



April 2023 Newsletter

What's Coming Up (apart from Flowers)

Wednesday 26th April 2023

We were going to have quiz at this meeting but we had the opportunity for a visit from Mandy Young who received an M.B.E. for services to young people and is currently the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.

Mandy was responsible for founding Andrenaline Alley which grew from an outdoor skatepark which started at Rockingham Speedway in 2003.

Mandy is looking forward to talking to us about the joys and laughs that being the Deputy Lord Lieutenant brings as well as the bits that she finds difficult.

As Mandy is keen to meet all of us, Peter and the committee felt it was an opportunity too good to be missed.

Wednesday 24th May 2023

By Popular Demand – Presentation on Safety & Scamming following on from the visit from Chief Inspector Scott Little and John Kinloch. Local representatives are paying a visit to discuss your concerns and educate us on simple measures we should take to keep us safe.

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Party in the Park & 10th Birthday Celebrations – Bet you forgot or did not realize that Great Oakley & district u3a started in May 2013 and is now 10 years old. We are having a Party in the park as we successfully did last year so bring along some food, sun cream and good humour.

Wednesday 26th July 2023

Walk / Talk by Dr. Peter Hill Much will depend on the weather but what is sure is this will be extremely interesting and another meeting not to be missed so make sure this is in your diary.

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Last Chance:

We have to make confirmed reservations for the Coach Trip to Bletchley Park and the chance to see it's grounds and hear about its amazing history.



There is the opportunity to have a guided tour around the many interesting rooms and buildings.

This is really an opportunity that should not be missed.



There are restaurants, outside seating areas and Ice Cream.

All of this for just £44 with £10 deposits being taken at the A.G.M. so secure your place NOW.



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Message from the Committee following the A.G.M.

Apologies for the length, it is needed so that we have covered all bases as we become a registered charity.

Many thanks to the Members who volunteered to join the Committee.

At the A.G.M.:

All of the Committee Membership Nominations were accepted.

The Chairs and Financial Reports were accepted together with approval for continuing with work to register with the Charities Commission.

It was agreed that the subscription rates for 2023 would be as follows: -

Full Membership including Magazine £17:00 p.a.

Full Membership excluding Magazine £13:00 p.a.

Associate member fee (Full membership of another U3A) £9:00p p.a.

New members (joining after year start) to be £1.00 per month + £3.50 recharge from Third Age Trust

Unfortunately, we have a couple of Posts that are not filled and at the moment the Business Secretary is also undertaking the role of Membership Secretary and we have a temporary Group Co-Ordinator.

There is really nothing difficult about any of the roles and the committee will welcome anyone who wants to attend meetings, initially as a guest - Give it a go.

We really do need people to step up and become Committee Members.

The Committee Membership is currently as follows:

Chairperson Peter Moden

Vice Chairperson Steve Lambert

Treasurer Rita Gogan

Business Secretary Tom Reygan

Membership Secretary Tom Reygan

Group Co-Ordinator Vacant

Social Secretary Mary Lambert

Web Co-Ordinator Vacant

Public Relations Secretary Vacant

Publicity Assistant Vacant

Welfare Assistant Janice Crane

Members Representative Vacant.

Membership Information and Fees

I am sure you are aware that as a result of the need to register Charity with the Charities Commission we need Membership and Disclaimer forms to be completed by everyone

It would be good if you could complete the form, collect your card and pay at a monthly meeting.

Many thanks to all of the Members who have renewed Membership. Committee Members are hoping to visit groups to check membership and as a result aid the renewal process.



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Group Co-Ordinator's Message

Unfortunately, this is one of the vacant Committee Posts. I am currently temporarily acting as the Group Co-Ordinator but we need a volunteer to take up the role and become a committee member.

We are continuing trying to get out Membership Cards and forms to you and trying to get information to Group Contacts so we can receive attendance returns.

I am extremely keen to find individuals prepared to act as Group Contacts and / or Co-Ordinator's and be the primary or secondary point of contact for groups.

