



March 2023 Newsletter

Up and Coming Events

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Annual General Meeting with a twist.
We are going to try and make the formal A.G.M., quicker and less painful than we have managed in the past and are aiming to get it over in record time.
After the formalities of the A.G.M. Doreen and Damian Tracey are giving a presentation called "Stephenson Way to Hollywood"
You do not want to miss this.

Wednesday 26th April 2023

Something we have not had for a time – A traditional Quiz and Natter to catch up with each other, the new Committee and Group Information.

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

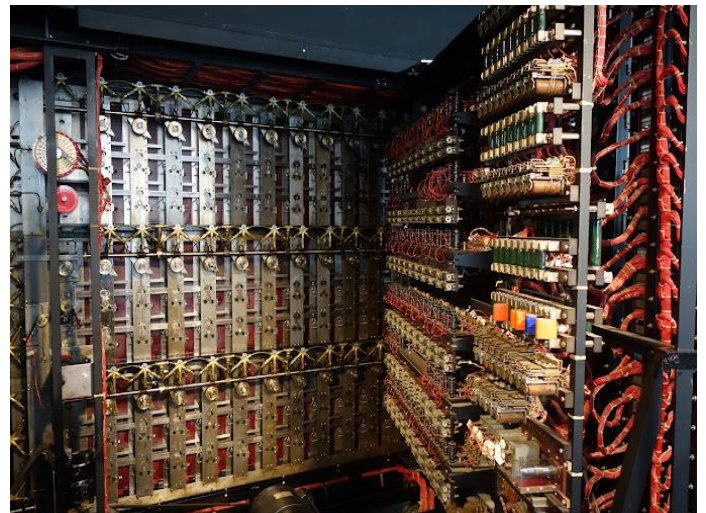
Walk / Talk by Dr. Peter Hill Much will depend on the weather but what is sure is this will be extremely interesting and another meeting not to be missed so make sure this is in your diary.

Wednesday 19th July 202

Coach Trip to Bletchley Park
A chance to visit Bletchley Park with its amazing history and grounds.



We are going to and 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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Just One Message from the Committee

We still do not have enough Nominations for Committee Posts and

We are registering as a Charity with the Charities Commission and as a result we need Membership and Disclaimer forms to be completed by everyone. I cannot emphasise enough that as we become a registered charity as we really need a name against all of the posts. There is nothing difficult about any of the roles and all the posts are available as we need to vote in a new committee every year.

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

The Committee Posts are:

Chairperson To lead Meetings and to bring forward their own and members suggestions

Vice Chairperson To deputise for the Chairperson

Treasurer To keep accounts and make financial reports.

Business Secretary To deal with all correspondence, take Minutes and make reports.

Membership Secretary To update contact information, collect new Membership Fees and forward any monies received.

Group Co-Ordinator To liaise with all Groups and assist setting up new groups.

Social Secretary To arrange Meeting Speakers & Socials.

Web Co-Ordinator To maintain Web site.

Public Relations Secretary To represent the group for U3A Trust initiatives.

Publicity Assistant To publicise events and liaise with the Media.

Welfare Assistant To be the initial contact for any Members Personal concerns.

Members Representative To represent all Members Views.

Membership Information and Fees

Annual Membership fees become due on the 1st April 2023 for the year to 1st April 2024.

Renewal in April is to match the end of the financial year and returns to the Third Age Trust.

Full Membership including u3a Capitation Fee & magazine £17 p.a.

Full Membership without magazine £13 p.a.

Associate Membership as a member of another u3a £9 p.a

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Members will be able to renew their Memberships at Monthly Meetings and Committee members will, if needed visit groups to aid the renewal process.

Our u3a Facebook Page

Great Oakley and District u3a Facebook page is well worth looking at and if you would like to join, the easiest way is to follow this link: [Great Oakley and District U3A | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GreatOakleyandDistrictU3A/) and ask to join more than 35 Members of the group.

