

YOUR U3A NEEDS YOU!

Are you enjoying U3A? Would you or your partner like to get more involved? Exercise your mind and use your skills? Make a valuable contribution to the retired community of Maidenhead? How about joining the U3A committee?

We have an immediate vacancy for the Secretary to the Charity, who also handles publicity. Over the next year we will need a new Chairman, Treasurer and Groups Coordinator as the current incumbents complete their terms of office. Our U3A will not be able to continue without these key roles.

We are a small informal and friendly team, who meet monthly in each others' houses to plan events, address issues and fulfil our responsibilities as a registered charity.

Please contact me or talk to any member of the committee (see list on Page 6). We'll invite you to join a committee meeting to see what we do at first hand.

Ian Ross, Chairman

MONTHLY MEETINGS

These are held on **2nd Tuesday** of the month at **2.30pm @ SportsAble**, Braywick Road, Maidenhead.

Monthly Talk - Tuesday 11 February, 2.30pm at SportsAble

Most of us will have enjoyed reading Penguin books over the years and in February, local resident Mike Bryan will talk on:

‘A Brief History of Penguin Books’

Mike's career spanned 32 years at Penguin Books, in the UK and around the globe as head of the International Division. He was responsible for many Penguin publishing initiatives including 'Dangerous Books for Boys' and Penguin Student Editions.

He is currently Managing Director of The Baker Street Press and a founding director of the Buckingham Literary Festival.

If you love books, don't miss Mike's talk.



At the monthly meeting at SportsAble in January, Terry James from the RNLI gave a talk entitled 'Not Just Lifeboats'. He explained the wide variety of RNLI activities all directed to stop people drowning wherever they may be. The talk was illustrated with dramatic photographs and videos of lifeboats at sea. Members present spontaneously made donations totalling no less than £211! The RNLI passes on its thanks to all.

March meeting:

10 March: Former senior British Airways pilot, John Hutchinson presents "Concorde - 20thC icon: a celebration of 27 years of unblemished service in British Airways".

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN JANUARY

Alastair McKerlie, Julie Elder, Helen Bunyan, Charmain Dawsen, Derek Minter,
Joan Dobson, Sophie Swadling, Alison Howe, Sheila White, Paul Main, Joyce Short, Varina Bosman,
Steve and Lucy Giggs

Bucket List / Experience group

Final Reminder

As John Twytle is away for most of February, it's been decided to extend the notification date to end February. If you are interested in any of the suggested experiences below, please email John at johntwytle@sky.com by the end of February. On his return, his phone # is 621644.

- O2 Arena roof walk. Cost £30-£36 pp; some physical restrictions.
- Steam train driving on the Bluebell Line. Cost from £160 to £350 from a 1 hour experience, up to all day.
- Tall Ship sailing from Portland to Lulworth; £75 to £85 for 4-5 hours.
- Skid pan driving at a variety of venues; £110-£130 for a 2-3 hour session.
- Gliding at Booker; £85 to £110 for a 30 minute flight. Minimum weight of 7 stone and maximum weight of 16 stone.
- Go karting in Maidenhead; about £50 for an hour.

All experiences are entirely at each member's risk.

Activities will take place between May and September and we hope to agree the events, dates etc. by end March.

Calling all Bridge players!

Our Sunday afternoon Bridge group operates slightly differently from the other groups in that you are not expected to make any commitment about how often you would like to play. You can join the group and only play once or twice a year if you like - and you are not expected to offer to host. An email is sent out each week, asking who would like to play. If you are not on email, you can just phone to say that you would like to play.

New players are always welcome, even if you can only come occasionally.

Contact Susanna Jones by email on susannavj@hotmail.com or by phone her on 07583 447789.

CINEMA BUDDIES

New Interest group?

One of our members has suggested that we start a new group for people who are interested in going to the local cinema but do not always have anyone to go with. We could hold an initial meeting to discuss how we could organise these cinemas visits.

If you are interested, please ring Cynthia Wood (Groups Coordinator) on 01628 628008 or email her at cynthiaberkshire@btinternet.com. This will give her some idea of numbers. We propose to hold a meeting at the Stafferton Arms Restaurant, Braywick Road, Maidenhead on a date to be decided.

