

Sevenoaks U3A News

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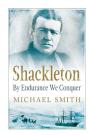


Monthly Meetings

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 28 February at the Bat & Ball Community Centre.

Shackleton's Antarctic Journeys

Michael Smith will talk about Shackleton's Antarctic Journeys. Michael gave us a fascinating talk about Tom Crean, the forgotten member of Captain Scott's expedition, last February and is returning by popular request.



2.00 p.m. Wednesday 28 March at the Bat & Ball Community Centre.

Jacqueline Aviolet will talk about her experiences in running a garden centre for 20 years. Members will be able to ask questions on any topic related to gardening, so if you have a plant that won't grow, or you can't decide what to plant in a favourite spot, here is your chance to hear from an expert.



After the talks, tea and cakes are served free of charge



Chairman's Chat

It was very pleasing to see such a good turnout at our annual Festive Lunch at Wildernesse Golf Club and our members getting together and enjoying a good lunch: see photograph on page 3. Many thanks to Pam Walshe and the Social Committee for organising this successful event.

We welcome news and photographs of all U3A group events. Send pictures and copy to news@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk.

Just a note on a change of procedure with the production and distribution of flyers. Flyers will no longer be formatted by the Newsletter Team so anyone who wishes to issue a flyer for a U3A event should format it themselves and forward it, as a PDF, to Elizabeth Purves who will arrange distribution.

A big thank you to Victoria Baxter who has been formatting our flyers up to now.

Jim Purves

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Diary for March

March 12 Science Group

March 14 Chichester Visit

March 14 Bridge for Pleasure

March 19 Computer Group

March 21 Ambling

March 26 Half day walking

March 26 Apple Group

March 28 Bridge for Pleasure

March 28 Monthly Meeting

Newsletter Team: Victoria Baxter, Elizabeth Purves, Celia Smith

Jazz Appreciation Group 1

Jazz Appreciation Group 1 celebrated their first meeting in 2018 with a New Year Party and a performance from several players in the group.

A combo of two saxophones, guitar, mouth organ, piano, double bass and drums entertained the rest of the group and their partners to such classics as *Autumn Leaves* and *Ain't Misbehavin'* among many other old favourites.

Non-playing members were given their chance to join in the vocals. All in all a great time was had by all!









photos: Cherry Moss

Art Group

The Art Group meets every Thursday morning at Seal Village Hall. We welcome new members. Phone Pamela Murphy



photo: Victoria Granville

Social Events News

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A visit by coach has been arranged on **Tuesday June 26** to **Anglesey Abbey** to see a different range of flowers from those seen on our last visit in February 2016.

This will be followed by a trip to the famous nature reserve at **Wicken Fen** where either a walk or boat trip (extra cost) has been arranged.

Please see the flyer attached where full details are given.

You are advised to apply promptly.



The trip to Winchelsea on 14th April is now fully subscribed, and there is a waiting list



Sevenoaks U3A annual Festive Lunch at Wildernesse Golf Club on February 9th

Members' Corner

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

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Meetings and events open to all

See diary page 1 for complete list of events

Science Group Open Meeting Mon 12 March

Breaking Tunny and Public key Cryptography

by Emeritus Professor Malcolm McCallum M.A. (Cantab), Ph.D. (Cantab), F.I.M.A., F.R.A.S., F.Inst. P.

Professor McCallam was Professor of Applied Mathematics at Queen Mary University of London. His talk explains how the work of the codebreakers at Bletchley Park, and in particular breaking the Tunny code, was dependent on the introduction of computers. From these early beginnings the evolution of public key cryptography is vital in modern life and this will be discussed.

Otford Village Memorial Hall 2pm. Entry £2.00, including refreshments. All Sevenoaks U3A members welcome

Bob Ruffles

The Science Committee has arranged a seminar on Bionic Engineering on June 13th at the East Malling Research Centre. Further details and application form on the flyer attached.

Bridge for Pleasure Weds 14 & 28 March

The Group plays at Otford 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 28 February and 14 and 28 March 2018.

Winners in January were Mary Butson and John Winram

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

For more information, please ring **John and Sue Christy**

Apple Group

Monday 26 March

iPad, iMac, iPhone & Apple Watch

- ♦ What's new forum discussion
- ♦ Getting help from Apple Support Paul
- ♦ Making use of Tips from Apple Gwyn
- Wonderful things to do in Pages Dave

Round Tables: Apple support, Tips, Pages

Otford Village Memorial Hall from 2-4 pm

Next Meetings 23rd April and 25th June (4th Mondays @ 2 p.m.)

Dave Simmons

Please note no meeting in May as 4th Monday is the Spring Bank Holiday

Half Day Walking Monday 26 March

Meet in the lay-by 200m north of the centre of Penshurst. Grid reference 525439. The walk goes through Penshurst Park then to Moorden Farm, Vexour Bridge, Wellers Town and Wat Stock. It is 5 ½ miles with easy going. Lunch afterwards, for those who wish to stay, will be at the Leicester Arms. This is an open group and all U3A members are welcome.

Leader: Nick White



Ambling

Meet at 10 am in Shipbourne Common car park for a 4 mile walk which will take in Ightham Mote and the Fairlawne Estate.

The car park is about 100 yards along Upper Green Road, which is opposite The Chaser Inn (post code TN11 9PE) on the A227 Tonbridge to Ightham road. This will be followed by an optional lunch at the Chaser.

Leaders: Judith and Mark Hammer

Computer Group

Monday 19 March

Talk by Nigel Pritchard AGE UK on Microsoft Word

- Rules of the game A description of how Word manages the positioning of characters as they are typed onto the page. This is important to be able to understand the way Word behaves
- Selecting and then applying changes to characters on the page - Changing font, bolding, underlining, italics, etc
- Page layout Indentation, justification, line spacing, margins, etc
- ♦ Inserting objects into a page Specifically photos
- Use of tables Inserting tables and how to use them
- Using Word documents Saving your work and opening previous documents
- ♦ Using Word for free

Otford Village Memorial Hall 2pm.

All Sevenoaks and Knole U3A members welcome. £2 entry includes refreshments.

We are still in need of more volunteers to make teas at the end of the meeting as well as people to serve on the committee.

Mike Davies