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## **Information sheet June 2023**

**Editor: Dave Rogers email [editor@u3a.co](mailto:editor@u3a.co).**



Meet at Community Centre Prebendal Avenue 1.30 p.m. for Notices at 2.00 p.m. Refreshments available.

Speaker booked for 2.45 pm: Tony Earle on “40 years at Kodak”

An illustrated talk by Tony, a retired Kodak scientist, recounting the early days, over 150 years ago, on the founding of Kodak in the 1880's.

Speaker for July, Jeff Roozelaar on “Bagels and Bacon”

An autobiographical account of growing up in the post war East End of London.

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### **Geoff Short – Chair**

Welcome to our newsletter for June. If there appears to be some differences from normal, that is because yours truly has taken the on the task in place of Dave Rogers, for this month only (you will be glad to hear!).

Dave had a nasty fall in his home some days ago, which has entailed a stay in Stoke Mandeville Hospital. He is now at home recuperating but was unable to carry out his usual tasks for the time being. I'm sure that we all wish Dave well and a speedy recovery.

Currently, his role as editor is being taken on by Solo Awadzi – a willing volunteer! I am very grateful to Solo and also to David Mummery who also volunteered to assist from the depths of Sussex!

From July onwards, any contributions to the newsletter should be sent through to Solo at the following e-mail address:

[solokawadzi@hotmail.com](mailto:solakawadzi@hotmail.com)

Dave's other role in the group is as Secretary and he won't be able to carry out that task for now. If anyone has experience of this sort of role, we, your committee, would be glad of assistance for the time being. If you're not sure what the job involves, I can run through the various tasks for you.

## **Esme Delaney**

I have been advised by Chris Blaik of the sad news that Esme has passed away. She was a very active member – on the trips team, helped with the quiz, attended the Local History group and the walking group as well as going on the u3a holidays.

Esme's husband, Frank, has advised that the funeral is on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11am at the Bierton Crematorium.

## Your u3a Coach Trips 2023

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Whitstable Cost £12

Pick up times: Exchange St 9am

Tennis Club 9:05am

Jansel Square 9:15am

Whitstable is on the north coast of Kent, famous for its oysters which have been collected there since Roman times. You will find plenty of places to explore, including the castle and gardens and many independent shops. There are lots of places to eat and you could dip your toes in the sea if it warms up a little!

The lead for this trip is Michael Walden – tel.no. 01844 2911617

As usual, there will be no trip in August.

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – The Weald & Downland Museum Cost £22

Pick up times: Exchange St 9am

Tennis Club 9:05am

Jansel Square 9:15am

The open-air museum near Chichester is home to the BBC's programme "The Repair Shop". Explore the rich variety of historic buildings including houses, cottages, craft and trade buildings, barns, granaries and more. There is a café serving hot and cold food.

The lead for this trip is Sally Smith Tel no. 01296331868.

Sadly, this will be our last trip of the year and we hope you have enjoyed your visits. Thinking caps on for suggestions for next year!

From your trips team of Michael, Chris, Ann, and Sally

## **Jim Wilding: History of Transport / Musical Appreciation**

### **History of Transport**

Jim Wilding 01296 623628

We meet at 9, Mill Mead, Wendover, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2:30  
The subject will be “Manx Railways”.

### **Musical Appreciation**

Jim Wilding 01296 623628

We meet at 9, Mill Mead, Wendover, on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30

Jim Wilding

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## **Jan Paver, tel. 07768 205950 – Pub Walks**

The next walk is on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am, meeting at the Swan, Little Kimble. (HP17 9TR)

The walk is just over 4 miles, very flat, but it does have several stiles. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please sign up on the sheet at the June meeting and tick if you would like to stay to lunch. Alternatively, you can call Jan to express your interest or to get more information.

## **Ann Burman – Quiz group**

### **The Quiz is back!**

The next quiz meeting is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Foxhills Indoor Bowls Club at 2pm.

