



## • CHAIRMAN'S NOTES •

This month we welcome one new member, Teri Stevens from Goring.

We enjoyed Mark Cairns and his 'How Did He Do That?!?' presentation. He told us it's all misdirection – but how the misdirection allowed him to get all the things right that he did was, well, intriguing. I don't think we would have got any information had he had the usual Q&A session afterwards!

We now look forward to the New Year, hoping it will bring good things to us all. The first meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> January will be Tony Hadland with the subject Tiger in the Bathroom and Bullets up the Chimney. Come and see what that means!

Next is our Annual Celebration Lunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Badgemore Golf Club. It's the first time I've been able to go, so I'm looking forward to it. (...now what did I order...!)

It is Valerie Roddan's last one as organiser, and we thank her for many years of doing it. Jane Milne is taking over – a tough act to follow. Maybe a bit of misdirection will help, Jane!

There are plenty of groups meeting in January, so do not forget to go. Let Yvonne know if you have an interest that we don't cover, or get on a waiting list for a group you would like to join.

*Malcolm*

## • Editorial •

Welcome to the January Newsletter – the New Year with all its promise lies ahead of us!

Thames Valley Network have released their activities for 2020 - look at bottom of page 4 for the list.

Do check the Outings and Groups sections on pages 3-4 for latest information and availability.

If you prefer the gentle rustle of the printed page and your printer is being graceless or has run out of ink/paper then do drop by the Coffee Morning and pick up a **hot**-off-the-press version.

If you are inspired to contribute group activities or outings then send photos (fullsize) or text (max 100 words)

to Sarah Boyt Robinson

[newsletter@wallingfordu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@wallingfordu3a.org)

## COFFEE MORNINGS

**First Friday each month**

For members and prospective new members  
**from 10:30 am till 12 noon**

at Centre 70 Kinecroft off Goldsmiths Lane  
Wallingford OX10 0DT

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

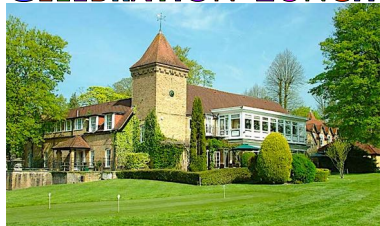
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**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Helpers: tba



## ANNUAL CELEBRATION LUNCH



**Badgemore Park**  
Henley-on-Thames

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

12:30 for 1:00 pm

All booked up and ready to go!  
A gathering of U3A folk with a year to look back on and exciting times to look forward to....

## OUTINGS COMMITTEE PLEA

**We have Outings booked and manned up to August 2020.**

**However, from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 onwards there will be no further events until Easter 2021.**

This is because we need more people to help. If you want outings to continue then perhaps you could volunteer. Please contact [Paul Booker](#) or [Malcolm Brooks](#) (email addresses on page 4) for more information.

At present there are three on the Outings Committee which meets every six weeks. They do a brilliant job of providing monthly outings and an annual holiday. But they dearly need more organisers to help maintain the current frequency and quality of outings.

You would undertake to organise, with full support from experienced fellow organisers, as many or as few outings as you have time for. Even one a year is fine. They have fun!

Please contact [Paul Booker](#) or [Malcolm Brooks](#)  
01491 825864

## • SPEAKER MEETINGS •

Third Wednesday each month

at the Baptist Church Thames Street Wallingford OX10 0BH

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2:00 pm**

**Tony Hadland**

**A Tiger In The Bathroom**

Tony Hadland last came to give us a talk in June 2018 on William Gill. This time it is a Tiger in the Bathroom and Bullets up the Chimney. Interesting!

Tony is an award-winning former journal editor of the Oxfordshire Family History Society. The talk spotlights Tony's ancestors in India and Ireland, a fascinating story that earlier generations would have found shocking.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2:00 pm**

**Timothy Walker**

**Timothy Walker – What have plants ever done for us?**

Timothy Walker last visited us with his talk on The Healing power of Plants. This time he will talk to us about What have plants ever done for us?

This talk looks at mankind's dependence on plants for everything from food to film and from painkillers to paint. It also examines the ways in which our exploitation of plants could keep up with demand from an ever increasing global population and what we as individuals can do to help future generations.

