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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN APRIL

Richard Falconer, Janet Haines, Gill Goldingham, Edwina Shelley, Ranjana Bhogal, Valerie Barrett, Janet Mercer, Pauline & Michael Baston, Jerrold Donington, Marge Pool and Peter Blundell.

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

The glorious weather over Easter left us in no doubt that winter is over and summer is on its way. Most of our members join U3A to attend their chosen indoor interest groups, but do not forget all the outdoor activities we offer also. The outings are now in full swing and you can choose from both the Maidenhead and Windsor programmes. Spring is prime time for the walking, nature ambling and garden visits groups. TVN (the Thames Valley Network) organises additional events and days out. All these are advertised regularly in the newsletter and on Mo's board at monthly meetings. Have a wonderful spring and summer.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

- 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>
AMÉLIE – A musical 12 th June	Wycombe Swan	£22.50	By 11 th May
THE ANASTASIA FILE - One of history's greatest thrillers 4 th July	Windsor Theatre	£27.50	By 29 th May
THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN – A thriller 19 th September	Wycombe Swan	£13.00	

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 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 T: 01628 63002

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.

Thursday, 16th May – HENRY MOORE STUDIOS & GARDENS – 18 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.

The organiser for this outing 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. This is a market town with a street market selling a large variety of goods. It has a lovely Church of England cathedral which dates from Norman times, where food & drink can be purchased. There is an Information Office in the Market Square. Leave at 13.30 for the Lavender fields.

Afternoon - Lavender Fields in Hitchin. The farm also grows sunflowers. Cost includes 1 hour tour of the fields, a visit to the Museum at the end plus tea & coffee.

The trip costs are: coach £15, Lavender fields tour £8.50. Total cost is **£23.50**.

Tuesday, 3rd September – BRIGHTON

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.

The organiser for the July & September outings is:

Cynthia Wood, 45 Moor End Road, Maidenhead SL6 2YJ. Tel: 01628 628008 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

ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW

Wednesday, 8th May at 12.00

The new Photography group will hold its next group meeting at the Royal Windsor Horse Show and it is open to non group members, BUT you have to get yourself there & book your own ticket & parking.

Meet at the Land Rover stand near the entrance

Tickets - Windsor & Maidenhead residents with an Advantage Card can enjoy **free access to the Show** on Windsor Wednesday and discounts across the rest of the week. Book your tickets with Windsor Information Centre either over the counter or by calling 01753 743589.

If not a resident of the Royal Borough Advantage Card Holder, entry is £10.

Entrance: Spaces are limited so we recommend booking in advance.

Parking - parking is available at the Show and is located opposite the entrance. Parking is on grass and is around a 5-10 minute walk from the Showground.

Parking: costs are £8+£1.50 postage in advance and £10 on the day. Book the car parking by calling the box office on 0844 581 0755.

Disabled car parking is located in the King Edward VII car park. It is available to blue badge holders only and must be booked in advance when booking your tickets. This is available at a discounted rate of £5. Disabled car parking can be booked by calling the disabled booking line on freephone 0800 640 5001.

There should be no issues with parking on the Wednesday.

FOR OUR WALKERS

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

This month, **3** walks have been organised – **9th May, 21st May** (short walk) and **28th May** (a walk in London). 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 Amble **Jill Waites 628993**

The bluebells made a glorious show for the April amble. The May amble will be lead by Chris Sayers, who will be taking us along the Jubilee River to look for butterflies and dragon/damsel flies. The amble will be on **Friday 17th May**. All are welcome - please contact Jill Waites for details.

COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning will be held on

Friday, 17th May, 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 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 June 1st.

Please send your contributions to Pat Laković by 22nd May.

(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.

