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Summer Newsletter *August 2025*

Chairman's Message

As we approach Autumn I think some of us, me at any rate, will be glad that the weather will be cooler. Most of our groups have continued to flourish this Summer despite hot halls and holidays. We are an age group who seek holidays when children are at school though it is often good to go away with family if the opportunity arrives.

Since April we have had our AGM where Janet left our Committee after many years of commitment to the newsletter and setting up our Siteworks website. Her wisdom will be missed but I am sure she will enjoy the groups she has more time to attend. We formally welcomed Jenny as our Membership Secretary and Brenda, the Treasurer, has found Jenny's expertise with Excel sheets a bonus. Jenny and Judith, the Secretary, have worked on a revised renewal subscription form which will be simpler to complete.

New members have a different form which will let us know their details so they can be added to the Beacon database. We are pleased to announce that the annual subscription will not increase for this coming year. Remember you can attend any group if it takes your interest, provided there is space available, only paying towards refreshment expenses. Group convenors details can be found on our website. <https://highwycombe.u3asite.uk/groups/>

Late June saw a group of 39 visiting Liverpool and North Wales. As always Sylvia organised a varied programme from Canal trips to Stately Homes via the Beatles statue. We stayed at a 4 star hotel and health spa and a few of us found time for a swim in the pool. One of the most enjoyable aspects was chatting to fellow u3a members because there isn't always time when our groups meet.

At the Annual Picnic at the museum there was entertainment from the Handbell ringers who dodged about ringing changes while a group of 3 ukelele players led us in singing well-known songs. There was the ladder game, Karen won, while Rosemary C. correctly guessed the name of the Teddy.

At the end of August we look forward to the Hughenden Church Flower Festival here there will be a display of some of the more visual activities that u3a members have created.

Don't forget to tell your friends that there is a thriving u3a in High Wycombe and surrounding villages and they are welcome to come along to a group, and we hope they will join the fun.

Best Wishes
Rosemary

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SECRETARY

Hello Members

Thank you for your support at the Annual General Meeting in May. It resulted in 2 small changes to our Constitution, which is now on our website. This has enabled us to open a new bank account with opportunity to better manage our finances. Please note the new MetroBank details

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Annual subscriptions will be due in September. In another move to reduce our postage expenditure and administration time, we will be sending out membership cards with the General Meeting Speaker programme and Groups meeting schedule leaflet to you electronically (if you have that capability).

You might want to enjoy learning something new without leaving home, and could consider subscribing to the u3a Friends newsletter on the national u3a website (www.u3a.org). There is an excellent podcast and free Zoom talks. Upcoming topics include Climate Change, Drones, the History of RAF Northolt, Ian Gillan's Music (Deep Purple).

See you in September.

Judith

PUBLICITY & EVENTS

Our main event for this year is again in support of the Hughenden Church Flower Festival on the August Bank Holiday weekend. This time we will showcase individual members' crafts which will be set out in the North Hall with our publicity material and an impressive collage, which Penny explains:



"The four of us got together with the paper flowers, butterflies and bees we had made individually and we had a great time putting them all together into our "Riot of Colour". It represents the many different people who will be contributing what they have made to our Exhibition and the wide variety of activities offered by our u3a".

We will also have an imaginative flower display in the main part of the church thanks to Dawn. Do go along if you are free and prepare to be amazed at the talent on show.

Many thanks to the members who have contributed.

Our final event will be the Christmas Tree Festival in Wycombe Parish Church. Details are not yet available.



Attendees at our informal annual picnic in the Wycombe Museum grounds in July enjoyed fine weather and a lot of fun with competitions, singing, bell ringers and ukulele players.



Despite the dry weather, our 40th Anniversary tree is doing well. Photographs have been posted on our Facebook page.

Many members continue to enjoy Eden Centre's Silver Series free events. On one Monday each month up to

November they are providing a Coffee, Cinema or Crafts session. Contact Eden customer services [01494 768068] for details of locations and timings and to book your place(s).



ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

We have been pleased to welcome some new members to our group and now have a total of 36. If you would like to join us please contact me.

Our next meeting will be on the 23rd September in Hughenden Valley Village Hall at 2.00pm.

September is the start of our new year and so the programme for 2025 -26 will not be available until after then as it will be finalised at that meeting.

There will also be a short quiz.

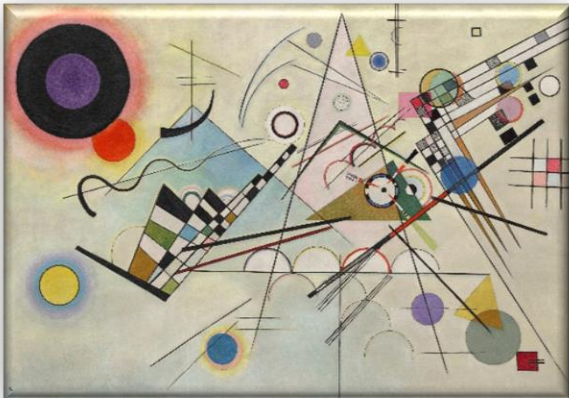
Have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

ART GROUP

In May we pursued our perennial favourite, drawing exercises. I shall have to devise something fiendish for the next session on this theme.

June saw us having a stab at pointillism; very time consuming and very challenging. Also, very messy.

Kandinsky was the artist who inspired our work in July. I'm sure he would have been delighted



BIRD WATCHING



Our meetings, held on the second Monday of the month and starting at 10am, usually last about 2 hours and are followed by an optional pub lunch.

We are always very keen to welcome new members to our group and would stress that no prior expertise is required. We are always happy to share our knowledge and to help novices to get the best out of joining.

We have around eight regular birdwatching sites which are within 45 minutes' drive of High



Wycombe and occasionally make longer trips that are further afield. Some highlights since the last newsletter: In March we enjoyed our annual dawn chorus trip to Marlow. Despite an early 6am start, it was well worth it (despite the cold), with atmospheric mist across the wetland areas and River Thames and all the beautiful bird song!



At Otmoor in May we saw or heard a total of 42 different birds, including cuckoos, (sadly hiding from view) and a variety of warblers in good voice.



Our upcoming programme is as follows:

September 8th - Stockers Lake, Rickmansworth

October 6th - An exciting new outing: Day trip to Pagham Harbour on the south coast (new venue)

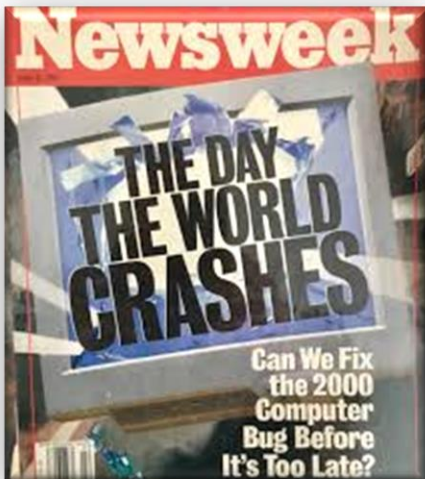
October 13th - The Rye, High Wycombe (new venue)

November 10th - Special visit: Gallows Bridge, Oxon (voluntary addition), pub lunch, followed by visit to RSPB Otmoor to see the starlings murmurations at dusk.

