

## A few words from the Chair . . .



Memories came flooding back at the end of last month when the General Meeting took place at Putteridge Bury. In the past, I have both attended educational meetings and presented training courses for newly qualified teachers. Now it was my turn once again to deliver a presentation, this time to u3a members at a General Meeting.

Whereas I normally greet the visiting speaker and introduce them to the audience, this time the roles were reversed as I was to give the illustrated talk, and so another committee member dealt with the formalities and then handed the meeting over to me. Thank you, Hilary.

All the time, sitting at the back of the room was Carole, busily taking notes that would form the basis of her report published elsewhere in this Newsletter. This is an example of one person volunteering to contribute in a small, yet valuable, way to a splendid organisation like the u3a, that provides so much for so many in our retirement years.

Now we need something in return for all the pleasure and companionship our organisation gives you. We need about 10 - 12 members (on their own or with a friend), who have joined in the last five years or so, to volunteer to come to a committee meeting as a guest observer. There would be no commitment other than perhaps to contribute new ideas as topics come up for discussion, the idea being to help us continue to provide for the future of our u3a community – new ideas from newer members, or not so new members. If you would be willing to attend a committee meeting, I or any committee member would love to hear from you, in person or by email.

*From Walking to Talking, Gardens to Genealogy, Snooker to Scrabble, Crochet to Croquet, Local History to London History. The choice is endless – and the decision about what to do is made by the members for the members. ALL OF US!*

David Wilson

The next issue of InTouch will be produced in June 2023

Please send all contributions to

[intouch@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:intouch@u3a-luton.org.uk) by Monday 15 May 2023

Our next issue of InTouch will be the **100th**. All contributions will be particularly welcome

## General Meeting Report

Carole Chamberlain

27 February 2023

### A Trip Around the British Isles - David Wilson, u3a Luton Chairman

In 1953, as part of the Coronation celebrations, the BBC made a short film with a camera attached to the front of a train travelling from London to Brighton, then speeded it up so that the journey appeared to take four minutes instead of 40 minutes. Some years later during the 'Tonight' programme on television, introduced by Cliff Michelmores, another film was made using a photoreconnaissance aircraft flying around the British Isles. Cliff told everybody at the end of the film, "and there, ladies and gentlemen, you have the British Isles".

This sparked David's interest in our islands when, as a teacher and a philatelist, he decided to research how many islands there are off the coast of mainland Britain. He decided to write to the sub Postmaster/Postmistress asking them to add a cancelling postmark to his self-addressed envelope and perhaps send some information about life on these islands. He asked us, the audience, how many of these islands there might be that met his requirements that there had to be a permanent resident population as well as there being a Post Office. Somebody in the audience suggested 200, somebody else considered there to be 850. It sounded somewhat like an auction! Excluding the islands in the Orkneys and the Shetlands there are 42. "Can you name them?", he asked. Some names were called out from the floor including the Isle of Wight, Skye and Mull. Three down and 39 to go!

As part of the early research he sent the aforementioned correspondence to every island that met the stated criteria but little did he expect to receive the amount of additional information about the island in question from the recipients. David enjoyed adding amusing anecdotes, none better than the first island visited. He had decided to start the trip, commencing with Holy Island, off the coast of Northumberland and work round in a clockwise direction. To reach this island it is necessary to drive along the three-mile causeway. Some non-local people feel that the warning notices regarding the state of the rising tide do not apply to them, set off and then find themselves watching their car becoming submerged in the fast flowing North Sea. It is at this point they realise that the garden shed on stilts ('the idiot's refuge') is there for a purpose!

The journey continued, stopping off at each island in turn. How many members of the audience knew about the presence of the European Yellow Tailed scorpion on the Isle of Sheppey? The five islands making up the Isles of Scilly were visited before moving on to Caldey Island off the coast at Tenby, South Wales.

The list went on ... we were introduced to the Marquis of Bute and his Scottish home, Mount Stuart House on the Isle of Bute. His other home was Luton Hoo and he was Prime Minister during the reign of George III. This was only a taster of what was to come. Into the unusual, we came across the Isle of Barra in the Outer Hebrides. It is here that we find the only commercial airport where the runway is the beach. I wonder if pilots on this route have to be certain about the state of the tide. Some islands have quite strange names like the Isle of Eigg and the Isle of Muck!