**Why do Muslim women wear a Burka?
Why do Jews cover their heads in a Synagogue?**

An opportunity for you to better understand the different faiths in Maidenhead.....

The Windsor & Maidenhead Community Forum (WAMCF), the Interfaith Group in the Royal Borough, is providing U3A members with the opportunity to visit different places of worship, hear about their faith and have the opportunity to ask questions.

If you'd like to visit the local Mosque, Church or Synagogue, Gurdwara or Buddhist Centre or hear about the Bahá'í, Brahma Kumaris, Humanists or Hindus, then call Paul Samuels on either 07923 494744 or 01628 637726.

FOR OUR WALKERS

Walking Group **Brenda Finnigan 625618**
 John Twyde 621644

The walks in February will take place on Thursday, 13th February and Tuesday, 25th February (short). Details are given at the end of the programme listings.

All members walking need to carry some ID and walk at their own risk.

COFFEE MORNING

Our next monthly coffee morning will
be held on
Friday, 21st February,
10.00 - 12.00

If you are new to the Maidenhead U3A, this is a great way to meet up with more experienced members and to find out more about what goes on in our local U3A.

Open to all, no need to advise if you are attending..... all very informal and you may come and go at your leisure.

We meet in the Methodist Church Coffee Shop, King Street, Maidenhead.

MOTO

(Members On Their Own)

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.

The current leaders have stepped down so at present it's not possible to give new members details of other members. But do check the entry in the programme listing for this month's activities.

2020 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM

You can also find this form on our website at
<https://maidenheadu3a.org.uk/renewal/>



THEATRE TRIPS

If you are interested in the performance below, please contact Mo Wright.

<u>PERFORMANCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COST</u>
The Sleeping Beauty (Vienna Festival Ballet) (Payment due by 16 th February)	19 th March	Windsor	£17.50

Normally, all performances are MATINEES and start at 2.30pm.

Please note: You will be informed of how much the coach costs once we have total numbers.
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 TRIP 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 me of cost when you are aware of total figures.

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

NON U3A MEMBERS ARE NOT COVERED BY U3A INSURANCE & JOIN EXCURSIONS & OUTINGS AT THEIR OWN RISK.

If you are not a member of the U3A, please tick this box to acknowledge & agree to the above.

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COACH OUTINGS

Advance notice - coach trips are being planned to the following destinations:

- **April** - Devizes, Wiltshire
- **May** - Stratford upon Avon
- **June** - Lullingstone Castle & The World Garden, Kent
- **September** - Lymington, Hampshire

Detailed information about each trip will be given in the newsletter nearer each date.

U3A Thames Valley Network

The Thames Valley Network (TVN) holds various events during the year which Maidenhead U3A members can attend, including several study days which are usually very popular. The network also organises holidays for local U3A members - this year, the TVN holiday will be in Istanbul from 5 - 11 October. All these are listed on the Events page of their website.

The next study day is on **Wednesday, 8th April** at King's Church in Amersham. This venue is new to the network and can hold more people than other TVN venues so there should be plenty of places available. It looks like a very interesting day - the full programme can be found at <http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/CyberCrimeFlyer.pdf>

CYBER-CRIME STUDY DAY

THAMES VALLEY NETWORK

Protect your world



Wednesday 8th April 2020 from 11:00 to 16:00

King's Church Amersham, Raans Road, Amersham, Bucks HP6 6LX

APPLICATION FORM

(Please complete in block capitals)

Name(s):

Email address: OR

Postal address:

Post code: Tel #:

I would like to book places for this Study Day.

I certify that I / we belong to *(all applicants must be members of a U3A)*

..... U3A

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to: U3A Thames Valley Network
(£16 per person for the day, including lunch, plus £2 for members of non-TVN U3As)

Please tick the box(es) below if you require:

Gluten-free ☐

Vegetarian ☐

Dairy-free ☐

Signed..... Date

Please return to: David Bender, 8 Eagle Close, Amersham, Bucks HP6 6TD
email: u3acyberday@chiltern-u3a.org.uk, phone 01494 722 450

The closing date for applications is Monday 6th April 2020

Acknowledgement will be sent by email, unless a stamped self-addressed envelope is provided.