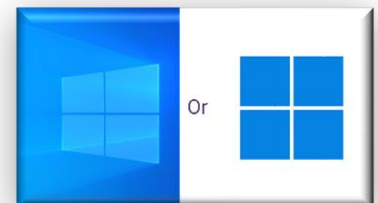
December 8th - The Grand Union Canal at Marsworth

For more information and updates check out our group page on the HWu3a website at: <https://highwycombe.u3asite.uk/>

COMPUTER GROUP



At our April meeting group member Tery H demonstrated Generative AI running on Raspberry Pi computers, showing impressive results from a low-cost, offline setup. In May there was no meeting held, due to the election.



In June, we explored methods for installing Windows 11 on Windows 10 PCs that don't meet the requirements, such as using a TPM workaround tested by Michael W.

Mike presented a nostalgic look at the Millennium Bug (Y2K) at our July meeting, sparking lively discussion and shared memories from members.

In September we will explore how computers

viruses have a similarity to biological viruses. A fascinating subject originally conceived by Paul G. in his 'The World We Live In' group

If you're interested in joining the Computer group for a free taster session, you're very welcome to visit Naphill Village Hall at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

For further details, please visit our webpage on the High Wycombe u3a website (Google "High Wycombe u3a")



CROQUET



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Our 2025 season sadly ends in a couple of months' time on 29th Oct.

At the time of writing, we have been extremely lucky having not lost one day's play through bad weather, so far, this year.

We have had a full complement of players this season. However, if you wish to try this friendly game or would like more information, please give me a call and we can try to arrange a trial session.

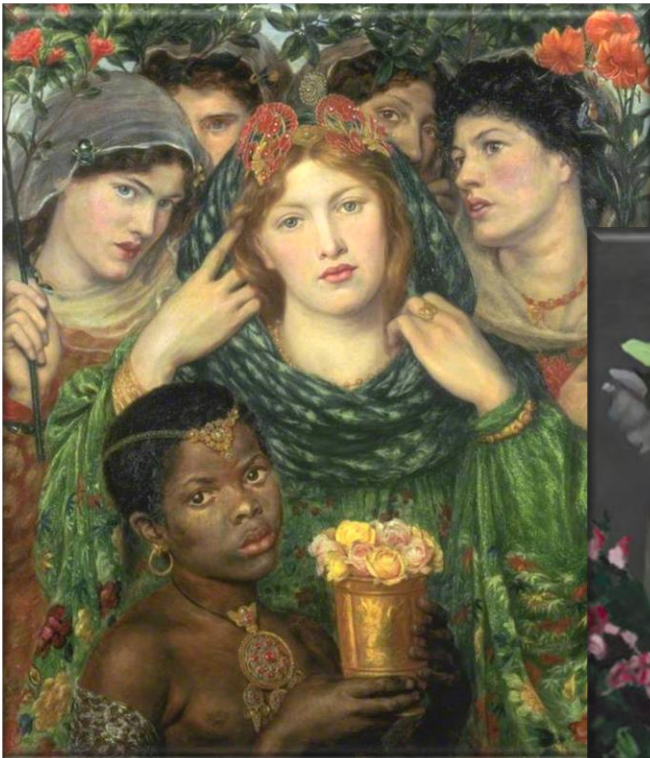
The aim of the game is to win. But that is not the be all... we play for pleasure, to have fun and conversation with like-minded people.

We do observe the rules of croquet but don't rigidly enforce them all the time. This leeway allows us to have a more relaxed and less

contentious game!

DISCOVERING ART

For our March meeting Carol Willat gave a presentation with the intriguing title 'Black models in paintings: What is their role in art?' It is an aspect of art that is not often covered. Black models were rarely paid very much and were often dressed in exotic clothing.



Rossetti was one artist who helped normalise their role.

Carole did manage to find a number of beautiful paintings to illustrate this subject, and in her usual way made it highly entertaining as well as informative.



In April Kenneth, one of our more recent members, gave a fascinating and thought-provoking presentation on the quite recent National Gallery exhibition: Van Gogh: Poets and lovers.

He described his approach as his 'musings' and it was certainly a different way of approaching his subject. He would often interrogate what Van Gogh might have had in mind when painting his subject by examining various details, and looking at the choice of colours and how he represented shadows in a non-literal way.



In May we enjoyed another talk by Eric, this time on Laura Knight. He showed us why she was one of the most highly regarded of British artists, and took us from her early Newlyn School landscapes to her work as an Official War Artist at the Nuremberg Trials. Many of the paintings we enjoyed were new to most of us and we saw how wide ranging her talent was, always trying to depict real life and real people, from circus performers and dancers to girls working in the wartime factories.

It was certainly a session that met the aims of our group: "Discovering Art"; in an informative and fascinating way. (Thanks to Sally Pawlik for writing this contribution as I was away.)

In June we had a visit to Compton Verney in Warwickshire which is a restored 18th-century mansion surrounded by 120 acres of parkland, landscaped by Lancelot 'Capability Brown'. The first art offerings that you saw were quite a few sculptures in the



grounds, the most famous of which was one of the large spiders created by Louise Bourgeois. Inside the building was a generous collection of paintings including Lucas

Cranach's 'Lot and his Daughters' dating from 1530; a fascinating small exhibition titled 'Two Women' (one black, one white); Chinese vases dating from 770 BC, and at the other end of the chronological spectrum, a favourite of mine: 'Cardboard Dreams' which was devoted to children's realisations of architecture made from this medium, many of which were hanging from a wire frame.

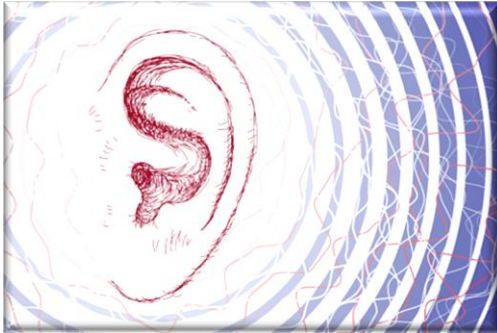
A really enjoyable day was had by all who came along.



Should you be interested in discovering more about a wide range of art, you would be very welcome to join us at our meetings held at Naphill Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month (apart from August when we have a break.)

We also include a couple of visits, the next of which will be in December.

DISCOVERING SCIENCE



The science group is for all those who are curious about science and how it affects our lives.

We meet on the first Friday in the month at Hazlemere Memorial Hall (in Hazlemere Recreation Ground).

The group is interested in all aspects of science and technology, including the people and the issues affecting them. We try to show that science is fun as well as being relevant to our daily lives.

Our recent talks have covered the work and lives of scientists, heard Douglas Adams talking about his work with endangered species.

Simon gave us a brilliant session on seeing with sound.

Our programme (which is subject to change) over the coming months is currently:

August

Scientific Lives A discussion on the issues from the work of scientists.

September

Neuroaesthetics The new science about how aesthetics affect our lives.

October

Satellites – Michael Wright

November

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December

A Christmas campfire: an informal session

Every member of our u3a is welcome to attend.