Finally, David wanted to make contact with somebody on the most remote of the islands, situated some 40 miles from the mainland, out in the Atlantic Ocean. The residents of this island finally left for good in 1930 when they could no longer sustain themselves. Today it is occupied by the Army maintaining the rocket ranges and testing other weapons as part of our national defence. This is the island of St Kilda. David contacted the Ministry of Defence to obtain the correct postcode and was confronted with - "we cannot tell you that". "Is that because of the Official Secrets Act?", David asked. "We cannot tell you that either", was the response. It took a while for David to find a way around this impasse. You may ask him how he did it but I sense the response you might get is somewhat predictable. At some time in the future, it might be possible to visit the Orkneys and the Shetlands.

## PROGRAMME OF SPEAKERS

All talks will be held at Venue 360 unless advised otherwise

### March - December 2023

27 March	LUTON & ITS PEOPLE IN THE GREAT WAR	<b>Stuart Smith</b> Stuart is a local historian with reminders of our past history.
24 April	WHIPSNAD ZOO	<b>Ann Ledger</b> Ann will tell us how the zoo began and also about the animals.
22 May	AGM ( <i>FREE ENTRY</i> ) followed by TALES FROM THE AUCTION ROOM	<b>Evan Willison</b> Evan is local and will give us an educational and amusing talk.
26 June	WINSTON CHURCHILL'S TOYSHOP	<b>Gordon Rogers</b> Gordon will tell us why PM Churchill created a Department named MD1.
31 July	ROBERT KEABLE	<b>Simon Keable-Elliott</b> Tells us about the scandalous Robert Keable.
21 August	EDDIE CHAPMAN DOUBLE AGENT	<b>Paul Barwick</b> How Eddie Chapman became a double agent.
25 September	DENHAM STUDIOS	<b>Colin Richards</b> Takes us on a tour of the studios.
30 October	THE CHASE IS ON	<b>David Longman</b> David tells us of the experience of being on the show.
27 November	TBA	
11 December	SEASONAL ENTERTAINMENT (At Putteridge Bury Conference Centre)	<b>David Mills</b>

Comments and suggestions for speakers and subjects are welcome and should be sent to [speakers2@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:speakers2@u3a-luton.org.uk)

If you are **attending Venue 360 for the first time** or **don't know anyone else** in u3a yet, please talk to our 'Meeters and Greeters' (who wear sashes) and they can tell you how it all works and introduce you to the committee members (who wear blue lanyards). We look forward to meeting you. If you have questions about u3a groups you will always find Groups Liaison at the table by the noticeboard – come and speak to us and we will do our best to help.

## Meet your Committee

### Sid Rutstein, Co-opted Committee Member



When our Chairman, David Wilson, asked me if I would like to be co-opted onto the Luton U3A committee, he wasn't to know that his timing was spot-on! Having been involved in quite a number of voluntary roles over the past 50 years, I was in the process of withdrawing from one organisation which left room for me to consider undertaking another. So, I was invited to attend an executive committee meeting as an observer, and as I probably did not put anyone off was invited to join the committee.

Examples of previous voluntary work were 30 years as a school and college governor at Stopsley High School, Luton Sixth Form College and Richmond Hill School. I also served eight years as a Luton Borough councillor.

By profession I was a chartered quantity surveyor and project manager. I worked for 50 years in the construction industry (which used to be called the building industry – but it is the same thing really). I worked on a wide range of projects across England and Wales. My first project was a Victor Value supermarket (whatever happened to them?) and I worked for over 30 years on a wide range of 'secure' establishments. This included over 80 prisons, 'special hospitals', defence establishments and secure research establishments.

Having left grammar school at sixteen after 'O' levels, I decided in my early forties that I had missed out on a university education and so I enrolled with the Open University and spent five years completing an honours degree in management and systems. I think that the OU is a wonderful organisation and I recommend it to everybody.

Membership of u3a has provided a great deal of interest and knowledge. For instance, the speaker at the first monthly meeting Sue and I attended was Martin Lloyd and the subject was the history of passports and travel documents. I was so impressed that I bought a copy of his book entitled 'The Passport' and he was good enough to sign it for me.

The range of knowledge and experience of u3a members is very impressive and the whole set-up has much to recommend it.

