

Mid-Bucks (Aylesbury) u3a

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Information Sheet February 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.

Speaker booked for 2.45 p.m.

| Date | Speaker | Title |
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| 15th Feb | Graham Laurie | The Royal Flying Doctor Service and the \$20 Note |
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We all wish Geoff a “supersonic” speedy recovery.

VOLUNTEER TO BECOME CHAIR URGENTLY REQUIRED



IHeartCraftyThings.com

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 TABLE - Wendy Russell



I hope those of you who took home a Jigsaw last month have spent a few happy hours assembling them. There is room on the table for one or two more puzzles if you could bring one along, although the storage facilities are limited!

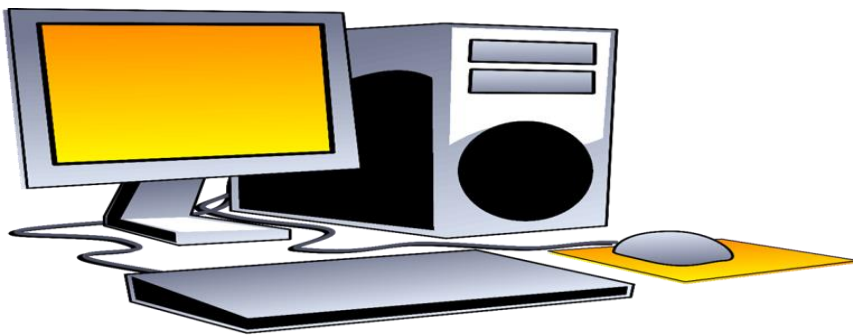
QUIZ GROUP - Ann Burman



The next Quiz is on TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY at Foxhills Indoor Bowls Club, starting at 2.00 pm. All members are welcome, and this month it will be FREE!

Quiz is always on the third Tuesday in the month.

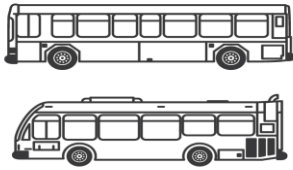
GADGET GROUP - Simon Reeks



A busy month involving dead laptops, installing a new laptop, email issues, missing photos and several other things.

I have a free small Dell colour printer looking for a good home - excellent quality, no WiFi so connection by cable. In addition to this, 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 or 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, 21st February

MUSICAL APPRECIATION –Jim Wilding (01296 623628)



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 27th February, 2.30, at 9 Mill Mead, Wendover.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - Jasmine & Simon Reeks

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.

March meeting – Watch this space.

We are still working on this. Due to our (Jasmine & Simon's) limited availability and Discover Bucks timetable, we were unable to arrange a visit to the

Museum. However, that is on our books for later in the year.

TRIPS TEAM- Michael, Ann, Sally and Chris

TRIPS INFORMATION



FIRST TRIP OF THE YEAR 24th APRIL.

SHUTTLEWORTH MUSEUM AND SWISS GARDENS £25 p.p.

Pick-up points,

Exchange street 9.00am. Tennis Club 9.10am. Bedgrove 9.15am. (Motts Coaches.)

The full booking sheet will be available at the February and March meetings.

Please use the form to confirm your details e.g. tel.no. and pick-up point (there are places available if you haven't already shown interest.)

Payment is due at the March meeting,

The price includes 'meet and greet' and a cup of tea/coffee.

There is a cafe for meals and light refreshments during your day or bring a picnic.

Shuttleworth has an extensive website for full details.

Contact Chris Blaik (01296425964)

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd May

Stowe-on-the-wold (am.) Chedworth Roman Villa p.m.
(including guided tour).

26th June

Hever Castle Kent

Prices etc and confirmation booking forms will be available nearer to the dates.

Given the uncertainty of the future of our U3A take the opportunity to enjoy these trips as they may be our last, sadly.

Contribution Date - Friday 15th March 2024