If you think this wide-ranging light touch look at science is for you, please contact us through the website or via hwu3ascience@gmail.com

ENJOYING SHAKESPEARE

Since the last newsletter we have watched Julius Caesar with Marlon Brando, The Merchant of Venice with Laurence Olivier and have revisited one of our all-time favourites, Kenneth Brannagh's Much Ado About Nothing – all thoroughly enjoyed. We went to Hall Barn for an excellent production of The Merry Wives of Windsor by Chiltern Shakespeare and Fourways – 10 out of 10 for a wonderful set! For once we were able to have our summer buffet in the garden and watched great performances by Kenneth Brannagh and Judy Dench in All Is True – a film set in Stratford Upon Avon after the death of Shakespeare's son Hamnet. Very moving.

Then we headed for Wycombe Museum for an outdoor play. What a performance!! We were treated to Unbound Storytelling's production of *As You Like it*, expecting a standard treatment of an old favourite. Instead, we found ourselves in fits of laughter as the wonderful team of actors gave us the equivalent of "The Play that Goes Wrong". An evident miscommunication resulted in many of the cast unsure which play they were in (Julius Caesar? Macbeth? Hamlet?). Mayhem ensued as people had to play two parts, or two people were playing the same part. The two dukes were played by the same actor in a black cloak for the baddie (boo!) and a brown one for the goodie (hooray). Trouble was, she never knew which one she was meant to be. Shared costumes, wigs, cast dressed as trees plus squeaky chickens (don't ask). However daft it was, we got it and we loved every minute. The actual play of *As You Like It* did appear out of the chaos!! We will be looking out for more of their productions.



If all this has whetted your appetite, you might like to join us for the rest of the year's entertainment which will include Lawrence



Olivier's performance as Henry V (which is older than I am) as well as *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Calista Flockhart and Michelle Pfeiffer, *Twelfth Night* directed by Trevor Nunn with Helena Bonham Carter, all topped up with a bit of light hearted genius as we watch some *Upstart Crow* written by Ben Elton after we have our Christmas Buffet.

We usually have room for one or two new members as long as I can fit everyone into the living room; just let me know.

Of course, there is no limit to how many people can come to live plays or the cinema.

FRENCH CONVERSATION



The French group meets every 3rd Monday of the month and is very popular.

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It is open to anyone who can speak French and who wants to improve by listening and participating with others.

Recently, we talked about, Fires in LA, Sharon Stone, Healing Plants, le Stress around Christmas, Nepal, Uzbekistan and Michel Polnareff etc.

[Click here to listen to M/ Polnareff's L'amour avec toi](#)

Please feel free to join us if you want to have a go!
Contact Elizabeth as above

GENEALOGY

The group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm, at Hazlemere Library, 312 Amersham Road, Hazlemere HP15 7PY where we use the library's free edition of Ancestry, and other genealogical websites, to research family history.

We have access to three of the library computers but it is better if you are able to bring a laptop. New members are always welcome.

GEOLOGY



We've had a pretty varied series of sessions since the last Newsletter, including a talk on the geology of Tenerife by Martin, from whence he had just returned, which introduced us to the area's turbulent volcanic history.



Alan gave us a talk on Titanium and its journey from the original mineral ore (generally Ilmenite) to hip replacements, jet engines, paints and many other products.

In August Phil gave us a presentation about Dangerous Geology. As well as which minerals you'd do well to avoid, there were many "as it happened" film clips of volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and rockfalls – and the asteroid which wiped out the dinosaurs (although this wasn't an "as it happened" video, being that it occurred 66 million years ago!).

Phil remarked that so many new events took place whilst he was preparing the presentation that he couldn't keep up!



A presentation by Alan on invertebrate fossils formed the second of a series he's working on and continues our introduction to Palaeontology; there will be more to come in the coming months as well as topics such as Geological Mapping, Glaciation, Orogenies and more.

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Finally, a number of us are going on a boat trip along the Jurassic Coast in September. I'll be reporting on that in the next Newsletter.

GERMAN CONVERSATION

We are a small, friendly group which meets on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month (except for December) in the home of one of the members. We each prepare a short piece in German on a topic of our own choosing which we then read out to the group, thereby giving everyone the opportunity to contribute. In this way we can share our thoughts and observations on the topic.

We are not a teaching group but assistance is available if required!

Providing you have a reasonable grasp of German, you should be able to fit in. We currently have vacancies for new members.

If you're interested in joining us, please get in touch with me directly or via the HW u3a website.
Bis dahin, tschuss!

GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR



Writing this entry in the sunshine from the deck of a ship in temperatures approaching 40 C, we pass one of those volcanic islands somewhere in the Mediterranean! I am reminded of what we have learnt in various u3a groups: information on climate change, our geological as well as political history, and contributions to our cultural and musical heritage of all the countries we have visited or plan to visit, not forgetting Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Enjoy your holidays.

Sadly, my wife and I missed the u3a holiday. Sylvia tried to change my mind but my other non u3a commitments meant we were unable to go this year. Plus, we missed other brilliant outings organised by various groups.

The summer of 2025 is offering so many opportunities. Of course there have been, as always in life, several sad moments as well as highlights.

Our u3a family comes together at these times to offer support.

I am hoping in the autumn to introduce one or two new groups, although I am conscious that we do already have many groups to join and there are only 5 days in the u3a week!

I always welcome suggestions and all groups welcome input from members.

I feel the speakers at group meetings have also been exceptional this year.

This is where the work on developing and updating our web site and social media is proving so useful. These give insights into the activities of all our groups as well as information on future activities to both our members and the public. They have been instrumental in gaining new members.



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I am committed, through participation in activities outside the u3a, as well as through the groups and activities we run, in addressing issues of loneliness. I believe our work, including our attendance at local events, has been of immense help to many.

Please bring to my attention things you feel I can do better, or things you would like me to tackle, in my role as Groups' Co- Ordinator. This includes issues on halls.

My thanks to Convenors, the Committee but, above all, members for their help and support. I repeat my 'take away' from our all our meetings that we should continue to enjoy what we do, seek out and benefit from learning new things – if only to stay one step ahead of the grandchildren but, above all, 'look out' for others less fortunate than ourselves.



HANDBELL GROUP

The handbell group meets each second Wednesday in the month at St James's Church Hall in Downley at 2 30pm. We meet for approximately an hour and a half.

We are nearing completion of our first year at U3A and in that time we have rung for U3A gatherings at Christmas and picnics. We also rang carols at the charity evening at the Le De Spencers Arms pub where over £500 was raised.

During the summer we included various fanfares, Trumpet Voluntary and Beatle medleys with great success.

The group has also been invited to perform at the Pastures Church later this year and we all look forward to that challenge.

The music used is very simple and does not require any serious musical expertise to produce a lovely melody, and great fun is had by all.

Come and join us and see the group in action

HISTORY



Our topics over the last few months have, as usual, been varied and informative.

Our topics for the forthcoming period are all going to be the choice of our group members and we have all agreed that they should be a surprise on the day, to which I am really looking forward.

