

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The Twenty Fifth Annual General Meeting of Sevenoaks U3A will be held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 26th June at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Nominations from Members for Executive Committee vacancies for Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Group Development Coordinator and External Affairs Coordinator must be lodged with the Secretary by 31st May 2019.

Richard Baxter and Barbara Coleyshaw were co-opted on to the Committee and stand for election to the Executive Committee as Meetings Manager and Speakers' Secretary respectively.

The Social Committee Chair and Communications Chair will have completed their term of engagement and are standing for re-election under the terms of the Constitution. Further nominations for these posts may be submitted by Members to the Secretary by 31st May 2019.

Any motion that a Member may wish to be debated at the Annual General Meeting must be lodged with the Secretary by 31st May 2019 and be duly proposed and seconded.

AGM papers are included with this Newsletter.

Jackie Bradforth secretary@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Following the AGM, Musaïc Swing will be performing. They are a three piece band comprising a keyboard player, a saxophone/flute player and a vocalist who will entertain us with a mix of great tunes ranging from jazz standards to modern classics. They are all experienced musicians who enjoy playing together and are looking forward to entertaining us. www.musaicswing.com.

DIARY 2019

June 4	Towner Gallery trip
June 5	Science Seminar
June 12	Bridge for Pleasure
June 19	Ambling
June 24	Half Day Walking
June 24	Apple Group
June 26	AGM and entertainment
June 26	Bridge for Pleasure

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

We are holding our AGM on Wednesday 26 June and I hope to see as many of you as possible there, so we achieve a quorum. For this, we need significantly more than usually attend monthly meetings, so please put the date in your diary and come along on the day.

Whether you come for the 20-30 minutes of the AGM or stay longer to listen to the music of the delightful Musaïc Swing band, your help, by your presence will be very much appreciated.

The AGM is an opportunity for us, the Executive Committee, to bring you up to date with the activities, the finances and the management of our U3A, so that you can hold us to account. It's also an opportunity for us all to meet up and swap experiences and views.

I look forward to seeing you there (and to eating cake!)

Best wishes

Sue Christy



Jackie Bradforth, Susan Henson and Sue Christie with flowers presented recognising their leadership as Secretary, Group Development Coordinator and Chairman.

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Circle Dance Group

Recently the Sevenoaks U3A Circle Dance Group was pleased to welcome some visitors from the local Syrian refugee community for the second time. Circle dancing is a very inclusive activity where everyone is welcome and there is no element of performance or expectation that we will always get the steps right. It engenders a sense of community and harmony which participants really appreciate.

There were 8 children in the group this time which made for a lively afternoon and we were delighted that our visitors led us in some traditional dancing from their culture as well as joining in with the dances that we do to music from many countries around the world including Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Armenia, Albania and Russia. There was lots of laughter and chatter; it seemed that everyone had a good time. I am hoping that we will be able to invite them again later in the year. If you would like to find out more about the group then please get in touch with Sandie Wade.

circledancing@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk.

Jazz Workshop - Thursday 31st October

A date for your diary - 'A Brief History of Jazz' - Ship Theatre - Walthamstow Hall School.

Paul Higgs and his Quartet will lead us through a musical tour of the history of jazz.

Look out for the flyer in the summer. Further details from Jim Purves

Art Exhibition at Seal

May Bank Holiday Weekend. Over the three days about 250 viewers came to see the Exhibition and bought fifteen pictures. We had repeated requests to make it a regular event!

Many thanks to all the artists and helpers who made it such a success. See next month's newsletter for further details.

Pamela Murphy

Gresham College Lectures Group

A new seminar group

Knole U3A plan to start a new monthly seminar series this autumn using the Gresham College lectures - dates to be agreed, but probably the 2nd Wednesday at Holmesdale Bowls Club 2-4pm. The first programme would cover the Arts and History. The format would be a viewing of the talk then a discussion followed by tea. The first three talks are by Professor Simon Thurley on: '*Painting, Patronage and Politics under the Tudors*', '*Architecture, Images and Image-making under the Stuarts*', and '*Art and Power in the English Aristocratic House*.'

Future talks could include lectures on geology, astronomy, medical advances, psychology, music, environmental issues etc. If you are interested in these online talks (we need to be sure we can attract around 20 people to cover the Hall rental cost), please contact:

Alan Heyes. vicechair@knoleu3a.org.uk

Birdwatching

Sadly this group closed a little while ago but it would be good to start another such group. Please contact Susan Henson groupdev@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk if you are interested.

Garden Group

There are some spare places for a Garden Visit to Penshurst Place and Gardens on the morning of Tuesday 11 June. Cost is £14 including guided tour and tea/ coffee.

Optional lunch at the Little Brown Jug afterwards. If you would like to come, please contact Christopher Thornton.

