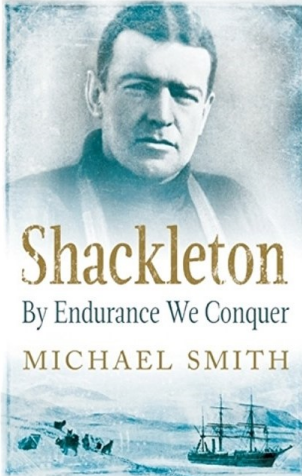


## Monthly Meetings

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 28 February at the Bat & Ball Community Centre.



### Shackleton's Antarctic Journeys

Michael Smith will talk about **Shackleton's Antarctic Journeys**. Michael gave us a fascinating talk about Tom Crean, the forgotten member of Captain Scott's expedition, last February and is returning by popular request.

## Dates for future Monthly Meetings

**28th March**

Jacqueline Aviolet

**20 years at a Garden Centre**

**25 April**

Janie Ramsay

**Antiques, the good, the bad and the ugly**

**23 May**

Kev Reynolds

**Mountaineering - A walk in the Clouds**

**27 June**

Bob Ogley

**V1s & V2s including dramas in Sevenoaks**

After the talks, tea and cakes are served free of charge



## Chairman's Chat

On behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to wish all our members a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

In June we will need someone to replace Nick White, our Meetings Organiser. This role includes booking the Community Centre, organising our monthly meetings and arranging speakers. This is usually done a year in advance and Nick has already covered most arrangements for 2018. We have a very long list of prospective speakers on a wide variety of topics so arranging future speakers should not be a burden.

If you are interested in volunteering for this role please call Nick (01959 564145) or myself for an informal chat.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Festive Lunch at Wildernesse Golf Club in February when we can begin to put the winter behind us and look forward to a warmer spring.

Jim Purves

01732 463041 [chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk)

## Diary

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**February 28**

**Monthly Meeting**

## New French Group: "Français rouillé"

Please note that the contact address for Peter Quick is [kentafandsam@yahoo.com](mailto:kentafandsam@yahoo.com) (07708 162855), not as stated in the December issue.

## Playreading



3rd Tuesday, 1.30 - 4.30 at the home of Gilly Moysey

Owing to the loss of one or two members, this group would welcome any U3A member who would like the experience of hearing a good play come alive - thanks probably more to the skill of the playwright than to our reading of the parts! It is a very enjoyable friendly group. If interested please contact Gilly Moysey on 01732 463272.

## London Studies 2

London Studies 2 is now meeting on a **Thursday** rather than a Monday since so many venues are closed on a Monday.

We are still looking for new members and our next trip is to Dr Johnson's house on the 1st February. Mike Davies.

## Folk Dancing

The Folk Dancing Group enjoying their fourth session in January 2018. We have had much fun and hilarity and learned a great deal from our caller Chris Woodward (at the back, in blue shirt). We have undertaken dances old and new, and can now say that we have experienced such movements as 'ladies chain', 'figure of eight', 'hey for three', 'changes', 'up a double' and more.

We are always happy to welcome new members, and we do have some spaces in the group. No experience is necessary as all dances and moves are carefully explained. If you would like some exercise of mind and body and a jolly Friday morning (second of the month), please contact us on [peterlyn.nixon@gmail.com](mailto:peterlyn.nixon@gmail.com).



## Wednesday Book Group

October to May

2 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

We would welcome new members. The next book we are reading for discussion in February is "Swing Time" by Zadie Smith; "The Pigeon Tunnel" by John le Carré for March, and "I Saw A Man" by Owen Sheers for April. The Library source our books for us which are usually chosen by the members. We meet in our homes and share a cup of tea after our discussion. Please contact Ann Evans 01732 834243 if you are interested.



## Second Science Discussion Group

The Group held its first meeting at the home of Peter Brignell on Thursday, 7 December, when members drew up a possible agenda for meetings in 2018.

They would welcome new members. Please contact Peter Brignell.



photo: Peter Nixon

### Trips in March and April

There are some spaces left on the coach visiting the splendid **Chichester Cathedral** (guided tour) followed by the opportunity to visit other attractions in Chichester (such as the Pallant Art Gallery) on **Wednesday March 14**. Please apply quickly using the flyer on the Sevenoaks U3A website or telephone Joyce Allen – 01959 522915



On **Saturday April 14** there is a coach trip to visit the **Winchelsea Secret Gardens** preceded **EITHER** by a one a half hour guided tour of the **Medieval Cellars** in Winchelsea **OR** a brief visit to **Rye**. Preference to be noted on the flyer included where full details are given. Please respond as quickly as possible as we anticipate that this trip will be very popular.