May Programme

V = Vacancy W = Waiting List

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V/W
Ancient Literature	Thurs May 16	14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Complete the reading of Aristophanes' Frogs.	W
Art 1 Untutored	Tues May 7 Tues May 21	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 May 9	14.30	Bill Teasdale	672873	Meet at WLAC, White Waltham. Chris Scyver of the Handley Page Society makes a welcome return with the history of Radlet Airfield. Charge £4pp.	V
Book Reading 1	Wed May 15	14.00	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	Book: 'The Paying Guests' by Sarah Waters. Venue: TBC The June book is 'Norwegian Wood' by Haruki Murakami.	
Book Reading 2	Thurs May 23	14.00	Pat Bird	664760	Book: 'The Visitation' by Jenny Epenback. Presented by Ann.	V
Book Reading 3	Thurs May 16	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 May 13	14.15	John Noakes	637399	Meet @ Shirley's house; phone 527604. Please ring her if you will be there (or not).	V
Coffee Morning	Frid May 17	10.00	Bill Teasdale	672873	Methodist Church Coffee Shop, King Street, Maidenhead .	V
Computing	Tues May 14 Tues May 28	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 May 10 Frid May 24	10.00 10.00	Eileen Rogers	639656		

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Creative Writing	Last Tues of month	10.00	Mo Wright	630023		V
Cribbage	Thurs May 9 Thurs May 23	15.00 15.00	Nigel Furneaux	635488	Venue: Shire Horse Pub on A4 towards Reading	V
Current Affairs 2	Thurs May 9	14.15	Janice Waterman	530770	Items for discussion to be decided nearer the date.	
Current Affairs 3	Tues May 28	14.00	George Chamberlaine	670891		
Everyday French	Tues May 7 Tues May 21	14.00 14.00	Colin Goodman	670714		W
Family History	Tues May 21	14.30	John Noakes	637399	Meet at Susan's house (hopefully successfully this time). Please phone her on 781538 if you will be there (or not).	
French 1	Tues May 7 Tues May 21	10.00 10.00	Colin Goodman	670714		W
French 2	Wed May 22	10.00	Katharine Firman	07805 851330		V
French Advanced	Thurs May 16	15.00	Ian Ross	626849	Venue: Pat Laković's house; phone 782038.	
French for Beginners / Near Beginners 1	Wed May 1 Wed May 15	14.00 14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	May 1 at Norman's; phone 530747. May 15 at Janet's; phone 622063. Please advise if you are unable to attend a session.	W
French for Beginners / Near Beginners 2	Frid May 3 Frid May 17	14.00 14.00	Marie-Christine Geary	627009	May 10 is at Ann's; phone 01628 636355. May 24 is at Veronica's; phone 01628 638942.	W
French Games	Mon May 6	14.30	Ros Shotter	482548		V
French Improvers	Wed May 22	10.30	Evelyne Withey	627603	Please note revised date.	
Fun with Wine	Thurs May 23	14.30	Judith Down	631640		
Garden Visits Group	Wed May 22	13.00	Maura McGinley Shirley Forde	629088 07980 604416	Handpost, Swallowfield, Reading RG7 1PU . Contact Maura for more details.	V
German 1	Frid May 10 Frid May 24	10.00 10.00	Rhona Latham	638740		
German Conversation	Wed May 1 Wed May 15	14.30 14.30	Vreny Beadon	770731		V
History	Frid May 10	14.15	Molly Hurley	523484		V
Investment & Personal Finance	Wed May 8	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220	Topic: Tax investment vehicles	
Italian	Thurs May 2 Thurs May 16	14.00 14.00	Sheila Franklin	629615		
Jazz Appreciation	Mon May 20	14.15	Douglas Talintyre	781612	Meet at Stephen's.	

