

U3A NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

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membership@stroudu3a.org

Please send in your regular articles and reports and pictures for the Quarterly Newsletter to me at:

membership@stroudu3a.org or phone 01453 752326

Please submit website information to Simon Wright at **web@stroudu3a.org.uk**

Our website at **www.u3asites.org.uk/stroud** will give you lots more information about our activities

Don't forget Your next Monthly Meeting on Thursday 6th June

Which will feature a talk entitled:

Barrow to Baghdad and Back – adventures in Russian and Arab oil deals and with the U.S. military given by Philip Caine

Please, let's not let that happen this year, as a lot of time and effort goes into organising visits to different places, always with lunch provided.

I look forward to hearing from you and filling up the comfortable Rover coaches.

If you know someone who does not have a tablet or computer will you tell them about the trips please.

Thank you, Annette

DAYS OUT 2019

Membership Subscription Renewal Time again!

At the back of this Newsletter is a membership Renewal Form for you to fill in and Return before September.

12th June

Waterperry Gardens

A requested return visit but this time we will have access to the complete garden which used to be the renowned horticultural college between 1932 and 1971. It is now among the best top 5 gardens in the country and they have planted a small arboretum in the meadow beyond the canal. The house will be open which has many fresco paintings. (Fresco is painting on wet plaster).

Lunch will be at the cafe as last year and hopefully it will be as sunny as last year. Cost of buffet £7.50 Entry to the garden £7.75 Coach fare £13

Total cost £28.25

Leave Stroud (Leisure Centre)

9.30 am

DAYS OUT PROGRAMME

My 'Days Out' is listed as a Group in the U3A magazine as we didn't know where else to put it. However, in that case I have 500 or so members, the total number of Stroud and District U3A.

It was brought to my attention recently by two people who were under the impression that the trips I organise were only for people within the Group.

Other people could suffer from this misconception so I would like to clarify, that everyone who is a member of the Stroud and District U3A is more than welcome to come on the trips.

This misconception could be the reason why attendance numbers were down last year and I had to cancel trips.

21st August

Avebury Manor

This is a Tudor Manor House set in beautiful tranquil gardens. In 2011 the stories of the many owners was brought to life by the BBC. The rooms are furnished and the chairs can be sat on and the beds laid on! Timed tours have been arranged from 2pm. Avebury is the most important pre-historic landscape in England with various Neo-

lithic monuments to explore some dating back to 2600BC.

Lunch will be at the Red Lion parts of it dating back to 1600 and the only public house in the world to be built inside a stone circle

Cost of Buffet £6.25 National Trust members have free entry. Non members £10.40 Coach £10.50

Total cost £16.75 Leave Stroud (Leisure Centre) 10 am

18th September Buscot Park

The home of Lord Faringdon who still lives there. The house and estate were bequeathed to the National Trust in 1956. It was built in 1780, is of unusual design for that period and has been remodelled from time to time. There is a renowned art collection with paintings by Botticelli, Gainsborough, Van Dyck and Rembrandt.

The grounds cover over 100 acres with woodland, lakes and formal gardens. The creation of the park began in 1782 and includes a water garden with rills and a fountain which link the house to the distant 20 acre lake

A buffet lunch will be provided at the New Inn Lechlade which is situated on the banks of the River Thames at a cost of £10

Cost of Coach £12 Entry free to National Trust members Non NT members £8

**Total cost £22.00
Leave Stroud Leisure Centre at
10.30 am**

Cheques to be made payable to:
"Stroud and District U3A"
and sent to:

Annette Jefferies, 5 Humphreys Close,
Lower Randwick, Stroud, GL5 4NX

Individual Days Out may be subject to cancellation if not enough seats are sold to cover costs

Review: CAB Talk

At their monthly meeting on 2nd May, Stroud U3A were given a very informative talk by Kirti Patel on the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau and advice on making a will.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is a charity giving free information on a wide range of issues and is entirely funded by donations. There are paid experts in house and they can call upon many other volunteers. They are based in Stroud Brunel Mall with offices in outlying villages, including Dursley, Nailsworth and Stonehouse.

There is no legal requirement to use a Solicitor to write a will but certain conditions must be considered, namely:

Unmarried couples cannot automatically inherit from each other

If you die without a Will your wishes are not always covered

Decisions on who will care for children under 18

Change of circumstances e.g. divorce

The most common mistake is not having the will signed and witnessed.

A Solicitor is recommended when:

Property is shared with a relative

Overseas property is involved

Making provision for a dependant

Costs vary on the value of possessions or property but Trade Unions often give free advice and Insurance Policies may also cover some of the costs. 'Will Aid' usually takes place in November, when many Solicitors will prepare a Will for free in return for a donation. Will Writing Services are not covered by the Law Society.

Wills should cover money, property and possessions, and should state who you would like to benefit (and also not benefit). Consideration must be given as to who will care for children under 18 and who will sort out the Estate.

Executors can be family, friends, a Solicitor or a Bank and can be up to 4 people. Everybody has a right to refuse. The requirements for being an Executor are being over 18 years of age, being made voluntarily and of sound mind. The Will must also be witnessed by 2 people who must also sign.

