

MAIDENHEAD

NOVEMBER 2021

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**Chairman's Thoughts**

Hello All,

My mum suggested I joined u3a when I retired 8 years ago. I came to the odd main meeting if it interested me, joined the Aviation group and then the Science group. I slowly got to know people. I took on the Treasurer role and slowly got to know more and more members.

As with anything in life you get out what you put in.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a list of new groups that we would like to start, but that can only happen if people support those groups either by being a convenor, offering to host or being an active member of those groups.

We have a duty of care for our members and to stimulate them mentally and physically. One of the groups I would particularly like to see revived is the coffee mornings. These ceased during Covid and we are looking for a group of two or three people to see if we can get it going again. We would choose a central Maidenhead location where coffee and snacks are available and just host a opportunity for people to come and have a coffee and a chat. Vital for mental health. Contact me if this idea appeals to you.

Stay safe and well.

John Twyde

**THE EVENT of the YEAR!**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY - WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm**

After last year's enforced break, we are planning a very special party for around 120 members at Burnham Park Hall, Windsor Lane, Burnham **SL1 7HR**.

We will be entertained initially by our regular party band, **JAZZ SWING 42**.

We hope that most of you will then put on your flat / dancing shoes or trainers to join in a fun session of country dancing led by **THE ALDBRICKHAM BAND**.

The event is **FREE**. Apply for your ticket to the Treasurer, Linda Main; ring her on 07962 255743 or email her at [treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

Please advise us of any dietary needs - we will endeavour to cater for them but we may not be able to guarantee 100% compliance.

If you are unable to come after booking your ticket, please let Linda know so that as many people as possible can attend.

There is plenty of parking available; however, do try to car share, if at all possible. Directions to Burnham Park Hall are given on next page.



## Directions to Burnham Park Hall (from Maidenhead)

- ✓ Drive along A4 towards Slough from Maidenhead;
- ✓ At 1<sup>st</sup> traffic lights after Sainsbury's, Taplow, turn left into Huntercombe Lane North;
- ✓ Drive to roundabout junction with Stomp Road & Priory Road;
- ✓ Turn right into Priory Road;
- ✓ At next traffic lights, turn left into Windsor Lane.

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## Monthly talk

**Tuesday, 9 November 2021 @ 2.30 pm**

From Philip Ratcliffe, Speaker Organiser

I am pleased to announce that **Anthony Stansfeld**, until recently Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, will give the monthly talk in November. Entitled

### **'Nine years as Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley'**

his talk will cover the background and qualifications to his becoming the PCC, and what being PCC involved: responsibilities, area covered, Chief Constables, national roles etc. He has some trenchant views on how fraud is being tackled.

Anthony Stansfeld was born in West Berkshire. He joined the Army at 17 and saw active service in Borneo and Northern Ireland. He later learnt to fly helicopters and commanded various Army Air Corps squadrons, including in the Falkland Islands in 1982. He spent two years as Chief of Staff Intelligence in the Far East.



On leaving the Army, he was for six years Managing Director of an aircraft company and in his spare time, he commanded the Territorial Army reserve helicopters. He was, for eight years, a trustee of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

He has an MSc and studied international terrorism and global security in depth at university. He was a member of the Thames Valley Police Authority for several years and became the first elected Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner in 2012.

The monthly talk will again be held at the Desborough Bowling Club at 10 Green Lane, Maidenhead **SL6 1XZ** (Green Lane is just off Stafferton Link and Bray Lane; there is plenty of free parking). Please aim to arrive between 2.00 and 2.15pm.

**Covid protection** - The vast majority of our members will have been double vaccinated. As we are meeting indoors, please wear a mask to ensure we can offer the greatest level of mutual protection. If you have not been vaccinated or cannot wear a mask or visor, please sit at the rear of the hall.

**Advance notice:** There will be no talk in December as we shall be holding our Christmas party at that time. In January 2022, I am delighted that **Gerald Ratner** (of jewellers fame) has agreed to give the monthly talk. Put 11<sup>th</sup> January in your diary now.