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Latin	Mon May 13 Mon May 27	10.30 10.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	Studying Sections 2D and 2E in 'Reading Latin' & translating more Dido speeches from the Aeneid.	V
Listening to Jazz	Mon May 6	14.00	John Woodcock	620898	Meet at Norman's. Please phone John for details.	V
Mahjong	Wed May 1 Wed May 15	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 & Self-Healing Group	Thurs May 16	14.00	Marie Krag	632683	Meet at Marie's house. Note earlier start time & cancellation of class on 2nd Thursday in the month.	V
Military History of 20 th Century	Wed May 15	14.15	Philip Ratcliffe	671220	Topic: Planes and Tanks	
Monthly Meeting	Tues May 14	14.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769		
MOTO (Members On Their Own)	Sun May 12 Sun May 26	12.30 12.30	Jean Gale Joy Lamont	825107 624747	May 12 - The Windsor Castle, Maidenhead. May 26 - Roux, Taplow (all booked & no vacancies) Phone Joy on 624747 for information re 12 May.	V
Music Appreciation	Tues May 21	14.30	Mary James	629850	Host & Presenter: Tony Fox Programme: Discovering the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra.	
Nature Amble	Frid May 17		Jill Waites	628993	See details on Page 4 . Please contact Jill for details.	V
Photography for Beginners	Wed May 8	12.00	Jenny Leverett	07838 173655	Meet at Windsor Horse Show – see Page 4 For more details.	
Play Reading 1	Thurs May 2	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Contact Barrie for further information	V
Play Reading 2	Frid May 10	14.00	Janet Rose	624709 / 07762 339873	Meet at Roger's house. For further details phone Janet or email her at janetcrose@btinternet.com	W
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 in month	14.30	Sylvia Wimpenny	622949		
Popular Music 2	Every 3 rd Thurs	14.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Quiz	Mon May 13	19.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769	19.15 for 19.30 start at Shire Horse pub on the A4.	V
Recorder Group	Mon May 13 Mon May 20	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 May 10 Frid May 24	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

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Russian	Frid May 3 Frid May 17	10.00	Andrew Thatcher	826297		V
Science	Thurs May 16	14.30	John Twyde	621644	Meet at Eileen Rogers' house. Topic – "How technology helps the aging population" - a discussion with Ron Lewin.	V
Scrabble			Hilary Brodie	522331	No meeting as it's a BH.	V
Singing for Pleasure	Frid May 17	14.30	Brian Commins	626038	Venue TBC.	W
Spanish Conversation	Mon May 13	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish for Holiday Makers 1	Tues May 7 Tues May 21	10.00 10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 / 07752 660537		
Spanish for Holiday Makers 2	Thurs May 14 Tues May 28	10.00 10.00	Kathy Bell	01189 343965 / 07752 660537		
Spanish Improvers 1	Tues May 14	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 2	Mon May 6 Mon May 20	10.00 10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Spanish Improvers 3	Frid May 3 Frid May 17	10.00 10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		V
Walks	Brenda Finnigan John Twyde			625618 621644	3 walks this month (see detailed information below)	V
	Thurs May 9	10.15	Tony Jones	662753	<u>Walk 1:</u> Meet @ the Oak and Saw pub, Rectory Road, Taplow SL6 OET at 10.00 for a 10.15 start. A fairly easy walk of 4½ miles (no stiles) along the Thames Path to Bray Lock before returning to Taplow on country footpaths. Parking & lunch available afterwards at the pub.	
	Tues May 21	11.15	Hilary Brodie	522331	<u>Walk 2:</u> Short walk Meet at National Trust car park on Cookham Moor at 11.00 for a 11.15 start. Parking is free for NT members; £2 otherwise. A level walk of about 2 miles towards Strand Water and Widbrook Common. Lunch is available afterwards at the Kings Arms, Cookham.	
	Thurs May 28	9.45	Keith Ponchaud	07494 705977	<u>Walk 3:</u> London walk. Meet at Maidenhead railway station by the ticket machines at 09.45 for the 10.02 train to Paddington. Please bring bus & rail passes. Walk will start & finish at Hyde Park Corner and will last all day. We should be back in Maidenhead by 16.45. If it is wet, we will visit the National Gallery.	