## OUTINGS

Links to the **TUTANKHAMUN** Outing and the **Jewels of Northumbria Annual Holiday** are on your December Newsletter email and on our website [www.wallingfordu3a.org](http://www.wallingfordu3a.org)  
You can also pick up booking forms at Coffee Mornings or Speaker Meetings.

### TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh Exhibition

At Saatchi Gallery  
LONDON

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Tutankhamun - the boy king, was born in about 1342 BC and inherited the throne at the age of 8 or 9 years. He is thought to have died around 1324.

The exhibition commemorates the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, unearthed by Howard Carter in 1922. A selection of the items discovered then was displayed in London in the 1970's. This new exhibition is larger and displays more than 150 of the tomb's objects.

Unfortunately, the funeral mask has not been allowed to leave Egypt. It is worth noting though that this is the last time ever that Egypt will permit any of Tutankhamun's treasures to leave Cairo.

Organiser: Paul Booker  
01491 825864 or 0790 630 8480



### RIVIERA TRAVEL

Did you know that if you make a personal booking for a holiday with Riviera Travel, Riviera will make a charitable donation of 10% to your U3A group?

This means that if you book a holiday in your name for yourself (who must be a U3A member) and several other friends or family (who need not be members) at absolutely no cost to yourself, Riviera will donate 10% of the full cost of that holiday.

All you need to do is to notify Riviera that you are a U3A member, notify them that your Treasurer's email is [treasurer@wallingfordu3a.org](mailto:treasurer@wallingfordu3a.org) and one month after travel Thameside (Wallingford) U3A will receive 10% of your total bill as a charitable donation.

It would be helpful if you also notified Hilly Bailey (Treasurer) at [treasurer@wallingfordu3a.org](mailto:treasurer@wallingfordu3a.org) of the total value of your booking, but this is at your discretion.

Please do consider this when you book your holiday, it is an additional way we can raise funds and attempt to keep the subscription down – at absolutely no cost to yourself.



[www.rivieratravel.co.uk](http://www.rivieratravel.co.uk)

### Jewels of Northumbria 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

When Sir David Attenborough was asked recently during a radio interview, where he would most like to be at that precise moment, he said it would be the Farne Islands.



← the Jewels Brothers loving the prospect of this holiday...



Between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June this year we will have the opportunity to visit this incredible place.

Other highlights will be Alnwick Castle and gardens, Durham and Ripon Cathedrals, Lindisfarne Castle, Cragside House, Hadrian's Wall, Beamish Open Air Heritage centre and a farewell lunch at the

iconic Bowes Museum.

All in just five days!!

Go to [www.tailored-travel.co.uk](http://www.tailored-travel.co.uk) and quote twau201 for the itinerary.

Organiser: Mike Sedman  
01491 825198 [outings@wallingfordu3a.org](mailto:outings@wallingfordu3a.org)

**This is fully booked up, but Mike is seeing if more rooms can be booked. If you'd like to go, then let Mike put you on a waiting list and he will let you know if he is successful.**



## 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](mailto:groups@wallingfordu3a.org)

**New Year's Eve and Day** will affect some groups that meet on the first Wednesday of January. They will restart as usual in February.

### Groups looking for new members

We have 55 groups of which there are 32 with spaces:

\*blue stars\* = spaces = ask Yvonne Griffiths if you want to join.

**Digital Photography 2:** Space for two members - contact Yvonne.

**Computer iPad 2** is temporarily suspended but is very likely to restart. If you are interested please contact Yvonne Griffiths.

### New and Proposed Groups

**Garden Visits: Proposed Group** - Garden Visits. Such a group could use the NGS booklet to organise visits during the summer months.  
Contact Yvonne Griffiths (see above)

### Group waiting lists

If you are particularly interested in a group that is **Full**, you can let **Yvonne Griffiths** (see above) know that you would like to be put on the waiting list for that group.

On the other hand, if you are already on a waiting list and have changed your mind, please can you let Yvonne know.