Future TVN Events

<u>Thursday, 23rd April</u>	Understanding Historic Buildings. Study Day at Benson
<u>Friday, 29th May</u>	Geology of the Thames Valley and why we don't have volcanoes. Study Day at Benson.
<u>Wednesday, 24th June</u>	Visit to RHS Wisley
<u>Friday 3rd July</u>	The Biodiversity and Climate Change. Study Day at Benson
<u>October 5th to 11th</u>	TVN holiday to Istanbul

There will also be a quiz day, date and details to be announced.

Other possible events for 2020/2021

- Genealogy / Forensic Anthropology / Genetics
- Climate Change
- DNA / diseases / tailored treatments
- Photography

Committee Members & other U3A links

Chairman	Ian Ross	chairman@maidenheadu3a.org.uk	626849
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Websites & Social Media

Maidenhead U3A	www.maidenheadu3a.org.uk
Twitter	twitter.com/MaidenheadU3A
Thames Valley Network	www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk
Third Age Trust	www.u3a.org.uk

Carol Cameron is stepping down as Membership Secretary after 5 years. Linda Main will be dealing with all membership enquiries from 1st February; her contact details are shown above. Linda's appointment will be formally proposed at the AGM in April alongside the rest of the committee.

The Committee would like to thank Carol for her outstanding contribution and dedication to our U3A over these past years.

REMINDER ABOUT 2020 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Dear U3A Member,

Your annual subscription was due on 1st January 2020 and prompt payment would be much appreciated. Subscription is **£16**. However, if you require your newsletters printed and posted to you, a supplement of **£10** is required to cover the costs of printing and postage. Hence, **£16** if you print your own or **£26** if we print the newsletters and post them to you.

If you are not already doing so, may I recommend you start paying by **STANDING ORDER** as this significantly reduces the administration of subscriptions each year. Once set up, your membership renewal is automatic in subsequent years. You may also pay by bank transfer, details of which are set out below in 4B.

Please detach and send the completed slip below to me, at the address shown. If any of your details have changed please write them on the back of the form or advise by email (treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

Many of you have already signed up for our Gift Aid Scheme and the money we receive back from HMRC (currently 25% of your subscription) goes into benefits for members. If you do not already participate in this scheme, but are a taxpayer and wish to do so, please tick the appropriate box at the end of the form.

If you decide not to renew, please give me a call and let me know. **(01628 621644)**.

Yours sincerely,
John Twydle - Treasurer

To: John Twydle, Maidenhead U3A, The Courtyard, Berry Hill, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0DA

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Membership No.</i>
This renewal application is from:	_____	_____
and:	_____	_____

Please tick the boxes as appropriate:

1. My/our annual subscription for 2020 is: £16 Single ☐ £32 Dual ☐
2. Please print and post the monthly Newsletter to my/our household
for the additional annual cost of £10..... ☐ £10
3. Please send me a Gift Aid declaration form
(I have not yet joined the Gift Aid Scheme) ☐
- 4A. I/We enclose a cheque for above made payable to **Maidenhead U3A** ☐

OR

4B. A Standing Order (SO) with my/our bank has been made to pay the above on 1st January annually into the following Lloyds Bank a/c: **Maidenhead U3A, 30-95-36, 02728719** ☐

Your bank will give you their SO form on request. Fill in the Reference box with your Surname, Initials and Membership Number(s). I need this reference to identify your payment on the bank statement. If you bank online you can set this up yourself.

You must return the completed standing order form to your bank.

Please inform any changes to your details by writing on the reverse of this slip.

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.