Our Web Site

Great Oakley and district u3a web site is well worth looking at for a lot of information on our own group, for National Links and Newsletters. It is easy to find at <https://u3asites.org.uk/great-oakley/home>

National Office

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



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Group Co-Ordinators Message

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

There is space available in the buildings we use for additional groups so if you have any new ideas for a group or would wish to start one contact me so I can assist you.

Please contact me in person or by E-Mail to Vicechairgou3a@gmail.com for forwarding to me.

Lynda White

Group Co-Ordinator

Tea Rota for Meetings

I have started to draw up a Rota for doing the Teas and Coffee at Monthly Meetings and will be using the newsletter to act as an Aide Memoire for the rota.

Lynda White

Group Co-Ordinator

Group Reports

Art Group

This friendly group of budding artists meet on alternate Tuesdays at Danesholme Community Centre between 10:00a.m and 12:00 Midday. If you are interested in joining, they would be happy to welcome you. Being an artist is not a necessity, any equipment can be borrowed. Contact is via Lesley Sturman via an E-Mail to Vicechairgou3a@gmail.com

Badminton Group

We meet on Tuesdays from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 Midday at Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre and could do with a few more members as we recently have had between 5 & 8 Members playing on the 2 Courts. You can join us for a bit of exercise, a cup of Tea or Coffee and a laugh for only £2.

Bowls Group

We use a single Indoor Mat and it would be good to have more members playing.

If you are interested in joining the group join us from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 midday on Fridays at Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre for some ends for £2:00 with Tea or Coffee.

History Group

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month except August at Great Oakley Village Hall between 2:00p.m and 4p.m.

All members of the Great Oakley & District U3A are welcome to attend the presentations that we frequently have.

Full 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 plan their sessions in 4–5-week blocks and the topics for discussion are agreed in advance.

The idea is for group members to share their views and personal experience.

This Group is fully subscribed but if you are interested in joining or starting a new group, please send a note to vicechair.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 but if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch and Lynda White will get back to you. Please send an E-mail Vicechairgou3a@gmail.com for forwarding to Lynda.



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Play Reading

We are a small group who meet monthly in Danesholme, to read a play together. No acting involved, we just sit around a table and read from a script which is chosen and distributed in advance. It is very informal; we don't take ourselves too seriously and we'd love to have more members. So, if it appeals to you, or if you like the idea but are not sure if it would suit you, why not just come along and give it a try? Contact: Stella Herbert via an Email to Vicechairgou3a@gmail.com for more information.

Photographic Group

This month we had a presentation from Malcolm Hupman, the Chair of Corby Photographic Club which included lots of Photographs in his talk on "Where I take photographs in Great Britain"
In the winter months we meet at Great Oakley Village from 2:00p.m to 4:00p.m on the 2nd Wednesday in the month.



We have a comprehensive list of places to visit from April to October and try and set a subject / theme for photographs every month..

We are looking for an expert that we can call on to give us guidance, so if you know someone or are that person, please contact John Bugby by E-mail to Vicechairgou3a.@gmail.com

Table Tennis

The main aim is to have a good game and enjoy ourselves. There is space to join us and play on the 2 tables that are available at the Kingswood Neighborhood Centre on any Friday at 10:00 for 2hrs of Table Tennis and Tea & Coffee for £2 per person.

Ukulele Group

We meet every Monday in the Corby Old Village community Centre from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon. We do teach folk to play the ukulele but welcome anyone willing to play an instrument or sing. We currently have a Cajon available for the use of a percussionist and welcome anyone who comes along to our Monday morning meetings.

Walking Group

The Walking Group get out and about in all but the most inclement weather. The walks normally end up with lunch at a hostelry found at the end of the days route. New walkers are always welcome to join on the walks that take place on the 2nd Friday of every month.

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. Authors would welcome feedback on their efforts.

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Take Care

Great Oakley & District U3A Executive Committee.