

NOTICE OF RECONVENED AGM

Wednesday October 24th at 2.00 pm at
The Sevenoaks Community Centre

Related to The Adjourned Twenty-Fourth Annual
General Meeting of Sevenoaks U3A which was held
at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 27th June 2018

AGENDA

Ratification of Adjourned AGM Minutes of 27th June 2018.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Our AGM in June had to be adjourned because we did not have a quorum of Members in attendance. By agreement of the Members present we still conducted our business of the day and the Minutes of that meeting are attached to this Newsletter.

A reconvened AGM will be held before our regular speaker at the Monthly Meeting of October 24th at 2.00 pm. There is only one item on the Agenda and that is the ratification of the minutes relating to the adjourned AGM.

I am asking Members to make a particular effort to attend the October Monthly Meeting so that we may achieve a quorum. In addition you will be able to enjoy an entertaining talk on **Antiques** by Janey Ramsay.

Our Treasurer, John Fry, has had to step down from his position as Treasurer due to health issues. On behalf of the Executive Committee and all our Members I would like to thank John for his contribution to our U3A

Jim Purves

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 24 October at the Bat & Ball Community Centre

Janey Ramsay, who has a longstanding connection with the antiques, trade and who worked at Sotheby's for many years, is coming to talk to us about **Antiques**.

OUR SEVENOAKS U3A COMMITTEE 2018/19



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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

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Winter Welcome!

Pamela Murphy

The U3A Drama group and the Singing for Fun group are bringing you a **Winter Welcome** on November 23. Please see the Flyer with the Newsletter for details. We suggest that you get your bookings in early as last year we ran out of places some time before the occasion!

Book Circle Thursday

Gwyneth Miller would like to let everyone know that the Thursday Book Circle will now be meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 2.00 - 4.00

Aviation Group Visit

Frank Matthews



Photo: Frank Matthews

Group Members viewing a Sea Vixen carrier-borne fighter

The Aviation Group celebrated the end of their very successful first year with a visit in June 2018 to the Gatwick Aviation Museum. Situated just outside the north-west corner of the airport boundary, the museum is on the site of an old battery hen farm purchased by the founder of the museum, Peter Vallance, in 1981. Since then the museum has grown despite many disputes with the local planning authorities and appeals to the Planning Inspectorate. A permanent building replaced old temporary huts in 2010. The museum is run by a charitable trust and combines the museum with an education centre. Being entirely self-supporting, the museum relies heavily on the help of volunteers.

Our Group was looked after by the Museum Manager and two volunteers who took turns to explain the various exhibits. We started with an overview of the development of Gatwick airport since it was licensed for commercial traffic in 1934. Following this we toured the ten classic British jet aircraft dating from the end of World War II to the late 1970s, ranging from a humble trainer to the supersonic Lightning fighter. We were also shown many of the nearly 30 jet engines on display. The final exhibit, which we could enter, was a Shackleton used for Cold War maritime reconnaissance duties, described by a volunteer who had been a pilot on such aircraft. We had expected our tour to last about one hour, but we were there for two and a half hours, and even then had to cut the visit short to avoid being late for our lunch at the nearby Fox Revived. All-in-all an excellent way to end the year!

Science Group Visit to RAF Hendon

Bob Ruffles

On Monday 10th September the Science Committee organised a visit to the RAF Museum at Hendon which this year is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the RAF. The Hendon site was originally the home of the Grahame-White Aviation Company founded in 1911. The demand for aircraft in WW1 kept the company busy but by 1922 the Air Ministry took over the site. Between the wars Hendon was a major centre for aviation and was owned by the RAF until 1987. Today it is the home of the RAF Museum and with new facilities built this year it can now present the history of the RAF over the past hundred years with exhibits in a total of six hangars.

We met our guide who then enthusiastically took us through the various hangars and with his expert knowledge showed us the development of aircraft from WW1, WW2 and into the Cold War and up to modern times. Aircraft from allied and axis powers were also on display plus the various weapons that they carried.

Following lunch our members used some free time to explore further exhibits. Overall a very enjoyable visit for all concerned.



Sevenoaks U3A Members at Hendon

Photo: Rob Weighill



WW2 Curtiss Kittyhawk

Photo: Barbara Coleyshaw

SOCIAL EVENTS NEWS

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We were very lucky to secure a limited number of tickets for the **festive dinner and Christmas Show** at the **Brick Lane Music Hall** on **Saturday December 15**.

If you are interested please apply promptly on the flyer enclosed where more details are given.

Coach travel is included in the price.



The very successful Sevenoaks U3A Tour to Northumbria this year proved that there is a demand for short UK breaks. The Social Events Committee are keen to recruit members to the Committee who might be interested in helping to deal with UK holidays. Holidays are run and organised by Travel Companies but we need a member or members to liaise with them and to help with the initial organisation.

