



Welcome to your u3a Newsletter giving you an opportunity both to catch up and to find out what is planned for the next few months.

Committee Report

We are working hard to achieve the aims we set out for this year and have continued to broaden the scope and number of our groups and added more Outings and Activities. We have also made great progress in improving our contact and welcome of new members.

Round-up of Monthly Talks

Recent talks have covered more about Winchester's Cathedrals, the Duke of Wellington's service, Britain's Lumberjills, a look at Jane Austen from a friend's perspective, the history of Shaw House and an extraordinary look at entertaining our troops!

Meetings are free to members and open to non-members for a nominal admission fee. If you know anyone who is interested in joining u3a, please encourage them to come to a monthly talk.

Future Monthly Talks

This year we will be hearing about artist MacDonald Gill, more on our DNA, the life and loves of Nelson and the rise of the Theatre in Shakespeare's London.

Upcoming Events and Outings

We will be holding another of our semi-regular Quiz afternoons on **9th March**; put the date in your diary now!

Following our talk on Shaw House we are looking at a visit, and we are in the process of planning our Summer Outing in July to Kelmscott Manor and Buscot Park.

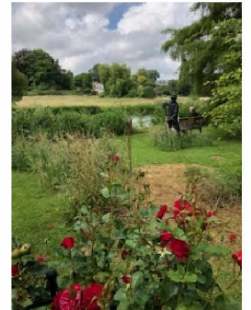


Reports on Events and Outings



In June the Gardens Group paid a visit to Stockbridge. Despite a poor forecast and the need to negotiate flooding on the way there, three members of the group braved it all and were rewarded with sunshine to view four very different gardens: landscaped with a stream; a

walled cottage; another surrounded by the River Test and the last a colourful hillside garden. A tea in the Church gardens rounded off a splendid day.



Our Summer Tea Party was held as usual in August and enjoyed by many members; where we raised funds for our nominated charity, the Trussell Trust.

Following the talk on the Duke of Wellington members enjoyed a visit to Stratfield Saye to look around the House and Gardens.

Nobody became a millionaire on our visit to Newbury Racecourse in September but it is a very enjoyable event.

Great fun was also had in October at one of our Quiz afternoons!





November isn't the ideal time for outings, but members made a trip to the Musical Museum to see and hear a range of instruments and musical inventions.



If you have any photos of your Group Activities, why not send them in for inclusion in the next Newsletter or to add to your Group's Webpage? Contact Carol or Adrian Good via the website.

Groups Information

The following groups have members signed up and waiting to go, but some still need Leaders. If they are of interest to you please use the sign-up sheet at the next monthly meeting, and more importantly if you have the knowledge and skills to lead a group or know someone who would be willing to do so, then please contact Maddie, Groups Coordinator, on maserala296@gmail.com

- * Political Studies
- * Chess
- * Coffee Morning
- * Country/Folk Singing
- * Latin or Greek
- * Health and Well-being
- * Spanish for Beginners
- * Keep Fit
- * Sign Language
- * Walking Football.

Help out!

If you arrive at the Hall early for the Monthly Talks you will have witnessed your Committee running around putting out chairs and organising the technical systems for the Speaker.

We can always use a few extra hands with the chairs, and are especially keen to have someone who would be able to assist with setting up the projector, computer and audio. You don't need to be a technical wizard!

Let us know via the website or at the next meeting if you would be happy to help out.

Dates for the Diaries

- * **21 January** - Caroline Walker: Discovering MacDonald Gill, Architect, Artist and Mapmaker
- * **18 February** - Darren Gowers: DNA Part 3
- * **9 March** - Quiz Afternoon
- * **18 March** - James Taylor: Horatio Nelson - Life and Loves
- * **15 April** - Ian Porter: Theatre in Shakespeare's London
- **This meeting will also incorporate our AGM**
- * **20 May** - Tony Harris: Sherlock Holmes versus Jack the Ripper
- * **17 June** - Brian and Jacqueline Sutton: *It was the best of times, it was the worst of times* - the Charles Dickens you never knew.
- * **15 July** - Summer Outing: Kelmscott Manor and Buscot Park
- * **19 August** - Summer Tea Party
- * **16 September** - Susan Purcell: The Story behind Crosswords
- * **21 October** - Tony Harris: Margaret Thatcher
- * **18 November** - Ian Porter: The Real Downton Abbey: Domestic Service before the Great War
- * **16 December** - Chris Walker: The Great American Christmas

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Secretary: Teresa Reynolds

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