

CHAIRMAN’S COLUMN

The Monthly Meeting topic on 22nd June is “The Can Can – High Kicks and Frilly Knickers”, nowadays always associated with the famous tune from Offenbach’s comic opera “Orpheus in the Underworld”.

Despite the frivolous title, art society lecturer Martin Heard will talk to us on the cultural history of the dance, and how it inspired Toulouse-Lautrec, Seurat and Picasso.

The AGM will precede the talk, and on a more serious note, the EC still needs nominations for the Group Development

Coordinator role. Sevenoaks u3a has 865 members, and if any of you feel moved to consider taking on this important role, please contact Chris Dance (EC Secretary) or me for more information.

My May Column was almost an essay, so I will be briefer this month. Although this is the June Newsletter you will receive it with half of May still to go, before we reach official Summertime in June. Maytime has always been my favourite time of the year. A lovely May 1st 1964 memory, in King’s College, Cambridge was

waking to “Now is the month of May, with a tra-la-la-la-la”. This wafted up to my 3rd floor window, from choristers singing on King’s Bridge as they traditionally do on every May Day, but in that year under umbrellas, in pyjamas and raincoats, and in the pouring rain ! Our gardens could certainly do with some of that rain, but rain or shine make the most of what’s left of Spring!

Dr. Ken Brown

MONTHLY MEETING AND AGM – JUNE 22nd at 2 pm

At our monthly meeting, Martin Heard will give a talk entitled *The Can Can - High Kicks and Frilly Knickers*. Martin Heard is an independent art historian and accredited Arts Society lecturer. He will be talking about the origins and cultural development of the dance and its performance from Parisian dance halls in the mid-nineteenth century to classical ballet in the twentieth, and how it inspired Toulouse-Lautrec, Seurat and Picasso.



The Meeting will be held at the **Bat and Ball Centre, Crampton's Rd, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN**.

Martin’s presentation will be preceded by the **Annual General Meeting**. Included with this Newsletter are the Draft Minutes of the June 2021 AGM, the Trustees’ Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the Agenda. Sue Christy is standing for election as Secretary.

Also included with this Newsletter is a Postal Voting form. Use this form only if you expect to be unable to attend the AGM. If you attend the AGM you will be able to vote on the motions during the meeting as usual.

Chris Dance (Secretary) secretary@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

DIARY FOR JUNE

June 8th	Bridge For Pleasure	June 8th	Nordic Walking
June 15th	U3a Lunch Club—1st meeting	June 15th	Ambling
June 18th	Visit to Winchelsea’s Secret Gardens	June 22nd	AGM —followed by a talk by Martin Heard - “The Can Can—High Kicks & Frilly Knickers”.
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The deadline for inclusion of items in the July Newsletter is June 15th.

SEVENOAKS CROWNS FOR THE JUBILEE

The Crochet Group have taken part in the Town Council's "Crowns for the Jubilee" project. They have made crowns to be scanned and printed onto banners, which will be decorating the Vine Gardens during the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Some of these are shown in the photograph below.

The Crochet Group has two vacancies if anyone would like to join our friendly group.

To find out more about the group, please contact **Pauline Gofton** at crochet@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk.



BON APPETIT !

Sevenoaks Lunch Club is launched ! After a well-attended meeting at the Bullfinch, interested parties decided to meet on the **3rd Wednesday of the month**, starting on the **15th June**. The venue is the Bullfinch, the time is 12.15 for 12.30 and, apart from a good lunch, the objectives are to appoint a Group Organiser and to plot and plan the months ahead as members choose their favourite pub or restaurant to visit.

If any other members are interested in attending, please contact **Amanda Birch** at amanda.birch1@hotmail.co.uk or 01732 464620.

AMBLING—15th JUNE

Meet in the carpark near the church and opposite the Bell in Kemsing in time for a 10.30 start. A 3.5 mile walk going uphill to Seal church over the railway line and then a stroll through the village and recreation ground. There are about 6 stiles and views at the top of Seal are lovely on a clear day. The walk will be followed by lunch at the Bell. Leaders : **Sharon Stevens** and **Gil McIntyre**. ambling@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS VISIT

Please make a note in your diaries of **Saturday, December 3rd**, for our annual visit to the Mill Theatre at Sonning for a Christmas meal and show. The good news for those who could not make it last year and those who had to cancel is that, by popular demand, the show TOP HAT will be performed again this year. Those of us who saw it can report a first rate, stunning and stimulating performance !

Full booking details will be in the July newsletter.

Pam Walshe

BRIDGE FOR PLEASURE

June 8th and June 22nd.

The Group plays at **Oxford Village Memorial Hall** on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings** of each month from October to the end of July, from 9.45 a.m. until 12 noon.

The winner on 27th April was Celia Rudd and on 11th May was John Christy (who beat Colin Butson by 10 points - sorry Colin!).

New members are always welcome. We are an "open" group so new players can just come along on the day. We play ACOL in a 'Chicago' format so you do not need a partner.

For more information, please ring **John and Sue Christy** on **01732 463911** or via email at bridge@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk.

NORDIC WALKING –8th JUNE

Meet outside the Greyhound at Charcott TN11 8LG for a 10.30 start. It is an easy 3 mile walk. Turn south into Scabharbour Road in Weald and continue for 3 miles keeping right at junctions. Lunch after the walk will be at the Greyhound.

nordicwalking@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

ART IN THE U3A

There is already a very successful Art Group in our u3a, which has a waiting list.

Would you be interested in joining a second Art group ? If you are interested, please contact **Jack Parker** at art@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk or by phone at 01959 523467.

SCRABBLE

The Scrabble group meets from 10.00-12.00 on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in Sevenoaks Library. There is no charge to take part.

If you would like to join them for challenging and friendly games of Scrabble, please contact **Anne Gutteridge** at scrabble@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

TRIP TO WINCHELSEA

Just a quick reminder that there are still places available for this trip on Saturday, June 18th. If you are interested, please contact **Copper Earthrowl** on 01732 459386 or **Freda Parker** on 07828 944932 .

TRIP TO FROGMORE HOUSE AND GARDENS

2ND AUGUST, 2022

The House and Gardens are open to the public when Her Majesty the Queen is at Balmoral. The Gardens stand in the Home Park at Windsor Castle and were purchased by Queen Charlotte in 1790 .

The morning will be free to look round Windsor and have some lunch before departing at 1.20pm by Coach to the gardens a 15 minute drive away.

DEPART 9.00am – Coach departs from Suffolk Way.

There is all day parking at the Multi Storey Car Park.

RETURN 4.00pm Coach departs for Sevenoaks.



Cost: £47.00 per person includes coach travel, driver's tip and entrance to Frogmore House and Gardens.

Organiser: Joyce Allen (tel: 01959 522915); **Mobile on day of outing only:** 07748 390427

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKING: 28th June 2022

Please complete the portion below and together with your cheque made payable to Sevenoaks U3A Social Account send to Joyce Allen, 82 Evelyn Road, Otford, TN14 5PU with a s.a.e. (or your email address) for your receipt. **No later than 28th June.**

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The information submitted above may be retained by the Social Committee for administration purposes for this and future visits. Data will be retained on a password protected computer and will only be used for communication between you and the Social Committee