This month, Phil gave us a rather poignant presentation about the Womens' Auxilliary Air Force (the WAAF) in World War 2. Not only did we learn some surprising facts about the incredible work these women did but it was also close to our hearts as one of our group had a relative who had served with them – no doubt the same can be said about many of our u3a members.

You might well enjoy the experience along with a tea and biscuits interval if you were to join us at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month in members' homes.

ITALIAN CONVERSATION

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Our little group meet every third Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm. The aim of our group is to maintain/improve our fluency in speaking Italian in a relaxed atmosphere sharing stories about Italy during our times there whether on holiday or living there. We also chat informally about a wide range of subjects and help each other with forgotten vocabulary. We have listened to short news items or stories from RAI Uno which can be challenging at times owing to the speed with which they speak and sometimes their regional accents!

We have been to Norden Farm to watch an Italian film and intend to go again when one is available. If you would like to join us please contact Elaine Bird – we welcome all newcomers..

LOCAL HISTORY

What's in a name?

As indicated in the last issue we have been sharing local memories as well as visiting local places. Even how Naphill came to be known as Naphill gives rise to many other questions as to the origin of local names including streets as well as buildings.

Perhaps you could contribute with a story about where you live and how you came to live there. We will all remember how Simon came to live in Piddington!



Our visit to Penn House was a highlight. I was surprised how many members had not visited the house. I also had not.



I hope our final visit to the 'Cookham Dig,' will be equally interesting.



From the autumn onwards, I plan to major more talks on local architecture and more visits to local places of interest, although I am pondering if members really need to know what was on the Tesco site in Amersham before Tesco!

I know from your feedback that talks on, for example, local churches with their often beautiful stained-glass windows and architectural features are popular.

Visits to attractions such as mills and museums also often bring back memories.

Any help you can offer on places to visit or subjects for talks would be appreciated. We have welcomed speakers from the High Wycombe Society and offered talks to them by members of our group, something we are trying to expand to other local groups. I do have access to useful databases and other members can often help contribute to topics.



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MUSIC



This remains a favourite group for its members. It has a deserved reputation for 'exceedingly good cakes' made often by my wife!

But our group continues also to offer introductions as well as in-depth knowledge on musical genres and composers to us all.

Whilst we are a small group, we do welcome new members and our excellent host has access to virtually everything recorded (yes and also Spotify) including equipment to play material on - that would even bring a smile to the 78 or 33 1/3 rpm classical recordings carried lovingly to our meetings. Normally people bring CDs or USBs.

Those members who knew they did not appreciate 'opera' have been courageously converted to becoming Offenbach or Verdi disciples. Even Gilbert and Sullivan have made a mark with our jazz expert, albeit that my personal knowledge of G&S was limited to my time, as a schoolboy at 16, stoking the coke boilers at Gilbert's house in Bushey, Herts before being made head gardener when gas replaced coke boilers! For the enthusiasts I did see the lake where Gilbert drowned.

Sadly, Tony, one of our most loyal members is no longer with us but will constantly be in our thoughts. His knowledge on how we have created and listened to sound will stay with us.

What we do know is that music brings back memories from our childhood and teenage years. Music is a source of comfort, even inspiration, an overall positive force for good.

Perhaps music is not your first love but our group may not be like other music groups you may have been considering joining. We know from the experience of recently joined new members that we are delivering enjoyment and learning and do indeed serve the best cakes.

Thank you to my predecessors for starting this u3a group.

PHOTOGRAPHY



This group known to its members as the 'Photogroup' is thriving and there is plenty of room for more members.

Check out the photography page of the u3awebsite (<https://highwycombe.u3asite.uk/u3agroups/photography/>) to see some of our images.

Critiquing images we will be referring to some of the many basic photo editing techniques available with modern software.

The agenda for each month is set by the members, and every effort is made to provide meaningful meetings which, in the coming months, will include –

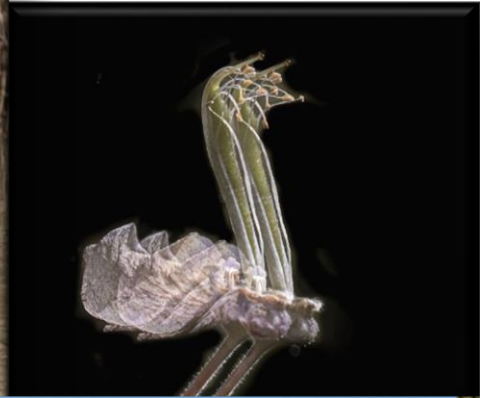
'Long Exposure', 'Black & White', 'Lightroom Presets' and 'Basic Post Processing'.

We will also be looking at members' photographs of 'Travel', 'Natural Light', 'Long Exposure' and 'Black & White' and others yet to be advised.

Why not come along and find out what we are all about. Learn not just how to take a picture but how to 'make' a photograph.

We meet at Hazlemere Memorial Hall, 10am, second Friday of each month.

SOME OF THE PHOTOGROUP MEMBERS' IMAGES





3Ps (PROSE, POETRY & PLAYS)

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We've had all sorts of weather prose, we've had reams of poetry about London but the best of all was the wedding of two of our members – Michael and Stephanie were married in a Quaker ceremony in July – family and friends gathered at the Methodist church in Wycombe – the bride looked wonderful, the groom didn't look bad either – and the rain held off. Guests, at intervals, stood and either read a poem or said something appropriate to celebrate the occasion, followed by a splendid meal.

Autumn - and we look forward to reading a play followed, at the next session, by poetry

PSYCHOLOGY



Where.? Hazelmere Memorial Hall When? Second Friday in the month
Time? 2pm.

Thank you to Paul for exploring aspects of positive psychology at our July meeting

Friday Aug. 8th, the subject was phobias. Do we all have them, and how could we resolve them?

Fri. Sept. 12th . Our speaker, Fiona Hollings, will lead us to our greater understanding of autism.

Fri. Oct. 10th . Does the team think? Discussing many modern-day issues –
What is good? What irritates you?
This will be an opportunity for a “get it off your chest” rant.

Psychology is about YOU, the U3A member, discovering your potential and leading to a more fulfilling life style.

The subtext is “Who do you believe you are?”

New members are welcome – the group is a pleasant crowd of interesting people, prepared to speak up and share a joke – in the best possible taste of course!
Remember to bring a cup or mug.

We were very sad to lose Tony Briggs, a valuable member of our group, and our thoughts go to Sylvia at this time.

PUB LUNCHES

We are a friendly group of members who meet on the 4th Friday of each month at a variety of eating places, mainly pubs, around Wycombe District.

Our numbers vary considerably from month to month but on the average attendance is between 15 and 20 people. However, since there are currently 28 members 'on the books', it may occasionally be necessary to allot places on a 'first come, first served basis'.

We do not have a fixed menu as everyone makes their own individual choice from the pub's menu and everyone pays individually.

Conversation is light and often lively - it is a good way to meet new people and make new friends.

If you would like to know more, please contact me, either by email or by phone.