Please contact the Chair of the Committee **Pam Walshe** if you think you might be able to help.

THIRD AGE MATTERS MAGAZINE

You may or may not know that Members can choose whether they want to receive the Third Age Matters magazine from the national organisation.

If you wish to cancel delivery of this magazine to you, please contact Jill Davies, the Membership Secretary, by email to membership@sevenoaksu3a.org.uk

MEMBERS' CORNER

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



Sevenoaks Society Walking Guides Volume 6

Sevenoaks U3A members Nick White and Victoria Baxter have produced a new volume of these popular walking guides. Volume 6 contains eleven lovely circular walks all of which are roughly five miles. The start points are in Cudham, Halstead, Shipbourne (2), Dunk's Green (2), West Peckham, Hadlow, Golden Green, Crockham Hill and Kemsing. All of the start points are close to excellent pubs. The guide is already in its second printing. Copies can be obtained from Sevenoaks Bookshop, Up-and-Running, Ide Hill Community Shop and Lullingstone Visitor Centre. They may also be on sale at monthly meetings. The final volume, Volume 7, is expected to be on sale in the New Year.



The flyer for the visit to the two fascinating museums, the **London Museum of Water and Steam** and the **Musical Museum** on **Tuesday November 13**, travelling by coach, is included with this Newsletter. Please apply as soon as possible and **no later than October 15 2018**.



DIARY 2018

October

October	2	Barbican Centre visit
October	8	Science Group
October	10	Bridge for Pleasure
October	15	Computer Group
October	17	Ambling
October	22	West Kent Science Study Day
October	22	Half day walking
October	22	Apple Group
October	24	Bridge for Pleasure
October	24	Monthly Meeting

Attachments/Flyers with this Newsletter

Adjourned AGM Minutes of 27th June 2018
London Museums visit
Brick Lane Music Hall
Winter Welcome

MEETINGS AND EVENTS OPEN TO ALL

See diary on page 3 for complete list of events

Bridge for Pleasure Wednesdays 10 & 24 October

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.

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**



"looks like you've got a balanced hand again, Arthur"

Half Day Walking Monday 22 October

Meet in the road opposite the Chaser in Shipbourne in time for a 10 am start. The post code is TN11 9PE and grid reference 593523. The walk, which is generally flat, is 5 miles to West Green Farm, Coldharbour, Cataract Cottage and Horn's Lodge. Lunch afterwards will be at the Chaser.

Leader: **Velma Keys**

Science Group Monday 8 October

Our first Science talk in the forthcoming 2018-19 season will be **Adders & Reptiles** by Rick Hodges

The adder has become an icon of British wildlife but in Kent is listed in the Red Data Book of conservation concern. Original details of the adder's fascinating ecology and behaviour will be revealed as well as what could be done to safeguard the future of this remarkable species.

Otford Village Memorial Hall. 2pm. Entry £1:00. All Sevenoaks U3A members welcome

Forward Events: Monday 12 November: *Innovation with Architectural Glass* by Chris Stewart. More details of future talks can be found on our website under the Open-Groups tab: <https://www.sevenoaksu3a.org.uk/Study-Groups/Open-Groups/open-groups.html>

Bob Ruffles

Ambling Wednesday 17 October

Meet in Teston Country Park car park (post code ME18 5BX) for a 4 mile walk along the Medway valley, starting at 10 am.

Take the A26 from Watlingbury towards Maidstone and after passing through Teston take the next right signed West Farleigh. The country park is the right turn after the level crossing. Please note there is a £1:30 charge for parking.

The walk will be followed by an optional lunch.

Leader: **Grahame Lee**

Computer Group Monday 15 October

Talk by Robbie Herd from the Sevenoaks Computer shop on Video Streaming.

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

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.

We would like to have a demonstration of an Amazon Echo or similar for the Christmas meeting. If there is any member who owns one and is willing to loan it or bring it along and demonstrate the potential would they contact **Mike Davies**

Apple Group Monday 22 October

iPad, iMac, iPhone & Apple Watch

- ◆ Whats new forum - discussion
- ◆ Apple Pay & Wallet - Elaine
- ◆ Succession Planning - Paul
- ◆ Dashboard & Control Center - Gwyn
- ◆ Controlling your home with your phone - Dave

Otford Memorial Village Hall from 2 -4 pm

Next Meetings 26th November, 28th January 2019 (4th Mondays @ 2pm).

Please note no meeting in December as the 4th Monday is Christmas Eve but we do have a Christmas Lunch at Bricklayers Arms on 17th December (Call or email Dave to book)

Dave Simmons