## Groups Liaison Service News

As always, we are pleased to hear comments and suggestions from members and group leaders and of course answer any questions about our interest groups. Email us as follows, or you can use our voicemail telephone number, 01582 803923. Someone will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Hilary Corfan [gl5@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:gl5@u3a-luton.org.uk) Gina Indge [gl52@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:gl52@u3a-luton.org.uk)

### New Groups Treasurer Coordinator

Thanks go to Margaret Pole who has now taken on volunteer duties as Groups Treasurer Coordinator.

From the end of March 2023, Group Leaders/Treasurers can send their quarterly returns using the Groups Treasurer email, [groupstreasurer@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:groupstreasurer@u3a-luton.org.uk) or send it in the post to Margaret. You will need to contact her for her address if you wish to send via royal mail; her telephone number is on the Executive Committee list p12.

Those leaders/treasurers who have had Beacon training can also use the 'Ledger' facility to record the group finances and send Margaret a 'screen shot' each quarter. Group leaders also have a standard expenses form in their Group Leaders Handbook which they can use. If you have any problems please contact Gina on [gl52@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:gl52@u3a-luton.org.uk) or telephone number on the Executive Committee list p12.

**Please remember you need to submit a NIL return each quarter for your group even if your group does not hold or generate any funds.**

It would also be useful for Margaret if Group Leaders would confirm who in your group is responsible for looking after the finances.

### Proposed New Groups

We are pleased to say that the **Climate Change Discussion group** has had sufficient interest and the leader John Mardle is currently setting up the group. If you are interested and haven't enquired before see Groups List for John's contact details (under River Lea Project).

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to launch the **Strollers** group as no one felt able to volunteer to lead the group.

### Groups keen to recruit new members:

Architecture	Scrabble	Canasta	Art Appreciation 1 & 2	Mahjong
Intermediate French	Photography 2	Knit n Natter 2	London History 2 & 3	Natural History
Scottish Country Dancing				

**See Groups List for contact details and times**

**Table Tennis 1** has space for several more players. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to come along to Raynham Way on Monday afternoons at 2.45 to give it a try. A spacious hall, free parking and a kitchen to make tea and coffee make this a great location for the group.

**Please call and enquire about any group** that you are interested in so that we can either add you to a waiting list or start extra groups if there is sufficient demand. Not all groups will be able to accommodate you immediately but we will always try to give all members the opportunity to follow their interests. Offers to help start new groups are welcome.

### Discontinued Groups

Sadly, **Ten Pin Bowling** and **Singing for Pleasure** have decided to disband due to dwindling attendance and their group leaders stepping down from their role with no successors coming forward.

Running activity groups requires some vital administration such as keeping registers and mailing lists, handling finances and conducting simple Risk Assessments (essential for our insurance cover). Help and advice for group leaders is constantly available from GLS. Some larger groups also share the tasks between several members. If requested we can train leaders to use our online membership system Beacon which makes keeping track of members and email communications very simple. We also provide very straightforward Risk Assessment Checklists which once completed for each host and venue (which should only take 5-10 minutes) do not need to be repeated unless something changes.

If your group is finding it hard to keep going due to falling membership or need to find a new group leader then please let GLS know so that we can try and help.

## Annual General Meeting 2023

Notice is hereby given that the **AGM** of u3a Luton will be held on **22 May 2023** at **Venue 360** Luton at **10.30 a.m.** There will be a brief business meeting, followed by a talk by Evan Willison entitled Tales from the Auction Room. Items for **Any Other Business** should be given to the Secretary in writing at least 14 days before the AGM.

### Admittance to the AGM will be FREE

The following Executive members have served their tenure and are willing to stand again:

<b>Richard Putman (Treasurer)</b>	<b>Paula Carey</b>	<b>Hilary Corfan</b>
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<b>Winnie Kinninmonth (Secretary)</b>	<b>Sid Rutstein (co-opted Nov 22)</b>
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We have a total of **seven vacancies** comprising vice-chairman, treasurer, secretary and four committee members and we welcome nominations. Those proposing and seconding should be members of u3a Luton.

If you would like a printed copy of the nomination form, please contact the Secretary by email [secretary@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:secretary@u3a-luton.org.uk) or telephone number as per Executive Committee list p12. Please send nominations to Secretary, at address on page 9, by 8 May 2023.

