



NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome five new members: Maureen Buch (Cholsey), Hilary Taylor (Benson), Derek Walker (Dorchester-on-Thames), Maureen and Geoff Norton (Crowmarsh Gifford).

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW CHAIRMAN

My thanks go to Neil Kelly for chairing our U3A with such enthusiasm and good humour over the past year. He is certainly a hard act to follow.

Sincere thanks also to our two retiring Committee members Margaret Cone and Jane Tuckett. Margaret has done sterling work with the newsletter ensuring that it is up to date with information about all we do as a U3A. Jane has ensured (with others) to keep our Speaker Meetings well supplied with good speakers and good topics; it must be difficult to get something fresh each month.

Margaret is being replaced by Sarah Boyt Robinson and I welcome her to the team. Ken Johnstone is also joining the Committee and has said that he is prepared to help in any way – I hope he doesn't regret that!

I'm looking forward to my new role and am very privileged to be starting in post with such a supportive Committee. As ever, we need new volunteers to help the Committee and those members who consistently keep the show on the road including our Speakers Committee, Outings Committee, Interest Group leaders, refreshments teams, and chair wranglers.

We have a vibrant, active and friendly U3A.
Let's keep it that way!

Malcolm

COFFEE MORNINGS

for members and prospective new members
first Friday each month from 10:30 am until 12 noon
at Centre 70, Goldsmiths Lane, Wallingford OX10 0DT

Friday 7 June Helpers: Jill Hughes and Pat Hayton

Friday 5 July Helpers: Pam Johnstone and Milli Eaton

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Third Wednesday each month at 2 pm in the Baptist Church, Thames Street, OX10 0BH

Wednesday 19 June:

Jenny Mallin - A Grandmother's Legacy

Jenny Mallin is the author of the prize-winning cookery book *A Grandmother's Legacy*. She was inspired to research her family history when she inherited a handwritten recipe book from her mother. This heirloom was compiled by the women of five generations of her family who lived and worked in the British Raj, leaving Yorkshire at the end of the 18th C and only returning at Partition.

Her talk explores her Anglo-Indian family heritage through photographs and anecdotes and shines a light on a fascinating and now bygone way of life.

Wednesday 17 July:

Gary Jordan - A talk and recital, the guitar music of Dowland, Sor and Albeniz

Gary Jordan is a classical guitarist who has played in masterclasses for many eminent figures in the guitar world. He will introduce us not only to the world of the classical guitar but also to Elizabethan lute music, playing his guitar to illustrate his talk.

Wednesday 21 August:

Annual Garden Party

Not an outing, it's here in a Wallingford garden and is the annual members' social event – no speaker but lots of fun and refreshment.

OUTINGS UPDATE

Friday 28 June:	An outing to the Slimbridge Wetland Centre WWT in Gloucestershire. Enjoy a fantastic day out with a chance to get close to amazing wildlife. Don't forget your binoculars and cameras!	<i>Details and booking form in this newsletter. Organiser: Sue Wright</i>
Tuesday 9 July:	An outing to the Thames Barrier in London.	<i>Organiser: Paul Booker Details with this Newsletter.</i>
Sunday 5 to Thursday 10 October 2019:	U3A annual holiday trip: The History of Western Sicily and Palermo. Highlights of the trip include the medieval town of Erice, the Norman Cathedral at Monreale, a tour of Palermo and a boat trip to the island of Mozia.	<i>Leaders: Paul Booker and Sue Wright Details sent with the April and June Newsletters. Some places remaining, but hurry!</i>

NOTICES

Welcome to the new look Newsletter – apologies for the colour – remember to choose the Fit or Shrink options if you print this.

If you have any photos or anecdotes of outings and interest group activities, or comments and suggestions, the Committee and the new Editor will be pleased to receive them.

Please email to newsletter@wallingfordu3a.org or drop a message into the suggestions box at a coffee morning or speaker meeting.



INTEREST GROUPS

Please remember that all requests to join an Interest Group or start a new one must be made through the
Interest Group Co-ordinator
Yvonne Griffiths 01491 838214 groups@wallingfordu3a.org

Groups looking for new members

* Groups with availability are also shown on the calendar.

Current Affairs 2 : first Monday of each month at 2 pm.

Current Affairs 3 : Debate, discuss in delightful members' homes. Come and join us for a monthly meeting discussing anything from local to national and international issues.

French Conversation 2 : first Monday and third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm.

Contact **Yvonne Griffiths** (as above) if you are interested.

