

**Mid-Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A www.u3a.co
Information Sheet for Thursday 19th December 2019
Meeting at the Community Centre
Prebendal Avenue at 1.30 for 2.00 p.m.
Editor: Dave Rogers Email editor@u3a.co**

**Christmas & New Year greetings to all readers and members of Mid Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A from the editor and committee members.
Simon Reeks, Chairman.**

Speakers

**Today, Vic Botterill answers the question
“What are the 12 days of Christmas Really About?”
Next year, 16th January, Beth Bennet will demonstrate
“Acupuncture, What’s the Point”?**

News from the Groups

Book Club

Carolynne McKee (01296 435096)

The next meeting will be on 15th January 2020 at 10.30 at 14 Waxwing Close, Watermead. The book for discussion will be Red Dog by Louis de Bernieres. A nice short book for when we will all have been busy over the festive period.

Bridge Club

Val Doherty (01296 481331)

The next meeting is Tuesday 7th January 2020. Place of Play will be notified to members. New members urgently required. **We will teach you.**

Discussion Group

Elaine Turner (01296 582754)

As the 4th Wednesday in December is Christmas Day, the next Discussion Group will take place on Wednesday 16th January 2020 at 10.30 am, at 39 Madeley Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8BP

Facebook Group

April Smart (07816295223)

We now have our own Facebook group where we can make announcements, discuss recent or planned events and generally socialise. Membership is only open to members of Mid Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A and is completely voluntary. It will not supersede the newsletter or website which will continue as normal. To see the group, just search for Mid Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A in Facebook. You will need to answer 3 simple questions to join.

Family History Group

April Smart (07816295223)

Our meetings are held alternate weeks, but the days vary according to our availability. We meet from 2.00-4.00 at 22 Neyland Drive, Meadowcroft, Aylesbury HP19 9SA. Bring your notes, old family photos and certificates if you have any, laptops, tablets (free wifi available) etc. Between us we currently have membership of Ancestry and Find My Past which we can consult during meetings. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Food & Drink

Ceinwyne Jones (01296 613172)

Next meeting is for our Christmas Lunch at "The Oak", Aston Clinton on Friday 19th December.

French Conversation

David Mummery (01296 580714)

Group meets alternate Wednesdays.

Gadget Group

Simon Reeks (01296 482735)

Have a word with me if you have any issues / questions about modern electronics - PCs, laptops, printers, mobile phones, TVs, SatNavs etc. - essentially anything except Apple products. I can either arrange a group meeting where there is demand or simply arrange to get together on a one to one basis.

Gardening Group

Pat Pickering (01296 336161)

The Gardening Group is now taking its normal break for December and January. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 11th 2pm Aylesbury Tennis Club when Chris Ward will be giving us a talk on Wildlife Gardening

Geography Group

Wendy & Malcolm Russell(01844 208767)

The First meeting of the New Year will be held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 2.30 pm at The Aylesbury Tennis Club, Wendover Road. Peter Tasker will be showing us photographs of Jordan on this occasion. **ALL WELCOME.**

Local History

Pauline Noble (01296 484940)

December – **No meeting.** **Thurs. Jan 23rd**–Cake, Natter and Programme Planning – 10.30 a.m. – Aylesbury Methodist Church Room 4. Charge £2.00 – Please sign the board if you are coming (so we make enough cakes!!). **Thurs. February 26th**- We are delighted to welcome back Steve Baskerville who will talk on **The London Parks** – 2.30 p.m. – Aylesbury Methodist Church – Rooms 4/5. Steve is an excellent Speaker and the meeting is open to all U3A Members. Visitors £2. Please sign the board on the Local History table if you would like to come. **A Happy Christmas to all.**

Mid Bucks Bakers

Jane Elliston (01296 426892)

Mid Bucks Bakers is currently not running but if you are interested please contact Jane.

Musical Appreciation

Jim Wilding (01296 623628)

No meeting in December.

Pétanque

David Mummery (01296 580714)

It is now end of season for pétanque and we won't be playing again until May next year.

Photography

Jane Elliston (01296 426892)

The Photography group meet for their annual planning meeting and end of season lunch on 9th January at Jane's house. Please bring a printed photo for the competition and some 20p to vote. The photo should be one taken on one of this year's challenges and no bigger than 6x8 (127x178)

Pub Walks

Jan Paver (01296 422296)

This group is taking a break for the winter months and will start up again on Thursday April 2nd 2020.

Quiz Group

Ann Burman (01296 422084)

Just a quick reminder that there is **no meeting** of the Quiz Group in **December**. Our next meeting is 21st January 2020.

Singing for Fun(with Aston Clinton U3A)

Margaret Barker (01494 864812)

This group meets 2nd Wednesday in the month 10.30 a.m.in Halton Village Hall.

Ten Pin Bowling(Aylesbury Vale U3A)

Michael Walden (01844 291617)

This group meets every Monday 10a.m.at "The Rogue Bowling Centre" in Gatehouse Way. Cost is £3.50 per game (normally £5).

Transport History

Jim Wilding (01296 623628)

No meeting in December.

Yarn Crafters

Jasmine Reeks (01296 482735)

A time to sew, crochet and knit. 2nd Monday in the month 10.30-12.30 *or* 14.00-16.00.

Next meetings are January 13th 2020 & February 10th 2020.

**Next Contribution Date
Friday January 10th2020**

Group leaders are reminded that they should send their contribution to the webmaster April Smart in addition to the editor, so that the information can be updated on the website

We need a new chairperson

Simon must relinquish the chairmanship at the May 2020 AGM. He will have served three years; the maximum permitted under the Constitution. His call for a volunteer to take his place has so far met with no success and that gives us a huge problem.

Our U3A cannot wait until the AGM for a replacement as we need to book speakers, arrange trips for the year and collect subscriptions. None of this can take place without our knowing that a chairman will be in post from May for, without a chairman, the group cannot continue and would be dissolved.

The role and success of a chairperson is dependent on a solution-focussed committee. Our team has a great sense of humour, a willingness to succeed, friendliness and a supportive culture. This makes the role of chairperson easier, effective, more fun and certainly more interesting.

We have a stark choice. Find a new chairman or look elsewhere for entertainment, companionship and all the groups that are supported by our Mid-Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A.

What's in it for you? / What can you expect?

Meet new people. Help support the work of the volunteers. Contribute to decision making processes involved in the development of our U3A to ensure it is thriving, developing and learning to the benefit of all.

If you need more information, please speak to the Chairman or any of the current committee members who will gladly answer any queries.

David Mummery