If you have any comments before or after the meeting, or suggestions for talks, please contact Speaker Organiser, Philip Ratcliffe on [speakers@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:speakers@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

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## **A WARM WELCOME TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED RECENTLY**

Christine Smith, Georgina Gittins, Hilda Holder and Dena Pearce (Associate Member)

**WELCOME BACK TO:** Mary James

### **Finding New Members**

We are looking for ways to recruit new members; although 'word of mouth' is the best method - which you are already very good at - we would like to reach out further. With this in mind, can you think of places we could place an advertisement for our u3a; for example, local newsletters, notice boards, local community hubs? All suggestions will be appreciated. Contact any committee member (their details are at the end of every newsletter) at a meeting or interest group and flood us with ideas. Thank you.

Those considering joining the u3a can have two taster sessions before committing themselves - this could be a monthly meeting or joining one of the group activities.

### **Membership ID Cards**

Please can we encourage you to wear your membership card on your lanyard at the monthly meetings as an aid to memory for other members. We can all usually remember a face and a name, but not necessarily get the two correctly aligned. If you have lost your lanyard, you can purchase a new one at the monthly meeting for £2.

Maggie Kearney - Membership Secretary



Beautiful wrought iron bridge, erected in 1800, across Kennet & Avon Canal in Bath.

Pat Laković

## LOOKING FOR A NEW GROUP?

### **Calling All Flower Lovers ...**

As winter approaches and we turn to indoor activities, Christine Smith is ready to set up a new u3a group, **Fun with Flowers**. The meetings could initially take place at her house on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month from 14.00 - 16.00. If you are interested, please call her on 07899 802444 or email her at [christine.smith@mrsmithgroup.com](mailto:christine.smith@mrsmithgroup.com)

### **And for Art Lovers ...**

A new **Art Appreciation group!** Unlock the mysteries of the pictures, sculptures and buildings that you treasure. Mandy Taylor would like to establish a new group for all who enjoy art, and also architecture, and their history, context and secrets.

Without being too high brow, we can look at art and artists and discuss our views. No prior knowledge is required and this is not a practical drawing or painting session.

Meetings will probably start in January at Mandy's house in central Maidenhead on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 10.30 to 12.30.

Please be aware that Mandy lives in a town house so stairs are involved - perhaps venues could be rotated or someone with a ground floor space could host? Please contact Mandy by email in the first instance to express your interest at [mandyofart@gmail.com](mailto:mandyofart@gmail.com) or phone her on 01628 298107.

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As we are always on the lookout for new groups for our members, we have compiled the list below based on our members' interests and successful groups from other local u3a branches.

Each group needs one or more convenors and plenty of support is available both locally and nationally to assist with the setting up of a new venture, so please do have a think about the ideas below or suggest one of your own. We can put members with shared interests in touch so that they can discuss their ideas and plan how to run the group. We have recently started a Ukulele group and a London Explorers group and both of these are thriving.

So, what are you waiting for? We would welcome your input and would especially appreciate suggestions for groups that would appeal to our male members.

Give me Kathy Bell (Groups Coordinator) a ring on 07752 660537 or email me at [groups@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@maidenheadu3a.org.uk) to discuss or register your interest in:

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| ✓ Archaeology               | ✓ Creative Writing / Writing for Pleasure            |
| ✓ Asian Culture and Cooking | ✓ Cooking Group                                      |
| ✓ Canasta                   | ✓ Debating group                                     |
| ✓ History of Art            | ✓ English Literature                                 |
| ✓ Badminton                 | ✓ Gardening  |
| ✓ Beer Appreciation         | ✓ Grumpy Old Men                                     |
| ✓ Beginners Italian         | ✓ Grumpy Old Women                                   |
| ✓ Beginners Spanish         | ✓ Needlecraft  |
| ✓ Bucket List               | ✓ Opera and Dance                                    |
| ✓ Classic Cars              | ✓ Wine Appreciation / Fun with Wine / Whisky Tasting |
| ✓ Chess                     | ✓ World Cuisine                                      |
| ✓ Cinema visits             | ✓ Yoga   |

## MAIDENHEAD u3a GOES OVER THE TOP

On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021, a group of 16 excited individuals boarded the 9.35am train to Paddington - the aim was a trip 'Up at The O<sub>2</sub>'. John Twydle & Maggie Kearney - the great organisers - had planned our trip with military precision. Not only were we to climb the O<sub>2</sub> Arena, but we would see the sights of London from the Uber Boat from The Embankment all the way down to North Greenwich AND take a ride the Emirates Air Line cable car over the River Thames both ways.

