

Chairman's note

After a long cold spring we now appear to be moving towards summer. This is a particularly busy time of year for us, but there are some forthcoming matters that I wish to draw to your attention. The first is that we have booked the Salomons centre for Monday, 17 June for Group Organisers to enjoy a 'Thank you' lunch for the effort they put into our U3A; and also to offer an opportunity for everyone to exchange ideas on how we are progressing, and thoughts on our future direction. I know that for some this date may clash with group activity but if you can delegate your role to another group member or send a representative then please do so.

The second item to bring to your attention is the Annual General Meeting on 26 June: we are obliged by our Constitution to report on our activities, and account for our financial status, to the Charities Commission. We therefore do need a strong attendance to undertake this important function. The essential papers for the AGM are included with this Newsletter. The formal business will be followed by a light-hearted event led by one of our new groups.

Please do not forget the deadline for entries to our Anniversary Photographic Competition, which is the end of June.

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Meetings open to all

The 19th Annual General Meeting of the Sevenoaks U3A

**will be held on Wednesday, 26 June
 at the Community Centre, Bat & Ball
 at 2.00pm.**

After the formal business of the AGM, members of the Singing for Fun Group with their Organiser, Liz Bradley, will present a selection of popular songs.

Please send copy for the June Newsletter
 by **Friday, 14 June 2013**
 to both ✉ pethelind@yahoo.co.uk
 and ✉ MASweetland@talktalk.net

Just a reminder

Subscriptions are due in September. There is nothing to do if you have a standing order except advise us of any changes to your address, telephone number or e-mail.

For those of you still paying by cheque – perhaps you would like to consider paying by standing order (makes life much simpler for all of us!), in which case I can send you a standing order form. Linda Gilbert ☎ 01732 883386 or ✉ linda.gilbert@talktalk.net

Celebrations to mark the 20th Anniversary of Sevenoaks U3A, 2014.

Plans are well underway to mark our 20th Anniversary next year. Events will open with an Art Exhibition in April and close with a Party in September. The Party will include afternoon tea, a presentation by the Drama group, a display of the work of some of our creative groups such as sculpture, ceramics, jewellery and embroidery, and a glass of champagne. Between April and September we hope to offer you a series of walks along the Greensand Way; the opportunity to visit some of our members' gardens; a DVD of current U3A activities; and a booklet to record our first twenty years.

We hope some of the Study Groups will hold their own celebratory event, to include guests if they choose.

Prior to all these events, the Photographic Competition is being held so that we can offer a 2014 celebration calendar for sale well before Christmas. Full details of how to enter were published in the March Newsletter and are on the website. For a summary, see over.

Do you have an old Computer?

The new U3A in Edenbridge would be very grateful for an 'old-fashioned' Microsoft computer which still works but has perhaps been superseded by something more modern. Windows XP would be perfect.

Please contact **Sue Bell** ☎ 01883 714209 ✉ sue__bell@hotmail.com (Yes, this email has two underscores.)



Photographic Competition

Two landscape photographs, taken locally or on U3A activities. Colour, B/W, enhanced all acceptable.

Rules of Entry

Each digital entry must have a title in place of its number. Right click on the thumb nail of the image and click 'Rename'; then type in your title in capital letters please.

Please submit your digital images on a CD/DVD. If you are using film, 7" by 5" prints are acceptable.

Please write clearly on the CD/DVD, with a CD marker pen, *your name, phone number and the titles of your two images*. If you are entering a print, please write the same information on the back.

The CD/DVD/print will not be returned to you.

Closing date 30 June 2013.

Entries can be accepted at the April, May or June Monthly Meetings or can be put through Janet Austin's front door, 2 Filmer Lane, Sevenoaks TN14 5AG. (Entries sent by post may not arrive.)

Winning entries from previous U3A Photographic Competitions will not be accepted.

Judging on 3 September at the Community Centre, 10.00-12.30. All welcome.

Social Events News

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Enclosed is a flyer for a summer visit to the **Turner Gallery**, Margate and the **Salutation Gardens** on Wednesday, 14 August.

Places are still available on the **Aspects of Law** Study Day in Medway University campus on Monday, 8 July. Flyer was in the April newsletter.

There is a further Kent Study Day on Saturday, 14 September, on the subject of **History of Gardening**. The speakers are all professional gardeners, or lecturers.

The flyer is on the Sevenoaks website but if you wish to have a paper copy, please arrange to pick one up in June from Magda ☎ 01732 461901.

Events Open to All

First Friday Lunch

Friday 7 June

The Fox and Hounds, Romney Street
12.30 for 12.45.

To book, contact Pat Smith ☎ 01959 523596

Bridge for Pleasure Wednesdays 12 & 26 June

The Group plays at Otford Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month from 9.50am until 12.15pm. The winner on 24 April was Eric Wilson and on 8 May was Pam Kemp. This is an "Open" group, so new players can just come along. If you need to make contact, call Colin and Mary Butson on ☎ 01732 458356

Ambling

Wednesday 19 June

Meet at Shoreham Woods Car park (Post Code TN14 7BD) for a four-mile walk starting at 10.00am. From Dunton Green take A224 north up Polhill. At the roundabout at the top of the hill turn right into Shacklands Road (signed Shoreham Village). In 400yds the car park is on the right, signed 'Andrews Wood'. The walk will be followed by an optional lunch.

Leader: Grahame Lee ☎ 01474 852007

The Strollers

Tuesday 18th June

The walk is at Horton Kirby, starting at 11.00. At Otford roundabout turn right onto the A225 towards Farningham. At the T-junction turn left onto the A20 (there is no right turn), go right round the Farningham roundabout and rejoin the A20. Take the first left turn which is Eglantine Lane. At the bottom of the lane you will see a Horton Kirby sign; turn left here onto Rays Hill, and bear right at the bottom onto 'The Street'. Carry on past a left turn called Millen Close; take the next left, and go over the river into the Westminster Fields car park, where we will meet. The walk is all on the flat and should take about one-and-a-half hours to Farningham and back. Optional lunch afterwards in the Fighting Cocks at Horton Kirby.

Leader: Barbara Coleyshaw ☎ 01732 884381

Half Day Walking

Monday 24 June

Meet on the green at Ide Hill in time for a 10am start. A five-mile walk to the south of the Greensand Ridge, including some hilly parts, followed by an optional lunch at The Cock.

Leader: Velma Keys ☎ 01732 459001

Diary

June

Mon	3	Kent Study Day: Florentine Painting
Fri	7	First Friday Lunch
Wed	12	Bridge for Pleasure
Tues	18	The Strollers
Mon	17	GOs' Conference, Salomans
Wed	19	Ambling
Mon	24	Half day Walking
Wed	26	Bridge for Pleasure
Wed	26	AGM

July

Wed	3	Thames River Trip**
Mon	8	Kent Study Day: Aspects of Law
Thu	11	Westerham U3A launch

Aug

Wed	14	Turner Gallery and Salutation Gardens visit*
Thu/Fri	22/23	'A Concert Party'

Sept

Sun	1	Shuttleworth Collection visit*
Sat	14	Kent Study Day: History of Gardening

* Flyer this month

** Flyer in April