

#### MAIDENHEAD

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#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN JUNE

Sandra Kirkham, Caroline Tomalin & Andrew Giff

## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

#### INSURANCE

Members frequently ask questions about their insurance cover. Paid up Maidenhead U3A committee members, convenors, organisers and members have substantial insurance cover for public liability, accidents and damage to their property and equipment. Non members are not covered by these insurances and participate at their own risk. We allow prospective members a single taster session at their own risk before they join. To make outings viable, we sometimes allow members of other U3As (who will be covered by U3A insurance) and guests of our members to participate, but the latter are not covered by our insurance and join outings at their own risk. Outing leaders must ensure that non members understand this. Clearly it is not equitable for non members to participate in our activities on an ongoing basis and convenors / organisers must ensure this does not happen for this and for insurance reasons. They are most welcome to join U3A and enjoy our full range of activities with insurance cover like all our members.

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

9 July: How the Queen entertains in the Royal Library in Windsor Castle – Oliver Everett

- **13 August:** The Oresend bridge (and tunnel) joining Denmark and Sweden is a modern engineering wonder. Colin Reed will tell us all about it.
- **10 Sept:** Guide Dogs for the Blind

If you are a regular attender at the monthly meetings and would be interested in taking part in a Feedback Panel, please contact Philip Ratcliffe (see contact details above).

	<u>THE</u>	ATRE TRIPS	
DATE	VENUE	TICKET PRICE	PAYMENT DATE
	<b>THE TRAIN</b> – A thriller Wycombe Swan	£13.00	By 15 <sup>th</sup> August
RUSSIAN SKA 27 <sup>th</sup> November	TING - CINDERELLA on IC Wycombe Swan	E £24.00	By 20 <sup>th</sup> October
	You will be informed of how numbers.	much the coach costs c	nce we have total
	<b>If we don't have at least 1</b> Maidenhead U3A is concerned).		
		P BOOKING FORM	Cut here
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Address:			
Phone no.:			
I would like	ticket(s) for		
to be held on		at	Theatre.
I enclose my ch	eque, made out to Maidenhe	ead U3A, for £	
I do wish to go I	oy transport. Please advise	of cost when you are a	ware of total figures.
Contact: Mo	Wright, 52 Lyneham Gardens	s, Maidenhead SL6 6SJ	T: 01628 63002
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#### 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 schedule.

A list of email addresses and/or phone numbers is available from Jean.

# OUTINGS **Booking information for ALL outings** 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 enquiries about vacancies. Refunds of coach costs - if a member cancels, refunds are made at the discretion of the organiser. Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July - St. Albans and Hitchin Lavender Fields This outing is now full. Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September – BRIGHTON A few places are still available Leave Braywick car park @ 9am, return 6.00-6.30pm. Free day to do as you please! Spend it on the beach, shop in the Lanes, or visit the Pavilion (cost not included). The basic trip cost is for the coach - £15. Further details can be obtained from: Cynthia Wood, 45 Moor End Road, Maidenhead SL6 2YJ. Tel: 01628 628008 or 07926 976307 **BOOKING FORM** Outing to: Date \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): Address: Tel. no: / email: Maidenhead U3A membership no: Email acknowledgement required? Yes / No 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.

## TUTORED ART CLASS

16<sup>th</sup> July @ 14.00 St Joseph's Centre, Cookham Road SL6 7EG

Gain some professional insights to help you improve your artistic skills at this tutored art class (which is normally untutored) on 16<sup>th</sup> July @ 2pm when Wyn (convenor) has arranged for a professional artist to come and tutor the group.

Contact Wyn on 01628 822884 to find out about the medium and techniques to be covered. New members are always welcome - ring Wyn to find out more.

## FOR OUR WALKERS

# Walking GroupBrenda Finnigan625618John Twydle621644

This month, **2** walks **and** a river trip have been organised - 11<sup>th</sup> July (river trip), **16<sup>th</sup> July** (short walk) and **23<sup>rd</sup> July**.

See entries in the schedule at the end of the newsletter. All members walking (or cruising) need to carry some ID and walk at their own risk.

## Nature Amble Jill Waites 628993

The weather was lovely for the June amble and we saw many interesting flowers, butterflies and bugs.

The July amble is on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, when we will be walking along the lower slopes of Winter Hill looking for chalk land plants. All are welcome; please contact Jill Waites.

## OLD CAMPS GARDENS

## July 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

The Gardens Visits group will visit Old Camps Gardens in Thatcham **RG19 8LG** on 24<sup>th</sup> July. It looks as if you are in for a treat! This is how their website describes the gardens -

"... a breathtaking garden set over an acre, which benefits from panoramic views of Watership Down. Surprises await, ranging from traditional herbaceous borders through desert/prairie planting, an enchanted knot garden, potager to exuberant sub tropical schemes; featuring bananas, cannas, hedychiums and more. Enjoy teas surrounded by Brugmansia, Figs and Citrus."