Please note the change of venue – we look forward to seeing you!

Ann Burman 01296 422084 / Chris Blaik 01296 425964

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - Jasmine & Simon Reeks

**Thursday 22 June 14.00 Ivinghoe Beacon Landscape**, National Trust car park, off Beacon Road, Ringshall HP4 1NF. Led by Chris Gill, duration 2 hours. Dress appropriately, rugged terrain. £2.00 donation.



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**Thursday 27 July 11.00 Claydon House** MK18 2EY. Tour starts at 11.00 so meet in front of house by 10.50. Cost £10.00 for members (don't forget your cards on the day) and £15.00 for non-members. As this is not a general opening day, I am afraid the café will not be open. Payments and further information to **Jan Paver** on and from the June meeting.



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**Wednesday 23rd August Buckinghamshire Railway Centre – Quainton.** Note change of day. Details tbc



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Sign up on the board at the General Meetings or email us to add to the attendance list.

Any ideas for the October meeting as Tiggywinkles are not taking group books, with no indication of future intentions?

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## **Simon Reeks – Gadget Group**

I have been "messing around" with Android Auto this month. This is the system for displaying your Android mobile on your car screen, so long as the car is fairly modern (about 2017 onwards?).

This is particularly helpful for Sat Nav (e.g. Google Maps) navigation and playing music. It can be achieved by plugging in a cable or by using a wireless dongle. If you are interested in doing this but have never plucked up the enthusiasm / courage to do so, please get in touch.

If you need a (free!) PC, advice about the new Windows 11 (highly recommended) or indeed any other (non-Apple) "gadget" subject, please contact me and I'll see what I can do, by phone / email on 01296 482735 or [reeks@fangio.co.uk](mailto:reeks@fangio.co.uk)

# Thames Valley Network

Here's the information for the TVN latest talk, one which could not be more topical! Our speaker is Rear Admiral Dr Chris Parry CBE PhD, a military historian who will review the Russian and Ukrainian campaigns.

I am sure this is going to be very popular, so register early on Ticket Source via the TVN website:

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## Thames Valley Network for local u3as

CONFLICT - What has happened, what is happening, and what is likely to happen in Ukraine? Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 10.30 am on Zoom. Rear Admiral Dr Chris Parry CBE PhD will review the Ukrainian and Russian military campaigns in Ukraine, highlight some of the salient lessons and forecast what the conflict might mean for the future of geopolitics and warfare.

We are fortunate indeed, to have the opportunity of listening to a talk from such a knowledgeable military historian, as he sheds light on the current situation in Ukraine.

Chris read Modern History at Oxford, before embarking on a 36-year career in the Royal Navy. Among other things, he commanded the destroyer HMS Gloucester, the Amphibious Assault ship HMS Fearless, the UK's Amphibious Task Group and the Maritime Warfare Centre. Whilst in the Falklands, he won a special award for the rescue of stranded SAS troops in a blizzard, from a glacier in South Georgia. He is an internationally recognised authority on strategic trends, the future of warfare and emerging technologies. He is also an active author and broadcaster; his latest book is entitled "*Super Highway: Sea Power in the 21st Century*".

Cost for the talk is £2 per device. Please book electronically by clicking on the 'TICKETSOURCE' icon immediately below the event on [www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk) This is by far the best and easiest option. You will receive an acknowledgement immediately and the Zoom link about 48 hours before the event. If you experience any difficulty, please email the organiser Patsy Thornton [patsy@thorntac.co.uk](mailto:patsy@thorntac.co.uk) giving your name and the u3a to which you belong.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 23rd June If you have not received the Zoom link by midday on Monday 26th please check your spam / junk box before emailing the organiser as above. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

To receive notification of forthcoming TVN events as soon as they are published, please email: [events\\_info@u3atvnetwork.org.uk](mailto:events_info@u3atvnetwork.org.uk). Note that our website gives all the details.

**Contributions for the July edition of our newsletter should be received by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**