## Nomination forms for Executive Committee. Tenure is for two years.

### VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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### TREASURER

Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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### SECRETARY

Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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### COMMITTEE MEMBER

Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

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# **u3a LUTON Annual General Meeting**

## **Monday 22 May 2023**

### **AGENDA**

1. Chairman Opens Meeting
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of Minutes of the last AGM held on 23 May 2022\*
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Approval of the Chairman's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Presentation of Accounts \*
9. Approval of Accounts
10. Approval of Next Year's Auditors
11. Groups Liaison Service Report
12. Charities Collection Vote (See statement and proposal below)
13. Election of Officers: Vice-chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members
14. Any Other Business

\*Copies of these documents will be available at the meeting

N.B. Should insufficient members attend this meeting for there to be a quorum, it will be adjourned and reconvene at the next general meeting on 26 June 2023 at 10.30am.

### **Statement and Proposal for AGM Agenda Item 12**

#### **Charities Collection Vote**

Following the instruction at the 2022 AGM that the committee should make a decision about charity nominations and the bucket collections for charity with a view to formulating a proposal for consideration at this year's AGM, the committee submits the following statement and proposal:

1. In view of the reduced attendance at u3a Luton monthly general meetings, the consequent impact on u3a Luton funds and in view of the small amount of income from the book stall and bring and buy stall, the committee decided that any income from these stalls should be used to support u3a Luton funds. Therefore, the committee no longer requests charity nominations for the receipt of these funds.
2. Having discussed the practice of twice-yearly bucket collections for specified charities at general meetings, the committee proposes that the continuation of these collections be put to a vote of the membership at the 2023 AGM.

**Please note - the following pages of this newsletter contain personal contact details for members and are 'watermarked' CONFIDENTIAL accordingly. Please do not share any of these with non-u3a members.**

## u3a Rambles

### u3a Ambles Programme 2023

Walks of 2½ to 3½ miles, mostly on fairly flat, good surface, footpaths, at a slightly slower pace than the Short Walks. Meet at 10.20 am to walk at 10.30. No need to pre-book. Contact Rosalind Wilson 507249 with any queries or just turn up on the day. New walkers are always welcome.

DATE		WALK DETAILS	LEADER
Feb 3rd		College Lake, Bulbourne	
Feb 17th		Priory Park, Bedford	
Mar 3rd		Park at Stockwood Discovery Centre for Memorial Park	
Mar 17th		Putteridgebury. Park in Selsey Drive at Wandon Park end	
Mar 31st		Motte and Bailey, Pirton	
Apr 14th		Brim and Crown for Bramingham Woods - bluebell season	
Apr 28th		Rothamsted Conference Car Park for Knot Wood bluebells	
May 12th		Park at top of Warden Hill Road for cowslips below Warden Hill	
May 26th		Oughton Head, Redhill Road, Hitchin	
Jun 9th		Sharpenhoe Clappers Car Park for orchid meadow	
Jun 23rd		Mill Stream pub Hitchin, for Purwell Meadows Nature Reserve	
Jul 7th		Dunstable Downs NT Car Park - along the ridge	
Jul 21st		Bushmead Car Park, for Warden Hill summer flower meadow	
Aug 4th		Woburn Village Car Park	
Aug 18th		Chequers pub Car Park, Redbourn	
Sep 1st		Dunstable Downs NT Car Park, to Tree Cathedral	
Sep 15th		Barton Springs, park in Old Road, Barton le Clay	
Sep 29th		Maulden Woods for fungi	
Oct 13th		Stockwood Discovery Centre Car Park for Kidney Wood	
Oct 27th		Monument Car Park, Ashridge for Autumn colour	
Nov 10th		Wardown Museum Car Park for River Lea upstream	
Nov 24th		French's Avenue, Dunstable, Sewell walk	
Dec 8th		Brim and Crown for Bramingham Park to A6, return via Warden Hill Rd	
Dec 22nd		Houghton Park	

### Short Walks April 2023

Date	Meet	Map Ref	Miles	Leader	Phone
07/04/23	Hawkswick Lodge Farm, Harpenden Rd A1081, AL3 6JU. The entrance is just past the main entrance to Childwick Bury and just after a bus stop on the right	182/148102	5 miles	Vivienne Davis	769719 07940 515934
21/04/23	Pirton to Clouds Hill Farm. Park in Mott & Bailey Car Park if having lunch, if not park around green	TL 193 147315	5.6 miles	Roy Barnes	730356 07909 917414

