

# Mid-Bucks (Aylesbury) u3a

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## Information Sheet August 2023

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**Meet at Community Centre**

**Prebendal Avenue**

**1.30 p.m. for Notices at 2.00 p.m.**

**Refreshments available**

**Cost will be 20p per person**

**Speaker booked for 2.45 p.m.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Cyril Parsons</b>	<b>Great Train Robbery</b>

### **Geoff Short – Chair**

Welcome to the Newsletter for August 2023. A big thank you to all contributors and especially to Solo Awadzi for putting it all together while Dave Rogers recovers from his fall.

Our speaker this month is Cyril Parsons who is, of course, a valued member of our Mid-Bucks u3a. Cyril's talk is about the Great Train Robbery. It is now 60 years since the attack on the Glasgow to London overnight mail train and we look forward, very much, to Cyril's talk.

We are always looking for speakers for our monthly meetings and if any of the members feel like joining Cyril in giving us a talk on any subject under the sun, please contact Val Blackburn who puts together our list of speakers. We are fully booked for this year but there are spaces for 2024!

September 16th to the 24th has been designated as the u3a Week. This annual celebration is a chance for us to share the fun and learning of the u3a movement with our wider communities. In previous years, many u3as have had recruitment fairs, taken part in walking challenges, litter-picking on beaches - and much

more. If anyone has an idea of what we could be doing to support this initiative, please let me or any of our committee members know. There isn't a lot of time before the u3a week so please let us know as soon as possible.

Finally, a house keeping note for anyone who has been involved in getting out or putting away our media equipment such as speakers and microphones. Up to now we have had the shared use of a cupboard off the main hall, close to the kitchen. From this month, our equipment has been moved to a cupboard close to the entrance into the community centre. This will be for our group's use only.

**Next Contribution Date Friday 15th September 2023**

## **Quiz Group - Ann Burman**



**The next Quiz is on Tuesday 15th August at the Foxhills Indoor Bowls Club.**

**Contact Ann 01296 422084 or Chris 01296 425964**

## **LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - Jasmine & Simon Reeks**

**Claydon House visit in July was very enjoyable. Good guide, interesting information and rooms not normally open to the public.**

**Wednesday 23rd August, Buckinghamshire Railway Centre – Quanton at 10.30. Note change of day for the steaming. Meet at 10.30 at entrance to venue, where we will be met by Cyril and Dorothy, our guides for the visit. Payment of £10.50 per person at the August meeting, please. copyright Wikipedia**



**Cheques payable to S Reeks**

**Thursday 28th September, Stowe Park in the Autumn at 10.30 – a gentle walk around the estate grounds, for those who want a more vigorous walk, sub-groups can set off at their own pace! Do as much or as little as you wish. Meet at the entrance to the New Inn & Parlour (loo entrance) at 10.30. Free to N.T. members or £13.00 for non-members (pay on the day at entrance). Do not forget your NT cards. The cafe opens at 10.00, so if you want coffee first, indulge then meet us at designated place.**



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**Tuesday 10th October, Penn House at 10.30. Due to availability of our hosts - Earl & Countess Howe, Half Term Holidays, u3a meetings and our diaries, please note the change of day and date. Penn House, Penn Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks, HP9 2LW. The entrance to the House & Gardens is situated in Penn Street village which can be found south of the A404 between High Wycombe and Amersham. Follow the road through the village, passing the village green on the right and two pubs on the left. The gates to the estate will be found on the right shortly after the second pub. This is for 16 people only, so Local History Group members only, please.**



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

**In September Aylesbury will be taking part in the annual Heritage Open Days 8th – 17th September (Scotland &**

**London – Open House may have different dates). The busiest days will be Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th. Experience Local History, Culture and Architecture for free but some events need to be booked in advance. We do not, as yet have a definitive list for Aylesbury but see**

**<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/printable-area-lists/county/Buckinghamshire>**

**which includes Aylesbury but there will be more. Check Aylesbury Town Council website after August 10th and anywhere else you can think. Facebook?**

**Waterside Theatre free tours on 16th September – you must book in advance.**

**We had a great time at the Ashridge House Sculpture Garden 31 July – 24th September. 47-piece sculpture trail throughout the gardens (don't forget to pick up the map), though we did have to ask where sculpture No. 1 was**

**located. We would never have found it, as we took our own picnic. Say no more! We don't think we can share our photos due to copyright of the artwork, but we will bring the leaflet with us to the August meeting. Tickets for us were £12each but we could stay in the gardens all day.**



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## **Pub Walks - Jan Paver (07768205950)**

**The pub walking group again chose the best day of the week for a lovely walk from Cholesbury, earlier this month. The walk started with a view of the windmill and ended with the large and well-preserved Iron Age hill fort on the northern edge of the village. The Full Moon pub provided a very good lunch.**

**The next walk is on Thursday 7th September at 11.00.**



**We will be meeting in the carpark of Ellesborough Parish Hall (HP17 0XA) which is on the opposite side of the road from the Russell Arms at Butler's Cross. This is a walk which was postponed earlier in the year.**

**The walk has a few inclines and a couple of stiles but is less than 3 miles. All are welcome to join us. Please sign the sheet at the August meeting or you can contact Jan.**

## **Coach Trips - Sally Smith**

**Wednesday 6th September - The Weald and Downland Museum  
- cost £22.00**



**Pick up times are: Exchange Street 9.00am Tennis Club 9.05am Jansel Square 9.15am**

**Just to remind you that payment for this trip is due at the next meeting on Thursday 17th August. If you are paying by cash, it would be really helpful if you could have the correct money. Thank you. Our coach was booked with Heyfordian but sadly they have ceased trading. We have managed to book with Motts and the coach is a larger one so if you are interested in joining us, we have room for a few more.**

**The lead for this trip is Sally Smith Tel No 01296 331868**

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

### **Gadget Group - Simon Reeks**

**A busy month, including replacing a faulty PC, updating several McAfee antivirus subscriptions, resurrecting email and WhatsApp on a mobile, diagnosing/replacing/setting up a new laptop, persuading a reluctant printer to actually print, fitting a replacement wireless doorbell and fixing WiFi on a PC.**



**I have had a little used/just out of warranty "Motorola Moto G8 Power" Android mobile kindly donated to pass on - Google the model name to look at the specifications then contact me if you would like it.**

**A scam appears to be doing the rounds asking to "click here and set up new direct debit payment" for TV Licensing because the original direct debit has failed. DON'T DO IT!!! Never click on any links in unexpected emails/texts or get involved in a phone conversation, if in any doubt contact the relevant business/bank government department using contact details that you already have on file.**

**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)**

## **U3A Financial Report - Sandra Chaudhry**

Opening balance at 1 July 2023		6,068.14
Receipts since 1 July 2023		
Membership Renewals	15.00	
Trips	<u>36.00</u>	<u>51.00</u>
		6,119.14
Payments since 1 July 2023		
Speaker - July	80.00	
u3a CLC Licence fee 2022/23	<u>64.20</u>	144.20
Closing balance at 31 July 2023		<u>5,974.94</u>