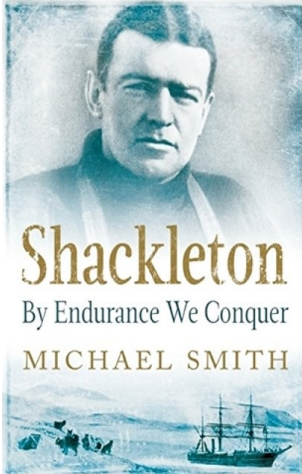


## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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



**Michael Smith**, a Polar historian, will be coming to talk to us about ***Ernest Shackleton and his epic voyages of discovery to the Antarctic.***

Come and join us and do stay for tea and a chat afterwards



## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Members will recall from the last Newsletter that John Fry our Treasurer has had to step down for health reasons. Resulting from this we are proposing to re-assign the duties of the Officers of the Executive Committee as follows:

Sue Christy will take over as Chair until the next AGM (June 2019) when Nick White has been nominated for election as Chair.

I will take on the role of Treasurer until at least financial year end when we would hope to have identified a Member to take over the Treasurer's duties.

Jackie Bradforth continues as Secretary until the next AGM.

These changes will become effective on 1st November 2018.

Please give Sue all your support as our new Chair.

So – it's Goodbye from Jim and Hello to Sue!

Jim Purves

[chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk)



## WINTER WELCOME

Plays from the  
**Drama Group**  
and songs from the  
**Singing for Fun Group**  
Friday November 23rd  
at Otford Memorial Hall  
7.15pm (doors open 6.45pm)  
Tickets £12 pp to include supper  
See flyer in last month's Newsletter for  
further details or phone  
**Pamela Murphy**

## DIARY 2018

### November

November 12	Science Group
November 13	London Museums Visit
November 14	Bridge for Pleasure
November 19	Computer Group
November 21	Ambling
November 23	Winter welcome
November 26	Apple Group
November 26	Half day walking
<b>November 28</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
November 28	Bridge for Pleasure

### New Art History Group

Harvey Mahn has an interest in Art History but sadly he found that the existing group called 'History of Art' is so popular that he could not get in. Undeterred he thought he would have a go at setting up a new group meeting initially once a month starting in February 2019. He thinks he might call the group: 'Getting to grips with Art History'.

He already has some ideas and wonders whether placing a focus on visual art from 1800 to the present day would be a good starting point. More information will be supplied to those interested. And by the way he prefers afternoons and Thursdays or Fridays are best for him but do let him know your preferences.

If anyone is interested do email him via the link above.

### Digital Manipulation 1st Year Course

Do you enjoy taking photographs and would like to learn how to alter them using a computer programme. For example changing the colour, lighten/darken, straitening the horizon, cropping, cloning out an obstructive object, altering to black and white, etc.

We meet at the Holmesdale Bowls Club Riverhead on the 3rd Tuesday morning of the month from 10 am until 12.30 pm.

This is the 1st year course so you do not need to have any previous knowledge.

If you would like to chat about this course then please give Janet Austin a call.

### Cycling the Vineyard Trail

Ten members of the U3A Cycling Group enjoyed a pleasant October ride sampling some of our beautiful Kent vineyards. Starting from Headcorn the group cycled 30 miles through back country lanes to Battle visiting Biddenden, Sandhurst and Sedlescombe vineyards on the way.

The fact that we learned a little more about English wines added to the pleasure of an exhilarating ride.



### Crochet Group

Members of the Crochet group have worked hard to produce crochet poppies to commemorate the First World War Centenary. The poppies have been donated to the Sevenoaks Town Council who plan to add them to their display in the top garden at The Vine, in the centre of the town.

The group currently has a vacancy if anyone would like to join them. They are a small group who sit around a table and take turns to meet in each other's homes.

Please email Pauline at [crochet@sevenoaksu3a.co.uk](mailto:crochet@sevenoaksu3a.co.uk) if you are interested.



