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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN FEBRUARY

Ann Marshall, Michelle Henfrey, Brian Roles, Michael Williams, Chris Harris,
Elizabeth & David Delasalle & Susan Hardwick.

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

I find random memories from my youth frequently return to me in my third age with greater historical perspective. Growing up in the 60s, I have dim memories of the Cuban missile crisis when the world stood on the brink of nuclear war. During the student unrest of 1968, many of my friends had posters of Che Guevara in their rooms and I had a vague perception he was some kind of South American terrorist and left wing icon, most notable for his long hair and wild romantic looks. We visited Cuba on holiday last month and the same picture was plastered across whole facades amongst the splendid public buildings and crumbling ruins. Now I understand better the part he played alongside the Castro brothers in the Cuban revolution of the 50s in overturning the Batista regime and founding a socialist state, closely aligned with the Soviet Union.

Monthly meetings

Monthly meetings are held at 2.30pm @ SportsAble, Braywick Road, Maidenhead.

9 April:	Annual General Meeting (see 2018 Accounts at end of the Newsletter)
14 May:	Commonwealth War Graves Commission – speaker TBC
11 June:	Energy for Life – Alex Paterson will talk about what our energy sources will be in the future
9 July	How the Queen entertains at Windsor Castle: Treasures and Curiosities from the Royal Library Windsor – Oliver Everett



THEATRE TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>TICKET PRICE</u>	<u>PAYMENT DATE</u>
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AMÈLIE – A musical

12th June

Wycombe Swan

£22.50

By 11th May

THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN – A thriller

19th September

Wycombe Swan

£13.00

THE BOY IN THE DRESS @ Stratford-Upon-Avon has **NOT** been booked. The matinee is in early December and at 1 pm, so the trip has been cancelled.

REMEMBER: If we don't have at least 12 people, the event will be cancelled (as far as Maidenhead U3A is concerned).

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THEATRE BOOKING FORM

Name: _____ email address: _____

Address: _____

Phone no.: _____

I would like _____ ticket(s) for _____

to be held on _____ at _____ Theatre.

I enclose my cheque, made out to Maidenhead U3A, for £ _____

I do wish to go by transport. Please advise of cost when you are aware of total figures.

Contact: Mo Wright, 52 Lyneham Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 6SJ 01628 630023

ALZHEIMER'S DEMENTIA SUPPORT

The Woodhouse Jazz Band Charity Concert

Saturday, 13th April

URC Church, 18 Oxford Road, Marlow **SL7 2NL**

This concert has been organised by Jon Woodhouse, whose father suffers from this disease. He has brought several groups of musicians together to play at this Charity Concert in order to provide a varied program of music (Jazz & Pop). This is also a chance for you to see me play in a proper concert, so please come along and provide funds to help support sufferers.

You can buy tickets on the door on the night or from this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-woodhouse-jazz-band-charity-concert-for-alzheimers-dementia-support-tickets-56740122233>

OUTINGS

Booking information:

Outings are initially limited to Maidenhead U3A members only. If insufficient support is forthcoming, trips will be advertised to other U3A groups and/or friends of members who have booked.

If you wish to go on any outing, please complete the booking form below enclosing a cheque for the correct amount, made payable to Maidenhead U3A. Send the completed form and cheque to the named organiser.

Acknowledgement / receipt will be by email if requested or, *if you require a mailed receipt, please enclose a SAE.*

Any cancellations to be notified to the trip organiser; also any enquires about vacancies.

Refunds of coach costs - if a member cancels, refunds are made at the discretion of the organiser.

Friday, 12th April - CIRENCESTER AND ANTIQUE / STREET MARKETS

This trip is now full.

Thursday, 16th May – HENRY MOORE STUDIOS & GARDENS – seats are still available

A world renowned collection of sculpture set in a 70 acre estate. Included in the entrance fee is a tour of Moore's former home, a tour of the exhibition, Aisled Barn, studios and gardens.

The trip costs are - coach £15, entrance fee £14.30. Total cost is **£29.30**.

Leave Braywick car park (£5 charge to park all day) at 9.00am; return at 6.30pm.

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The organiser for above trips is:

Maura McGinley, 16 Chandlers Quay, Ray Mead Road, Maidenhead SL6 8NJ. Tel: 01628 629088.