Although a somewhat grey day, it was superb and exciting experience for everyone, even if our leg muscles did ache afterwards - the first & last slopes of the O<sub>2</sub> roof are extremely steep.



## NOTICE BOARD

### **u3a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Woodland**

u3a has started an national initiative to plant 5,000 trees in the Brecon Beacons in 2022. Individual members can buy a single tree for £7.50 or 5 trees for £30. If, as a u3a, we buy 100 trees, we can purchase a copse and have it named after our u3a with a plaque. If you are interested in this initiative, please contact Linda Main, our Treasurer, at [treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk) who will monitor our progress.

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The local **National Trust Association** is organising a trip to Bath on Sunday, 28 November 2021. If you would like more information, please contact Maggie Kearney on 01628 637160.

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June Exler reminded us that the London to Brighton veteran car rally is back this year on 7<sup>th</sup> November. If you don't want to go as far as Brighton or en route, the Regent Street Motor Show takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Go to <https://www.veterancarrun.com/news> for info.



Photos taken at Cliveden  
by Sally Dewhurst

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## **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 the new GDPR regulations become Law in the UK. This legislation updates the Data Protection Act of 1998.

Under that legislation the committee have a duty to inform our members of their rights under GDPR legislation, alongside informing you what data we hold, and who we share that data with.

We collect your data on the basis of you becoming a u3a member and us delivering membership services as part of a contract.

If you chose not to share your data with us there is no way we can deliver those services to you.

The data we collect is your name, address, telephone number, eligibility for Gift Aid and e-mail address (where applicable) which in turn allows the generation of your membership number.

The data controller for Maidenhead u3a is Linda Main, our Treasurer.  
([treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@maidenheadu3a.org.uk))

This data is used to communicate with you regarding the activities of u3a and the maintenance of your membership.

Internally your data is shared with those members of the committee who have a valid interest and with some convenors where relevant.

Your data is kept as long as you are a member and will be deleted in a timely fashion if you choose to cease membership. The only exception to this is our communication with HMRC related to our Gift Aid claims, where there is a legal requirement for us to keep those records for seven years.

Externally, your data is shared with the Third Age Trust so they can deliver Third Age Matters magazine to you, our printers where your newsletter is delivered by post, and HMRC if we collect Gift Aid on your subscription.

You have the right to see what data we hold on you and to have that data deleted. You have the right to object to the way we process your data. You also have the right to lodge a complaint to the Information Commissioners Office. <https://ico.org.uk>

Summer 2018

### November Programme

Group information below is accurate as at 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021. More group details are available on our website but make sure you are registered as a user. **If you wish to join a group please ring the convenor. Even if it is full; you can always be entered on a waiting list.**

Specific information for some groups follows this table.

