

Diary

OCTOBER

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October 9	Science Group
October 11	Bridge for Pleasure
October 16	Computer Group
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October 27	Autumnal Antics

NOVEMBER

November 8	Bridge for Pleasure
November 13	Science Group
November 20	Computer Group
November 21	Winchester Trip
November 22	Bridge for Pleasure
November 22	Monthly Meeting
November 27	Apple Group

Chairman's Chat

With the onset of a new academic year we will have the opportunity to chat to Group Organisers and see what is on offer at our Open Day which is being held on **Wednesday 27th September at 2.30 pm** at the Bat & Ball Community Centre. If you are unable to attend the Open Day please refer to your Handbook which contains details of all our group activities.



Photo: Jim Purves 2016

Our open day last year

Expanding the wide range of group activities available to members we have new groups starting for Folk Dancing, French for Not Quite Beginners, Table Tennis 2, Bird Watching, Aviation, Crochet and Wine Appreciation 5.

Don't forget 'Autumnal Antics' on Friday 27th October. This will be a great fun evening with a variety of short plays, songs and a delicious supper put on by our Drama and Singing for Fun groups.

Tickets available from Pamela Murphy on 01732 365484.

Jim Purves

01732 463041 chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

Monthly Meeting

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 25 October at the Bat and Ball Community Centre

Andy Robersshaw will talk about the making of the film *War Horse*.

The speaker is a military historian specialising in World War I on the Western Front. He is a media consultant, broadcaster and author and has been involved in the production of more than 20 films, TV and radio programmes.



National Office

Please note that the U3A National Office has recently relocated from Bromley to Central London. The new address is:

The Third Age Trust
52, Lant Street
London SE1 1RB
Tel.: 020 8466 6139

Newsletter Team: Victoria Baxter, Elizabeth Purves, Celia Smith

Copy for **November Newsletter** (which will be published on 20 October) by
Wednesday 4th October to: news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

SCIENCE STUDY DAY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

On 14 June, Sevenoaks U3A Science Group held its annual Study Day at the Orchard Conference Centre, East Malling, on the theme of Climate Change: Facts, Causes and Consequences.

The enthusiastic attendees, just short of 100 in number, came not only from Sevenoaks, but across Kent from Dartford to Rye.

The programme opened with Sir Brian Hoskins (Grantham Institute, Imperial College) setting the scene with a comprehensive understanding of the latest scientific assessment of the changes in the earth's climate. This was followed by John Halladay (Greenpeace) illustrating the impact of changes of climate on people and the environment; a presentation enhanced by his collection of graphic slides and personal experiences. Dr Swenja Surminski (Grantham Institute, London School of Economics) covered the social and economic impact on the UK, drawing on her own research into the economic consequences of flooding.

Finally, a presentation by Sir Brian summarised previous attempts to reach international agreement on reducing the level of "greenhouse gases" generated by human activity and its impact on climate change, together with his assessment of the importance of the December 2015 Paris Agreement.

The presentations were followed by a lively question and answer session involving the audience and the three presenters including a small number of dissenting voices from climate change sceptics.

Dr Tony Sinden



U3A members Win Gutteridge, Bob Ruffles and Tony Sinden with the presenters Prof Sir Brian Hoskins, Dr Swenja Surminski and John Halladay.



Photos: Barbara Coleyschaw

AUTUMNAL ANTICS

The Drama Group bring you assorted comedies by
Noel Coward and Richard Tydeman

at the Otford Village Memorial Hall
on Friday 27th October at 7.15 pm.

The Singing for Fun Group will be joining us.

Tickets £12 to include a Fish & Chip Supper

from **Pamela Murphy**, Chestnut Cottage, Upper Haysden,
Tonbridge TN11 8AA t: 01732 365484

cheques made out to 'Sevenoaks U3A arts and drama group'

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis Group 2 will start on
Wednesday, 4 October at 10 a.m.
New members welcome.

Please contact Susan Henson. sue@diablo-designs.co.uk





If you would like to join the trip to London by train on **Wednesday October 18** for what will almost certainly be a lively and fascinating tour of **Legal London**, then apply promptly on the application form found on the Sevenoaks U3A website. There are just a few spaces left.



There are some places available on the coach to **Winchester** on **Tuesday November 21** for a guided tour of this magnificent Cathedral, followed by free time to explore and enjoy the Christmas market in the Cathedral precincts. Application form available on the Sevenoaks U3A website.



There are only 9 seats left on the coach to the mill at **Sonning** on **Saturday December 9** to enjoy a 3 course meal in the restaurant followed by a performance of **My Fair Lady** in the theatre. Please apply quickly on the flyer found on the Sevenoaks U3A website.

Members' Corner

news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

U3A SCIENCE NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING

7-10 August 2017

This may not be the most catchy of titles, but this summer school was great fun. It was held at the Jubilee Campus of Nottingham University and attended by 75 U3A members from all over the UK. The accommodation was good, the food was good, but most importantly the lectures (15 of them) were very good. They ranged from the New Physics to the Statistics of Florence Nightingale; from Climate Warming to the Evolution of Bats and every one was interesting, even those I had not expected to be.