Wednesday, 3rd July - St. Albans and Hitchin Lavender Fields

Morning – St Albans

Afternoon - Lavender Fields in Hitchin to include a 1 hour tour of the fields & a visit to the Museum.

The trip costs are: coach £15 + £8.50 for lavender fields. Total cost is **£23.50**.

Tuesday, 3rd September – BRIGHTON.

Leaving Braywick @ 9am; return 6.30pm. Free day to do as you please!

The basic trip cost is for the coach - £15.

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There will be more information in the May newsletter about the trips in July & September, whose organiser is:

Cynthia Wood, 45 Moor End Road, Maidenhead SL6 2YJ. Tel: 01628 6281008 or 07926 976307

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BOOKING FORM

Outing to: _____ Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Tel. no: / email: _____

Maidenhead U3A membership no: _____ Email acknowledgement required? Yes / No

FOR OUR WALKERS

Walking Group

**Brenda Finnigan 625618
John Twydle 621644**

This month, **3** walks have been organised – **11th April, 16th April** (short walk) and **23rd April**.
See entry in the schedule at the end of the newsletter.
All members walking need to carry some ID and walk at their own risk.

Nature Ambling **Jill Waites 628993**

The March amble was enjoyed by all despite the strong winds and we were pleased to note that Spring is on the way with sightings of primroses and cowslips.
The next amble is on **26th April**, a week later because of Easter, when we will be walk around Ockwells Park and Nature Reserve. All are welcome; for details contact Jill Waites.

COFFEE MORNING

There will be **NO** coffee morning in April as it falls on Good Friday.

Normally, it is held **on 3rd FRIDAY** of the month between 10.00 & 12.00.

Our next coffee morning will be held on Friday, **17th May**.

MOTO

(Members On Their Own)

Jean Gale 825107 / Joy Lamont 624747

MOTO is not a lunch club as such, although Sunday lunches are the most popular. This is a group for members who are on their own and would like the company of others in the same situation.
It is hoped that members will also contact each other to meet up for a coffee, drink and chat, or to arrange days out, theatre or cinema outings etc. See entry for this month in the programme information.
A list of email addresses and/or phone numbers is available from Jean.

Next Newsletter

**The next newsletter will be distributed on May 1st.
Please send your contributions to Pat Laković by
22nd April.**

(newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

WINDSOR U3A COACH OUTINGS

Windsor U3A has asked us to publicise their future outings. Below is a summary of the information provided by Windsor. A generic booking form is given at the bottom of this page. If you want to find out more, please contact the relevant person.

To pay for a trip, complete a form and send it with your cheque to the contact person listed for the trip.

Date	Destination	Cost	Contact
Wed, May 27	Bucklers Hard & Exbury Gardens, Hampshire. https://www.bucklershard.co.uk/ https://www.exbury.co.uk/	£37 incl. coach	Jackie Wiggins 33 Beaulieu Close, Datchet, SL3 9DD jackieewiggins@gmail.com
Tue, July 9	Arundel Places to visit – Arundel Castle, Arundel Museum, Wetland Centre https://arundelcastle.org/ https://www.arundelmuseum.org/ https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/arundel/	£15 for coach	Jackie Wiggins (as above)
Tue, July 9	Boys' Toys Outing to Amberley Heritage Centre http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk/discover We need min 10 people to qualify for a group booking rate. Please indicate if you are interested in joining a group tour, which could also include a set lunch.	£15 for coach Individual entry is £11.50 ea.	Jackie Wiggins (as above)
Mon, Sept 9	Leeds Castle Coach departs from Stag Meadow, St. Leonard's Road, Windsor at 8.30am; return at 6.00pm approx.	£30.25 made up of: £15.25 (over 65) + £15.00 coach	Pat Oldcorn 7 The Willows, Windsor, SL4 5TP pat.oldcorn@btinternet.com

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WINDSOR U3A OUTINGS BOOKING FORM

Outing to: _____

Name of member: _____
(please print)

U3A membership no: _____ U3A Branch: _____

Mobile phone # for use on day: _____

Amount enclosed: £ _____

Please complete a booking form & send it with a separate cheque for each trip.

Please make cheque(s) payable to Windsor U3A.

If you wish to join a group please ring the convenor, even if the group is known to be full. You can always be entered on a waiting list.