# INTEREST GROUPS JANUARY CALENDAR

\* = Available spaces = ask Yvonne Griffiths (as above)

Antiques	~	No meeting this month (next is Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	usually second Wed	Full	Carole Johnson
* Art/Painting	Thur 2	at 10:00 am at The Red Lion, Brightwell	first Thur	*	Angie Thorrington
* Badminton	Each Mon	2 till 4 pm Berinsfield Sports Centre £3.50 fee	each Mon	*	Hilly Bailey
Birdwatching 1	Thur 2	Visit to Slimbridge (catering onsite)	first Thur	Full	Rosemary Garner
* Birdwatching 2	Thur 16	Thrupp Lake near Abingdon	third Thur	*	Pam Johnstone
Book Group 1	Tue 14	Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie at Sue's house	second Tue	Full	Sue Taylor
* Book Group 2	Thur 23	The Dangerous Edge of Things by Candida Lycett Green at Sheila Wainwright's	fourth Thur	*	Di Young
Book Group 3	Wed 8	A Man Called Ove by Fredrick Backman at Sheila's	second Wed	Full	Sheila Findlay
* Book Group 4	Thur 9	The Post Office Girl by Stefan Zweig	second Thur	*	Dee Clarke
* Book Group 5	Thur 23	Extremis - the Life of War Correspondent Marie Colvin by Lindsey Hilsum at Dorothy's house	fourth Thur	*	Sue English
* Cards: Bridge 1	Thur 9 & Thur 23	2:30 pm at Sheila's	second & fourth Thursdays	*	Sheila Findlay
* Cards: Canasta	Tue 28	at 2 till 4 pm The Dolphin back room	fourth Tue	*	Hilly Bailey
* Cards: Cribbage	Mon 13 & Mon 27	10:30 am	second & fourth Mons	*	Joyce Kent
* Cards: Euchre	Tue 14	at 2 till 4 pm The Dolphin back room	second Tue	*	Hilly Bailey
* Computer: iPad Users 1	Wed 29	At Audrey Maple's	fourth Wed	*	Sheila Findlay
* Computer: iPad Users 2	~	Suspended for now. Likely to restart, watch this space		*	Joyce Kent
Computer: Mac Users 1	~	No Meeting this month (next is Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	first Tue	Full	Ann Truesdale
* Craft	Mon 6	at 2:00 till 4:00 pm at Centre 70, winter schedule	first Mon	*	Angie Thorrington
Current Affairs 1	Thur 2	at 2:30 pm	first Thur	Full	Trudy Davies
Current Affairs 2	Mon 6	at 2:00 pm	first Mon	Full	Val Mowlam
* Digital Photography 2	Tue 14	2:30 pm Topic: Stained Glass at Alan's	second Tue	*	Sylvia Harrison
* Digital Photography 3	Wed 8	Topic: Our Mistakes	second Wed	*	Malcolm Brooks
French Conversation 1	Thur 9	at 10:30 am at Trudy's house	second Thur	Full	Janet Franklin
* French Conversation 2	Mon 6 & Tue 21		first Monday & third Tuesday	*	Susan Renn
Genealogy 1	Mon 20	The 1939 Register Challenge	third Mon	Full	Linda Matthews
Genealogy 2	Tue 14	at 10:30 am	second Tues	Full	Mary Cozens
History 1	Wed 8		usually first Wed	Full	Ted Nelson
History 2	Thu 16	Planning Meeting	third Thur	Full	Patricia Shields
History 3	Wed 8	Annual Planning Meeting	second Wed	Full	Colin Clarke
History 4	Mon 13	The Panama Canal	second Mon	Full	Jenny Potter
* History 5	Wed 15	Planning Meeting	third Wed	*	Ray Verral
* Latin for Pleasure	Wed 15	Felicem Annum Novum	third Wed	*	Roger Morgan
* Lunch Club	Wed 1	No Lunch this month (due to New Year's Day)	first Wed	*	Rosemary & Tony Hines
Lunch on Sunday	a Sunday	...	generally third Sunday	Full	Ken Gough
Music: Broader	Tue 7	2.00 pm A Nod To Royalty at Mike Sedman's house	first Tues	Full	Val Wolsey
* Music: Classical 1	Tue 28	2:00 pm Trevor will present From Bach to Bernstein at his house	fourth Tues	*	Mike Sedman
Music: Classical 2	Mon 13	at 2:30 pm	second Mon	Full	John Cozens
* Pétanque	Each Tue	at 10:00 am Wallingford Sports Park, small fee applies	each Tue	*	Loren Butt
* Play Reading	~	No Meeting this month, next one will be Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	first Wed	*	Philippa Davies
Poetry Reading	Wed 8	Meeting place to be advised	second Wed	Full	Jill Cooney
* Science	Tue 21	Morning	third Tues	*	Philippa Cullen
* Scrabble 1	Mon 20	...click of the tiles... (biscuits by Sarah)	third Mon	*	Sarah Masters
Scrabble 2	Thur 9	at 2:00 pm ...more click of the tiles...	second Thurs	Full	Vee Hadley
* Seminar	Mon 27	...	fourth Mon	*	Gloria Hamilton-Peach
* Singing for Fun	Fri 10 & Fri 24	Choir singing 2 till 3 pm at Baptist Church Thames Street		*	Jan Menzies
Smart Apps	Wed 22	...	fourth Wed	Full	Jan Menzies
* Spanish Improvers	Wed 15	(Note: one meeting this month)	first & third Wednesday mornings	*	Frances Willoughby
* Writing for Pleasure	Mon 13	Topics: A Jewel or It Wasn't What I Expected	second Mon	*	Carolyn Newbert
* Writing Life History 1	Thur 9	10:30 am Life History stories of members or their families	second Thur	*	Margaret Pritchard
* Writing Life History 2	Thur 23	Life History stories of members or their families	fourth Thur	*	Margaret Pritchard