Problems sometimes arise when a will cannot be found, so it is important to keep it safe and tell somebody where it is kept. This can be at home, with a Solicitor or a Bank.

Also change of circumstances, such as marriage, divorce or change of address must be recorded, either by a new Will or an attached codicil. Old wills must be destroyed.

The Citizens Advice Bureau can also help with Probate.

Valerie Harriss

THE CROCHET GROUP

is starting up again after the sad loss of Barbara Costello.

New members are always welcome to our Tuesday morning meetings, whether experienced or complete beginners.

So if you would like to join our band of happy hookers please contact:

**Wendy Sparrow on
01453 759978.**

New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined in the past 3 months or so

Angela Bea
Sian Brady
Hilary Carter
Wendy Crichton
Liz Cudworth
Robin Dixon
Carol Dixon
Paul Fegan
Lesley Fegan
Tony Fide
Michael Kelly
Jane Ludlam
Christine Marshall
Diana Neligan
Alison Rennicks
Terry Roberts
Harvey Sagar

Refreshments at Monthly Meetings

A couple of Volunteers are needed to help out at the next meeting. If you care to give a hand, phone Lynn on: 07779 810174 or email: lynntyror@hotmail.co.uk

Stroud Show 2019

We have agreed to have a stand at Stroud Show this year (30th July) with a focus on our 30th birthday. The show will be at Stratford Park and will be open to the public from 10:30am to 4:30pm. I shall be there from 9am to help set up Clive's (Blackmore) gazebo and tent and then until 12:30pm. I shall then be back at 2:30pm through to clearing up. It would be great if we could have a rota of volunteers to man the stand please through the day. Perhaps it would be helpful to break the day up into time slots as follows:

9:30am – 10:30am setting up
10:30am – 12:30pm
12:30pm – 2:30pm
2:30pm – 4:30pm
4:30pm - 5:00pm clearing up.

It would be ideal to have 3 or 4 of us in each slot. Please would you let me know if you would like to be part of a particular slot.

The 30th birthday booklets are ready for distribution.

If you have any ideas or want to help, contact Clive Edgington at chair@stroudu3a.org.uk NEW GROUPS? If you have any interest in any of the above, please don't hesitate contact new-activities@stroudu3a.org.uk

Programme of Monthly Meetings and Speakers

**MEETINGS START AT 2.30pm
AT ST LAURENCE HALL, THE
SHAMBLES, STROUD, EXCEPT
FOR THE MAY MEETING
AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH
WHICH WILL PROBABLY HAVE
DIFFERENT VENUES**

2019

July 4

Burglary Bombs & Ballistics - 30 years in the
Metropolitan Police
Roger Gough

Aug 1

Wytchfinder - a history of witches & witch-
hunting
John Putley

Sept 5

The most dissolute man in London -The 1st Duke
of Devonshire and the Building of Chatsworth
Gill White

Nov 7

Every picture tells a story - an illustrated look at
natural history
Peter Preece

Committee

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site, so details of addresses, Tel Nos and email
addresses may possibly be accessed by the public
(via Google etc)■

Art Mixed Media	Mondays, 10am Cotswold bowling Club, Dudbridge	Peter Isles 01453 822780
Art Appreciation	Various Locations	Mervyn Dawe 01453 884664
Book Club	2nd Mondays, 2.30pm Minchinhampton, Uplands, Cainscross and Ebley	Wendy Birkinshaw 01453 753287 or 07715 273378 wbirkinshaw@gmail.com>
Bridge4All	Weekly, Tuesday Evenings & Thursday Mornings Various venues	David Nathan 01453 824533 davidianathan@gmail.com
Bridge Group 1	Tuesdays, 2pm Reserve list open Various venues	Margaret Adams 01453 763902 marbillyn@hotmail.co.uk
Church History and Architecture	3rd Friday in Month, 10.30am Various venues	Pat Harper 01453757412 patharper28@yahoo.co.uk
Creative Writing 1	1st Tuesday in Month, 10am. Paganhill	Clive Blackmore 01453 751686 clijun69@gmail.com
Creative Writing 2	2nd Tuesday in Month, 10am. Woodchester Valley Village	Paul Young 01453 833968 paul@crystalfontain,myzen.co.uk
Creative Writing 3	3rd Tuesday in Month, 10am. Rotates around members' homes	Pamela Davies 01453 731171 stridge72@gmail.com
Creative Writing 4	4th Tuesday in Month, 10am, Cotswold Bowls Club	Sally Bull 01453 873003 sallybull@gmail.com
Crochet	Tuesday mornings	Wendy Sparrow 01453 759978
Croquet	Weekly, Easter to October Kings Stanley Playing Field Wednesdays, 10am	Jenny Field 01452 741471
Days Out	Regular, arranged Monthly Trips to places of interest	Annette Jefferies 01453 450836 annette.jefferies@hotmail.co.uk
DIY Learn Italian	1st and 3rd Thursday 10am to 12	Pauline Stevens 01453 759641 pauline@stevensonline.org.uk
Expressive writing for well-being	2nd Wednesday in month	Marina Bielenky 01453 753050 marinabielenky@gmail.com
Family History	4th Tuesday in Month, 2pm	Pamela Davies 01453 731171 stridge72@gmail.com
Food Appreciation Group	2nd Wednesday in month 10am to 12noon. Please contact leaders to confirm date and venue.	Janet Harrold 07811 880030 janet.harrold@hotmail.co.uk or Liz Johnson 01453 759414 mhejohnson@btinternet.com
Foreign Cultures/Travel	4th Tuesday in Month, 10am Various venues	Tim Kestin 01453 883910 tim.kestin@gmail.com
French Book Club	Bi-weekly Thursdays, 10am Minchinhampton	Ann Brookes 01453 886210 granne@waitrose.com
French Intermediate-1	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Month Rodborough	Sue Watts 01453 756838 sue_wren11@hotmail.com
French Intermediate-2	1st Monday in month at 2.30pm and 3rd Tuesday in month at 2pm @ Kings Stanley	Julie Harper 07710 253251 julie.m.harper@btinternet.com
German (Conversation)	2nd and 4th Thursdays @ Whiteshill @ 2pm	Joy Way 01453 833762 joymway@gmail.com
German (Practical)	Alternate Tuesdays – 2.30pm @ Various Venues	Isobel Hie 01453 833290

