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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Jane Barker



Rather belatedly, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. I hope you continue to enjoy your U3A courses and activities during the coming months. The Outings Group have once again put together an interesting programme for late Spring and early Summer. Outings are, of course, open to all members and full details of how to apply are given on page 1 of the programme.

I was very pleased to welcome so many of you to our 20th AGM in October. The following were elected to serve on the Management Committee:

- Jane Barker – Chair
- Jenny Marty – Secretary
- Martin Hayton – Treasurer
- Hilary Ball – Membership Secretary
- Margaret Anderson – Group Leader Coordinator & Publicity
- Maggie Atkins – Outings Coordinator
- Nigel Sloman – Outings Treasurer
- Barbara White – Newsletter Editor
- Brian Birchall – Committee Member
- Angela Hardman – Committee Member

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR (cont.)

Following the formal meeting we were delighted to hear from Dorothy Shearman, who shared some of her entertaining memories of the 'early days'. As the wife of our first Chairman and a founder member, Dorothy was part of an enthusiastic group of Guildford U3A members who in 1998 realised the need for Cranleigh & District to have its own U3A.



A toast was proposed to the continuing success of Cranleigh & District U3A. Dorothy was asked to cut the celebratory cake, which was enjoyed with a glass of Prosecco. We were then treated to some lively entertainment provided by members of The Surrey Hills Ukulele Band and

some members of our own Ukulele Group. Thanks go to all those who contributed to such an enjoyable afternoon



NEWS FROM U3A GROUPS

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTINGS COORDINATOR

Maggie Atkins

The first thing I want to do is thank Margaret Anderson very much for taking over the running of the Outings Group while I was unable to do it. I don't know how she managed to fit it in along with all the other things she does for the U3A.

The latest Outings Programme is being distributed with this Newsletter and includes five interesting and different trips, including a tour of Lord's Cricket Ground with lunch and a visit to Adam Henson's Farm Park in Gloucestershire. There's also a visit to Audley End House and Garden in Saffron Walden, for which Valerie Miles has negotiated free entry to the house and gardens – a saving of approximately £18 per person. All you have to pay for is the coach.

To apply for any of the outings, please complete the application form, which is on the last page of the Outings Programme.

In July 2019, we are planning an outing to Highgrove Gardens, Prince Charles' private estate in Gloucestershire, so please look out for this in the next Outings Programme, which will be distributed in April.

MUSICALS

Peter Fuller

We have enjoyed a very good four months, showing a variety of musicals, including 'The Dolly Sisters' with Betty Grable, followed by 'The King and I' - always popular. Our best attended showing was for the stage version of 'Miss Saigon' and we finished at Christmas with James Cagney singing and dancing as 'Yankee Doodle Dandy'.

In the New Year we start with my favourite Doris Day musical, 'My Dream is Yours', and in February will be showing another stage show – with Imelda Staunton starring in 'Gypsy'.

Would Members please note two date changes: our February date will now be on the first Thursday (7 February) and in May we shall also meet on the first Thursday (2 May).

Thanks to all who have attended and there is room for anyone else who wishes to come along.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB (GROUP A)

Christine

Gimber

It's 6 years since I started this Sunday Lunch Club and this year we have 21 members. The photo shows some of the members at December's lunch venue (The Grantley Arms, Womersley).



Whilst I have enjoyed running the group, for next year (from September 2019) I wish to retire from the role of Group Leader and pass that responsibility on to someone else. Perhaps one of this year's SLC members could consider taking it on -- or it could be another U3A member from outside the group? Either way, I would love to hear from you.

SCIENCE GROUP

Roger Townsend

**We are on the move again:
From the Bandroom back to the Crane Room in the Arts Centre.**

This is because a music group need to use the Bandroom on a weekly basis rather than our monthly requirement and they have been given preference over us because the venue is, of course, built for musical events.

That aside, we have had an excellent series of lectures this Autumn covering the following: 'Metals at High Temperatures'; 'Water for Life'; 'The Race between Global Warming and Green Energy'; 'Antibiotics - What is Resistance?'. We wish again to thank the four speakers for the work they have put in on our behalf: Peter Skelton, John Ashworth, Richard Bowles and Pam Hunter

The programme for this Spring is on a number of exciting issues and topics:

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| Feb 5th | 'Sleep Research' by Professor Derk-Jan Dijk. |
| Mar 5th | 'Rise and Fall of Commercial Manned Submersibles for the Offshore Industry' by Maurice Byham. |
| April 2nd | Two Short Talks: one on 'Sunshine' by Roger Green and a specially researched contribution on 'The Science of Nail Gels' by Christine Gimber. |
| May 7th | 'Human Genetics' by Dr Harry Noyes. |

FRIDAY WALKING GROUP

Bob Callard

We are now well into our walks for this season, with a few newcomers joining us to swell our numbers which have remained fairly constant at around 40 for the last few years. One or two people have decided to hang up their boots due to illness this year and they will be sorely missed, so it is with great pleasure that we welcome the new contingent to help us over the stiles!

Last year we enjoyed many interesting walks, generally in good weather – although, for the first time ever, one had to be cancelled in July because it was too hot! The group photo was taken in May just before we entered the rhododendron woods at the foot of Leith Hill.



I have been very lucky to have found leaders for all our walks this season, which makes my task much easier, so many thanks to all these people who search out suitable routes, good pubs and varied terrain. We are tending to travel somewhat further for walks, especially in the summer months, so that different areas of our wonderful countryside can be explored that have not been previously visited.

Happy New Year to you all.



Have you received a new camera for Christmas or would you simply like to take better photographs?

Have you ever wanted to learn how to use all of those extra buttons on your camera or to discover how to take portraits like a professional? In that case, consider joining our group during 2019.

Meetings consist of teaching, watching selected YouTube videos and discussing photographic skills

before a challenge is set to be completed before the next meeting. The submitted photographs are then discussed by the whole group.

Learning is supported by a Blog that can be found at cranleighu3aphoto.wordpress.com.

In our January meeting we will be studying how close-up photography is possible without a dedicated macro lens. It will include a hands-on practical session and the challenge for the month will be to photograph a Toy Car landscape.

In February we will be learning how to use shutter speed, aperture and a camera's focus modes to photograph a fast-moving image, and March will be about how to successfully capture a low-light picture.

The monthly challenges are within the capabilities of all image capture devices, ranging from mobile phones to SLR cameras. There are currently five places available in the group, so please feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

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