



..... **CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

This month we welcome nine new members:
Barry Perkins, Dinah Perkins (Benson)
Jane Franklin (Berrick Salome)
Sheila Cordey-Davie (Brightwell-cum-Sotwell)
Susan Ingham (Dorchester-on-Thames)
Val Petch (Ewelme)
Sue Brown, Shân Harvey, Martin Wiggall
(Wallingford)

Well it's been a wet and windy few weeks and I hope that you haven't been adversely affected.

Our Committee has been working on an interesting and exciting Programme for the next U3A Year (which starts in April 2020 - instruction on membership renewal will be in next Newsletter).

We also have some new groups in the pipeline – see page 2.

As always, I value your feedback on these and any other subjects relating to the way we run your U3A. (If this includes offers to assist, your feedback will be even more welcome!)

Malcolm

COFFEE MORNINGS



First Friday each month

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

at Centre 70 Kincroft off Goldsmiths Lane
Wallingford OX10 0DT

Friday 6th March Helpers: Jill Reeves, Tony Reeves

Friday 3rd April Helpers: Janie Moore, Jenny Powis

COMMITTEE VACANCY

Yvonne Griffiths is stepping down from being Secretary in April. (She will still be Groups Co-ordinator). The Committee meets once a month.

If you are interested in taking on this role then please contact Malcolm chairman@wallingfordu3a.org

• Editorial •

Welcome to the March Newsletter – a busy green month!

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



Romance

by C. Anon
Photo group 2



Punting in the Winter – Clare College Bridge

by Di Benson
Photo group 2

• SPEAKER MEETINGS •

Third Wednesday each month at the Baptist Church Thames Street Wallingford OX10 0BH

Wednesday 18th March 2:00 pm

Julie Summers

Remembered –

The History of the Commonwealth War Graves

Julie Summers, our most regular and popular speaker, returns to give a talk based on her own highly acclaimed book **Remembered** which tells the human story behind the extraordinary efforts of those who felt that the fallen should be remembered in perpetuity, and with dignity.

Wednesday 15th April 2:00 pm

Stewart Linford

The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill

Stewart Linford recently gave us a very amusing talk on the Windsor Chair plus his version of Winston Churchill. We felt it was only right to ask him to follow this up with **The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill**. This talk is a power point presentation packed with stories exploring Churchill's many virtues ... and vices. It should be very interesting and amusing!



OUTINGS

Links to the **BRIGHTON** and **BRISTOL** Outings Booking Forms are on your March Newsletter email and on our website www.wallingfordu3a.org
You can also pick up booking forms at Coffee Mornings and Speaker Meetings.

BRIGHTON ROYAL PAVILION

Friday 27th March

NOW FULLY BOOKED!

but if anyone would like to be informed of any cancellations, please contact the leader Mike Sedman who will let you know of any places which might become available.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see a spectacular loan from Buckingham Palace of over 120 remarkable works of art originally commissioned by the Prince Regent – some not having been seen for over 170 years.



Brighton Royal Pavilion is one of the most fantastic and exotic palaces in the world. Built by George IV it portrays all the extravagance of his lifestyle. As soon as you enter you are taken in by its overwhelming grandeur.

Organiser: Mike Sedman

01491 825198 outings@wallingfordu3a.org

BRISTOL AEROSPACE

Friday 24th April



For over a century, Bristol has been at the forefront of aeronautical and space technology, breaking boundaries to create the fastest, the biggest and the highest.

Aerospace Bristol will entertain us with stories of human endeavour, individual genius and ordinary people achieving extraordinary things.

On our guided tour, we will be taking off on a journey through more than 100 years of Bristol's aerospace history. We will find out how a small, pioneering company manufactured some of the earliest aeroplanes at Filton, evolved over the decades to influence the course of aviation history and shaped the world we see today. With an expert guide and stunning collection as a backdrop, we will discover how Bristol changed the world.

The stunning centrepiece of our visit will be Concorde Alpha Foxtrot – the last of the iconic supersonic passenger jets to be built and the last to fly.

Organiser: Sue Wright

outings@wallingfordu3a.org

OUTINGS COMMITTEE UPDATE

GOOD NEWS!