QUIZ GROUP

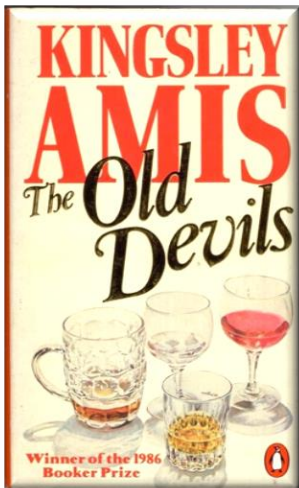


The Quiz group continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at Naphill Village Hall starting at 2.00

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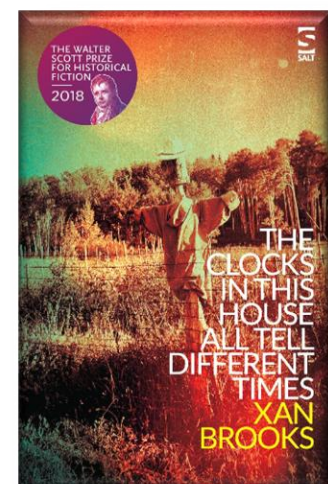
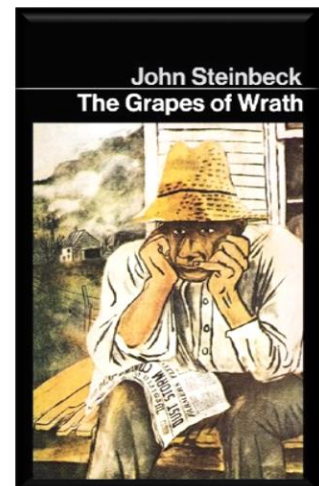
We are a friendly group of around twenty people of varying skill levels who are formed into teams of four randomly to try to ensure all the best players do not get into the same team. It is a fun afternoon and usually you can expect to learn something. If you think you would like to join us contact us or just turn up on the first Thursday of the month and we will be pleased to see you.

READING FOR PLEASURE



“The Old Devils” by Kingsley Amis was not a favourite with anyone. Even those of us who liked “Lucky Jim”, “The Egyptologists”, “The Alteration” and other Amis goodies could not get on with it. We could not find in it anywhere the wit, charm and acuity that Amis is famous for. It seemed to us the tedious story of a group of drunken old friends failing to understand each other or even like each other very much. There was some comic life in the concept of “Welshness” and how this can be theatrically overplayed – but it wasn’t nearly enough for us. We thought we had clearly missed something.

We tackled “The Grapes of Wrath” by John Steinbeck over Christmas and, to be honest, some of us could not face it. But those who felt strong enough for it were reminded why this is a classic of modern American literature. We were stunned and moved by its scope, poetry and depth of understanding. Steinbeck tells in painstaking, gritty detail the story of one family’s eviction and migration from the Dust Bowl of Oklahoma to the fertile but unwelcoming valleys of California. Interspersed with their story are chapters of grand, sweeping, poetic contemplation. It is a magnificent achievement but a heart-breaking account of grinding poverty, hunger and misery. Never can economics and humanity have been so at odds. We really needed the relief of the humane government camp, the fortitude of Ma, the love and loyalty of “fambly” and the mutual kindness of travelling strangers to make this book at all bearable. It is wonderful but very hard to read.



February’s book was “The Clocks in This House All Tell Different Times” by Xan Brooks. A couple of us tried to cope with it while hospitalised - and it was not a happy experience. Full intellectual and emotional strength was required to face this dispiriting and disturbing tale. It is the 1920s and a group of carelessly parented children find themselves driven into Epping Forest for surreal encounters with “the funny men” – who turn out to be dreadfully damaged survivors of the Great War. The situation becomes ever more grim, dark and depressing as it develops. We did not question the quality of the writing, which was powerful and evocative. The strongest among us (only one) found it a fascinating and salutary read, exploring unflinchingly the dark underside of 1920s England and exposing unthinkably callous attitudes to the injured and vulnerable. Most of the rest of us are just looking forward to a happier springtime read!

RUMMIKUB

Rummikub is a very good game that helps to get the grey matter working: it really does help to bring people together. The Group began in late 2023 and was well received when approximately 12 people came along. We all have a great time meeting new acquaintances with lots of laughter and this has ensured that the group has continued with good attendances.



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You do not need to know how to play and the group welcomes all on the first Monday of the month at 2.00 pm in the back of the Bon Ami coffee shop behind Naphill village hall where there is good parking. Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon.

SINGING FOR FUN



It is a fact that singing is good for our health and well-being and we at the singing group can lay testament to that. It is a fact that singing is good for our health and well-being and we at the singing group can lay testament to that.

We are not a choir, just a group of members who love to sing from any genre (well maybe not operatic arias). After our meeting we all leave feeling uplifted and with smiles on our faces.

You can request any song you fancy and, if it's a YouTube karaoke tune, we can sing along. Often, we think we know the tune but really only know the chorus!

It is a friendly relaxed group who welcome all newcomers.

We meet at **Lane End Village Hall on the fourth Monday of the month from 10 to 11:50 am.**

Contact me or Rosemary Byrne for more details.

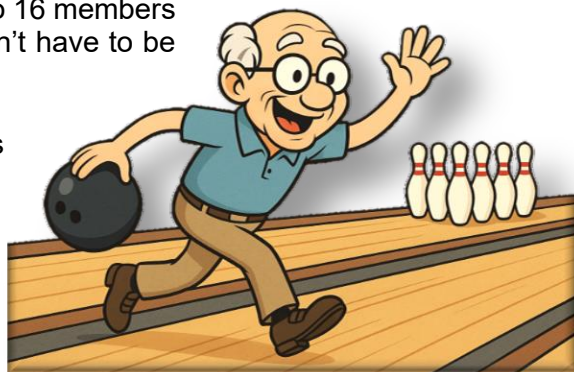
TEN-PIN BOWLING

The group is flourishing with round about 20 members and 10 to 16 members attending regularly. It is a lot of fun and good exercise. You don't have to be an expert or even played before.

We meet at 1315 for a 1330 start on the first and third Tuesdays of the month - but not during school holidays.

We use the bowling lanes in the Eden Shopping Complex High Wycombe. The cost is £6.80 for 2 games and £3.40 for one game. This includes the use of a house ball and bowling shoes (but your own flat shoes are recommended at present).

There is no restriction on the number of bowlers so why not give it a try - "the more the merrier". All are welcome. Just let the Convenor know if you wish to attend as lanes have to be booked.



UKULELE GROUP

The ukulele group is going strong and we have some new members who joined us last month.



In December the group did a gig at the Downley Heights care home and as one of our group remarked "we hit the heights". However, I was pleased to say we did ourselves proud and in fact we have been asked to return.

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We welcome any new members and I offer a one-to-one lesson in my home to get newbies up and strumming. The fourth Thursday of the month at Downley Community Centre is our venue from 10am to 12 noon.

Don't be shy - come and have a go.

WALKING



Our most recent walk was a trip to Basildon Park, a National Trust property near Goring. We started with a very interesting tour of the house in which we learnt about its history and where all the furnishings came from. After a picnic lunch in the stable yard, we then did a lovely walk along some of the trails in the grounds, followed by the obligatory ice cream at the end.