You will find up-to-date information on Short Walks on the u3a website under Groups then links. If you wish to receive emails on Short Walks please contact: Roy Barnes, Short Walks Coordinator - 01582 730356, Mobile 07909 917414



## Long Walks May - June 2023

Date	Meet	Map Ref	Miles	Lunch	Leader	Phone
12/05/23	Ampthill Park Car Park, Woburn Road (B530 off A507), Ampthill, MK45 2HX	193/024382	8 miles	Picnic	Bob and Rita Tarron	738754 (07985 649048 on the day)
26/05/23	Parkfield Sports Ground, Hitchin Road, Kimpton (off B651, nearest post code SR4 8RR but not exact)	182/176186	11 miles	Picnic	Eleanor Neaves	07905 815826
09/06/23	Woburn Car Park, Park Street, nearest post code MK17 9PG	192/951332	8 miles	Picnic	Eileen Rand	615808 07983 667306
23/06/23	Church Road, Bow Brickhill, nr Aspley Heath, MK17 9LQ (postcode to be confirmed)	192/912345	10 miles	Picnic	Patrick Stones	459585 (07722 509192 on the day only)

**NB: All Short and Long Walks start at 10.00 am. First time walkers please contact the leader before the day of the walk.**

## AGM Nominations

Send nominations to Secretary, 18 Handcross Road, Luton LU2 8JF by 8 May 2023.

# u3a LUTON Study & Activity Group List March 2023

Some groups on the list may be full and/or running a waiting list but please enquire with the group leader for an update.

Please talk with **GLS** if you think about starting another group. Start-up support and advice is available.

Please let us know if your group are recruiting.

Hilary 425794 [gl5@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:gl5@u3a-luton.org.uk) and Gina 656313 [gl52@u3a-luton.org.uk](mailto:gl52@u3a-luton.org.uk)

Full details of these groups with a summary of activities and programmes can be found on our web site:

<http://u3asites.org.uk/luton>

Activity	Contact	Telephone	Day	Time	Freq	Meeting Place
Ambling	Rosalind Wilson	507249	Fri Fortnightly	am	F	Flexible
Antiques & Collectables	Diane Dean	727800	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	9:45 – 12:15	M	St Margarets Parish Centre Lucas Gardens Luton
Architecture	Elizabeth Allam	729742	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	10:00 - 12:00	M	Member's House
Armchair Travel	Helen Stonnell	01525 872972	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	12:30 – 2:30	M	Member's House
Art Appreciation 1	Elizabeth Allam	729742	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	2 p.m.	M	Member's House
Art Appreciation 2	Sue Soley	520479	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	2:30 - 4:30	M	Christchurch, Bushmead
Art Group	Davina Timberlake	423120	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	2:00 – 4:00	W	Warden Hill Community Centre
Badminton	Ron Knight	752847	Fri	10 a.m.	W	Venue 360
Badminton 2	Jennifer McDermott	07772474623	Fri	12:00	W	Venue 360
Birdwatching	Ian Goshawk	650053	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	a.m. flexible	M	Various
Book Worms	Jacky Coulter	696350	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	10:00 – 11:30	M	Member's House
Book Worms 2	Val Jarrett	451502	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds	10:00 – 12:00	M	Member's House
Canasta	Lyn Gilson	720953	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	10:00 – 12:00	F	The Potting Shed, Batford
Creative Writing 1	Carole Chamberlain	653741	Mon Fortnightly	2:00 – 4:00	M	Member's House
Creative Writing 2	Richard Putman	07864 675369	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	2 p.m.	M	Member's House
Cribbage	Peter Kain	650052	Last Thurs	2.00 – 4.00	M	Member's House
Crochet	Jane Spendley	455259	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	2:00 – 4:00	F	Member's House
Croquet	Ann Wilkins	732694	Mon	10:00 – 12:00	W	Luton & Indians Cricket Club WardownPark
Discussion Group	Lyn Weedon	457717	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	10 a.m.	M	Member's house
Family History	David Gaunt	655093	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	10:00 – 12 :00	M	Member's House
Film Group	Annie Lofthouse	615124	last Wed	10:00 – 12 :00	M	Member's House
Flower Arranging	Elizabeth Allam	729742	Monthly Sat	10:00 – 12 :00	M	Caddington Baptist Church
French (Advanced)	Rosalind Wilson	507249	Wed	10:00 – 12:00	W	Members' Houses
French Beginners	Gina Indge	656313	Thurs Fortnightly	11.00 – 1.00	F	Member's House
French (Intermediate)	Pauline Cotton	841035	Mon Fortnightly	2:00 – 4:00	F	Zoom
Garden Gazers	Patsy Jackson	848017	various	various	M	Various
Genealogy 1	Wendy Harding	592537	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	2:00 – 4:00	M	Member's House
Genealogy 2	Wendy Harding	592537	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	2:00 – 4:00	M	Member's House
Knit & Natter	Jacky Taylor	458542	Last Tues	2.00 – 4.00	M	Member's House
Knit & Natter 2	Susan Rutstein	07985582073	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	2:00 – 4:00	F	Member's House