February Programme

V = Vacancy W = Waiting List

ACTIVITY	DAY(s) in MONTH, TIME		CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V/W
Ancient Literature	3 rd Thurs	14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	The Ancient Literature Group is full but if there is sufficient interest I would consider setting up a second group. Contact Mick Stringer if you are interested.	W
Art 1 Untutored	1 st & 3 rd Tues	14.00	Wyn Greenhow	822884	Venue: St Joseph's Centre, Cookham Road, SL6 7EG. New members are always very welcome.	V
Aviation	2 nd Thurs	14.30	Bill Teasdale	672873	Meet at WLAC, White Waltham. Paul Ross, the Chairman of the Silver City Association, will be speaking on the history of that airline, and its unique operations. £5 pp.	V
Book Reading 1	3 rd Wed	14.00	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	Book: "The Bone Clocks" by David Mitchell. Venue @ Rosemary Parfett 01628 521332. Please let Rosemary know if you are unable to attend. The book for March is "The Scapegoat" by Daphne du Maurier.	
Book Reading 2	4 th Thurs	14.00	Pat Bird	664760		V
Book Reading 3	3 rd Thurs	14.15	Marie Hague	484991		
Bridge A	Every Thurs	10.00	Brian Commins	626038		
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
Bridge G on Sunday	Every Sun	14.00	Susanna Jones	07583 447789	See entry on Page 2.	V
Bucket List			John Twydale	621644	See entry on Page 2.	
Canasta	Every Frid	19.30	John Farrant	675447		
Carpet Bowls	Every Mon	14.00	George Bourne	07792 570353	Braywood Hall, Fifield. Please note new start time.	W
Classical Music	2 nd Mon	14.15	John Noakes	637399		V
Coffee Morning	3 rd Frid	10.00	Bill Teasdale	672873	See entry on Page 3.	V
Computing	2 nd & 4 th Tues	09.30	Stephen Waites	628993	If you are not a Computing group member, please contact Stephen if you wish to attend.	V
Craft	2 nd Wed	13.30	Ann Marshall	07887 692539		W
Creative Cards	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00	Eileen Rogers	639656		
Creative Writing	Last Tues	10.00	Mo Wright	630023		V

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Cribbage	2 nd & 4 th Thurs	15.00	Nigel Furneaux	635488	Venue: Shire Horse Pub on A4 towards Reading	
Current Affairs 2	2 nd Thurs	14.15	Janice Waterman	530770	How is Parliament doing post election? The NHS & Ageing in the UK.	
Current Affairs 3	4 th Tues	14.00	George Chamberlaine	670891		
Everyday French	1 st & 3 rd Tues	14.00	Colin Goodman	670714	New vacancy.	V
Family History	3 rd Tues	14.30	John Noakes	637399	Please let him know if you will come or not (637399 or email).	
French 1	1 st & 3 rd Tues	10.00	Colin Goodman	670714		W
French 2	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00	Margaret Scharff	666218		
French Advanced	3 rd Thurs	15.00	Ian Ross	626849		
French Intermediate 1	1 st & 3 rd Wed	14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	Both meetings will be @ Janet's house.	
French Intermediate 2	1 st & 3 rd Frid	14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	7 th Feb @ Veronica's, tel: 01628 638942 21 st Feb @ Ann's, tel: 01628 636355	
French Games	1 st Mon	14.30	Ros Shotter	482548		V
French Improvers	2 nd Wed	10.30	Evelyne Withey	627603		
Fun with Wine	4 th Thurs	14.30	Judith Down	631640		
Garden Visits	4 th Wed	14.00	Maura McGinley Shirley Forde	629088 07980 604416	The group's annual lunch will be held at The Bull at Bisham SL7 1RR on Wed, 26 th February @ 12.30pm. Contact Maura for further details.	V
German 1	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.00	Rhona Latham	638740		
German Conversation	1 st & 3 rd Wed	14.30	Vreny Beadon	770731	Please note revised DAYS (in the month).	W
History	2 nd Frid	14.15	Molly Hurley	523484		V
Investment & Personal Finance	2 nd Wed	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220		
Jazz Appreciation	3 rd Mon	14.15	Douglas Talintyre	781612	Meeting on 17 th February at Gavin's. Note: The Listening to Jazz & Jazz Appreciation groups have merged.	
Latin	2 nd & 4 th Mon	10.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314		V
Lunch Group	4 th Thurs	12.15	Linda Rahmatalla	671766 / 07740 853952	The George on the Green pub in Holyport on 27 th February at 12.15 p.m. Please email Linda on freelin@talktalk.net if you plan to go.	
Mahjong	1 st & 3 rd Wed	14.00	Jill Waites	628993		V
Mathematics	Every Tues	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