ACTIVITY	DAY(s) in MONTH, TIME		CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
Ancient Literature	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	14.30	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	See specific details in the following section.	
Art Untutored	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.00	Peter Neville	01628 674097	Meets at St Joseph's Church Hall, Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 8AT.	V
Aviation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	14.30	Bill Teasdale	01628 672873	At usual venue of the WLAC, White Waltham. See specific details in the following section.	V
Book Reading 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	14.00	Pauline Sparkes	01753 642490	Book: 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama. Meet at Pauline's house; please tell her if you are unable to attend.	W
Bridge C	Every Thurs	14.00	Frances Foster	07548 306782	This Bridge group continues to meet in members' houses.	
Bridge E	Every Mon	13.30	Mal Geary	07973 193439	Group will meet with one of 3 hosts, each with 4 players i.e. one table each. Please contact Mal for information.	
Bridge F - Beginners	Every Wed	9.30	Susanna Jones	07583 447789	Meet at Susanna's house. Separate rooms for each table.	V
Bridge on Sunday	Every Sun	14.30	Susanna Jones	07583 447789	Meet at Susanna's as above.	
Online Bridge			Susanna Jones	07583 447789	Via BBO (free) website. More information from <a href="mailto:susannavj@hotmail.com">susannavj@hotmail.com</a>	
Carpet Bowls	Every Mon	14.00	George Bourne	07792 570353	Fifield Memorial Hall. Fifield. No vacancies in this group at present.	
Classical Music	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	14.15	John Noakes	01628 637399	See specific details in the following section.	V
Creative Cards 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Frid	10.00	Eileen Rogers	01628 639656	No vacancies in this group but there are vacancies in Creative Cards 2.	
Creative Cards 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Frid				This group will also meet on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid if requested.	V
Cribbage	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	15.00	Nigel Furneaux	01628 635488	Meet at Shire Horse pub.	
Current Affairs 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	14.00	Malcolm Stebles	01628 630699	New members welcome but we may need to split into 2 groups.	V
Current Affairs 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	14.15	Janice Waterman	01628 530770	Co-Convenor is Pam May. Her email is <a href="mailto:pam.may508@gmail.com">pam.may508@gmail.com</a>	
Exploring World Faiths	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	14.30	Michael Gammage	01628 637801	Meet at 16, Culham Drive, Maidenhead SL6 7PW.	V
Family History	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.30	John Noakes	01628 637399	Meet at Susan's. Please call her on 01628 781538 if you intend to come.	W

ACTIVITY	DAY(s) in MONTH, TIME		CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
French Improvers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	10.30	Evelyne Withey	01628 627603	Meetings continue on Zoom.	
French 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.00	Margaret Scharff	01628 666218	Meetings continue on Zoom.	W
French Advanced	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	15.00	Ian Ross		This group has restarted. <b>See specific details in the following section.</b>	V
Garden Visits	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	12.00	Maura McGinley	01628 629088	Garden visit for 24 <sup>th</sup> November TBC.	
German Advanced	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Frid	10.00	Rhona Latham	01628 638740	We are now meeting face-to-face at last and enjoying not only the company but are forging ahead with our book and language skills.	
German Conversation	Every other Wed	14.30	Vreny Breadon	07900 831041	Meetings continue fortnightly.	
History	2 <sup>nd</sup> Frid	14.00	Chris Sayers	01628 620647	<b>Note change to time. See specific details in the following section.</b>	V
Jazz Appreciation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	14.00	Kath Evans	07743 572146		V
Latin	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	10.45	Mick Stringer	07836 211314	We meet on Zoom. <b>Note change in time. See specific details in the following section.</b>	V
London Explorers			Janet Rose	01628 624709	Please contact Janet for information about this group.	
Lunch Club	Monthly		Linda Rahmatalla	01628 671766 07740 853952	Lunch this month is on <b>November 25<sup>th</sup></b> at the <b>Oak and Saw, Taplow</b> . Please email Linda in advance on <a href="mailto:freelin@talktalk.net">freelin@talktalk.net</a> if you plan to attend.	
Mah Jong	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed		Jill Waites	01628 628993	Please contact Jill for details.	
Meditation	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	14.30	Marie Krag	01628 632683	Restarts on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November. Contact Marie by phone or email her at <a href="mailto:mariekrag@talktalk.net">mariekrag@talktalk.net</a> <b>See specific details in the following section.</b>	
MOTO (Members on their own)	Mainly Sundays	1.30	Jean Gale	01628 825107	The next lunch is on 21 <sup>st</sup> November at the Windsor Castle pub. Contact Jean for more details.	
Nature Amble	3 <sup>rd</sup> Frid		Jill Waites	01628 628993	The season is now over for the winter.	
Play Reading 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	14.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Meet at Barrie's house. <b>See the plea in the following section.</b>	
Play Reading 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Frid	14.00	Janet Rose	01628 624709	Venue TBA. <b>See specific details in the following section.</b>	W
Poetry & Prose	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Meet at Barbara Steebles house. Theme for November is 'Arrivals and Departures'.	V
Poetry 2	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	14.30	Michael Gammage	01628 637801	Most meetings are 'in person', some on Zoom. The group reads & discusses all sorts of poetry. To join the group, please contact Michael by email at <a href="mailto:michael.gammage@outlook.com">michael.gammage@outlook.com</a> or by phone.	V