There continues to be space available in the buildings we use for additional groups. If you have any ideas for a new group whether it is due to Groups being fully subscribed you want to start a new group, please contact me so I can assist you.

Please contact me in person or by E-Mail to chair.gou3a@gmail.com for forwarding to me.

John Bugby

Temporary Acting Group Co-Ordinator

Tea Rota for Meetings

I am going to build on Lynda White's excellent work by drawing up a Group Rota for doing the Teas and Coffee at Monthly Meetings.

The Newsletter will be used to advise Groups of the Rota and to advise Members who so they have the opportunity to meet with others who are in a different group.

National Office

You can find Newsletters and information on The Third Age Trust at [The Third Age Trust \(campaign-archive.com\)](http://The Third Age Trust (campaign-archive.com)) where you can_ **Zoom in to Articles and look at other items.**

Group Information

As we are compiling a new Membership register, I thought it a good idea to put in a note on the active Groups we have.

First a reminder

Any New Member can visit any number of groups twice (subject to checking with the Group Contact) before deciding whether to join Great Oakley & District u3a.

In future Newsletters I will be trying to get regular updates from Groups.

To get in Contact with the Groups please send an E-Mail to Vicechairgou3a@gmail.com for forwarding to the group contact.

Art Group

A friendly group of budding artists meet on alternate Tuesdays at Danesholme Community Centre between 10:00a.m and 12:00 Midday. Being an artist is not a necessary as equipment can be borrowed. Contact is Lesley Sturman

Badminton Group

This is a friendly group who meet on Tuesdays from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 Midday at Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre. and Contact is John Bugby.

Book Group

This is a small group of Members who all read and discuss the same book and there are seldom spaces to join. If you are interested in starting an additional group or want more information contact John Bugby.

Bowls Group

Members use a single Indoor mat. It would be good to have more members. The group meet from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 midday on Fridays at Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre. Contact is John Bugby



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History Group

This group meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (not in August) at Great Oakley Village Hall between 2:00p.m and 4p.m. All members are welcome to attend the presentations that they frequently have. Details of meetings are emailed to History Group members about seven days before the meeting. If you would like your email address to be added to the History Group email address list, then please send your details to secretary.gou3a@gmail.com.

Meditation

The group have sessions in 4–5-week blocks on topics decided for discussion in advance.

This Group is fully subscribed but if you are interested in joining or starting a new group, please send a note to secretary.gou3a@gmail.com

Open Mic

The group meet at Danesholme Community Centre on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 12:30 to 14:30. There are limited spaces available but if you are interested in joining, please get in touch.

Contact is Lynda White

Photographic Group

This group visit sites of interest to take photographs and in winter months meet at Great Oakley Village from 2:00p.m to 4:00p.m on the 2nd Wednesday in the month. Contact is John Bugby

Play Reading

This is a small group who meet monthly in Danesholme, to read a play together. It is very informal; they don't take themselves too seriously and would love to have more members. Contact is Stella Herbert

Table Tennis

The main aim is to have some fun. There are spaces to play on 2 tables at Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre on any Friday from 10:00. Contact is John Bugby

Ukulele Group

They meet every Monday in the Corby Old Village community Centre from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon and welcome anyone willing to play an instrument or sing. Contact is Trudie Reid

Walking Group

The Walking Group get out and about in all but the worst weather. New walkers are always welcome to join them on the 2nd Friday of every month. Contact is Lesley Sturman

Writing Group

You can find several of the group's stories, poems and stories at <https://www.u3asites.org.uk/great-oakley/welcome> and looking in the Links and Writing.

The group is fully subscribed but if you are interested in joining or starting a new group, please send a note to secretary.gou3a@gmail.com

Our u3a Facebook Page

The u3a Facebook Page is worth looking at and you can join by following this link: [Great Oakley and District U3A | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GreatOakleyandDistrictU3A/)

Our Web Site

The u3a web site is worth looking at for information on our own group, national Links & Newsletters at <https://u3asites.org.uk/great-oakley/home>

Take Care – Great Oakley & District u3a Executive Committee.