

# Mid-Bucks (Aylesbury) u3a



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## Information Sheet September 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>21<sup>st</sup> sept</b>	<b>Jeff Evans</b>	<b>Questionable History of the TV Quiz Show</b>

### **Geoff Short – Chair**

Welcome to the Newsletter for September 2023. A big thank you to all contributors and especially to Solo Awadzi for putting it all together while Dave Rogers sorts out his e-mail!

Our speaker this month is Jeff Evans who is talking about the Questionable History of the TV Quiz Show – we look forward to that!

As stated last month, 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 they like, please contact Val Blackburn who puts together our list of speakers. We are fully booked for this year and up to August 2024, but there are spaces for the remainder of that year!

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. I did ask last month if anyone had any ideas for this week, but no-one has come back to me which is a shame. Maybe we can arrange something for next year.

Talking of next year, 2024 will see the end of my stint as Chair for our u3a group. If we wish to continue in 2024 and beyond, someone needs to come forward to take over. I did so to keep

the group going and now we need someone else to come forward to do the same in 2024. Please give this your thoughts and, if you are interested, give me a call. No Chair means no group and that would be a shame.

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 last 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 14th October 2023**

### **Pub Walks - Jan Paver (07768 205950)**

The pub walking group always prays for a sunny day to walk in the countryside. However, be careful what you wish for with our crazy weather!

14 intrepid souls walked 3 miles this month, on the hottest day of the year, from the Russell Arms in Butlers Cross. All survived! The drinks in the pub afterward certainly went down a treat.

The next walk is on Thursday 5th October meeting at 11.00 at the Grand Junction, Bulbourne, Tring. (HP23 5QE). The walk is less than 4 miles and all on the flat, along the canal and round the reservoirs. This is the last walk this year, as I am away in November, and we will start up again in March or April 2024. All are welcome to join us. Please sign the sheet at the meeting or you can ring Jan



## Quiz Group - Ann Burman



The next Quiz is on Tuesday 19th September at the Foxhills Indoor Bowls Club.

Contact Ann 01296 422084 or Chris 01296 425964

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - Jasmine & Simon 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. This trip is full. Please let me know if you can no longer attend as we have a waiting list. Donations of £5.00 to be paid at the September meeting to Jasmine or Simon. Thanks.**



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**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Rupert's Retrospective at Methodist Church Rooms 4 & 5 upstairs.**  
**10.30 for 11.00**

Please do not arrive before 10.30 unless you have volunteered for "duties". The meeting will be free of charge but do check in at the desk upstairs. Offers for help with refreshments and washing up please. Any offers on a donated cake?

No meeting in December but our planning meeting is booked for 25.01.2024

## **Gadget Group - Simon Reeks**

During the month I have resurrected a couple of reluctant printers, "unhacked" a laptop (restoring email and WhatsApp access), persuaded a supposedly smart TV to actually do what it was supposed to do, tended to a poorly PC, updated a couple of McAfee antivirus subscriptions, tweaked several mobiles and advised on a landline phone installation.



The donated mobile phone on offer last month has now found a new phone and been set up to replace an older one.

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)

## **History of Transport - Jim Wilding 01296 623628**

Unfortunately, I have had to cancel September meeting due to conflicting hospital appointments.

# **Musical Appreciation - Jim Wilding (01296 623628)**

We will meet at 2.30, on 26th September, at 9 Mill Mead, Wendover.