New and Proposed Groups

Scrabble: Carolyn Newbert and Vee Hadley are asking if anyone is interested in a Scrabble group. If you are keen on the tiles, want to learn or improve your game, then please contact **Yvonne Griffiths** (as above)

History 5: We had a very enjoyable meeting in May. It was held at Ray Verrall's house. Ken Johnstone gave a very enjoyable talk about the Vikings and this led to a most enjoyable discussion. Our next talk will be about the movement of population to Australia. New members welcome.

WALKING IN JUNE

To join a walking group, please apply to **Yvonne Griffiths** as above. *Status *Organiser:*
 For all walks, details are provided by email from the walk organiser.

* Shorter Walking	Wed 5	Gentle 3-5 miles <i>Easy reach of Wallingford (bus or on foot)</i>	First Wednesday	Ask <i>Paul Booker</i>
Moderate 1	Wed 12	6-7 miles	Second Wednesday	Full <i>Julia West</i>
* Moderate 2	Tues 4	6-7 miles	First Tuesday	Ask <i>Julia West</i>
Longer	Wed 26	8-10 miles	Fourth Wednesday	Full <i>Julia West</i>
* Rambling	Thurs 20	Circular walk 5-6 miles followed by lunch	Third Thursday	Ask <i>Phil Richardson</i>

* Status: **Ask** = available spaces

INTEREST GROUPS JUNE CALENDAR THAMESIDE (WALLINGFORD)

* Status Group Leader

Antiques 1	Wed 12	Second Wednesday morning	Full	Carole Johnson
* Art/Painting	Thurs 6	10 am at the Red Lion, Brightwell	Ask	Angie Thorington
* Badminton	Each Mon	2 til 4 pm Berinsfield Sports Centre	Ask	Hilly Bailey
* Birdwatching 1	Thurs 6	Thatcham – catering on site or in pub	Ask	Rosemary Garner
* Birdwatching 2	Thurs 20	10 am Ewelme. Third Thursday morning	Ask	Pam Johnstone
Book 1	Tues 11	<i>Monsieur Linh and his Child</i> by Philippe Claudet	Full	Sue Taylor
* Book 2	Thurs 27	<i>Sweet Tooth</i> by Ian McEwan	Ask	Di Young
Book 3	Wed 12	<i>A History of Britain in 21 Women</i> by Jenny Murray	Full	Sheila Findlay
* Book 4	Thurs 13	<i>Red Sister</i> by Mark Lawrence	Ask	Dee Clarke
* Book 5	Thurs 27	<i>The Cut Out Girl</i> by Bart van Es	Ask	Sue English
Bridge 1	Thurs 13 and Thurs 27	Second and fourth Thursdays	Full	Sheila Findlay
* Canasta	~	No Canasta this month - lunch Wed 12 June instead	Ask	Hilly Bailey
Computer Mac Users 1	Tues 4	11 am Ann Truesdale's on first Tuesday	Full	Ann Truesdale
* Computer Mac Users 2	Mon 17	For venue contact peterjmason11@gmail.com <i>Free up space on your Mac - say no to MS Office – arrange group address list</i>	Ask	Peter Mason
* Craft	Mon 3	Centre 70, at 2:30 pm (Summer schedule) Bring a project	Ask	Angie Thorington
* Cribbage	Mon 10 and Mon 24	10:30 am second and fourth Mondays	Ask	Joyce Kent
Current Affairs 1	Thurs 6	2:30 pm at Trudy's first Thursday	Full	Trudy Davies
* Current Affairs 2	Mon 3	2 pm at Val Mowlam's first Monday	Ask	Val Mowlam
* Current Affairs 3	Tues 11	2 pm second Tuesday Friendly debate and discussion	Ask	Jane Milne
Digital Photography 2	Wed 12	2.30 pm at Diane's. <i>Flowers and Landscapes</i>	Full	Sylvia Harrison
Digital Photography 3	Wed 12	<i>Castles</i>	Full	Malcolm Brooks
* Euchre	Tues 25	2 pm The Dolphin, back room, on fourth Tuesday	Ask	Hilly Bailey
French Conversation 1	Thurs 13	10 am Mike McVeigh's house near St Leonard's Church	Full	Janet Franklin
* French Conversation 2	Mon 3 and Tues 18	2:30 pm first Monday and third Tuesday	Ask	Susan Renn
Genealogy 1	Mon 17	10:30 am on third Monday <i>Solving Brick Walls</i>	Full	Linda Matthews
Genealogy 2	Tues 11	10:30 am second Tuesday	Full	Mary Cozens
History 1	Wed 5	First Wednesday morning	Full	Ted Nelson
* History 2	Thurs 20	<i>Visit to the Wesleyan Chapel</i> in Oxford including lunch	Ask	Mary Hill
History 3	Wed 12	<i>Visit to</i> Buscot Park	Full	Colin Clarke
History 4	Mon 3	<i>Queen Anne</i>	Full	Jenny Potter
* History 5	Wed 26	10 am til midday at Mary's house <i>Movement of population to Australia</i>	Ask	Mary Harrison
* Latin for Pleasure	Wed 26	10 am third Wednesday	Ask	Roger Morgan
Lunch Club	Wed 5	Convivial group lunch	Full	Rosemary Hines
* Lunch: Sunday Lunch	~	Date and venue to be advised to members	Ask	Paul Booker
* Music (Broader)	Tues 4	Pam Gyton's 5 The Mint. <i>Music from the Greek Islands</i>	Ask	Val Wolsey
* Music Classical 1	Tues 25	Pam Gyton's house - Pam presenting <i>Music by Gustav Mahler</i>	Ask	Mike Sedman
Music Classical 2	Mon 10	2:30 pm second Monday	Full	John Cozens
* Pétanque	Each Tues	10 am Wallingford Sports Park, small fee applies	Ask	Loren Butt
* Play Reading	Wed 5	9:30 am the Corn Exchange Wallingford on first Wednesday	Ask	Philippa Davies
Poetry Reading	Wed 12	10:30 am on second Wednesday	Full	Jill Cooney
* Science	Tues 18	Speaker: <i>Tony Rayner</i>	Ask	Philippa Cullen
* Scrabble	~	Proposed new group, see above – apply to Yvonne Griffiths	Ask	~
* Seminar	Mon 24	<i>The Last Invasion.</i> Fourth Monday	Ask	Gloria Hamilton-Peach
* Singing for Fun	Fri 7 and Fri 21	Every fortnight 2 - 3 pm at the Baptist Church, Thames St	Ask	Jan Menzies
* Spanish (Improvers)	Wed 5 and Wed 19	First and third Wednesdays	Ask	Frances Willoughby
Writing for Pleasure	Mon 10	Two tasks: <i>Acrostic poem using the words Bad Blood, and Flash fiction or mini saga - complete story, 100 words or less</i>	Full	Carolyn Newbert
Writing: Life History Writing	Thurs 13	Forum for non-fiction life history stories about members or their families	Full	Margaret Pritchard

