

**Mid-Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A www.u3a.co
Information Sheet for Thursday 20th February 2020
Meeting at the Community Centre
Prebendal Avenue at 1.30 for 2.00 p.m.
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Coffee Morning

The new U3A motto is “Learn, laugh, live”. As we are now allowed to socialise, we thought what better than a coffee morning and chat! As a trial, we have arranged coffee mornings on Tuesdays 10th March and 7th April, 10.30 to 11.45 at the Southcourt Community Centre. Tea and coffee (with refills), cake and biscuits will be available at an extremely modest £2 a head. We would love to see you - you can even bring a friend.

Jasmine and Simon Reeks (01296 482735)

Speakers

Today's change in speaker

Leanne Sinclair is going to give a slide show of the British Red Cross covering their work over the last 150 years. Donation tins will be available at the meeting if you wish to give some money.

Next month, 19th March, Michael Geerthsen will tell us about “Hypnotherapy, the Truth”

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News from the Groups

Book Club

Carolynne McKee (01296 435096)

The next meeting is on 19th February at 10.30 at 14 Waxwing Close, Watermead. The book for discussion is "This Is Going to Hurt" by Adam Kay.

Bridge Club

Val Doherty (01296 481331)

The next meeting is Tuesday 3rd March 2020. Place of Play will be notified to members. New members urgently required. **We will teach you.**

Discussion Group

Elaine Turner (01296 582754)

Due to illness, there will be no meeting this month.

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 on the first and third Wednesday of the month. 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 19th February.

Food & Drink

Ceinwyne Jones (01296 613172)

The next lunch will be on Friday 28th February. Let me know if you are coming so that I can confirm venue. I am awaiting details of a possible visit to McCormacks.

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)

Our March meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th March** 2pm when we will visit Hollydyke House, Little Missenden HP70RD Cost £7.50. The sign-up sheet will be on the notice board at today's meeting **Please pay today.** Our April meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th April** 2pm we will be visiting John & Peter Blocks garden "Patchwork", 22 Hall Park Gate, Berkhamsted HP4 2NJ Cost £5 please sign up on the notice board if you wish to join us.

Geography Group

Wendy & Malcolm Russell (01844 208767)
NEW ORGANIZER(S) NEEDED FOR NEXT SEASON! The March Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 2.30 pm at The Aylesbury Tennis Club, Wendover Road. The subject of Wendy's Presentation will be "Sri Lanka"..**ALL WELCOME.**

Local History

Jasmine & Simon Reeks (01296 482735)
Thurs. February 27th. We are delighted to welcome back Steve Baskerville who has given us several very interesting talks. This time his subject will be London Parks. Talk starts at 2.30 p.m., open to all members of the U3A. The venue will be in the main hall of Aylesbury Methodist Church, Buckingham Street, HP20 2NQ. Local History members free/Visitors £2 (to include tea and biscuits). All welcome but please sign the list on the Local History board for catering purposes or phone Pauline on 01296 484940. **Thurs. March 26th.** Our anticipated visit to Amazon has been deferred so instead we will be meeting at 11.00am for a walk at College Lake (Upper Icknield Way, Bulbourne, Tring,

HP23 5QG). This is a nature reserve created from a chalk quarry, with evidence of the industrial past - and a very pleasant cafe! There is a possibility that there will be a conducted tour for us (unknown cost, but not too much), we hope to have further details at the meeting. Please wear suitable clothing / footwear for the weather and footpaths. Sign up on the list on the Local History board to give us an idea of numbers, contact Jasmine or Simon on 01296 4982375 with any queries.

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)

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th February, 2.30, at 9 Millmead, Wendover.

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 will be going to Tring for their challenge on March 12th. If you would like to join us please ring Jane for further details.

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)

The date for February is Tuesday, 18th and for March is Tuesday, 17th.

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 £4 per game (normally £5).

Transport History

Jim Wilding (01296 623628)

Our next meeting will be at 10.30 on Tuesday 25th February, at 9 Mill Mead, Wendover. Our subject will be "Classic Trolley Buses".

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 meeting is March 9th but due to the Easter Holiday, the April morning meeting will be on the 6th at Rita Frost's house 5 Dalwood Mews, Fairford Leys HP19 7GT. There will be no afternoon meeting in April.

**Next Contribution Date
Friday March 13th**

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

Aylesbury Vale U3A Trips

Wednesday, 1st April for "A day in Canterbury", costing £31 per person (which includes entry to the Cathedral) - 8 seats available. **Monday, 4th May** to Petworth House (National Trust) and the City of Guildford, costing £16 pp - 12 seats available. Contact DanMcGregor via "outings@avu3a.org.uk" or phone 01296.582054 for the necessary details.

Wendover U3A Trip

Thursday 12th March 2020 to Crossness Pumping Station & Rainham Hall N.T.

Cost is £42 or £51 non-NT including a light lunch & coffee

Pick up: Bedgrove Sainsbury's 7.45 Ashbrook 7.55 The George 8.00.

The Crossness Pumping Station is a former sewage pumping station designed by Sir Joseph Bazalgette and architect Charles Henry Driver. Constructed between 1859 and 1865, as part of the redevelopment of the London sewerage system, it features spectacular ornamental cast ironwork. Visit also the Great Stink Exhibition in your own time. It is suggested that you wear appropriate clothing for exploring a pumping station including flat shoes. There are some stairs in both properties.

After a buffet lunch (included) we will visit Rainham Hall. It was built in 1729 by Captain John Arle. The Hall stands proudly at the centre of the village. It is a rare survivor and remarkably fine example of Queen Anne style architecture. It was designed as a home, to be lived in. Nearly 50 different families and inhabitants have resided at the Hall. The Anthony Denney exhibition celebrates an icon of 20th century design. It explores his life and the career of one of Rainham Hall's 1960s inhabitants.

Depart from Rainham Hall at 4.15pm

Anybody interested obtain a booking form from our Secretary David Mummery

Weston Turnville U3A Extreme Visits

Monday 20th April 2020 to Lee Valley Velopark, Abercombe Road, London E20 3AB.

Cost is £55 for 80 minutes. All equipment (helmet & bike) and coaching included but not clothes.

Wear cycling shorts (close-fitting track suit bottoms); a cycling jersey (close-fitting top) with trainers. Gloves are available for hire.

Travel by car to the Velopark for latest arrival at 10.15 a.m.; presence in the track centre at 10.45 a.m. for the start of session at 11.a.m. Session ends at 12.20 where you can retire to Cafe42 Degrees

Contact the Extreme Team on extreme@WTU3A.org.uk or 0777 150 6055 if you wish to go.

Thames Valley U3A Network Mid-Summer Rock'n'Roll Party

Saturday 20th June 2020 at Aylesbury Rugby Club from 7.00 – 11.00 p.m. for a local Charity.

This charity is "Friends of Oscar" that supports children with brain and spinal tumours

Cost is £8.00 per ticket to listen to the "Blue Moons" – a live 50s & 60s Rock'n'Roll Band

The event also features a 50s, 60s, 70s DJ with Rock, Pop, Soul, Motown, R&B music.

Contact John Wilford for tickets on sound@avu3a.org.uk