Other recent walks included a walk along the river Thames around Mill End and passing over Hambleden Lock, a walk from Downley Common to West Wycombe & back, and a new walk from Ashridge towards Chesham, an area farmed in medieval times, with many ancient hedgerows still in place. We also passed a cottage which D H Lawrence rented in 1914, where he wrote "The Rainbow". We finished up in the local pub (the Blue Ball) where we had a nice meal, which for one of our walkers included haggis!

PLANNED WALKS SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2025

SHORTER WALKS - 2nd Monday of the month. Meet at 9:45am for a 10:00am start .

September 8th – Great Missenden, led by Eleanor

We set off past the railway station at Great Missenden towards Angling Spring Wood and then through Hobbs Hill Wood until we reach the Full Moon pub in Little Kingshill. We return along the boundary of the Misbourne school and through an area of Parkland known as Abbey Park. Time permitting, we will follow Church Lane to visit the St Peter & St Paul church before returning through the High Street to the car park. Park in the pay car park off Link Rd, Gt Missenden (or on the road nearby). Optional drinks in cafes in the High Street afterwards.

Distance: 4.8 mls / 7.7 km, **Post Code:** HP16 9AL, **Grid Ref:** SP 894 015, **w3w:** ///mistress.node.prepped

October 13th - Downley & West Wycombe, led by Judith

Starting from the Naphill Village Hall, we will set off along the common towards Downley. We then descend in the direction of West Wycombe, with lovely views. Back uphill via Cookshall Farm and return to Naphill. Please park around the back by the Scout hut. Optional drinks & cake at the Bon Ami coffee shop afterwards.

Distance: Approx 4 mls / 6.5 km, **Postcode:** HP14 4SX, **Grid ref:** SU 847 969, **w3w:** ///heat.pools.scare

November 10th – Stokenchurch & Spriggs Alley, led by Marion

We start from Kings Arms Hotel and pick up the Chiltern Way, along a short stretch of tarmac and on towards Bennett End. We then go along an old drover's road, through some woods towards Spriggs Alley. Turning left we go through more woods, past Gurden Farm and into more woods which takes us back to Stokenchurch. There are no stiles and three small inclines. Nothing strenuous!! Parking is at the Kings Arms Hotel.

Distance: 4.5 mls / 7.2 km, **Postcode:** HP14 3TA **Grid ref:** SU 761 963 **w3w:** ///pixies.widest.tomato

December 8th - Piddington and Cadmore End Common, led by Eleanor

Starting at the Dashwood Roadhouse pub at Piddington, we start off uphill through Janes Woods to get good views down to West Wycombe. We continue through various other woods towards Wheeler End, then walk parallel with Chips Hill back down to the A40. Some inclines! Park along the road near the Dashwood Roadhouse pub. After the walk we will have our Xmas Lunch at the pub.

Distance: 4.5 mls / 7.2 km, **Postcode:** HP14 3BH, **Grid Ref:** SU 808 481, **w3w:**

///suspended.distracts.cashiers.

LONGER WALKS - 4th Monday of the month. Meet at 9:45am for a 10:00am start.

September 22nd - Sarratt to Chenies, led by Mike (07976 982536)

The route initially goes towards Church End, over the river Chess to Chenies Manor, then back via Mountfield Wood and the river Chess to Sarratt. Meet at the Cricketers pub in Sarratt. Parking along the road on the Green.

Distance: 5.3 mls / 8.5 km, **Post Code:** WD3 6AS, **Grid Ref:** TQ 044 992, **w3w:** ///risk.stage.hurls

October 27th – Bradenham to Munt's Wood & Park Wood, led by Martin

From Bradenham we first head uphill to the Coppice, then through Bradenham Beeches & Park Wood to Smaldean Farm. We continue through Munt's Wood, then a short steep climb up Callows Hill, where we will be rewarded with a lovely view back towards Bradenham & West Wycombe. From here it's a gentle descent back to Smaldean Farm then back to Bradenham across open countryside with far reaching views. Park in the small NT car park by the Cricket Pavillion on the Green at Bradenham.

Distance: 6 mls / 10 km **Postcode:** HP14 4HF, **Grid ref:** SU 828 970, **w3w:** ///grin.woven.memo

November 24th – Whiteleaf Hill to Buckmoorend led by Sue

Starting from the car park at the top of Whiteleaf Hill we will walk through Sergeant's Wood, past Solinger House & Dirtywood Farm to Buckmoorend. From here we walk past Chequers, through Grangelands Nature Reserve to Lower Cadsden (could stop at pub if people would like a drink) and back uphill to the start.

Distance: Approx 6 mls / 10 km **Postcode:** HP27 0RP, **Grid ref:** SP 823 036 **w3w:** ///paler.washroom.dwell

December – No longer walk this month due to Xmas

Full details of our planned walks and any **late changes** can be found on our U3A website at https://highwycombe.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/walking/

All walks start at 10am, unless told otherwise. In case of bad weather and possible cancellation, please contact the specified walk leader **by 8:30am** on the day. We aim to send out an email reminder a few days before each walk.

Please let us know whether or not you will be joining us (this helps if walks are changed or cancelled at the last minute).



If you are joining us on a walk for the first time, then please contact Eleanor or the walk's leader to let us know you are coming, in case some details or information have been changed since originally planned!

WEB EDITOR

Taking over as Webmaster after being Newsletter Editor – I had all the contacts – simple! But the program used to enter everything was clumsy and outdated.

After attending a presentation about Wordpress, a modern program designed for editing webpages, this seemed beyond my IT capabilities. But much later I saw that 'volunteers' were needed to update and test a new u3a system and I was hooked. I could help test it!

By December 2022 several techies within the movement had already developed SITEWORKS, an 'Alpha' version of a Wordpress system especially geared to u3a colours and logos, so I started to teach myself how to use it, noting down any so-called bugs. Early in 2023 the 'Beta' version meant starting again from scratch. This was followed by a final beta version during which time an excellent training manual was developed for all the 600 plus u3a webmasters to follow enabling them to migrate the old system to the new along with numerous 'pioneer' webmasters to help them through the process. At this point I became involved with a small I & E group and our job was to contact every u3a in the country and process them through their migration which could be done quite quickly but usually took several weeks or months!

For our own website it was easier to just start again as I had done several times before.

High Wycombe & District went live in November 2023.

We were one of the so called 'pioneers' and I think were about the 6th u3a to do so.

Now I had the problem of keeping 35ish group pages interesting and up-to-date. Our new Siteworks program is very versatile compared to the old clumsy one so needed more attention.

An appeal to our own membership produced several people willing to help and with just one training session (more just showing everyone the way around the program and leaving them to play) our band of 'Authors' was born.

Unfortunately, I had to give up the I&E group in the summer of 2024 but all the Siteworks Migrations/New u3a etc had been completed by December 2024. An incredible achievement! Some of the volunteers are still operational with help desks and working on an update for the Beacon system.

Now I have stepped down from our committee I would like to record that I have especially enjoyed my experiences as part of the Siteworks Team and Webmaster for High Wycombe u3a.

