

News from the Chair

Autumn has arrived and the evenings are drawing in. This is a good time to come along to the U3a meetings and take part in the various groups that our members lead. Thanks to the leaders we have approximately 40 active groups.

We are holding a Coffee morning on Tuesday, 10th October in the Guildhall, Faversham 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

This is mainly for those members who can't attend the Wednesday meetings, but all are welcome.

Do come along and join us in saying Hello over a coffee and chat.

At the last meeting we enjoyed looking at various pictures created by the Art group and sampled the delicious produce from the allotments. Well done to all who contributed and worked hard to achieve so much.

Best wishes,

Jenny

Joint Group Coordinators' Report October 2023

I mentioned in an earlier newsletter that our aim would be to have 50 groups. We are not there yet but I am pleased to announce that three new members have offered to run a group each:

Val is offering a third monthly discussion group, to be called Discussion3, on the third Thursday morning.

Brian is proposing a fortnightly Film Making group, based on location and the Swale Media Arts Centre, Sittingbourne.

Frances is considering a Mahjong group for those with previous experience but would like to know if there is sufficient interest.

If you are interested in any of these, sign up at the next meeting or email me at group.coordinator.fadu3a@gmail.com or via the Fadu3a website.

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about the coffee morning for those who find it difficult to get to the Wednesday meetings; this is a direct result of feedback received when Jenny and I visited the Interest Groups.

Only a few more groups still to go before one of us will have visited all (except those where Jill, Jenny or I are members) and then we will visit the new groups, once they have had a chance to become established.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	VARIOUS TIMES
ART HISTORY 12:00 CYCLING 11:00 TENNIS 10:00 READING 10:30	BUS TO WALK CRAFT 10:00 HISTORY4U 10:30	BOOK GROUP W 11:00 CYCLING 11:00 LUNCH 12:00 MAHJONG BEGS 10:00	BOOK GROUP TH 11:00 DISCUSSION 3 11:00 FLOWER ARRANGING 10:00 FRENCH CONVERSATION 11:00 PLANTS & GDNS 10:30 T /TENNIS 10:00	FAMILY HISTORY 10:00 GOLF FOR MEN GOLF FOR WOMEN PLAY READING 11:00	ALLOTMENT DIG ALLOTMENT NO DIG CINEMA FILM MAKING STROLLING 1-1 TECHNICAL SUPPORT
FRENCH CHAT 14:00 ART 13:00 PICKLEBALL 14:00 SLOW STITCH 14:00	FOLK MUSIC APPR 14:00 IPHONE & IPAD 13:15 RUMMIKUB T 14:00	ART APPR 14:00 JAZZ APPR 14:00 NOT TOO SERIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP 14:00 RUMMIKUB W 14:00 SPANISH 14:00	BRIDGE 13:30 FRENCH CONVERSATION 2 14:00 GERMAN 14:00 KNITTING 14:00 Scrabble 14:00 BOARD GAMES 18:45		Lower case denotes short term courses

Jacque Dabnor, Joint Group Coordinator

Monthly Speakers

Wednesday October 18th

illustrated talk

Jane Scotchmer - Gardener, Traveller and Photographer will give us an illustrated talk on her travels in Myanmar (formerly Burma)
A journey through this captivating and enigmatic country.

Wednesday November 15th

Andy Smith is a motivational speaker, performance poet, entertainer and former business communicator. Andy engages his audiences with his poetry, related commentary and plenty of light-hearted humour with a smattering of history.

Wednesday 20th December

Our annual Christmas Quiz

Cliff Holroyd



LOST PROPERTY

A pair of sunglasses, also a water bottle/mug were left behind after the beetle drive. To join them we now have a 2023 diary.
The committee have all and will bring them along to the next meeting.





Dear Kent Residents,

As the number of scams continue to increase, as anyone can be a victim of a scam, it is important to stay alert and follow our guidance.

This advice is received from Kent Police or Kent County Council Public Protection

- ⊖ Reputable traders and contractors do not cold-call for business and they will NEVER ask you to go to the bank or cash point.
- ⊖ If you receive a scam phone call, hang up and don't return their calls. NEVER disclose any personal information such as bank details, no matter who the person claims to be.

Get free advice from Citizens Advice 0808 223 1133 Report scams to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040

LATEST SCAM INFORMATION FROM KCC

Kent Police report numerous reports of **Courier Fraud** in Dover, Canterbury and Tunbridge Wells – Residents have now lost £5,000 to courier fraudsters in Canterbury and Tunbridge Wells – please warn and inform friends and family. Reports state residents receive a call from the Police and they either need to give their address for a courier to come and get their bank card or money. The scam can change from having a family member arrested or that fraud has been place taken place on your account. **These are all scams.** The police never make calls like this. Check the dialing tone after your call to ensure scammers are not still on the phone, use another telephone, if possible, to call 999 or call a trusted friend first. If a courier arrives at your property ring 999. If you think you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your bank immediately (call 159) and report it to Action Fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 123 2040/

Scam Christmas Fair targeting Kent Residents

Often posted on Facebook, it is an invitation to stallholders to book a place. Once the money is taken their post disappears leaving the stallholder out of pocket. **This is a scam.** The Cost of Living means many want to make a little more money by selling homemade crafts, but before paying money ensure they are genuine, check with the venue. For advice and to report contact Citizens Advice on consumer helpline 0808 223 1133 or report to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Air Fryer Scam emails

Action Fraud has received 468 reports in two weeks relating to fake emails claiming to be from Asda. Watch out for these SCAM emails claiming you've won a free air fryer. The websites the emails link to are designed to steal your contact info and payment details.

Report suspicious emails by forwarding them to: report@phishing.gov.uk

Morrisons Food Recall – Spanish Chorizo Ring – presence of salmonella (pack size 200g) Best Before 8.12.23. Do not eat it but return to the store it was bought from for a full refund, with or without a receipt.

HL R-Team E-Bike Batteries and Chargers presenting a serious risk of electric shock, fire and explosion. Product information – Type: Electrical appliances and equipment – E-Bike Battery – affected modes: 36V175AH, 36V15AH, 48V20AH, 48V13AH, 48V15AH, 36V15AH, 36V22AH, 48V19AH and 36V10AH. Product Description - Products are supplied individually in cardboard boxes with polystyrene inner and marked with model number and a battery warning label.

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Are you on Facebook? Do join us, we now have over seventy members.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FavershamU3A>

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