April Programme

V = Vacancy W = Waiting List

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
Ancient Literature	Thurs Apr 18	14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Start reading Aristophanes' Frogs.	W
Art 1 Untutored	Tues Apr 2 Tues Apr 16	14.00 14.00	Wyn Greenhow	822884	Venue: St Joseph's Centre, Cookham Road, SL6 7EG. New members are always very welcome.	V
Aviation	Thurs Apr 11	14.30	Bill Teasdale	672873	Meet at Maidenhead Heritage Centre. Firstly a presentation by Richard Poad featuring White Waltham & the ATA. Plus a chance to browse the Centre or experience the Spitfire Simulator. Voluntary contributions to MHC appreciated. Contact for April – Derek Salter (529280) or email him at salterderek936@gmail.com .	V
Book Reading 1	Wed Apr 17	14.00	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	Book: 'The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy' by Rachael Joyce. Venue: Irmgard Murcott – please let her know if you are unable to attend. The May book is 'The Paying Guests' by Sarah Waters.	
Book Reading 2	Thurs Apr 25	14.00	Pat Bird	664760	Book: 'The Waves' by Virginia Wolfe. Venue: Pat Weavers.	V
Book Reading 3	Thurs Apr 18	14.15	Marie Hague	484991	We have a vacancy in this friendly group. If you are interested, please call Marie Hague.	V
Bridge A	Every Thurs	10.00	Brian Commins	626038		
Bridge B	Every Frid	09.30	Karol Kwiatkowski	629197		
Bridge C	Every Thurs	14.00	Penny Moriarty	622823		
Bridge D	Every Wed	14.00	Colin Morgan	01344 360217		
Bridge E	Every Mon	13.30	Malcolm Geary	07973 193439		
Bridge F - Beginners	Every Wed	09.30	Susanna Jones	07583 447789		V
Sunday Bridge	Every Sun	14.00	Susanna Jones	07583 447789		V
Canasta	Every Frid	19.30	John Farrant	675447		
Carpet Bowls	Every Mon	14.00	George Bourne	07792 570353	Braywood Hall, Fifield. New members welcome.	V
Classical Music	Mon Apr 8	14.15	John Noakes	637399	Meet @ Dennis's house. Please ring him if you will be there (or not).	V
Coffee Morning			Bill Teasdale	672873	No coffee morning this month.	V
Computing	Tues Apr 9 Tues Apr 23	09.30 09.30	Stephen Waites	628993	If you are not a Computing Group member, please contact Stephen if you wish to attend.	V
Creative Cards	Frid Apr 12 Frid Apr 26	10.00 10.00	Eileen Rogers	639656		

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
Creative Writing	Last Tues of month	10.00	Mo Wright	630023		V
Cribbage	Thurs Apr 11 Thurs Apr 25	15.00 15.00	Nigel Furneaux	635488	Venue: Shire Horse Pub on A4 towards Reading	V
Current Affairs 2	Thurs Apr 11	14.15	Janice Waterman	530770	Heathrow, Trump, Police Service & knife crime, Alzheimer's disease, Bloody Sunday.	
Current Affairs 3	Tues Apr 23	14.00	George Chamberlaine	670891		
Everyday French	Tues Apr 2 Tues Apr 16	14.00 14.00	Colin Goodman	670714		W
Family History	Tues Apr 16	14.30	John Noakes	637399	Meet at Brian's house.	
French 1	Tues Apr 2 Tues Apr 16	10.00 10.00	Colin Goodman	670714		W
French 2	Wed Apr 10 Wed Apr 24	10.00 10.00	Katharine Firman	07805 851330		
French Advanced	Thurs Apr 18	15.00	Ian Ross	626849	Venue TBC.	
French for Beginners / Near Beginners 1	Wed Apr 3 Wed Apr 17	14.00 14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	Venues for both dates TBA.	W
French for Beginners / Near Beginners 2	Frid Apr 5 Frid Apr 12	14.00 14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	Phone Anne on 636355 for more information.	W
French Games	Mon Apr 1	14.30	Ros Shotter	482548		V
French Improvers	Wed Apr 17	10.30	Evelyne Withey	627603	Please note revised date.	
Fun with Wine	Thurs Apr 25	14.30	Judith Down	631640		
Garden Visits Group	Wed Apr 24	13.00	Maura McGinley Shirley Forde	629088 07980 604416	Chesham Bois House, 85 Bois Lane HP6 6DP .	V
German 1	Frid Apr 12 Frid Apr 26	10.00 10.00	Rhona Latham	638740		
German Conversation	Wed Apr 3 Wed Apr 17	14.30 14.30	Vreny Beadon	770731		V
History	Frid Apr 11	14.15	Molly Hurley	523484		V
Investment & Personal Finance	Wed Apr 10	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220	Topic: Tax investment vehicles	
Italian	Thurs Apr 4 Thurs Apr 18	14.00 14.00	Sheila Franklin	629615		
Jazz Appreciation	Mon Apr 15	14.15	Douglas Talintyre	781612	Meeting at Brian's.	