**Flyer WITH THIS NEWSLETTER**  
Trip to Winchelsea on 14th April

## Members' Corner

Please submit items of interest to members to The Newsletter Team. [news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk](mailto:news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk)

### Concert



Judy Hebert would like to draw attention to the outstanding young violinist who is playing for the Sevenoaks Music Club on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Michael Foyle, still only 27, has an impressive biography: he played his first concerto at the Edinburgh Festival aged 8; on graduating, he won the Roth Prize for the highest violin mark of the year and has since won numerous international violin competitions. He is accompanied on 27<sup>th</sup> by Estonian pianist Maksim Stsura.

Michael Foyle has played twice with the Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra, which resulted in this booking with the Sevenoaks Music Club. The programme consists of works by Mozart, Brahms, Prokofiev and Piazzolla.

Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall School, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door.



### Old Time Concert

Peter Brignell would like to let U3A Members know about the Sevenoaks Lions Old Time Concert at Sevenoaks Community Centre on Saturday 24th March at 2.30pm. Professional players. Entry free. E-mail [peterb@mountwood.co.uk](mailto:peterb@mountwood.co.uk) or phone 01732 457238 for tickets.

## *Meetings and events open to all*

See diary page 1 for complete list of events

### **Science Group Open Meeting Monday 12 Feb**

Our Talk for February will be  
**"Antique Scientific Instruments"** by Vic Burness

The talk on scientific instruments from the fields of surveying, marine navigation, calculation, medicine including microscopes and optical instruments will be addressed. Methods of restoration will be discussed with examples from stock. An insight into the Antiques business, past and present will also be given.

If any member has an unusual or mystery item to bring along Vic Burness may be able to offer information and advice.

Oxford Village Memorial Hall 2pm. Entry £2.00, including refreshments. All Sevenoaks U3A members welcome

### **SCIENCE SEMINAR Wednesday 13th June**

#### **Save the Date!**

The Science Committee is planning a seminar on Bionic Engineering on June 13th at the East Malling Research Centre.

So far, we have confirmed two speakers, Professor Kawel Rhode on the topic of Robotic Surgery and Dr Ernst Kamavuako talking about Myoelectrics (Bionic limbs linked to the Brain).

Negotiation for a third speaker about Nano Technology applied to medicine is in hand. Further details and a flyer for application to attend will be issued in the March Newsletter.

Bob Ruffles. 01732 461348. [bobruffles@aol.com](mailto:bobruffles@aol.com)

### **Apple Group Monday 26 February**

#### **iPad, iMac, iPhone & Apple Watch**

- ◆ Whats new forum - discussion
- ◆ Presentation from Group 8 - the company that repairs Apple products
- ◆ Finding your way in Maps - Elaine
- ◆ Getting better use of Contacts - Elaine

Round Tables: Group 8, Maps, Contacts, iPad use

Oxford Village Memorial Hall from 2 -4 pm

**Next Meetings** 26th March, 23rd April ( 4th Mondays @ 2pm ).

Dave Simmons

[david.g.simmons22@gmail.com](mailto:david.g.simmons22@gmail.com).

### **Half Day Walking Monday 26 February**

Meet in the loop of road by the Crown Point pub and restaurant off the A25 at Seal Chart, TN15 0HB. The grid reference is 576556. The walk goes through Seal Chart woods then to Godden Green and Stone Street. It is 5 miles with some moderately hilly sections. Lunch afterwards will be at the Crown Point.

Leader: Nick White

### **Ambling Wednesday 21 February**

Meet at Godden Green for a 4 mile walk around Knole Park starting at 10 am. Park on the road opposite the Buck's Head. The walk will be followed by an optional lunch.

Leader: David Jackson

### **Bridge for Pleasure Weds 14 & 28 February**

The Group plays at Oxford Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday mornings of each month from 9.50 a.m. until 12 noon. Dates for your diary are 14 and 28 February.

Winners in November were Stephen Hale and Pam Kemp and in December John Franklin.

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

For more information, please ring John and Sue Christy

### **Computer Group Monday 19 February**

Talk by Charles Hebert (U3A member)

Come along to find out about the many mapping possibilities on your phone and computer. Whether you drive, cycle or walk, or are just an armchair explorer, there will be something of interest for you. Subjects will include dealing with traffic, plotting routes, and adding photos to maps, all this using maps from Google, the Ordnance Survey, and others.

Oxford Village Memorial Hall 2pm. All Sevenoaks and Knole U3A members welcome. £2 entry includes refreshments.

We are still in need of more volunteers to make teas at the end of the meeting as well as people to serve on the committee.

Mike Davies.

### **U3A Scanner**

Sevenoaks U3A owns a scanner for digitising 35mm slides and film; this is looked after by the Computer Group. If you would like to borrow it, please contact Charles Hebert.

[charles@hebert.co.uk](mailto:charles@hebert.co.uk)