The star event was a visit to the British Geological Survey where we saw exquisite fossils and learned about the Institute's work; played with models; watched a film about the surface of Great Britain and the strata beneath, wearing 3-D glasses, and found ourselves gobsmacked by huge sheds of core samples from around the country. The paths in the beautiful grounds were paved with stones in chronological order and here and there stood large boulders of gneiss, basalt, granite, limestone, etc. The institute is worth a visit on its own.

I really would encourage other members of Sevenoaks U3A to attend one of U3A's excellent and inexpensive summer schools next summer.

Susan Henson

KENT PAINTERS' GROUP EXHIBITION & SALE

This annual exhibition takes place at Sevenoaks School October 27-29th. Do come and support the several U3A artists among others: all proceeds go to local mental health charities. Tea coffee lunches etc. Entry and parking free. WWW.KENTPAINTERSGROUP.CO.UK

THE GREAT DIARY PROJECT

Are you a diary writer? Is anyone in your family a diary writer and are you wondering whatever will happen to the diaries which you or someone else has put so much time and effort into writing? Worry no more! The Great Diary Project is run under the auspices of The British Museum and will gladly accept any diaries you might like to donate. Those I donated were far too heavy for me to carry so the GDP sent a courier down to collect them. It could not have been easier. I can ask to see them at any time and they are available for anyone who is researching into the period they cover to read. My grandmother's diary from 1908 was recently used in an exhibition at Somerset House, placed not far from one of Kenneth Williams' diaries – what did they have in common? Both sometimes used code so a reader would have some difficulty in deciphering the contents!

Contact Polly North at pollynorth@hotmail.com if you'd like to know more.

Judy Hebert



LODGES OF SEVENOAKS

A new book by U3A member Elizabeth Purves with Geraldine Tucker chronicles the history of the lodges and coach houses in Sevenoaks which still survive. Many of the great houses and Victorian mansions have been demolished but their lodges remain. These small buildings are often forgotten.

Over 50 lodges or coach houses with their host buildings are described and illustrated with colour photographs. This book will make an ideal Christmas present!

£12 from the Sevenoaks Bookshop

Meetings and events open to all

See diary page 1 for complete list of events

Apple Group

Monday 23 October

iPad, iMac, iPhone & Apple Watch

- Sorting out your back up - James Broomfield Apple consultant
- Making Christmas cards easier - Elaine
- Passwords and how to find them - Gwyn
- Pages – Dave

Round Tables: Back up, Christmas Cards, Passwords & Pages

Oxford Memorial Village Hall from 2 - 4 pm

Next Meetings: 27th November & 22nd January (4th Mondays @ 2pm, no meeting on Christmas Day!)

Dave Simmons

Bridge for Pleasure

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

starting again Wednesday 11th October

The Group plays at Oxford Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month from 9.50 a.m. until 12 noon.

Dates for your diary are 25 October and 8 and 22 November.

New members always welcome. We are an "open" group, so new players are welcome to come along.

For more information, please ring John and Sue Christy.

Science Group

Monday 9 October

Our new season of open meetings at the Oxford Village Memorial Hall will start with a talk by **Professor Sir Salvador Moncada FRS, FMedSci.** on *"Nitric Oxide: An unexpected biological mediator"*.

Nitric Oxide (NO) was considered until the mid 90s a pollutant in the atmosphere. It was surprising, therefore, that it can play a crucial role in the regulation of blood pressure, the peripheral and central nervous system and in cancer.

Monday 13 November – "Restoration of the Medieval Glass in Canterbury Cathedral" by Leonie Seliger. More details next month.

Bob Ruffles.

Ambling

Wednesday 18 October

Meet in the lower car park of The Vineyard, The Down, Lamberhurst (TN3 8EU) for a 4-mile walk, starting at 10:00 am. Leave the A21 and enter Lamberhurst along School Hill and The Broadway. After the Chequers pub on the left veer right into High Street (B2100), this turns into King's Hill, at the top of the hill veer right and the pub is on the right after 100m. The walk will be followed by an optional lunch.

Leader: Janet Wilson



Half Day Walking

Monday 23 October

Meet in Church Street, Edenbridge in time for a 10 a.m. start. Drive down the High Street and turn left into Church Road after the church. The start point is on the south side of the parish church, not the car park north of the church. The walk is 4½ miles with easy going and goes to Delaware Farm and Marsh Green. Lunch afterwards for those who wish to stay will be at the Old Eden. All U3A members are welcome.

Leader: Nick White

Computer Group

Monday 16 October

Cyber Crime

Presentation by Inspector Nick Finis of the Kent Police on **'Cyber Crime and how not to get mixed up in it'**. This should be a very interesting talk and I urge as many members as possible to come as it is something that could affect all of us.

Oxford Village Memorial Hall 2pm. All Sevenoaks and Knole U3A members welcome.

£2 entry includes refreshments.

Mike Davies