Literature	Janet McClurg	576034	Wed Fortnightly	2:00 – 4:00	F	Member's House
Local History 1	Betty McKean	729904	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	10:30 – 12:00	M	Warden Hill Community Centre
London History 1	Gill O'Hare	596756	Last Thursday	Flexible	M	Flexible
London History 2	Hilary Stubbs	734998	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	2:00 – 4:00	M	St Augustine's Church Hall
London History 3	Sheila Barnes	730356	2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds	2:00 – 4:00	M	St Augustine's Church Hall
Luton Town FC Appreciation	Bill Cole	726622	Last Friday	2:30 – 4:00	M	Kenilworth Road Luton
Mahjong	Pauline Cotton	841035	Thurs Fortnightly	10:00 – 12:00	F	Member's House
MOTO (members on their own)	Margaret Osbourne	07838255545	Monthly	flexible	M	Various
Military History	Peter Monk	520978	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	10:00 – 12:00	M	Member's House
Natural History	Gill Merrick	419964	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	2:00 – 4:00	M	Various
Parish Churches	Nigel & Valerie Thrall	492134	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	10:00 – 12:00	M	Various
Philosophy	Carole Chamberlain	653741	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	2:00 – 4:00	M	Member's House
Photography 1	David Peck/Maureen Fry	453022	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	2.00 - 4.00	M	Member's House
Photography 2	Roma Crosby/Anthony Palmer	01438833254 /414436	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	2:00 – 4:00	M	Christchurch, Bushmead
Photography 3	Babs Arnold	504371	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	10:00 - 12:00	M	Christchurch, Bushmead
Rambling (short walks)	Roy Barnes	730356	Fri Fortnightly	Meet at 9:45	F	As per list
Rambling (long walks)	Eileen Rand	615808	Fri Fortnightly	Meet at 9:45	F	As per list
River Lea Project	John Mardle	07957567053	Flexible	Flexible	TBA	Various
Scrabble	Jane Browne/Fiona Menzies	931844 /07713389333	Fri	2:30 – 4:30	W	Warden Hill Community Centre Luton
Science Discussion	Margaret Ross	01438833211	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	10:00 – 12:00	M	Member's House
Scottish Country Dancing	Josephine MacLean	596935	Mon Fortnightly	2.00 - 4.00	F	St Augustine's Church Hall
Snooker	Ralph Gough	723837	Tues Fortnightly	12:00 – 2:00	F	Co-op Sports & Social Club
Social Bridge	Brian Roberts	593263	Mon	2:00 – 4:00	W	Chaul End Centre
Spanish Conversation	Jeremy Tatham	07950072191	Fri	2:00 – 3:30	F	Member's House
Sunday Lunch Club 1	Jill Hutchinson	07930552717	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	Flexible	M	Flexible
Sunday Lunch Club 3	Eileen Reid	618219	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	Flexible	M	Flexible
Table Tennis 1	Contact Group Liaison Services	803923	Mon	2.45 – 4.45	W	Raynham Way
Table Tennis 2	Gill Abbott	400350	Mon	1.00 – 3.00	W	Bushmead Community Hub
Tai Chi	John Prince	659485	Tues	1:30 – 3:00	W	Bushmead Community Hub
Tennis	Barbara Oakley	07908 243136	Thurs	10:00 – 11:30	W	Memorial Park Luton
Theatre	David Sear	584439	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	2:00 – 4:00	M	Christchurch, Bushmead
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Weather and Geology	Rita Tarron	738754	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	10.00-12.00	M	Christchurch, Bushmead

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