To quote from the Outings February Report:

"At a recent meeting your Outings Committee welcomed with excitement and delight Diane Nelson, Ken Johnstone and Pamela Johnstone who will be involved in helping arrange future outings"

OUTINGS FOR 2020

- 27 Mar Brighton Royal Pavilion (fully booked)
- 24 Apr Bristol Aerospace
- 29 May Watercress Line and Jane Austen's House
- 20 Jun Jewels of Northumbria Trip (fully booked)
- 14 Jul Isle of Wight day trip
- 14 Aug Salisbury Cathedral
- 25 Sept Hemel Hempstead Printworks
- Oct/Nov Under review – possibilities include Gloucester Docks and Cathedral, Royal Crescent Bath.
- Dec Possibility of the Albert Hall and Concert

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

Singing for Fun - Jan Menzies is stepping down after co-ordinating this happy choir for 4½ years since its setup. Thank you Jan and glad you're still singing. Helen Fitcher has taken on the role of co-ordinator. As ever, new members always welcome, just come along to see what fun we have!

New and Proposed Groups

Garden Visits: New Group - set up meeting will be held at the March Coffee morning at 10:30 am.

iPad Users 2 This new group is up and running meeting on the fourth Monday afternoon each month at 2:30pm. Carol Chaplin has kindly agreed to be the Group contact.

Yvonne has opened a waiting list for two extra groups:

Rambling 2 Group

Sunday Lunch Group 2

Please contact her if you would like to join.

A **UKULELE** Group is being formed. Do be tempted to join!

Also is there anyone with Ukelele skills willing to musically direct the group?

Please let Yvonne know.



Groups looking for new members

We have 53 groups of which there are 29 with spaces:

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

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.



Antiques	Wed 11	10.30 am JJ's Quiz at the Roddans' Winterbrook	second Wed	Full	Carole Johnson
* Art/Painting	Thur 5	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 5	Farlington Marshes/Titchfield Haven - lunch tba	first Thur	Full	Rosemary Garner
* Birdwatching 2	Thur 19	To be arranged - weather dependant	third Thur	*	Pam Johnstone
Book Group 1	Tue 10	Force of Nature by Jane Harper at Paula's	second Tue	Full	Sue Taylor
Book Group 2	Thur 26	The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri at Katya Stone's	fourth Thur	Full	Di Young
Book Group 3	Wed 11	The Curious Heart of Ailsa Rae by Stephanie Butland	second Wed	Full	Sheila Findlay
* Book Group 4	Thur 12	Anatomy of a Scandal by Sarah Vaughn	second Thur	*	Dee Clarke
* Book Group 5	Thur 26	.	fourth Thur	*	Sue English
* Cards: Bridge 1	Thur 12 & Thur 26	2:30 pm at Sheila's	second & fourth Thursdays	*	Sheila Findlay
Cards: Canasta	Tue 24	2 till 4 pm The Dolphin back room	fourth Tue	Full	Hilly Bailey
* Cards: Cribbage	Mon 9 & Mon 23	10:30 am	second & fourth Mons	*	Joyce Kent
* Cards: Euchre	Tue 10	2 till 4 pm The Dolphin back room	second Tue	*	Hilly Bailey
* Computer: iPad Users 1	Wed 25	At Sheila's	fourth Wed	*	Sheila Findlay
* Computer: iPad Users 2	Mon 23	10:30 am	fourth Mon	*	Carol Chaplin
Computer: Mac Users 1	Tue 3	10:30 am	first Tue	Full	Ann Truesdale
* Craft	Mon 2	at 2:00 till 4:00 pm at Centre 70, winter schedule	first Mon	*	Angie Thorrington
Current Affairs 1	Thur 5	2:30 pm	first Thur	Full	Trudy Davies
Current Affairs 2	Mon 2	2:00 pm	first Mon	Full	Val Mowlam
Digital Photography 2	Tue 10	2:30 pm Any topic - one photo in Monochrome and same again in Colour	second Tue	Full	Sylvia Harrison
* Digital Photography 3	Wed 11	Topic: Gates and Stiles	second Wed	*	Malcolm Brooks
French Conversation 1	Thur 12	à dix heures chez Derek pour fêter son anniversaire	second Thur	Full	Janet Franklin
* French Conversation 2	Mon 2 & Tue 17	Parlons Français!	first Monday & third Tuesday	*	Susan Renn
Genealogy 1	Mon 16	Topic: Occupations	third Mon	Full	Linda Matthews
Genealogy 2	Tue 10	10:30 am	second Tues	Full	Mary Cozens
History 1	Wed 4	11:00 am Topic: Weston Library Oxford	first Wed	Full	Ted Nelson
History 2	Thu 19	.	third Thur	Full	Patricia Shields
* History 3	Wed 11	Hook Norton Brewery	second Wed	*	Colin Clarke
History 4	Mon 9	Winston Churchill, The Early Years	second Mon	Full	Jenny Potter
* History 5	Wed 18	No Meeting this month	third Wed	*	Ray Verral
* Latin for Pleasure	Wed 18	Verno tempore hic	third Wed	*	Roger Morgan
* Lunch Club	Wed 4	No lunch this month	first Wed	*	Rosemary & Tony Hines
Lunch on Sunday	Sun 15	.	generally third Sunday	Full	Ken Gough
Music: Broader	Tue 3	2.30 pm A stroll through Jazz Royalty at Trevor's	first Tues	Full	Val Wolsey
* Music: Classical 1	Tue 24	2:00 pm Olive presenting piano music at her house	fourth Tues	*	Mike Sedman
Music: Classical 2	Mon 9	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	Wed 4	Corn Exchange at 9:45 am	first Wed	*	Philippa Davies
Poetry Reading	Wed 11	10:30 am at Paul and Annette's	second Wed	Full	Jill Cooney
* Science	Tue 17	10:00 am	third Tues	*	Philippa Cullen
* Scrabble 1	Mon 16	...click of the tiles...	third Mon	*	Sarah Masters
* Scrabble 2	Thur 12	2:00 pm ...click of the tiles...	second Thurs	*	Vee Hadley
* Seminar	Mon 23	Children's Literature at Olive's	fourth Mon	*	Gloria Hamilton-Peach
* Singing for Fun	Fri 6 & Fri 20	Choir singing 2 till 3 pm at Baptist Church Thames Street		*	Helen Fitcher
* Spanish Improvers	Wed 4 & Wed 18	Vamos a hablar español	first & third Wednesday mornings	*	Frances Willoughby
* Writing For Pleasure	Mon 9	Topics: Trees or I was sure the instructions/recipe said... or Last night I dreamt...	second Mon	*	Carolyn Newbert
Writing Life History 1	Thur 12	10:30 am Life History stories of members or their families	second Thur	Full	Margaret Pritchard