## Exploring World Faiths

This new Group has now got off the ground with seven members. We would welcome two or three more to add to and expand our discussions. We shall do just what the group title suggests – explore and try to understand a number of different faiths with which we are unfamiliar, such as Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism and many more. We shall also consider some of the customs – festivals, food, clothing, and so on, attached to these various faiths. We may have an occasional visit to a place of interest, and perhaps invite someone to talk to us. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month, from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

Anyone interested please contact the Group Organiser, Celia Smith,  
[worldfaiths@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk](mailto:worldfaiths@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk)



## SOCIAL EVENTS NEWS

[social@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk](mailto:social@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk)

## London Museums Visit

There are spaces left on the coach trip to Kew Bridge on **Tuesday Nov 13** to visit the **London Water and Steam Museum** as well as the nearby **Musical Museum**. This promises to offer a fascinating and varied experience. If interested please fill in the form that accompanied last month's Newsletter (and is also available on the website), as soon as possible and post to Joyce Allen at the address given on the form



## Festive Lunch

You will all be looking forward to the annual U3A **Festive Lunch** which Pam Walshe is organising and which once again will be held at the **Wilderness Golf Club**, Please keep the date - **Friday February 15 2019** free in your diary. Flyer available with the next Newsletter



## Visit to the Barbican Report by Freda Parker

At the beginning of October a group of us discovered the history and explored the architecture of the Barbican Estate led by our excellent and knowledgeable guide, Stephania. This area of the city was almost totally flattened during World War II and the Estate was designed in the 1950s by the young architectural practice of Chamberlin, Powell and Bon and largely built during the 1960s and 70s. It encompasses housing (originally rented from the City of London) for some 4,000 people, a conservatory, library, art galleries, concert hall, theatre, cinemas and restaurants. There are also gardens for the use of residents which make this a surprisingly green space. On site too is the City of London Girls School and a well-used Nursery school. The whole complex makes up one of the largest examples of the Brutalist Style.

After our morning visit to the Estate some of us visited the first class Museum of London and others visited the lovely church of St Giles-Without-Cripplegate, which is enclosed in the Barbican complex. This is one of the few medieval City churches to have survived the Fire of London and the Blitz.



## MEETINGS AND EVENTS OPEN TO ALL

See diary on page 1 for complete list of events

### Half Day Walking Monday 26 November

Meet in the car park of the Blue Anchor, Long Mill Lane, Platt, TN15 8DN in time for a 10 am start. Turn right off the A25 as you enter Platt from Borough Green and the pub is on the left before the church. Grid reference 622571. The walk is 5 miles, easy, going to Basted, Bourne Farm and Wealdway. Lunch afterwards at the Blue Anchor. All U3A members are welcome to join the walk at the start.

Leader: **Nick White**



### Ambling Wednesday 21 November

Meet in the car park at the Woodman public house at Goathurst Common (post code TN14 6BU) for a 10am start. From Sevenoaks, take the B2042 to Edenbridge and the pub is on the left just before reaching Goathurst Common.

The walk is followed by an optional lunch.

Leader: **Grahame Lee**

### Science Group Monday 12 November

Talk by **Chris Stewart** on *Innovation with Architectural Glass*: Space-age type developments in glass prove that this is a product for many future uses and modern buildings.

Our speaker will illustrate applications of glass and its role in modern building applications.

Venue: Otford Village Memorial Hall 2pm.

Entrance Fee: £1: 00 at the door

All Sevenoaks U3A members welcome

More details of future talks can be found on our website under the Open-Groups tab:

[www.sevenoaksu3a.org.uk/Study-Groups/Open-Groups/open-groups.html](http://www.sevenoaksu3a.org.uk/Study-Groups/Open-Groups/open-groups.html)

### Bridge for Pleasure Weds 14 & 28 November

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

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**



### Apple Group Monday 26 November

#### iPad, iMac, iPhone & Apple Watch

- Whats new forum - discussion
- Checking your fitness with Fitbit - Elaine
- Passwords - Paul
- Making music CDs - Gwyn
- Christmas Cards - Dave

Otford Memorial Village Hall from 2 -4 pm

**Next Meetings** 17th December Christmas Lunch, 28th January 2019, 25th February 2019

**Dave Simmons**

### Computer Group Monday 19 November

Talk by **Robin Daly** from Sevenoaks Camera Club on *Using smart phones for photography*

Otford Village Memorial Hall 2pm. All Sevenoaks and Knole U3A members welcome. Entry £2

We have now obtained the hardware we needed for the Xmas meeting and the committee is grateful to members who brought this about.

**Mike Davies**

**THERE ARE NO FLYERS THIS MONTH**