Contact Maura on 01628 629088 for more details.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

Our monthly coffee morning will be held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 - 12.00

We are now established in the Methodist Church Coffee Shop, King Street, Maidenhead.

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

If you are a new member, this is a great way to meet up with more experienced members.

#### Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be distributed on **August 1**<sup>st</sup> (or possibly slightly earlier because of holiday commitments).

As this can be a busy time of the year for many people, please aim to send your contributions to Pat Laković no later than **20<sup>th</sup> July**.

Thank you.

(newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

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.

July Programme	
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V = Vacancy W = Waiting List

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V/W
Ancient Literature	Thurs July 11	14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	<b>Revised meeting date.</b> Reading & discussing Books 1 – 3 of Virgil's Aeneid.	W
Art 1 Untutored	Tues July 2 Tues July 16	14.00 14.00	Wyn Greenhow	822884	16 July class will be tutored. Venue: St Joseph's Centre, Cookham Road, SL6 7EG. New members are always very welcome.	V
Aviation	Thurs July 11	14.30	Bill Teasdale	672873	Meet at WLAC, White Waltham. Our guest speaker is Giles Camplin on "Airships, Past, Present & Future" - a look at the progress of airship over the years & the success & failure of recent projects. Charge of £5 ea. for donation to the Airship Heritage Trust.	V
Book Reading 1	Wed July 17	14.00	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	Book: 'The Essex Serpent' by Sarah Perry. Venue: @ Helen Phillips, mob: 07826 705719. Please let her know if you are unable to attend. The book for August is "Inside the O'Brians' by Lisa Genova.	
Book Reading 2	Thurs July 25	14.00	Pat Bird	664760		V
Book Reading 3	Thurs July 18	14.15	Marie Hague	484991		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 July 8	14.15	John Noakes	637399	Meet @ Mollie's, phone: 01628 415821. Please ring her if you will be there (or not).	V
Coffee Morning	Frid July 19	10.00	Bill Teasdale	672873	Methodist Church Coffee Shop, King Street, Maidenhead.	V
Computing	Tues July 9 Tues July 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 July 12 Frid July 26	10.00 10.00	Eileen Rogers	639656		

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Creative Writing	Last Tues in month	10.00	Mo Wright	630023		V
Cribbage	Thurs July 11 Thurs July 25	15.00 15.00	Nigel Furneaux	635488	Venue: Shire Horse Pub on A4 towards Reading	V
Current Affairs 2	Thurs July 11	14.15	Janice Waterman	530770	How do we get a carbon free deadline in 2050?, shortlist for next PM, TV licences for over 75s, tankers on fire in the Gulf, UK care system for the elderly.	
Current Affairs 3	Tues July 23	14.00	George Chamberlaine	670891		
Everyday French	Tues July 2 Tues July 16	14.00 14.00	Colin Goodman	670714		
Family History	Tues July 16	14.30	John Noakes	637399	Meet @ Susan's; phone 01628 781538. Please ring her if you will be there (or not).	
French 1	Tues July 2 Tues July 16	10.00 10.00	Colin Goodman	670714		W
French 2	Wed July 10 Wed July 24	10.00 10.00	Katharine Firman	07805 851330		V
French Advanced	Thurs July 18	15.00	lan Ross	626849		
French for Beginners / Near Beginners 1	Wed July 3 Wed July 17	14.00 14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	July 3 is at Janet's, phone: 01628 622069. July 17 is at Shirley's, phone: 01628 781738. Please advise if you are unable to attend a session.	W
French for Beginners / Near Beginners 2	Frid July 5 Frid July 19	14.00 14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	July 5: meet at Ann's. July 19: meet at Veronica's. Please advise if you are unable to attend a session.	W
French Games	Mon July 1	14.30	Ros Shotter	482548		V
French Improvers	Wed July 10	10.30	Evelyne Withey	627603		
Fun with Wine	Thurs July 25	14.30	Judith Down	631640		
Garden Visits	Wed July 24	13.00	Maura McGinley Shirley Forde	629088 07980 604416	Old Camps Gardens, Thatcham <b>RG19 8LG</b>	V
German 1	Frid July 12 Frid July 26	10.00 10.00	Rhona Latham	638740		
German Conversation	Wed July 10 Wed July 24	14.30 14.30	Vreny Beadon	770731		V
History	Frid July 12	14.15	Molly Hurley	523484		V
Investment & Personal Finance			Philip Ratcliffe	671220	No meeting in July.	
Italian	Thurs July 4 Thurs July 18	14.00 14.00	Sheila Franklin	629615		
Jazz Appreciation	Mon July 15	14.15	Douglas Talintyre	781612	Meet at Kath's. Please BYO CDs for the whole session.	

