



## Chairman's Bulletin – 6 November 2022

A very short Chairman's Bulletin this month, I'm afraid. I'm still somewhat hampered by my fractured right shoulder. Typing with just my left hand has got a little speedier but it takes so much effort!

Last month we held our AGM at which **Christine Lea, Judith Moseley** and **Barbara Williams** were elected onto the committee – welcome ladies. Am I still allowed to say that? Probably not, but welcome anyway.

May I encourage you all to look at our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/harpenden/home> to find out about our meetings and details of our groups as I am not able to include as much as usual in this bulletin.

Best wishes

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## Members' News

This month we are delighted to welcome four more new members – Lynne Jeffrey, John Davis, Marion Gajewski and Jack Wilson. I hope you enjoy your membership.

## Dates for Your Diary

Below is the programme of General Meetings up until the end of the year. They will all take place in the Trust Hall, opposite the Plough and Harrow at 2.15 on the dates shown.

**17<sup>th</sup> November**      **Walking from Land's End to John o' Groats.** Speaker – Dave Felton. Dave says: *"On 15 May 2017 I set off from Land's End on a long walk north to John o' Groats to celebrate my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday/indulge in a multi-month midlife crisis. I reached journey's end 82 days later. It was a wonder adventure and one of the highlights of my life."*

**1<sup>st</sup> December**      **Members' Afternoon** (with tea and coffee) – **Christmas Miscellany** with contributions from members.

**15<sup>th</sup> December**      **Christmas Social** – our annual festive get together.

The programme for next year will be announced shortly.

## **Group News**

**History Group** – The next meeting of the History Group is on Tuesday, 8 November at 2.30 in the Randall Room at the Trust Halls with a presentation by Roger Thompson and his topic this month is '**The events leading to the Holocaust**', a subject particularly appropriate for the month of November. All welcome.

Four new groups are now up and running. The **Creative Writers'** and '**Spanish Conversation**' groups have now held their first meetings while the first meeting of our second '**Reading for Pleasure**' group is on 10<sup>th</sup> November and the '**Church and Pub**' group will be visiting its second church, Ayot St Peter, on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

For more information about our 21 groups, to find out when they meet and how to contact the group leaders, please visit the **Groups** page on our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/harpenden/groups>

## **u3a Online Learning Events**

There are excellent FREE u3a national online learning events arranged throughout the year. Subjects coming up include 'Discover Online Shopping', 'Climate Change', 'Vegetarian Winter Warmers Cookery Demo', 'Creative Thinking', 'Seated Yoga' 'Philosophy', 'The Geology of Oil and Gas', 'Understanding DNA for Genealogy' and 'Writing Poetry'. For more info on these and other subjects please visit the national website at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>