



Registered Charity No 1196841

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

I hope your year has started with positive feelings and happiness and will continue full of exciting things. The committee has lots of big plans for the coming months and I would like to share some of them with you.

We need you!

Our **AGM** will be on the 19th April (at the regular open meeting), so if you would like to help your u3a survive another year, now is the time to start thinking about volunteering for a new role.

1. We have 2 open spaces on the **committee** now, but, more importantly, we need some candidates for the next year. This means attending the monthly committee meetings: 2 hours per month to share your ideas.
2. We also need back-up & support **volunteers** to work with the trip committee, the treasurer, the administration of our Beacon software account, etc and could step up should the position holder not be available.

We are also launching a **poster competition** to advertise u3a Chatteris and our various groups and activities. A prize will be handed out at the AGM, so you have until the 1st of April to get your submissions to one of the committee members.

More information is available on our website in February's [Chair's Notes](#).

I look forward to hearing from you as to how you can help make your u3a bigger and better. Stay safe.

Peter

All "A Note from the Chair" messages are available via this [CHAIR NOTES](#) link.

TRIPS / THEATRE VISITS

SPOTLIGHT Theatre - "The Addams Family" on Wednesday 10th April, tickets £15.00 per person, Car share available. Sign-up sheet at next meeting only 25 tickets available.

Elton Hall and Gardens plus Bosworth Garden Centre - Tuesday 18th June, Ticket price £43.00 per person includes coach, driver tip, entry ticket, tea/coffee on arrival and use of a private area for lunch. This is a two-venue trip using Bosworth Garden Centre as the base where you will be greeted with Coffee/tea and biscuits and a designated area for lunch when ready. Leaving plenty of time to walk around the Hall and Gardens which are a short walk along a tree lined path, and enough time to browse around the Garden centre before we make our way home. (Hall not suitable for wheelchairs or mobility aids, sorry).

Proposed trips for rest of year -

Buckingham Palace - A City and Village outing with tour guide.

October - Bluewater Shopping trip - start your Christmas shopping early.

November - Thursford Christmas Show - Tuesday 12th November, afternoon performance. Ticket only price £51. 50 tickets have been reserved. Coach will be extra.

- 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.

OPEN MEETINGS 2024

For more information, click on the [Diary](#) link

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| 16 th Feb 2024 | FEBRUARY OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Who is the MYSTERY SPEAKER at our February Open Meeting?  Click this  to find out. |
| 15 th Mar 2024 | MARCH OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Dr Trish Skinner – Survival, Suffrage, Service: Chatteris Women in an Age of Change 1880 – 1950 |
| 19 th Apr 2024 | APRIL OPEN MEETING and AGM 10.30am in the KEC Deborah Mahoney – Hearing Dogs for Deaf People |
| 17 th May 2024 | MAY OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Matt Edwards – Shooting and the Consequences |
| 21 st Jun 2024 | JUNE OPEN MEETING 10.30am in the KEC Gwenda Kyd – Twelve Tremendous Trees |

WEBPAGE WATCH

- Here are some recently updated **INTEREST GROUP** webpages: [Banned Book Club](#) and [Walking Here A](#) and [Walking Here B](#).
- Here are some recently updated **OUTINGS** webpages: [TRIPS](#) and [THEATRE](#).

Chatteris FoodBank Collections at our Open Meetings

- UTH milk and long-life fruit juice
- Tinned goods
- Dried goods
- Toiletries
- Baby supplies
- General household cleaning supplies
- Pet food

Please remember the 3-month lead time.
Thanks for your support.

INTEREST GROUPS

| February 2024 | | | | |
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| Group | Date | Time | Venue | Leader |
| ART GROUP | Fri 16th | 2.00-4.00pm | Chatteris Library | Peter Leeson |
| BANNED BOOK CLUB | Thurs 8th | 2.30-3.30pm | Chatteris Library | Peter Leeson |
| BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE | Weds 7th | 1.45-3.45pm | Contact leader for details | Sally Harper |
| CRAFTS | Weds 21st | 2.00-4.00pm | King Edward Centre | Barbara Righelato Lindsey Marsden |
| CREATIVE WRITING | Mon 5th | 2.00-4.00pm | Member's Home | Polly Howat |
| FAMILY HISTORY | Thurs 1st | 10.00am-12.00pm | King Edward Centre | Georgina Plumb |
| GAMES AFTERNOON | Thurs 22nd | 2.00-4.00pm | King Edward Centre | Georgina Plumb |
| GOLF | Weds 7th & 21st | A Morning Round | The Old Nene Golf Club | Stuart Newman |
| GUITAR | Thurs 22nd | 1.00-3.00pm | Member's Home | Steve Wright |
| JEWELLERY FOR FUN | Fri 9th | 2.00-4.00pm | King Edward Centre | Caroline Hopper |
| LIVING WELL WITH ARTHRITIS | Fri 23rd | 2.00-3.30pm | King Edward Centre | Lesley Pomfrett |
| QUIZ EVENING | Mon 26th | 7.00-9.00pm | King Edward Centre | Jeanette Hipkins |
| SCRABBLE | Mon 12th | 2.00-4.00pm | Member's Home | Jan Fieldhouse |
| SINGING FOR PLEASURE | Mon 19th | 2.30-4.00pm | Emmanuel Church | Joan Dellar |
| TABLE TENNIS | Every Tues | 10.00am-12.00pm | King Edward Centre | Ken Robson |
| WALKING HERE A | Fri 9th | 10.00am-12.00pm | King Edward Centre | Phil Green |
| WALKING HERE B | Tues 13th | 10.00am-12.00pm | Furrowfields Car Park | Brian Windsor |
| WALKING THERE | Weds 21st | As Arranged | Furrowfields Car Park | John Parry Brian Windsor |
| WHIST | Tues 13th | 2.00-4.00pm | Member's Home | John Parry |
| WINE APPRECIATION | Tues 6th | 6.30-9.00pm | Member's Home | Barry Ransley |
| LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY | Weds 28th | As Arranged | As Arranged | Jan Fieldhouse |
| LUNCH ON THURSDAY | Thurs 22nd | As Arranged | As Arranged | Lesley Gibbs |
| COMPUTING HELP | 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 email Georgina Plumb, our Group Coordinator.