ACTIVITY	DAY(s) in MONTH, TIME		CONTACT	TELEPHONE	NOTES	V / W
Popular Music	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	2.30	Barrie Williams	01189 349525	Meet at Mollie Dunnings house. Theme for November is Desert Island Discs i.e. favourite tracks.	
Quiz	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	19.15 for 19.30	Jean Myhill	01189 034769	Meet at the Shire Horse pub; phone Jean first please. New members are welcome.	V
Recorder	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	13.30	Edwina Shelley	07708 044152	Meet at Cox Green Community Centre, 51 Highfield Lane, Cox Green, Maidenhead SL6 3AX. Edwina's email address is <a href="mailto:edwina.shelley@btinternet.com">edwina.shelley@btinternet.com</a>	V
Rummikub	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	10.30 to 12.30	Kath Evans	07743 572146	Meet at the Shire Horse pub. Contact Kath on <a href="mailto:kmevans4012@gmail.com">kmevans4012@gmail.com</a> to confirm attendance. New members welcome.	V
Science	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	14.30	John Twydle	07786 854920	Meet at Larkspur House, Mill Lane, Taplow SL6 0AG at 14.15. We will discuss the Earthshot Prize winners.	
Scrabble	Last Mon	14.15	Hilary Brodie	01628 522331	Meet at Hilary's house as usual.	V
Spanish Conversation	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Spanish for Holidaymakers 1	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	10.00	Kathy Bell	07752 660537	We met on Zoom in October due to lack of petrol and some Covid concerns. We hope to meet in person in November but both groups will be flexible.	
Spanish for Holidaymakers 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	10.00				
Spanish Improvers 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	10.00	Barrie Williams	01189 349525		
Spanish Improvers 2	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	10.00				
Spanish Improvers 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	10.00				
Theatre Visits			Mo Wright	01628 630023		
Ukulele	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	11.00	Carolyn Bell	07940 333709	Email address is <a href="mailto:carolynbell64@gmail.com">carolynbell64@gmail.com</a>	V
Walks	Various	Varies	John Twydle	01628 621644 07786 854920	See specific details in the following section.	

## **Specific Information for some groups**

**Ancient Literature:** The Ancient Literature Group will meet by Zoom at the usual time on 18<sup>th</sup> November, when we will be reading Aristophanes' comedy *Lysistrata*, in which the women of Athens and Sparta, fed up with incessant war, stage a sex strike and seize control of the political process.

**Aviation:** Speaker will be Mark Davis and the subject will be the Air Transport Auxiliary, based at White Waltham during WW II and operated mainly by female pilots. The talk will also follow the post war achievements of some of the best known of these.

**Classical Music:** After a successful and enjoyable first meeting, we meet this month at Shirley's (01628 527604). Please let her know if you intend to come.

We would like a few more members, so anyone interested in listening to classical music will be most welcome; and we do break for tea and a chat!

**French Advanced:** French Advanced has now resumed and we meet at 15.00 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in members' houses. Currently we have only four participants so we would welcome more but they must have a high level of fluency. Chris and I have French degrees, Arnold has a French wife, and Kay is bilingual.

**History:** We met for the first time in 19 months and it was a delight to be meeting again. We decided on topics for the remainder of the year and into March next year.

For November we will look at the history of pandemics (very topical!).

In December each of us will give a short presentation on an interesting artefact we possess.

There are only 7 of us and we would really like some new members. We usually decide on a topic and then volunteer to give a short presentation on a relevant subject of our choosing. This is followed by a short discussion where we can further explore the subject. If you would like to join us, please contact me, Chris Sayers, on 01628 620647.

**Latin:** The group will meet on Zoom at 10.45 on 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We will be completing our exploration of the enigmatic Catullus 68 and translating some of Ovid's tale of the abduction of Persephone. We'll develop our reading skills with some more passages from the Latin Vulgate Bible and look at some more incidents in Nero's life as told by Tacitus and Suetonius.

