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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

They say one should not discuss politics, religion, or sex. So, I will write about the weather – always a safe topic. I am writing this on the 26th of July and reflecting on what an extraordinary month this has been.

The news is full of killer heatwaves and wildfires destroying large sections of the Mediterranean countries, the American continent, and the Far East: basically, all of the Northern Hemisphere. Meanwhile, Fenland had rain and cold days compared to historical averages. They already forecast that things will get more extreme next year due to “El Niño”. The global climate is changing, and we need to do something. The difficulty in getting something done is the eternal battle between the short and long terms.

For now, we all need to be aware of the weather and its impact on our friends and neighbours. Some people around us may feel isolated and lonely, some are vulnerable or have health problems. The weather may increase their needs. The rest of us need to be vigilant whenever we can to identify who might need support. They might need someone to drive to the doctor's or help with shopping. Perhaps, they just need a friendly chat and a cuppa. This may appear to be an additional chore and a burden on your time, but the comfort someone might gain from knowing you are available for them is worth it. Of course, if you know someone in need, you can always contact our u3a welfare officer... *Peter*.

OPEN MEETINGS 2023/4

18 th Aug	AUGUST OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: Neil Rutter – <i>My Life As A Lion</i>
15 th Sept	SEPTEMBER OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: Dr Mark Carroll – <i>DNA And You</i>
20 th Oct	OCTOBER OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: To Be Confirmed – <i>Tax, Care And Toy Boys</i>
17 th Nov	NOVEMBER OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: Charlotte Paton – <i>The History Of The Romany People</i>
22 nd Dec	DECEMBER OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Speaker: Melody Flyte – <i>Singing For Victory – Forces Sweethearts Of WW2</i> Followed by Refreshments
19 th Jan 2024	JANUARY OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC

For more information, click on the [Diary](#) linkNote from the Chair is available via the [CHAIR NOTES](#) link

TRIPS / THEATRE VISITS

STOP PRESS**** There are still seats available for the trip to Wells on Saturday 12th August, leaving Furrowfields Car Park at 10.00am. Pay on the day (£24). All Welcome. ******STOP PRESS**

Newmarket Stud and Museum on Wednesday 12th October 2023 – total cost £55, this includes tour of Stud, Lunch and Museum Tour. Stud tour takes 90 minutes and includes some walking.

Christmas Market at Burghley House on Saturday 25th November 2023 – leaving at 10.00am, Cost to be advised.

Milton Keynes Theatre trip – Saturday 19th February 2024. 2.30pm performance of Agathe Christie's “And then There Were None”. Ticket cost £40 per person, coach will be extra. There will be plenty of time to get lunch before performance.

ADVANCED NOTICE – Thursford Christmas Show 2024 – there will be an interest signup sheet at the September meeting. Tickets **must** be pre booked in January 2024 to ensure good seats.

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 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR				
GROUP	DATE	TIME	VENUE	LEADER
BANNED BOOK CLUB	Thu 14th	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Chatteris Library	Peter Leeson
BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE CRAFTS	Wed 6th	2.00pm- 3.30pm	King Edward Centre	Sally Harper
	Wed 20th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Barbara Righelato Lindsey Marsden
CREATIVE WRITING	Mon 4th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Member's Home	Polly Howat
FAMILY HISTORY	Thu 7th	10.00am – 12.00pm	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
GAMES AFTERNOON	Thu 28th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
GOLF	Wed 6 th and 20th	A Morning Round	The Old Nene Golf Club	Stuart Newman
GUITAR	Thu 28th	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Member's Home	Steve Wright
JEWELLERY FOR FUN	Fri 8th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Caroline Hopper
LIVING WELL WITH ARTHRITIS	Fri 22nd	2.00pm – 4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Lesley Pomfrett
QUIZ EVENING	Mon 25th	7.00pm – 9.00pm	King Edward Centre	Jeanette Hipkins
SCRABBLE	Mon 11th	2.00pm- 4.00pm	Member's Home	Jan Fieldhouse
SINGING FOR PLEASURE	Mon 18th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Emmanuel Church	Joan Deller
TABLE TENNIS	Every Tuesday	10.00am – 12.00pm	King Edward Centre	Ken Robson
WALKING HERE A	Fri 8th	10.00am – 12.00pm	King Edward Centre	Phil Green
WALKING HERE B	Tue 12th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Furrowfields Car Park	Brian Windsor
WALKING THERE	Wed 20th	As Arranged	Furrowfields Car Park	John Parry Brian Windsor
WHIST	Tue 12th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Member's Home	John Parry
WINE APPRECIATION	Tue 5th	6.30pm – 9.00pm	Member's Home	Barry Ransley
LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY	When arranged	As arranged	As arranged	Jan Fieldhouse
LUNCH ON THURSDAY	When arranged	As arranged	As arranged	Lesley Gibbs
COMPUTING HELP	By arrangement	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

Following the talk at the last Open Meeting about the family history groups discoveries from war records to reuniting with lost family, I would love to hear from group leaders and members about **your** interest group, for inclusion in the newsletter and website. What have you made, learnt, scored, walked, written, sung, or just appreciated!

Please email me via the contact page in our website. *Jo Cogger*

WEBPAGE WATCH



If you have read the Minutes of recent Committee Meetings that are available on the *Members Info* page of our website then you may have noticed that a regularly discussed subject has been *Beacon*. But "**What is Beacon?**". The answer is "An Online Management System" already being used by over 500 u3as and now about to be utilised by Chatteris u3a.

If you would like to find out more then please click this [What is BEACON?](#) link which will take you to a subpage of the *Members Info* page.

- 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 Minute*

CHATTERBOX

Any feedback on the new Chatterbox is welcome: does it satisfy you? Do you need something more? Is there something you believe necessary? Something you would like to change? Let us know via the website contact page or speak to any committee member.

WANT TO HELP KEEP "CHATTERIS IN BLOOM"?



If you are interested in joining or just helping the Chatteris in Bloom Committee, you can contact them via their website at: [Chatteris in Bloom - Who We Are \(webs.com\)](#)