This is my opportunity to thank Terry for all his techy assistance from the early days and then latterly the Authors who joined the High Wycombe team – in particular Mike for stepping in to fill the gaps and then agreeing to take over as Webmaster. I know I am leaving everything in good hands.

PS. If anyone feels inclined to join the 'Authors' team please contact the Convenor of the Computer group.

WHIST



We continue with steady numbers at our whist meetings but, naturally, it would be better for all if we could attract more. If you wish to spend a fun afternoon on the third Thursday of each month do come along. You do not need to have played whist before, our members will be only too pleased to show you. It was a lovely surprise though that at our last meeting six new players turned up, some of whom had never played before. It was indeed a pleasure to welcome them to the game of whist. We have sufficient funds now to include a booby prize as well as prizes for both ladies and gentlemen.

We continue to be a friendly, welcoming group and would love to meet anyone who is keen to play whist. We meet at 2 o'clock in Naphill Village Hall and if you are interested or wish to discuss whist, I would welcome a call.

WOODCARVING

Woodcarving can be traced back to prehistoric times being one of the oldest art forms that mankind has developed from the use of the natural availability of wood throughout our environment. With decorative woodcarving now being more of a specialist art much of our woodcarving these days is for leisure and hobby interest covering three main elements:-RELIEF/CHIP CARVING, WHITTILING & CARVINGS IN THE ROUND

Very little machinery is used in our group apart from limited use of hand-held multi-tool units containing micro sanding barrels and small power carving tools.

Currently we have a steady mixed membership of 12 who meet on the 4th Thursday of each month between 9.30am & midday at North Dean Village Hall.

With each meeting you will learn techniques on how to use wood carving chisels, gouges, knives along with other tools to help create your project.

Tools are available to use allowing familiarisation with each one so that existing and new members can hone their methods and technique before committing to the expense of purchasing tools should new members feel woodcarving is not for them.

There is a variety of woodcarving magazines and instruction books available at each group meeting which complement the useful tips, help and guidance from all the carvers in the group

Pre-cut blanks, some including birds, fish, mice, elephants and dolphins are available for new members who may not know what they want to carve. These provide the basic shape and form for which further carving will be necessary to create the finished item but will also serve as practical experience in developing your carving skill.



THE WORLD WE LIVE IN



We have been exposed to an eclectic mixture of topics. This has included the dangers (political as well as environmental) of oil leaking from shipwrecks. Who had thought about that?

We started (part 2 is coming) the journey along the Silk Road from China to Gaza via the Dead Sea, encountering the Ottoman Empire along the

way. Surely you had thought about trying this route.

People have questioned how or if my brain works or is connected by yet unknown, neural networks. The Science group is looking into this.

Urvi, a popular guest speaker at this group, is from India, and tells me that her postdoctoral studies at Harvard University are quite challenging at the present time. We all know why! It is a pity she was poached from Cambridge and Oxford Universities.

Although we had a brilliant insight into why the earth was not flat with suggestions as to how we could confirm this ourselves, it is fair to say some of my planned future topics were not as enthusiastically received. Although astrology was a 'no,' sky- archaeology, even cultural astronomy, might make it!

In the interim, I am reverting to a safe topic - introduced before you read this – AI. I suspect and hope this will be controversial and lead to a good, if inconclusive, discussion. In my corner I have a Japanese expert (on video). In the audience those trying to find the Roman road to York. Do come and join us to help resolve my madness and bring your input for topics and talks.

Unfortunately, for those remaining members, I have some more unacceptable topics in mind! Those who know me will not be surprised at this. Do join us. It might take you a little while to understand the way I think but the friendship and counselling I enjoy from the group should reassure you it will be well worthwhile trying us

WRITING FOR PLEASURE



The literary qualities of our monthly output may sometimes be in question but the pleasure we get from meeting, reading, listening and often laughing is real.

For our July meeting it was further supplemented by our annual treat of a long, leisurely lunch that catered broadly for carnivores, omnivores and vegans. A quantity of hummus remained uneaten however and residues from the wine bottles are even now enriching both gravy and soup.

In order to get the literary juices flowing, Mary usually provides a 'prompt'.

Not an instruction, but a guide. Recently this has ranged from Cinderella (really about looking for an opportunity that might get us to the ball) to the rather tacky subject of money. This, unsurprisingly, seemed to particularly encourage our criminal contingent.

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A delayed submission by post from distant parts carefully explored the delights of acrobatics.

Life for these writers never seems dull.

We met on those cold days in front of a warming fire but now need no more shelter than a garden room. we may yet share our stories entirely alfresco in an orchard.

Why not join us? We would be glad to see you and hear from you

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THE HISTORIC HOUSES AND HERITAGE OF CHESHIRE AND THE WELSH BORDERS

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We were collected by our executive private coach and driver, Chris, from pick-up points around High Wycombe to arrive at the National Trust's Little Moreton Hall in Cheshire. It is a very fine example of a black and white timber framed house with a moat. Building started in 1504 and was completed 100 years later.



A good café and ice cream cart sustained us whilst there. We departed Little Moreton for our hotel for a four night stay. Fortunately we were leaving the very hot weather behind in the South East for the cooler Welsh Borders.

We stayed at the Park Royal Hotel in Stretton. It had good facilities that you might expect of a four star spa hotel, although we had little time to participate as we were kept to a busy schedule. Nevertheless, one or two did manage to squeeze in a quick swim, Jacuzzi or sauna. Food was generally very good set menus in the evening and a buffet style breakfast in the morning though no black pudding!!!

The next day we were met at the hotel by Peter, our Blue Badge Guide. He gave us an informative tour of Liverpool. We visited the Metropolitan Roman Catholic Cathedral (or Paddies Wigwam) Wow! what an amazing space. We learnt that the stained-glass windows were made in High Wycombe. How about that! The original plan for The Metropolitan Cathedral was enormous but by the start of WW2 only the crypt had been completed. Building then came to a halt. After a realisation that the original design was unaffordable a competition led to a design by Edward Lutyens being adopted. The final phase of the build took only five years between 1962 and 1967.



Then off to the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral – sandstone built, huge space, quite a contrast. The Anglican Cathedral, designed by George Gilbert Scott, took seventy four years to build between 1904 and 1978. The result was a much more austere building by comparison but nonetheless very impressive.

We had lunch at the Albert Dock and could look over to the Liver building. We took photos of the FAB 4; very life-like statues. A number of us visited the Liverpool Museum (free) where they had on display a model of the original planned Metropolitan Cathedral. On the wall was a photograph of the Liverpool skyline showing the current two cathedrals with an overlay of the original design of the Metropolitan Cathedral. It would indeed have been massive.





We then proceeded to depart for our river cruise on the Mersey to see the city from a different perspective occasional riffs of "Ferry Cross the Mersey" playing on the PA, of course. Very exciting.

The next day we arrived at The National Trust Bodnant Gardens. 80 acres for us to explore with stunning views across Snowdonia. After lunch we went on to Llandudno which was very busy. 17 of us



decided to try the tramway to the top of the Great Orme. It was fun but very, very blustery at the top. On our last day with Peter we negotiated the narrow road to the



National Trust's Erddig property. The Yorke family lived at Erddig for over 240 years and their children were named either Philip or Stuart. They never threw anything away so there were objects there with stories to tell. There were 40,000 artefacts left in the property when it was taken on by the National Trust and they presently display approximately 30,000 of these.