Poetry Group 2



Ann Matthews, Maeve Bhavan, Gillian Moysey, Linda Alleeson and Jackie Brignell at Gillian Moysey's house studying 'The Epic of Gilgamesh.'

Photo: Victoria Granville Baxter

The Historic Houses and Heritage of South Wales and the Wye Valley. 11- 15 May 2020

This five day holiday staying at the St. Pierre Marriott Hotel on the outskirts of Chepstow costs from £589 per person and includes the services of a Tour Manager and Blue Badge Guide.

A brief itinerary is set out below.

Day 1 NT Lacock Abbey nr. Bath

Day 2 Museum of Welsh Life and NT Tredegar House

Day 3 Tintern Abbey and Berkeley Castle

Day 4 Full day in Cardiff and includes a visit to the Royal Mint

Day 5 Brunel's SS Gt. Britain

If you wish to receive a full itinerary together with a booking form please contact Joyce Allen

Henry Moore's Iconic Sculptures, Studios and House

There are spaces on the coach on Wednesday July 24 to Perry Green to visit Henry Moore's home (Hoglands), where a guided tour has been arranged, studios and extensive gardens within which some of his monumental sculptures are displayed. This is a place which we haven't visited before and the day promises to be full of interest and delight. Please apply promptly on the application form found on the website where further details are given.

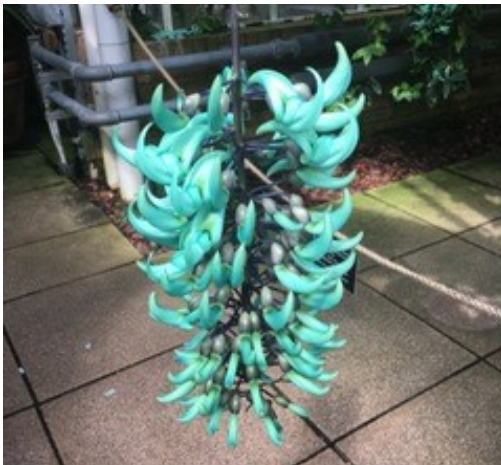


Photo: Sandy Patrick

U3A visit to Kettle's Yard and Cambridge University Botanic Gardens in May. An Exotic plant inside the hothouse

GROUP ORGANISERS' LUNCH AT SALOMONS IN MAY



Photo: Victoria Granville Baxter

MEETINGS AND EVENTS OPEN TO ALL

See diary on page 1 for complete list of events

AMBLING

Wednesday 19 June

Meet on the green at Weald Village in time for a 10am start. TN14 6PN. NGR 528509. The walk is about 5 miles with easy going. All U3A members are welcome to join the walk. Lunch after the walk will be at the White Hart, Tonbridge Road, Sevenoaks.

Leader: Velma Keys

APPLE GROUP

Monday 24 June

iPad, iMac, iPhone & Apple Watch

Our last meeting before the summer break is on 24th June when Paul, Elaine, Gwyn and Dave will give you some ideas of things to try over the summer.

Otford Village Memorial Hall from 2 – 4pm.

Dave Simmons

BRIDGE FOR PLEASURE

Wed 12 & 26 June

The Group plays at Otford Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month from October to July, from 9.45 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be no bridge in August or September.

The winners in April were Jean Middleton and George Thompson.

New members are always welcome. We are an "open" group so new players can just come along on the day. We play ACOL in a 'Chicago' format so you do not need a partner.

For more information, please ring John and Sue Christy

HALF DAY WALKING

Monday 24 June

Meet by the small church at the eastern end of Marsh Green in time for a 10.00am start. TN8 5PU. NGR 439444. The walk is 5 miles with easy going and goes to Haxted, Haxted Mill and Starborough Castle. Lunch after the walk will be at the Old Eden in Edenbridge. All U3A members are welcome to join the walk at the start.

Leader: Nick White

SCIENCE GROUP

Our 2018-19 programme of talks concluded in May. However, a new season of talks will start on Monday October 14th. Further details will be published in the September newsletter

Forward Events. All places are now booked for our Science Seminar on the 5th June. A report from this event will be published in the September newsletter.

Details of our forward events will be published on the website under the Future Events tab: <https://www.sevenoaksu3a.org.uk/Flyer-Science-Seminar-2019.pdf>

Bob Ruffles

COMPUTER GROUP No more meetings until October

Mike Davies

MEMBERS CORNER

Please submit items of interest to The Newsletter Team. news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk



Exhibition and Book

Elizabeth Purves and Victoria Granville Baxter, who produce the Newsletter each month, are mounting an exhibition on the Heritage of Sevenoaks in the Kaleidoscope Galley in Sevenoaks Library for the Sevenoaks Society.

The exhibition will run from June 19 to 6 July. During the exhibition, there will be a book on sale for £10, (£14.95 from Sevenoaks Bookshop) about the history of the town and its heritage buildings.

