

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

These are held in the Methodist Church Hall on the last Wednesday of the month (earlier in December). They offer a chance to hear an interesting speaker and meet friendly people. Information about speakers and topics for months ahead can be found in the Events section of our website.

INTEREST GROUPS

Most activity takes place in our interest groups overleaf. These are meeting all the time on various days of the week and in many locations around Stratford. If you aren't tempted by any of the groups listed, we will help you to set up a new group. It's very easy and the possibilities are endless. New groups come on stream quite often as members choose to share their own enthusiasms. What might you offer?

Some of our current groups may be full, but if you're interested in starting a second group, you would be supported to do this. It's up to you. Use the contact below to get in touch.

CONTACT

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<https://u3asites.org.uk/stratforduponavon/home>

WHAT IS THE U3A?

We are part of an international movement for people who do not work full-time, no matter how old or young. We come together to enjoy learning and to socialise.

HOW TO JOIN?

The easiest way is to turn up at a Wednesday meeting and try us out. You will be given a warm welcome. As a visitor you will pay £2, refundable if you join on the day. For a whole year's membership, which lets you come to every meeting and join as many groups as you wish, the cost is just £18.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Meet and chat to others at members' meetings 2pm-4pm **last** Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Town, CV37 6BG. After a talk from our speaker everyone is invited to stay and chat over tea or coffee and biscuits in the foyer.

DEVELOP NEW INTERESTS

Learn something new (why not?) and make the most of your spare time. Or share your passion for a favourite subject or hobby with like-minded others.

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Time on your hands?

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and make new friends

OUR INTEREST GROUPS February 2024

BRUSH UP YOUR GERMAN 4th Thursday of the month.
10.00 – 11.30 am.

A native German speaker helps with pronunciation and style.

CHAUCER 1st Wednesday 10.30am – noon.

We read Chaucer in Middle English and discuss his relevance to today's world.

CHURCH VISITING & HERALDRY 3rd Tuesday. All day.

We aim to visit two interesting churches each time within 30/40 miles. We have a pub lunch. Members need own transport.

CURRENT AFFAIRS/DISCUSSION 2nd Thursday 2pm.

A lively new discussion group, actively looking for more members. Meets at Trinity Court.

FREE TIME GROUP

New social group for those having free time to share with others: theatre, concerts, meals, stately homes, outings etc

FRENCH FOR THE TERRIFIED 1st & 3rd Thursday afternoons.

A new group set up for those with only dim memories of school French.

FRIENDLY FRENCH CONVERSATION 1st & 3rd Monday afternoons.

For those fairly fluent in the language who enjoy chatting in an informal atmosphere.

USEFUL FRENCH 1st & 3rd Monday afternoons.

For those wanting to improve on rusty O Levels.

GERMAN REFRESH YOUR GERMAN 1st and 3rd Thursdays 2.00-4.00 pm in members' homes.

Intermediate conversational level. We chat about everyday topics; members prepare a short talk in advance.

ITALIAN IMPROVERS GROUP Tuesday 10.00-12.00 fortnightly.

A support group for anyone keen to improve their level of Italian, however rusty. The emphasis is on conversation.

KEEP FIT Mondays 9.30– 10.30am in term time

In the Methodist Church Hall - a warm-up, then varied exercises and fitness routines with an excellent teacher.

LATIN ADVANCED 3rd Tuesday 10.30am – noon

We study Latin authors and have just finished reading the whole of Vergil's Aeneid Book 4. Some Horace next.

LATIN INTERMEDIATE 2nd & 4th Thursdays pm

Starting as beginners we have progressed to Book 3 of the Oxford Latin series. We read many famous tales.

PIANO GROUP 3rd Wednesday 10am -11.30am

Mostly restarters, meeting in the Methodist Church we play a piece for the others: not easy, but fun and encouraging.

PLAYREADING 4th Friday of each month

We meet at Trinity Court to read plays chosen by our members. No experience needed. This is a rewarding, entertaining and often funny activity.

PORTUGUESE fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons.

A group for intermediate Portuguese conversation assisted by a native speaker.

RUMMIKUB CLUB The third Friday of the month at 2.00 pm.

Upstairs at Huffkins Café, Bridge Street.

For novices or experienced players, this game is like rummy but played with tiles.

SPANISH 1st Thursday 2.30-4.00 pm

A supportive group for those with some conversational Spanish. We prepare a topic to chat about beforehand

STEEL PANS Tuesday mornings 10.00-11.00 in term time. We practise at Tysoe School and have played to receptive audiences. Our enthusiastic leader, is actively recruiting new members. Let us know if you're interested.

STRATFORD HISTORY GROUP 2nd Thursday 10-11.30 am.

We aim to learn more about Stratford by researching its history, people and buildings, with some local visits.

SUNDAY MORNING WALKS fortnightly.

A moderately active walk in the Welcombe Hills or other local areas of natural beauty. See website for more details.

TAI CHI/Yoga Fusion Tuesdays 1.00 -2.00 p.m. Methodist Church Hall.

Led by an experienced fitness teacher, the group is self-funded.

UKULELE GROUP 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 3-4pm Trinity Manor.

With an experienced teacher we play songs where we strum and sing, and pieces with melody and harmony. We've also been invited to play gigs!

VEGGIE FOOD GROUP TBA

For anyone interested in moving towards a vegetarian or vegan diet.

WINE APPRECIATION 2nd or 3rd Thursday

We taste three wines each time. Discussion is lively! New wines are still coming on to the market, so no lack of choice! You'll not be surprised that we're full. We're hoping to find a group leader to start a second group.



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