After lunch we drove to the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct built by Thomas Telford. We went across the aqueduct in a narrow boat and cruised for 2 hours on the very narrow and winding Llangollen canal.

Our last day, no longer guided by Peter, was spent at the splendid Powis Castle and Gardens. As well as viewing the many rooms in the castle we enjoyed the Clive of India museum where there were fascinating artefacts. Clive himself was never a permanent resident of Powis Castle, but his son, Edward, married Henrietta and the couple inherited the castle from her family and amassed a considerable collection of South Asian artefacts which became known as The Clive Museum.

The temperature was heating up so ice creams were in order again.



On our way home Sylvia's fearsome clicker did the job. Beware! We arrived back to a very hot High

Wycombe.

We were all in agreement we had had a most enjoyable holiday. Thank you, Sylvia. We are looking forward to the next one



SPEAKERS' CORNER

April: Ramji Abinashi - Aspects of Indian Culture

Ramji has lived in England from the age of 47 with his family. He gave us an insight into the Hindu way of life. Family, education and savings are seen as key to success. Older members of the family are always respected and the mother in the household commands the kitchen and any entertaining. Indians are not comfortable with public displays of affection which are considered appropriate in Western culture. He said he would never drive in the cities of India and he likes the zebra crossings he sees in England.



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May: Jon Woodhouse - The saxophone, my life as an Army musician.

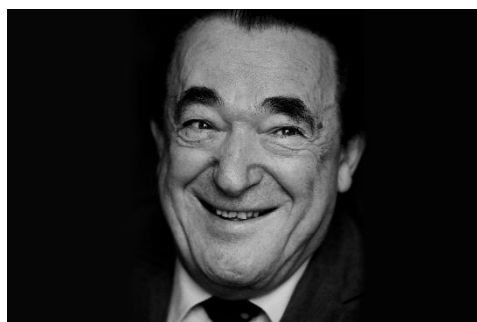


A 5ft 8in soldier with the Life Guards, Jon rode horses that stood 16 hands high while playing his saxophone. He was in the military for 26 years and went all over the world with the band. He delighted us with tales of the startled horses when they saw camels for the first time at the Royal Tournament. Jon played pieces on his clarinet, and alto and tenor saxophones accompanied by his own backing track. A delightful afternoon and we have invited him back in August 2026.

June: Tracy Mould _ The Role of Community First Responders in Buckinghamshire

Tracy explained that trained volunteer local First Responders would attend an emergency at home arriving before an ambulance. SEAC is a charity where volunteers will offer at least 100 hours a week. Tracy then demonstrated CPR and how to use a defibrillator. We all felt better informed. The British Heart Foundation gives an online CPR demo using a cushion on their website. Following on we had the Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Community Safety Team who gave lots of tips about safety in the home.:- Have a torch available, don't rely on candles in a power cut. Even emollient cream contains paraffin and close internal doors at night. They also offered to come and fit smoke and CO2 alarms in our houses free of charge.

July: Roger Mason – Robert Maxwell: did he jump or was he pushed?



Roger told us Maxwell was born in poverty in Eastern Europe. He escaped to France in WW2 and joined the Czechoslovak Army in Marseille. He won the Military Cross while attached to the British Army. He became a British subject in 1946 and Labour MP for Buckingham in 1966. He acquired the British Printing Corporation in 1981 and later the Mirror Newspaper group. Known to Private Eye as "Cap'n Bob" and "the bouncing Czech" he hit back with a one-off spoof "Not the Private Eye". In 1991 his body was found floating in the Atlantic Ocean.

Future Speaker Information September – November 2025

September: Angela Walla – A Floral Tribute to Moorcroft

Angela has a great interest in Plants and Medicines and she spoke to the Science group on this subject. Her other interests include a love of Moorcroft Pottery which she will share with us.

October : Tony Earle – A look at the Musicals

Tony is a retired Photographic Scientist who worked for Kodak. His talk will include pictures and film clips from 1980s to modern times and he actively encourages participation.

November : Dr Jane Sellwood – water: How we use it and abuse it

Jane's talk will cover wastewater treatment, drinking water and current National and Global water issues and the impact of the Climate Crisis

Times and dates subject to change

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<i>Air on a G String</i> J. S. Bach	<i>8 Days a Week</i> Beatles	<i>In the Year 2525</i> Zager & Evans	<i>Happy Birthday Sweet 16</i> Neil Sedaka	<i>Born to be Wild</i> Steppenwolf	<i>Three Little Birds</i> Bob Marley & the Wailers



GROUPS TIMETABLE

WEEK OF MONTH	DAY	GROUP ACTIVITY	TIME	VENUES
First	Monday	Geology Rummikub	10.00 14.00	HMH NVH (Bon Ami)
	Tuesday	Plays, Poetry and Prose Ten-pin Bowling	10.00 13.30	H(s) Eden Centre
	Wednesday	Art Reading for Pleasure Croquet (April -October)	09.30 10.15 10.30	NVH HWL HW Croquet Club Hazlemere Rec Ground
	Thursday	Computer Quiz	10.00 14.00	NVH NVH
	Friday	Discovering Science	14.00	HMH
Second	Monday	Bird Watching incl. Walks Shorter Walk Genealogy	10.00 10.00 14.00	Newsletter Normally from NVH HZL Library
	Tuesday	Local History German Conversation	10.00 14.00	HMH H
	Wednesday	Croquet (April -October) Handbell Ringing	10.30 14.00	HW Croquet Club Hazlemere Rec Ground St. James Church Hall
	Thursday	Discovering Art History	10.00 14.00	NVH H
	Friday	Photography Psychology	10.00 14.00	HMH HMH
Third	Monday	French Conversation	14.00	NDVH
	Tuesday	Writing for Pleasure 10-pin Bowling Italian Conversation	10.00 13.30 14.30	H Eden Centre H
	Wednesday	Croquet (April -October)	10.30	HW Croquet Club Hazlemere Rec Ground
	Thursday	Whist	14.00	NVH
	Friday	The World We Live In	14.00	HMH
Fourth	Monday	Longer Walk (ramble) Singing for Fun Enjoying Shakespeare	10.00 10.00 13.45	Email Convenor LEVH H
	Tuesday	Antiques & Collectibles	14.00	HCC
	Wednesday	Croquet (April -October) General Meeting	10.30 14.00	HW Croquet Club Hazlemere Rec Ground LG & LR VH
	Thursday	Wood Carving Ukelele Group Discovering Music	09.45 10.00 14.00	NDVH DCC H
	Friday	Pub Lunches	12.30	Email convenor

DCC (Downley Community Centre), H (Private Homes) HMH (Hazlemere Memorial Hall), LG & LR (Lacey Green and Loosley Row VH), HWL (High Wycombe Library), HZL (Hazlemere Library), HCC (Hughenden Community Centre), LEVH (Lane End Village Hall), NVH (Naphill Village Hall), NDVH (North Dean Village Hall), St. James Church Hall, Downley

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