# Winter Walking in JANUARY

\* = Available spaces = ask [Yvonne Griffiths](#) (as above)

* Shorter Walking	Wed 8	3-5 miles	Guided tour of Oxford	usually first Wed *	Paul Booker
Rambling	Thur 16	5-6 miles	Circular walk followed by lunch	third Thur Full	Phil Richardson
Moderate 1	Wed 8	6-7 miles		second Wed Full	Julia West
* Moderate 2	Tue 7	6-7 miles		first Tue *	Julia West
Longer Walking	Wed 22	8-10 miles		fourth Wed Full	Julia West

**HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS....**



Have you changed your email address recently? Are you about to?  
Or your postal street address or your phone number?  
**Have you or will you let us know?**

## COMMITTEE 2019-20

Malcolm Brooks - Chairman  
Ken Johnstone - Deputy Chairman & Communications  
Hilly Bailey - Treasurer  
Yvonne Griffiths - Secretary & Groups Co-ordinator  
Anna Gordon - Membership Secretary  
Paul Booker - Outings Co-ordinator & Thames Valley Network Rep  
Jane Milne - Minutes Secretary  
Neil Kelly - Committee Member  
Sarah Boyt Robinson - Newsletter

## U3A 2020 DIARIES

We aren't ordering diaries this year but they can be ordered online at [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk)



## Next Newsletter

Closing date for **FEBRUARY** contributions is **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Newsletters past and present can be viewed on our website [www.wallingfordu3a.org](http://www.wallingfordu3a.org)

There is no more need for passwords!

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## NEW MEMBER ENQUIRIES

If someone asks you about becoming a member, bring them along to a Coffee Morning or direct them to Anna Gordon  
[membership@wallingfordu3a.org](mailto:membership@wallingfordu3a.org)



**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](http://www.u3a.org.uk)

### U3A THAMES VALLEY NETWORK

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

### FORTHCOMING STUDY DAYS

Here are the 2020 events, which are also announced on the Thames Valley Network website [www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk) Information is also displayed at our Coffee Mornings and Speaker Meetings. Please book early as these Study Days often fill up quickly. Look on Thames Valley Network website for flyers and application forms.

18<sup>th</sup> Mar The History of The Thames and Its Boats at the River & Rowing Museum, Henley  
8<sup>th</sup> Apr Cyber Crime **Protect Your World** held at King's Church, Amersham  
23<sup>rd</sup> Apr Understanding Historic Buildings - study day at Benson  
1<sup>st</sup> May Geology of the Thames Valley and Why There Are No Volcanoes  
24<sup>th</sup> Jun Visit to RHS Wisley  
3<sup>rd</sup> July The Environment and Biodiversity  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Holiday to Istanbul  
Quiz Day date to be announced