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The Committee for 2019-20

Malcolm Brooks - Chairman
Yvonne Griffiths - Secretary
Hilary Bailey - Treasurer

Yvonne Griffiths - Groups Co-ordinator
Anna Gordon - New Members Secretary

Paul Booker - Thames Valley Network Representative
and Outings Co-ordinator

Jane Milne - Minutes Secretary
Neil Kelly - Committee Member
Ken Johnstone - Communications
Sarah Boyt Robinson - Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to those members who have renewed their membership of Thameside (Wallingford) U3A.

If you did not renew by 31 May this will be your last Newsletter and you will no longer be eligible to attend U3A Interest Groups and events or be included in our information updates.

If non-renewal was an oversight, please contact

treasurer@wallingfordu3a.org

or speak to a Committee member at the June Coffee Morning. On paying your **£12.50** membership fee, we will be able to reinstate your membership.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The 21st AGM took place on Wednesday 15 May

The out-going Chairman, Neil Kelly, handed over the role to Malcolm Brooks and was thanked for all his work leading our U3A for the past year. Neil will continue to be a valuable member of the Committee.

Two Committee members stepped down at the AGM: Margaret Cone, who has produced the newsletter for many years and Jane Tuckett, who has been the Speaker Meeting representative, will continue to book speakers for these meetings.

Neil presented Margaret with a gift for her many years of service.

Jane was absent, but Neil has a gift for her which he will present at the first opportunity.

NEW MEMBER ENQUIRIES

If someone asks you about becoming a member please direct them to
Membership Secretary **Anna Gordon**
membership@wallingfordu3a.org

NEXT NEWSLETTER: July 2019 Closing date for contributions: 21 June 2019
Editor: Sarah Boyt Robinson **newsletter@wallingfordu3a.org**

THIRD AGE TRUST

The Third Age Trust is the national representative body for U3As in the UK.

Information on its activities can be found at www.u3a.org.uk

Contact for members without internet access is **Yvonne Griffiths** 01491 838214

U3A THAMES VALLEY NETWORK

Thameside (Wallingford) U3A is one of thirty-eight U3As within the Thames Valley Network. Our representative is Committee Member **Paul Booker**.

Forthcoming Study Days

These are announced on the Thames Valley Network website www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk and information is sent by email to online members and posted on the U3A notice board at the coffee mornings and speaker meetings.

Please book promptly as these Study Days often fill up quickly !

4 July First Aid day at Benson

30 August The Work of William Morris at Kelmscott Manor. Flyer and application forms are now on Thames Valley Network website.

22 October Ukulele Day at Benson