



Registered Charity No 1196841

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## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Hello 😊

We have a few changes this month, and I think you will like them. If you feel that there is a problem, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time

First, I want to thank Jo for stepping in as our new Chatterbox editor. She is planning on making some changes, which I hope you will appreciate - and I am sure she would love to hear from you with suggestions. As you can see, this new format is now only two pages and includes a calendar of all events for the following month (if you are not a regular member of an interest group, please check with the leader in case they have had to change something). Second, we have moved the open meeting by thirty minutes so that we are now having the meeting **from 10:30 to 12:30**. Hopefully, more people attending the 9:00 am Pilates class will have left the car park by the time you arrive. *Peter*

## OPEN MEETINGS 2023

21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>JULY OPEN MEETING</b> 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: <b>Vince Eager</b> - <i>"You're Never Too Old To Rock n Roll"</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>AUGUST OPEN MEETING</b> 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: <b>Neil Rutter</b> - <i>My Life As A Lion</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>SEPTEMBER OPEN MEETING</b> 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: <b>Dr Mark Carroll</b> - <i>DNA And You</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>OCTOBER OPEN MEETING</b> 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: <b>To Be Confirmed</b> - <i>Tax, Care And Toy Boys</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>NOVEMBER OPEN MEETING</b> 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: <b>Charlotte Paton</b> - <i>The History Of The Romany People</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>DECEMBER OPEN MEETING</b> 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: <b>Melody Flyte</b> - <i>Singing For Victory - Forces Sweethearts Of WW2</i>

For more information, click on the [Diary](#) linkThis report is available via the [CHAIR NOTES](#) link.

## TRIPS / THEATRE VISITS

**Wells next to the Sea** – We still have spaces for the trip to the seaside on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August – if you fancy fish and chips in the sea air, a 99-ice cream cone or just a cup of tea and cake, do put your name down and come along for the day. Cost £24.00 per person only. We will need payment at the July meeting if you would like to come.

**Princess River Cruise** – There are still several people who have **NOT** yet made their meal choice. Please can you do so at the Open meeting. If you cannot attend, please email me your choice from the following – Roast Chicken, Roast Pork, Vegetable Lasagna or Veg Stuffed Peppers.

**Newmarket Race Visit** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – This includes a tour of the National Stud lasting approximately 90 minutes and would be a mixture of coach and walking. The tour explores the 500acre stud and the stables and farm. Lunch would then be at the Heath Court Hotel with several choices available, Sausage and Mash, Ploughman's lunch, Full English breakfast, or Jacket Potatoes. We would then move on to visit the National Horse Racing Museum to enjoy at our leisure. The cost **without** the coach and depending on our meal options will be approx. £38.00p per person.

**Burghley House Christmas Market** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023, leaving Furrowfields Car Park approx. 10.00. No Cost as yet. Please let me know if you are interested.

More details about these outings can be found on the [TRIPS](#) webpage.For tickets and information, please get in touch with **Jan Fieldhouse** via this [email contact](#) link.

## INTEREST GROUPS

AUGUST CALENDAR				
August 2023	GROUP	TIME	VENUE	LEADER
Tuesday 1st	WINE APPRECIATION	6.30–9.00pm	Member's Home	Barry Ransley
Tuesday 1st	TABLE TENNIS	10.00am–Noon	King Edward Centre	Ken Robson
Wednesday 2nd	GOLF	Morning Round	Old Nene Golf Club	Stuart Newman
Wednesday 2nd	BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE	2.00–3.30pm	King Edward Centre	Sally Harper
Thursday 3rd	FAMILY HISTORY	10.00am–Noon	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
Monday 7th	CREATIVE WRITING	2.00–4.00pm	Member's Home	Polly Howat
Tuesday 8th	TABLE TENNIS	10.00am–Noon	King Edward Centre	Ken Robson
Tuesday 8th	WHIST	2.00–4.00pm	Member's Home	John Parry
Tuesday 8th	WALKING HERE B	10.00am–Noon	Furrowfields Car	Brian Windsor
Thursday 10th	BANNED BOOK CLUB	2.00–3.30pm	Chatteris Library	Peter Leeson
Friday 11th	JEWELLERY FOR FUN	2.00–4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Caroline Hopper
Friday 11th	WALKING HERE A	10.00am–Noon	King Edward Centre	Phil Green
Monday 14th	SCRABBLE	2.30–4.30pm	Member's Home	Jan Fieldhouse
Tuesday 15th	TABLE TENNIS	10.00am–Noon	King Edward Centre	Ken Robson
Wednesday 16th	CRAFTS	CANCELLED	King Edward Centre	Barbara Righelato Lindsey Marsden
Wednesday 16th	GOLF	Morning Round	Old Nene Golf Club	Stuart Newman
Wednesday 16th	WALKING THERE	As Arranged	Furrowfields Car Park	John Parry Brian Windsor
Thursday 17th	LUNCH ON THURSDAY	As Arranged	As Arranged	Lesley Gibbs
Monday 21st	SINGING FOR PLEASURE	2.30–4.00pm	Emmanuel Church	Joan Dellar
Tuesday 22nd	TABLE TENNIS	CANCELLED	King Edward Centre	Ken Robson
Wednesday 23rd	LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY	As Arranged	As Arranged	Jan Fieldhouse
Thursday 24th	GAMES AFTERNOON	2.00–4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
Thursday 24th	GUJARATI	1.00–3.00pm	Member's Home	Steve Wright
Friday 25th	LIVING WELL WITH ARTHRITIS	2.00–4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Lesley Pomfrett
Monday 28th	QUIZ EVENING	7.00–9.00pm	King Edward Centre	Jeanette Hipkins
By Arrangement	COMPUTING HELP	By Arrangement	By Arrangement	Neil Shepherd

- Click this [A-Z GROUPS LIST](#) link to see a list of all our Interest Groups and links to their individual webpages.
- Click this [email contact](#) link to enable you to email Georgina Plumb, our Groups Coordinator.

## GROUPS REPORT



The **British Sign Language** Group, led by Sally Harper, has now moved venue from her home and meets at the King Edward Centre. This is to meet the popularity of the group; therefore, the waiting list has now been abandoned. For further information please visit the Chatteris u3a website and/or speak with Georgina Plumb at the Open Meeting. Verbal or written communication is preferred until sign language skills have attained a competent level.

**HOWZAT...** There is a member who would be prepared to lead a **Walking Cricket** Interest Group. A venue for playing has been identified so this group just needs to gather sufficient numbers in order to play. Please speak with Georgina at the next Open Meeting if you wish to throw balls, hit balls, catch balls, score the balls or anything else to do with Cricket fun.

Any other ideas for Interest Groups? Luminous Sundial to use at night; Secure your Home with concrete; Tap Dance to ridicule; etc. We would love to hear from you.

## WEBPAGE WATCH

Clicking the links below will take you to the relevant webpage.

- Ladies & Gentlemen – Please take a look and see if [Walking Cricket](#) is the game for **you**.
- Two recently updated webpages are [Walking Here A](#) and [Banned Book Club](#).
- Click this [Executive Committee](#) link to see a list of your *Trustees' Names and Roles*.
- Click this [Committee Minutes](#) link to see copies of the recent *Committee Meeting Minutes*.

Gabi Leeson, our **Welfare Officer**, is here for you. If you are incapacitated or isolated, or if you know someone who is, and need a friendly visit, chat, cuppa, moral support, please do not hesitate to contact her through the website, [REDACTED]