We can take a couple more members and anyone with some knowledge of the language, however sparse or rusty would be welcome. Contact Mick Stringer 07836 211314 or email him at [mick\\_stringer@hotmail.com](mailto:mick_stringer@hotmail.com).

**Meditation:** In addition to Meditation, I thought it would be interesting to look at developing some psychic ability using a pendulum (or just a needle and thread) for some 'yes' or 'no' answers to questions. We could also look at reading cards; I have several decks from different systems. If more than 6 people are interested, I will run a second group on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, starting 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Play Reading 1:** This is an urgent and impassioned appeal to encourage and welcome some more gentlemen to join this lively group. At present I am the only chap, and while it is always a pleasure to be surrounded by a bevy of attractive ladies, it is somewhat lonely and makes difficult the selection of suitable scripts. I know it is possible for ladies to read male roles and vice versa, but it is not quite the same. Do please abandon your inhibitions and consider joining us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday afternoon each month.

**Play Reading 2:** We are now meeting in person which has meant we can all chat easily and catch up on news.

As ever, we are relying on the goodwill of members to host our meetings, and of course, not everyone has the space for up to 14 people.

Our play sets come from Reading Library and various members have taken on the task of visiting the library and finding a suitable play. We very much appreciate their time and efforts. This is a very successful group and our meetings are great fun.

**Recorder:** We ask members to pay a small half-termly contribution towards the cost of hiring the hall and photocopying sheet music. Meetings that fall on a bank holiday will be on the following Monday.

### **Walks:**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November:** new event for NT members

Social walk and coffee. Meet at temporary café on the front lawn at Cliveden at 11.00 for coffee and chat then walk as far as you want to.

Event leader - John Twydale (07786 854920)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November:**

About 4 mile level walk over farmland, woods and country lanes. Meet and park at Blackwood Arms, Common Lane Littleworth Common **SL1 8PP** at 10.00 to depart @ 10.15. Lunch at pub if required.

Leader - Tony Jones (01628 662753 or 07712 436933)

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November:**

Short walk to Winter Hill, approx. 2 miles. Meet at National Trust car park, Cookham Moor at 11.00 to start walk @ 11.15. Lunch at The Kings Arms if required.

Walk leader - Maggie Snook (07837 487233)

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### **Submissions to Newsletter**

If you wish to send us photos, please ensure that they are no more than 500kB each.

Also, please do not email .pdf files for the newsletter as Pat's open source software to insert these files without considerable additional effort. Acceptable formats are: .docx, .doc, .jpeg & .xls or .xlsx.

Please email us or phone comments or anything that you would like us to consider for the next newsletter **NO LATER THAN 21<sup>st</sup> November**.

### **Advance Notice:**

The January newsletter won't be ready until around 10 January 2022. We don't know the exact date yet, but the printers will be closed between Christmas and the New Year.

Thank you.

Pat Laković & Nuala Smith

[newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@maidenheadu3a.org.uk)

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South East Region

NOVEMBER events

**The Movies from Muybridge to Miramax & Marvel**

(a history of film)

A talk by Dr Jeffrey Aronson.

The closing date for applications: 7<sup>th</sup> November

10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30.

This event is FoC.

**Garden Design**

A talk by Richard Rogers.

Closing date for applications: 12<sup>th</sup> November

15<sup>th</sup> November at 14.00

Cost is £1.50 per device.

**Saving the Basque Children 1937**

Colin Carritt will talk about the plight of refugee children from the Basque region.

Closing date for applications: 16<sup>th</sup> November

19<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30

Cost is £1 per device.

Further details can be found on the Study Events tab at <http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk/>

**Autumn Gathering - South East Region**

17<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30 - 13.00

Keynote speakers:

✓ Liz Thackeray - recently elected Chair of Third Age Trust

✓ Michael Moody - recently elected Vice Chair of Third Age Trust talking about 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of u3a in 2022.

There will be discussions in break out rooms during the meeting.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-gathering-ser-working-together-tickets-174364818867>

**Committee Members & other u3a links**

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