Spring Walking in MARCH

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

* Shorter Walking	Wed 4	3-5 miles	Call Paul for details	first Wed *	Paul Booker
Rambling	Thur 19	5-6 miles	Circular walk followed by lunch	third Thur Full	Phil Richardson
Moderate 1	Wed 11	6-7 miles		second Wed Full	Julia West
* Moderate 2	Tue 3	6-7 miles		first Tue *	Julia West
Longer Walking	Wed 25	8-10 miles		fourth Wed Full	Julia West

DID YOU KNOW?

We now have **477** active members in our U3A?

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

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



Next Newsletter

The **APRIL** issue will be released **Saturday 28th March**

(The April Groups Calendar will appear on our website a week or so before)

Newsletters past and present can be viewed on our website
www.wallingfordu3a.org



ANOTHER VACANCY

Our annual Garden Party happens in August. It's well attended and great fun. Plenty of bubbly, hot tea, good food and excellent company.

We need two volunteers to collate the offers of food from members (who never fail to provide excellent grub!) A team already manage and serve the food. The duty is to simply oversee what food is brought along.

Our thanks to Rebekah Robinson who so ably did this role last year and has offered support and advice for this year's volunteers.

If you are interested and want to know more please contact Malcolm chairman@wallingfordu3a.org

UNDERSTANDING ARCHITECTURE – 25TH SEPT

The April event is full but U3A Thames Valley Network has organised a repeat Study Day on 25th September. For Application Form go to our website Newsletter page or to the TVN website www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk/?p=718. If you would like to book for the new date, please use the Application Form and just cross out the date, write in the 25th September, and send it off to Margaret.



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

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. Information is updated and shown on our monthly Newsletters. Please book early as these Study Days often fill up quickly. Look on Thames Valley Network website for flyers and application forms.

- 18 Mar The History of The Thames is fully booked – this might be repeated later this year.
- 8 Apr Cyber Crime Protect Your World held at King's Church, Amersham
- 23 Apr Understanding Architecture – fully booked
- 29 May Geology of the Thames Valley and Why There Are No Volcanoes
- 17 Jun Repeat of The History Thames Study Day at River Rowing Museum, Henley
- 24 Jun Visit to RHS Wisley
- 3 July Biodiversity and Climate Change – Study Day at Benson
- 25 Sep Repeat of Understanding Architecture – Study Day at Benson
- Oct 5-11 TVN Holiday to Istanbul
- 9 Oct Quiz Day at Benson
- 29 Oct Beginners Ukulele Day at Benson