

Mid-Bucks (Aylesbury) u3a

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Information Sheet **January 2024**

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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.

Date	Speaker	Title

VOLUNTEER TO BECOME CHAIR URGENTLY REQUIRED



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We are at the 11th hour and 59th minute! Our lovely U3A will close if no-one feels able to take on this role. (Ideally two people to act as Chair and Vice Chair, sharing the work,)

If you are unsure and wish to understand what the role(s) entail Simon Reeks has kindly agreed to talk through this, (in confidence), with you. His contact number is in the newsletter.

We need to have an expression of interest by the end of February and a firm commitment by the end of March or, very sadly, the closure process will be initiated.

Many of you have served in the past in various roles. Committee member, group organiser and other informal roles BUT this really is crisis point. We are a very supportive and friendly committee who would work with you. We battled on through Covid and have held it together during Geoff's recent ill health, but this cannot continue indefinitely. Geoff will be standing down at the AGM as his 3-year term will be complete.



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YOUR U3A NEEDS YOU!!!!

JIGSAW PUZZLE TABLE - Wendy Russell



With wintry weather around the corner, I thought it might be an idea to start a Jigsaw Puzzle Table run on the same lines as Wendy Anson's Book Table. i.e. 20p per Jigsaw.

I will be bringing some along - easy and hard - small and large - and hope they will help to while away a few hours when confined indoors.

QUIZ GROUP - Ann Burman

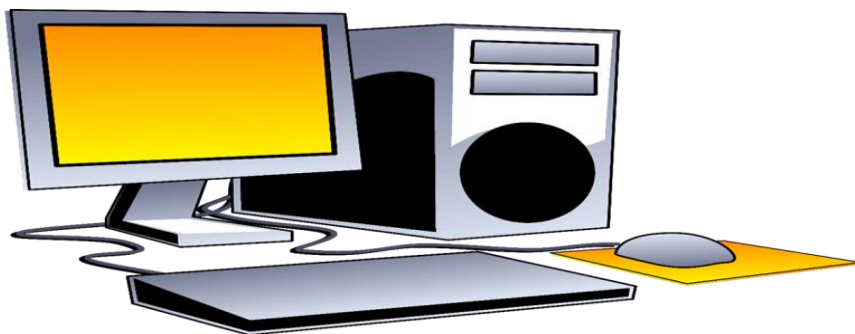


The next Quiz is on Tuesday 16th January at 2.00 pm at Foxhills Indoor Bowls Club.

Quiz is always on the third Tuesday in the month.

GADGET GROUP - Simon Reeks

This month I have been involved with sorting out a reluctant printer, an awkward file manager and a potential McAfee scam, amongst other things.



Possible good news about the longevity of Windows 10 - although due to reach the end of secure life in late 2025, there are rumours that Microsoft will continue support after that date. That's the good news, the bad news is that Microsoft **MAY** charge for this support - watch this space.

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

HISTORY OF TRANSPORT - Jim Wilding (01396 623628)



Our next meeting will be at 9, Mill Mead, Wendover at 2.30 on Wednesday, 17th January.

MUSICAL APPRECIATION –Jim Wilding (01296 623628)



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 23rd January 2024, 2.30, at 9 Mill Mead, Wendover.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - Jasmine & Simon Reeks

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

Thursday 25th January Planning Meeting. Methodist Church Rooms 4 & 5 upstairs. 10.30 for 11.00. Volunteers for setting up and refreshments, please. There will be biscuits! Sandwich lunch for those of you who have booked and pre-paid. (You will have to pay for your lunch-time beverage.)

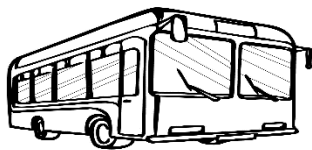
Thursday 22nd February A welcome return by Julian Hunt on Aylesbury: Hillfort to Fred's Fort. Southcourt

Community Centre. 14.00 for refreshments. Talk at 14.30.

All Members of the u3a are welcome for this meeting, please sign up so we have a rough idea of numbers. Cost £2.00

Volunteers for setting up and refreshments, please.

TRIPS UPDATE - Michael, Ann, Sally and Chris



The trips team have decided on 5 venues for day trips this year using members suggestions. These will, hopefully be booked this month and the details included in the February newsletter.

The coach company does charge penalties for cancellations BUT the amount is small as long as the cancellation(s) are 10days or more prior to travel.

There are more than sufficient funds to cover these as/if necessary.

The committee approved this action as coaches and venues need to be booked well in advance, however, clearly our future is uncertain.

Your trips team.

Next Contribution Date - Friday 10th February 2024