am also trying to set up a second Science Discussion group with a similar meeting at the Stag toward the end of October, but so far have not received confirmation of available dates from sufficient members to do so. I should like more applications for this group, as the original science discussion group has a full membership, with no one at present showing signs of leaving because they enjoy it too much.

Susan Henson

U3A Cycling holiday in September



"Lost in Dartmoor"



The Festive season is approaching and you will be delighted to hear that on **Friday February 9 2018** we will be having our **Festive Lunch** once again at the Wildernesse Golf Club.

This proved a most popular venue last year with an excellent, hugely enjoyable meal in a warm and lively atmosphere. We are anticipating that many of you will want to repeat the experience and take advantage of the competitively priced meal on offer.

Full details see the flyer on the website with the form on which you can apply.

Members' Corner

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Please submit items of interest to members to The Newsletter Team. news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk



SEVENOAKS FORGOTTEN PAST LODGES & COACH HOUSES

Elizabeth Purves & Geraldine Tucker

Sevenoaks Forgotten Past: Lodges and Coach Houses

A new book has just been published on the Lodges and Coach Houses of Sevenoaks. Co-authored by Elizabeth Purves, photographs by Veronica and Martin Coath, proof read by Celia Smith, and designed by Victoria Granville Baxter, all Sevenoaks U3A members.

The book chronicles the history of the lodges and coach houses in Sevenoaks which still survive. Many of the great houses and Victorian mansions have been demolished but their lodges remain.

Over 50 lodges or coach houses with their host buildings are described and illustrated. Some you will recognise, some you may not!

This book will make an ideal Christmas present. Available for £12 from the Sevenoaks Bookshop or at U3A monthly meetings for £10.

Flyer WITH THIS NEWSLETTER
Festive Lunch

Supporting three mental health charities in Kent, Kent Painters Group art and sculpture exhibition is at Sevenoaks School from Friday 27th -Sunday 29th October.

On Friday evening 6.30 - 9pm you can have a drink with the artists; some of them are U3A members already known to you!

Saturday and Sunday opening times are 10 - 4. Very reasonable lunch and teas available. All proceeds to Mencap, Macintyre and Rethink.



Meetings and events open to all

See diary page 1 for complete list of events

Apple Group Monday 27 November

iPad, iMac, iPhone & Apple Watch

- * What's new forum – discussion
- * Getting better use of Siri - Elaine
- * Better ways to present with Keynote - Gwyn
- * Smarter ways to shop on Ebay & Amazon - Paul
- * Conquer finances with Numbers - Dave

Round Tables: Siri, Keynote, Ebay & Amazon, and Numbers

Oxford Village Memorial Hall from 2 -4 pm

Next Meetings Christmas Lunch 21st December (no meeting on Christmas Day), Monday 22nd January 2018, Monday 26th February 2018 (4th Mondays @ 2pm).

Dave Simmons

Bridge for Pleasure Wednesdays 8 & 22 November

The Group plays at Oxford Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month from 9.50 a.m. until 12 noon.

We are an "open" group, so new players are welcome to come along. We play the 'Chicago' format so you do not need a partner.

For more information, please contact John and Sue Christy

Science Group Open Meeting Monday 13 Nov

"Restoration of the Medieval Glass in Canterbury Cathedral" by Leonie Seliger.

Leonie Seliger is head of the Stained-Glass Conservation Department at Canterbury Cathedral and she also advises the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester on faculty applications involving restoration/conservation as well as new designs for windows in the churches of the dioceses. Leonie is also a versatile designer of new windows; her work can be seen for instance in St. Bartholomew's Chapel in Sandwich and All Saints Church in Boughton Aluph. This talk will describe her work.

Oxford Village Memorial Hall 2pm. Entry £2.00 at the door

Please be prompt. Latecomers can disrupt the start of the meeting.

Computer Group Monday 20 November

Family History

Presentation by U3A member and local historian David Williams on how computers and databases can be used to help in researching family history.

This should be a very interesting talk and I hope as many members as possible will come.

Oxford Village Memorial Hall 2pm. All Sevenoaks and Knole U3A members welcome.

£2 entry includes refreshments.

Mike Davies



Ambling Wednesday 15 November

Meet at 10 am in Shipbourne Common car park for a 4 mile walk which will take in Coldharbour. The car park is about 100 yards along Upper Green Road, which is opposite The Chaser Inn (post code TN11 9PE) on the A227 Tonbridge to Ightham road.

Leader: Velma Keys

Half Day Walking Monday 27 November

Meet in Church Road, Halstead, TN14 7HQ in time for a 10 a.m. start. Bear left at the top of Polhill into Oxford Lane. At the crossroads in Halstead keep ahead into Church Road. There is a car park on the right after 600 metres, before the church. Lunch afterwards for those who wish to stay will be at the Cock. All U3A members are welcome.

Leader: Velma Keys