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Latin	Mon July 8 Mon July 22	10.30 10.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Complete Section 2E of 'Reading Latin' and look further at the Satyricon.	V
Listening to Jazz	Mon July 1	14.00	John Woodcock	620898		V
Mahjong	Wed July 3 Wed July 17	14.00 14.00	Jill Waites	628993		V
Mathematics	Every Tues	10.00	Betty Lowe	477172	We study Maths at A level. Topics include 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> order differential equations, Maclaurin and Taylor series, polar coordinates, the maths calendar and input by members.	W
Meditation & Relaxation	Thurs July 18	14.30	Marie Krag	632683	Meet at Marie's house. Please note time change.	V
Military History of 20th C	Wed July 17	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220	Nathalie Whitehouse - The day we were invaded. Venue TBA.	
Monthly Meeting	Tues July 9	14.30	Philip Ratcliffe	671220		
MOTO (Members On Their Own)	Sun July 14 Sun July 28	12.30 12.30	Jean Gale Joy Lamont	825107 624747	July 14: Hilary Brodie has kindly offered to host @ her home. Please bring a plate of food - ring Hilary on 522332 to arrange what you can contribute. July 28 - Jasmine Chinese. Phone Joy (624747) or Jean on (825107).	V
Music Appreciation	Tues July 16	14.30	Mary James	629850	Host: Mary James. Music by Mahler. Presenter: John Ashford	
Nature Amble	Frid July 19		Jill Waites	628993	See details on Page 4. Please contact Jill for details.	V
Photography for Beginners	Wed July 10	14.00	Jenny Leverett	07838 173655	Editing & printing photographs.	V
Play Reading 1	Thurs July 4	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Contact Barrie for further information.	V
Play Reading 2	Frid July 12	14.00	Janet Rose	624709 / 07762 339873	Meet at Ursula's home. For further details phone Janet or email her at janetcrose@btinternet.com	W
Poetry and Prose	Every 3rd Tues	14.15	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Poetry Studies	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	14.00	John Ashford	633911		
Popular Music 1	Last Mon in month	14.30	Sylvia Wimpenny	622949		
Popular Music 2	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Quiz	Mon July 1	19.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769	19.15 for 19.30 start at Shire Horse pub on the A4.	V
Recorder Group	Mon July 1 Mon July 15	13.30 13.30	Pat Fairbairn	01753 336030	Cox Green Community Centre. No meetings in August.	V
Rummikub	Frid July 12 Frid July 26	10.30 10.30	Kath Evans	07743 572146	At the Shire Horse on A4 towards Reading. Contact Kath on <u>kmevans4012@gmail.com</u> for more details.	V

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Russian	Frid July 5 Frid July 19	10.00	Andrew Thatcher	826297		V
Science	Thurs July 18	14.30	John Twydle	621644	Ron Lewin will give a report on the Royal Society summer Science Exhibition. Change of venue: now @ John's home in Taplow. He will email members a location map.	V
Scrabble	Mon July 29	14.15	Hilary Brodie	522331	Meet at Hilary's house.	V
Singing for Pleasure	Frid July 19	14.30	Brian Commins	626038	Meet at Brian's. No meetings in August.	W
Spanish Conversation	Mon July 8 Mon July 22	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish for Holiday Makers 1	Tues July 2	10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 07752 660537	No meeting on July 16.	
Spanish for Holiday Makers 2	Tues July 9	10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 07752 660537	No meeting on July 23.	
Spanish Improvers 1	Tues July 9	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 2	Mon July 1 Mon July 15	10.00 10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 3	Frid July 5 Frid July 19	10.00 10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
	Brenda Finnigai John Twydle	n 6256 6216			2 walks + river trip (see detailed information below)	V
Walks	Thurs July 11	10.45	Brenda & John	See phone #s above	<b><u>River trip</u></b> : We are replacing the walk by a boat trip to Windsor. Meet at riverside steps opposite Jenner's Café, Riverside Gardens <b>SL6 8NP</b> at 10.45. Boat leaves at 11.00 arriving at Windsor at 12.30. Returns from Windsor at 15.45 arriving at Maidenhead at 17.15. Cost for buy-on-boat senior return is £20.80 or buy online for £19.80 from www.frenchbrothers.co.uk. Parking at Riverside Gardens is £4.50 for the whole day.	
	Tues July 16	11.00	John Twydle	621644	Walk 1: Short walk A short walk of 2 miles commencing at Boulters Lock car park <b>SL6 8JN</b> at 11.00 for 11.15 departure. We will cross the Thames via the new footbridge then follow the Jubilee River to the A4. Then, walk alongside the A4 for 200 yards over Maidenhead Bridge alongside Thames back to the car park. Lunch afterwards upstairs at Boulters Restaurant for those that wish to. Some minor undulation but no gates or stiles.	

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	Tues July 23	10.00	Keith Ponchaud	07432 068390	<u>Walk 2:</u> A walk of about 4 miles starting from the Golden Ball, Pinkneys Green <b>SL6 6NW</b> , meeting at 10.00 for 10.15 departure. Walking through rural roads and woodland, passing the Bomber Memorial and Stubbings church. No stiles and quite level. Lunch, if desired, at the Golden Ball.	