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Meditation & Relaxation	2 nd Thurs	14.30	Marie Krag	632683	Please note new DAY (in the month) & TIME. New members are welcome.	V
Military History of 20 th C	3 rd Wed	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220		
Monthly Meeting	2 nd Tues	14.30	Philip Ratcliffe	671220	See Page 1 for more information.	
MOTO (Members On Their Own)	Mainly Sundays	12.30			9 th Feb: The Bull at Bisham. Phone Veronica on 01628 638942 for more details. 23 rd Feb: TBA	V
Music Appreciation	3 rd Tues	14.30	Mary James	629850	For programme information please contact Mary James.	
Nature Amble	3 rd Frid		Jill Waites	628993	Restarts in March 2020.	V
Photography for Beginners	2 nd Wed	14.00	Jenny Leverett	07838 173655	Get to know your camera, learn how to take great photos, store, edit and print. Monthly meetings cover different topics, and some are held as outings to a variety of venues. Call Jenny for further information.	V
Play Reading 1	1 st Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Contact Barrie for further information.	V
Play Reading 2	2 nd Frid	14.00	Janet Rose	624709 / 07762 339873	Next meeting is at 14.00 on Friday, 14 th February at Janet's house. For more details contact her on janetcroise@btinternet.com or by phone.	
Poetry and Prose	Every 3 rd Tues	14.15	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Poetry Studies	Every 1 st Tues	14.00	John Ashford	633911		
Popular Music 1	Last Mon	14.30	Sylvia Wimpenny	622949		
Popular Music 2	Every 3 rd Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Quiz	1 st Mon	19.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769	19.15 for 19.30 start at Shire Horse pub on the A4.	V
Recorder Group	1 st & 3 rd Mon	13.30	Pat Fairbairn	01753 336030		V
Rummikub	2 nd & 4 th Frid	10.30	Kath Evans	07743 572146	At the Shire Horse on A4 towards Reading. Contact Kath on kmevans4012@gmail.com for more information.	V
Russian	1 st & 3 rd Frid	10.00	Arnold Kremenstein	632434		V
Science	3 rd Thurs	14.30	John Twytle	621644	Talk by Linda Main on Vitamin D.	V
Scrabble	Last Mon	14.15	Hilary Brodie	522331		V
Singing for Pleasure	Every 3 weeks	14.30	Brian Commins	626038	Friday, 21 st February at Mollie's house.	W
Spanish Conversation	2 nd & 4 th Mon	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish for Holiday Makers 1	1 st & 3 rd Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 07752 660537		
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Spanish Improvers 1	2 nd Tues	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 2	1 st & 3 rd Mon	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 3	1 st & 3 rd Frid	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Walks	Brenda Finnigan 625618 John Twyde 621644				2 walks (see detailed information below)	V
	Thurs 13 th Feb	10.00	Wendy Jones	662753	Meet at 10.00 for a 10.15 start for a 4 mile easy walk through footpaths and country lanes of Taplow, Hitcham and Burnham. No big hills or stiles. Meet and park at the Oak and Saw, Rectory Road, Taplow SL6 0ET where lunch is available afterwards if required.	
	Tues 25 th Feb	11.00	Pat Bird	664760	Meet at 11.00 for a 11.15 start at the main car park, Cliveden SL1 8NS at the Information kiosk for a short walk of about 2 miles visiting the Japanese Garden. We hope to see spring flowers - which ones they are depends on the February weather. Entry and parking is free for National Trust members, £16 otherwise. Lunch is available afterwards at the Miller and Carter Steakhouse. If you are not a NT member, ring Brenda who may be able to put you in touch with a member who can take you in free as a guest.	