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Latin	Mon Apr 8 Mon Apr 22 (TBC)	10.30 10.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Reading & translating Plautus' Bacchides in Section 2 of Reading Latin; exploring some passages from Virgil & Apuleius. The group is suitable for anyone with some knowledge of Latin, however basic & rusty, or for beginners with a knowledge of a Romance language such as Spanish or Italian or an inflected language e.g. German.	V
Listening to Jazz	Mon Apr 1	14.00	John Woodcock	620898	Phone John for more details.	V
Mahjong	Wed Apr 3 Wed Apr 17	14.00 14.00	Jill Waites	628993		V
Mathematics	Every Tuesday	10.00	Betty Lowe	477172	We study Maths at A level. Topics include 1 st & 2 nd order differential equations, Maclaurin and Taylor series, polar coordinates, the maths calendar and input by members.	W
Meditation and Self-Healing Group	Thurs Apr 11 Thurs Apr 18	14.30	Marie Krag	632683	All meetings at Marie's house. There are still places available for meetings on 2 nd Thurs of the month.	V
Military History of 20 th Century	Wed Apr 17	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220	Topic: Planes and Tanks	
Monthly Meeting	Tues Apr 9	14.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769	AGM this month.	
MOTO (Members On Their Own)	Sun Apr 7 Sun Apr 28	12.30 12.30	Jean Gale Joy Lamont	825107 624747	Apr 7 – The New Inn, Knowl Hill. Apr 28 - Palmer Arms, Dorney. Phone Joy on 624747 for information for both dates.	V
Music Appreciation	Tues Apr 16	14.30	Mary James	629850	Host & Presenter: Pat Weavers Programme: Musical Memories	
Nature Ambling	Frid Apr 26		Jill Waites	628993	See details on Page 4 . Please contact Jill for details.	V
Photography for Beginners	Wed Apr 10	14.00	Jenny Leverett	07838 173655	New group with limited vacancies. Please contact Jenny if you are interested and would like to find out more by phone or email her at jenny.leverett@icloud.com . John Twytle is the tutor.	
Play Reading 1	Thurs Apr 4	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Contact Barrie for further information	V
Play Reading 2	Frid Apr 12	14.00	Janet Rose	624709 / 07762 339873	Meeting at Sue's house. Play – to be decided, depending on numbers present. For further details contact Janet by phone or email her at janetcroze@btinternet.com	W
Poetry and Prose	Every 3 rd Tues	14.15	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Poetry Studies	Every 1 st Tues	14.00	Barbara Ashford	633911		
Popular Music 1	Last Mon in month	14.30	Sylvia Wimpenny	622949		
Popular Music 2	Every 3 rd Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Quiz	Mon Apr 1	19.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769	19.15 for 19.30 start at Shire Horse pub on the A4. The next Quiz night is on Monday, May 13th.	V

