

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

What should I say in my first of "Third Age Matters", to later of new and recently joined Chairman's Column, 2 weeks after **Reopen, Relaunch and Recruit!** In members. Planning has also election? We are still living with the workshop we will review begun for a **GO Conference** in the pandemic but there is a findings from membership Spring. I am the GO of "Music change in the tone of government surveys, think about longer term Appreciation A" and "Opera" statements, suggesting that this objectives, begin a process which Groups and have set dates for time reopening will be includes members in evolving a both in October for our first face- "irreversible". Your newly strategy, and develop detailed to-face meetings for 18 months. constituted Executive Committee plans for the next year. All of this depends on the Covid (EC) had its first formal meeting **Groups are the beating heart of** 19 situation and some will in any days after I started. To get to our u3a and a regenerated Group case be nervous about opening up. However, double-vaccinated know them, I am meeting Organiser (GO) Team led by by our wonderful NHS, we can be individually with all eight Elaine Elston is already reasonably hopeful that all will be members – and an impressive planning an **Open Day** in October well. bunch they are. We are holding a in the new Bat & Ball Centre **Ken Brown** Workshop on July 30th to plan (formerly the Community Centre), **chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk** how, to quote the summer issue with a follow-up meeting a month

DIARY

Aug 11th	Nordic Walking at Shipbourne 11.00	Aug 18th	Ambling at Kemsing 10.00
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NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

ETHICAL DILEMMAS

The group have continued on Zoom for the last 18 months and are preparing to meet in person starting in October. Please do get in touch if you'd like to join us, or to come along and try us out. We're a friendly thoughtful group who enjoy interrogating life's Ethical Dilemmas.

Ann Slater ethicaldilemmas@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

The Group has continued to meet via Zoom throughout the season with varied levels of attendance. We cover all aspects of industrial activity from before the start of the Industrial Revolution through to recent history and our presentation subjects this season have included the Short Sunderland, cable cars and notable inventors such as Alexander Graham Bell. We meet on 2nd Tuesday at 14.00 and are looking to restart in October. Having lost stalwart members this year we are looking for up to 4 new members to make the group viable.

Rob Weighill industrialhistory@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

SEVENOAKS SCRIBES

We have one space in our group. We meet twice a month (second and fourth Monday afternoon) in members' houses, 2.00 - 4.30. The group is kept small so that we have time to discuss and help each other. We are all in the midst of full-length novels, both fiction and non-fiction, though occasionally members refresh themselves with a completely new idea for a particular occasion.

Please contact **Pamela Murphy** for further information. writing@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

FOLK DANCING

Because of the recent government announcement, we will not be restarting on July 9th as stated in the last newsletter, but we intend to go ahead on **Friday 10th September** in the **Oxford Memorial Hall Club Room, 10.00 - 12.00.**

Peter Nixon folkdance@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send items to be included to news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk by 10th August.

KNOLE HOUSE – TOUR OF ATTICS

Following our excellent monthly talk on Knole conservation work by Nathalie Cohen, we have been offered a guided attic tour from September. It will be chance to experience unseen parts of Knole House. There can be up to ten people per tour. If we booked two or more tours, they would start one hour apart. There is a small charge. Knole do not recommend these tours to those with limited mobility as they go up steep staircases, through low doorways and over high thresholds. If you are interested, please contact **Pam Walshe** of the Social Events committee social@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

MOSTLY WREN AND ROMANS

October Outing

We are going ahead this year with the trip postponed from March 2020, “**Mostly Wren and Romans**”. The visit will be on 1 October 2021, with the morning spent visiting 4 of London’s Wren churches with Blue Badge Guide Tim Kidd. The plan for the afternoon is to go to the London Mithraeum. The trip was fully booked last year and most of those who signed up then wish to retain their places; there are, however, a few vacancies left.

Note: The trip involves walking between churches.

For further information, please contact the organiser **Freda Parker** (01959 523467).

NORDIC WALKING

Wednesday 11th August 11.00am

Meet in the lane opposite the church and the Chaser at Shipbourne, TN11 9PE. The walk will go through Fairlawne Park where the scenery is wonderful. It will be followed by an optional lunch at the Chaser.

nordicwalking@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

AMBLING

Wednesday 18th August 10.00am

Meet in the car park opposite the Bell in Kemsing, TN15 6NB. A 4-mile walk led by Mike Davies followed by an optional lunch at the Bell.

ambling@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Should life start to return to normal in the near future so that we are able to hold our open meetings face-to-face, rather than via Zoom, we will need to be able to provide refreshments at those meetings.

We are looking for a number of volunteers to help provide refreshments, particularly at our monthly meetings.

If anyone is happy to help, please contact our **Secretary** at secretary@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rob White has resigned from the Executive Committee in order to concentrate on his Citizens Advice commitments. He continues as Group Organiser of the European Affairs group. In his role on the Executive Committee he was involved with the TAT Recruitment Pathfinder project and the Kent u3a Network. In his Publicity role he was responsible for the calendars which were produced last year as well as publicity notices that have been placed on many village noticeboards throughout the area. Details of the reallocation of his roles will be given in our next newsletter.

ART GROUP

The Art Group has been meeting again at Seal Village Hall each week for the last month. Below are a couple of the more recent masterpieces they have produced. More next month.



SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL WITH FESTIVE MEAL
On Wednesday 22nd December 2021

We have been fortunate to obtain a limited number of central block tickets for **TOP HAT**, the Christmas musical at the **MILL THEATRE at Sonning**. Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin including lovely songs ... Putting on the Ritz and Isn't it a Lovely Day



We will be taken there and back by coach and enjoy a Christmas lunch with our party before the show for which programmes are included. Drinks can be purchased from the Waterwheel bar.

PICK UP from Sevenoaks 9.30 am. Venue to be decided.

COST £75 to include coach including tip for driver, Christmas lunch and matinee show with programme. Ticket number 30

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Please complete the form [together with a SAE if receipt required] and cheque made payable to :-
Sevenoaks U3A Social Account and send to :- **Pam Walshe, 8 Crownfields, Sevenoaks, TN13 1EF**

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