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Chair's Report August 2019

I hope you are all enjoying this lovely summer weather.

Our e-newsletter is now up and running, please keep sending all your group's news, stories and photographs in to Laurence

(lsju3a@gmail.com) so he can add them throughout the year to the e-newsletter. We are now up to our fourth e-newsletter, if you are not receiving one, do check in your junk mail and check that we have an accurate up to date email for you!

Much has been happening this year on the administration side; we have up-dated our 'object clause' in our constitution and up-dated both our privacy policy and data protection policy in line with the National U3A requirements. All are available to see on our web site <https://u3asites.org.uk/runnymede>. Do keep checking our website as it is regularly up-dated by Peter with all the latest news and events. Included in this mailing you will find: a trip information and application form, the AGM notice, the 'yellow sheet' list of clubs, times and dates plus a membership application form for 2019-20.

Remember to come along to the Hythe Centre on Monday 5th August at 2pm to renew your membership and to find out more about our different groups. Our membership fee is staying at £12.50 for the coming year but unfortunately it may have to go up in a years' time to £15. This is due to the cost of the halls going up and a proposed increase in the subscription charge that we pay, on your behalf, to the National U3A for our insurance and all their other resources that we use.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the different group leaders, all their hard work and enthusiasm is very much appreciated by us all. Well done! Runnymede Area U3A would not exist without them! Do you feel up to starting a new group? It just needs lots of enthusiasm and a little knowledge to get a group started, any subject, any activity. It is fun to do with a friend and help is always on hand. You can do it!

Diana and her helpers have been working hard with publicity, getting posters up all over Runnymede as well as having a stand at the Hythe Fair in June and at the Black Cherry Fair in Chertsey in July. The best publicity of all is word of mouth, tell your friends about us! We still have places on the committee, so if you feel like getting more involved with the workings of your Runnymede Area U3A, let me know, we are always looking for new people and ideas.

Our third annual summer tea-party was great fun, excellent entertainment, lots of sandwiches and cakes, laughter and chatter, what a lovely way to end our year. (Photographs now on the website!) U3A members know how to have fun!

Remember the U3A motto is Learn, Laugh and Live!

I hope to see you all in September.

Caroline Thomas

Talks and Speakers for our monthly meetings.
First Monday of every month.
The Hythe Community Centre – 2pm Start
Refreshments afterwards!

2nd September 2019

'From the slums of Brazil to the Seven Seas' - Graeme Payne

Graeme has been speaking to groups about travel related subjects for over 40 years and has worked in the airline, shipping and rail industries. He is author of numerous books and websites, most of which focus on luxury travel and cruising and has provided presentations in over 80 countries. He is a regular speaker on Cunard, Saga Cruises and Fred. Olsen Lines and is a Destination Speaker on Queen Mary 2's World Voyages.



7th October 2019

'Poisonous Plots'- Sheila Willis

A fascinating insight into devious and deadly deeds.

Did those past detectives and our beloved fictional ones come to the right conclusion?

4th November 2019-AGM

'So Far So Good' - Malcolm Wells MBE.

Malcolm will be talking about his life and experiences of Army life (The Gulf War), behind the scenes in Buckingham Palace Investiture and how to train a dog to use a washing machine.



2nd December 2019

'Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies' - a talk by author Martin Lloyd

A dramatic account of how the actions of a group of assassins brought about a change in the passport regulations; how the unmasking of a spy caused a modification in passport design and how, for one man, the

passport itself turned into a killer.

6th January 2020

'Birds of Surrey' - Alan Sharps - RSPB North West Surrey local group. 'Birds of Surrey'.

An illustrated talk on the birds of countryside and garden concluding with Surrey's top ten most numerous birds.