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
Recorder Group	Mon Apr 1 Mon Apr 15	13.30 13.30	Pat Fairbairn	01753 336030	At Cox Green Community Centre. We have vacancies for new members – please ring Pat if you play the Recorder (even if you are a bit rusty) & are interested in joining us.	V
Rummikub	Frid Apr 12 Frid Apr 26	10.30 10.30	Kath Evans	07743 572146	At the Shire Horse on A4 towards Reading. Contact Kath on kmevans4012@gmsail.com for more details.	V
Russian	Frid Apr 5	10.00	Andrew Thatcher	826297		V
Science	Thurs Apr 18	14.30	John Twydle	621644	Meet at Eileen Rogers' house. Topic – “How technology helps the aging population” - a discussion with Ron Lewin.	V
Scrabble	Mon Apr 29	14.15	Hilary Brodie	522331	Meet at Hilary Brodie's house.	V
Singing for Pleasure	Frid Apr 5 Frid Apr 26	14.30 14.30	Brian Commins	626038	Apr 5 @ Mollie's house. Apr 26 @ Brian's house.	W
Spanish Conversation	Mon Apr 8	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish for Holiday Makers 1	Tues Apr 2 Tues Apr 16	10.00 10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 / 07752 660537		
Spanish for Holiday Makers 2	Thurs Apr 11 Tues Apr 23	10.00 10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 / 07752 660537	Note day & date change	
Spanish Improvers 1	Tues Apr 9	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 2	Mon Apr 1 Mon Apr 15	10.00 10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 3	Frid Apr 5	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Walks	Brenda Finnigan John Twydle	625618 621644			3 walks this month (see detailed information below)	V
	Thurs Apr 11	10.15	John Twydle	621644 or 07786 854920	<u>Walk 1</u> : Meet @ Boulter's Lock car park in Lower Cookham Road (SL6 8JB) at 10.00 for a 10.15 start. From 8 th April, parking is free with an Advantage card; £1 without. The walk is 5½ miles, level and goes from Maidenhead to Cookham and back via Cliveden Reach and Widbrook Common. Lunch is available afterwards at Jenners Café.	

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
Walks (cont)	Tues Apr 16	11.15	Pat Bird	664760	<u>Walk 2: Short walk</u> Meet at National Trust Woodland car park (SL6 0HJ) on Cliveden Road at 11.00 for a 11.15 start. Parking is free for NT members; £16 otherwise. The walk is about 2½ miles, mostly level and we hope to see bluebells. Lunch is available afterwards at the Mill & Carter Steakhouse. Some walkers have NT cards which will let them bring a guest in for free. If you have such a card & would like to take a non-member in for the walk, please let Brenda know. Similarly, if you would like to go on the walk but are not a NT member, ring Brenda & she will try to match you up.	
	Thurs Apr 23	10.15	Zella Carriere	01344 772035	<u>Walk 3:</u> Meet at The Flower Pot at Aston, near Henley (RG9 3DG) at 10.00 for a 10.15 start for a 3½ mile walk to Remenham and back along the river. The walk is mostly flat with no stiles and lunch is available afterwards at The Flower Pot	

University of the Third Age, Maidenhead
Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 December 2018

	31.12.18 £	31.12.17 £
RECEIPTS		
Bank interest	6	6
Subscriptions	10,939	10,643
Outings	4,647	4,123
Theatre	2,290	3,362
Donations	34	-
Diaries sold	81	84
Gift Aid	1,566	1,369
Yuletide	489	67
Total	<hr/> 20,052	<hr/> 19,654
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	828	96
Capital equipment	547	37
Capitation	2,177	2,209
Computer payments	72	291
Conference expenses	351	340
Convenors' meetings	339	363
Diaries bought	125	125
Travel	43	167
Group expenses	599	714
Copyright / photocopying licence	-	60
Maidenhead Arts	-	10
Newsletter	1,172	1,301
Provisions - general meetings	19	68
Publicity	518	55
Recruitment	28	99
Room hire	1,682	1,729
Speakers	672	587
Outings	4,252	4,241
TAT news distribution	1,287	1,737
Theatre	2,160	3,462
Website / Beacon	612	474
Yuletide	941	470
NET INCOME	<hr/> 18,425	<hr/> 18,636

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward	1,627	1,018
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	20,052	19,654

The notes form part of these financial statements

University of the Third Age, Maidenhead

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2018

	31.12.18 £	31.12.17 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank		
Current account	1,678	-190
Business call account	11,015	10,509
Investment account with COIF	500	499
	<hr/> 13,192	<hr/> 10,818
NET ASSETS	<hr/> 13,192	<hr/> 10,818
FUNDS		
Correction from FY 2017	747	-
Balance at 31 December 2018	10,818	9,800
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	1,627	1,018
	<hr/> 13,192	<hr/> 10,818
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> 13,192	<hr/> 10,818

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on

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and were signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements