

IDEAS FOR NEW GROUPS

Environment – ‘Rubbish Friends’ (collect rubbish together by arrangement)

‘A Life Less Plastic’ – take ‘a day’ to try not to use plastic – meet to discuss afterwards

Ethical & Moral Dilemmas (Type this title into internet to get lots of suggestions) Suggested sites:
psychologytoday.com – Ethical Dilemmas

Pyschopixi.com – 25 moral dilemmas

Newscientist.com – 10 biggest moral dilemmas in Science

[Pam Jones gave this e.g. ‘My best friend is getting married and I saw bridegroom with the bridesmaid coming out of his bedroom’ as one their group has discussed]

Philosophy [Type Philosophy into Search Engine]

Harvard Law Professor Dr Michael Swindells – 12 one hour lectures with notes

SCIENCE – Michael Hollingsworth – Science Subject Adviser

I have 2 suggestions:

1 - On the U3A Science Network website ([U3A Science Network : Home](#)) there is a page headed Groups. You can track from that page to a page that lists U3A Science groups in the SE (<https://u3asites.org.uk/oversights/search.php?page=groups&searchterm=science>). You can then click on links to individual U3A science groups, e.g. Emsworth in Hampshire. If there are any titles on the individual Science group pages that appeal, you could contact the organiser of that Science group. It is rather long-winded but as U3A Subject adviser I don't have a list of contacts at U3A Science groups.

2 - I have attended the Annual meetings of the U3A Science Network. I have looked back at speakers we have had in the last 2 years who may live close to Alton. Such speakers might be willing to give the same talk on your study day. Possibles:

John Cosier, Arun East U3A, spoke in 2018 on "How to be a photon" and in 2017 on "The New Physics - an account of the revolution in physics in the 20th century".. His email is j.cosier1940@btinternet.com

Peter Read, Spire U3A, Salisbury, spoke in 2017 on "The Cassini spaceflight". His email is bluerram@gmail.com.

Those are the only 2 speakers whom I think live within an hour or so drive of Alton. There were other good speakers but they live much further away.

Science – The Great Courses – ‘The Joy of Science’.

TED talks – see list – Technology Education Design (now includes Science)each talk lasts 5-20 mins

Virtual U3A or vU3A is like a local U3A Group except that its activities take place on the Internet. An important target group for the vU3a is older people who are isolated through location, illness or immobility - but all are welcome. We have members from around the world.

Members of the Virtual U3A are encouraged to form their own informal learning and discussion groups, choose their own topics and share their experiences in the social areas of the site. It follows the principles of participative learning which have made the U3A one of the most successful educational and social groups for older people.

The vU3A's activities are carried out in writing using a secure, membership only, workspace. The vU3A does not create or deliver formal structured online courses.

Even More Unusual Groups

Ancient Greek – Alun Parry-Jones – acparryjones@btinternet.com

Ageing Actively – Rodney Buckland ran MOOCs Course at Meopham U3A 'Ageing Well'

Allotment – Vera Hogg – vera@ehogg.com

Armchair Travel

Bee Keeping

Beach Fishing – further information - young.mike@ntlworld.com

Book Walking Group – ask Marilyn Kinnon SLP Co-ord. marilynkinnon@gmail.com

Bread making

Cane Weaving

Clog Dancing

Dance

Decoupage

Dry Stone Walling

'Economist' e-readers Group- Meet by Skype

Enquiring Minds

Extreme Visits – Adrian@randall.org.uk- see - <https://youtu.be/1vMw86qZhPc>

Fashion

Genealogy

German Walking Group

Graphology

Handbell Ringing – dracsm@aol.com

Health & Wellbeing

Ipad – su.kensley@btinternet.com

Japanese

Latin singing

Life Story Writing

Limerick Writing

Music

Origami

Railways – Dale Greenwood – dale16@ntlworld.com

Recorders

Reiki

Robot Challenge

Russian – Derrick Gray – springcot@ntlworld.com – classes Farnborough Weds 9.30am

Space Exploration

Trionmimos

Walking Cricket – Barnsley U3A – Mac McKechnie – mckechnie31@btinternet.com

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