Keep Fit	Wednesdays, 2pm Maypole Hall, Paganhill	Bernice Boss 01453 759231 bernice.boss@hotmail.com
Literature 1	1st & 3rd Mondays, 2pm Burleigh	Nell Scott 01453 872842 nelia@lexically.net
Literature 2	1st & 3rd Wednesdays in Month Eastcombe - 2.15pm	Anna Al-Salim 01453 882703
Local Flora Group	4th Thursday in Month, 10.30am Various venues	Mary Morgan 01453 548514 Greta Barker 01453 542161
Mahjong	2pm @ Imperial Hotel, Stroud on alternate Mondays	Jane Harvey 07919 920034 janeharvey@gmail.com
Music Appreciation 1	1st & 3rd Tuesday in Month 1st at member's homes 3rd at Stonehouse, 10.30am	David Nathan 01453 824533 davidianathan@gmail.com
Music Appreciation 2	Monthly, Monday pm	Martyn Leighton 01453 873129 martyneleighton@gmail.com or Hilary Smith 01453 872569 hilarysmith16@gmail.com
Music Appreciation 3	Monthly Friday pm	Miranda Davies miranda.davies@tiscali.co.uk
Nifty Knitters	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month 10 am – 12am	Mollie Chance 01453 827382 molliechance@sky.com
Patchwork and Quilting 1	4th Monday of the Month, 10am - Stonehouse	Jo Stiles 01453 297764 joquilter@outlook.com
Patchwork and Quilting 2	4th Thursday in Month, 2pm - Various venues	Judy Quick 01453 764553 Yvonne Coggins 01453 756246
Photography Group	4th Tuesday in Month, morning or afternoon depending on season - Various locations	Jenny Bircher 01453 756001 jennifer.bircher@gmail.com
Play Reading 1	2nd & 4th Mondays, 2.15pm - Minchinhampton	David Homer 01453 882993 david.homer99@gmail.com.
Play Reading 2	2nd & 4th Monday of the Month Grove Park, 1 – 3pm	Derek Pitt 01453 835505 07816 753843 derekwpitt@yahoo.co.uk
Poetry for Pleasure	1st Tuesday in Month, 2.30pm - 34 Besbury Park Minchinhampton	Pearl Waggett 01453 883683
Psychology and Mental Health Group	3rd Wednesday in Month - Various venues	Sylvia Pearse 01453 827597 sylviapearse@hotmail.co.uk
Readers Group	Certain Thursdays at 2pm Stonehouse	John Peters 01453 824459 myrajohn@btinternet.com
Recorders	We meet fortnightly, alternating the meetings between 10.30-12 and 2-3.30. The venue is varied around Stroud.. We ask for a weekly sub of 50p for photocopying and hire of a hall when needed.	Gavin Tasker 01453 827851 mail@ravingskate.plus.com
Scrabble	Fortnightly Sundays Minchinhampton 2 – 4pm	Pearl Waggett 01453 883683
Singing for Fun	3rd Wednesdays in Month Various venues 10am	Sheila O'Bryan 01453 762905 07748913234

Singing for Pleasure	Thursdays, 10.15am Springfield House Chalford	Penelope Sell 01453 750783 Margaret Jordan 01453 756794
Social History	2nd Tuesdays	Betty Nash 01453 762 762002 Betty.nash@pobroadband.co.uk
Solo Group	Mondays 11am Conservative Club Stroud	Rita Shepherd 01453 834116
Spanish Beginners	Every other Friday morning. Various venues	Clive Edgington 01453 767850 clive@marketing-edge.co.uk
Spanish Conversation (Intermediate)	Thursdays, 10am until 11.15am, Brimscombe	Pauline Edgington 01453 767850 pauline@marketing-edge.co.uk
Tai Chi	Thursdays 10.30-11.30 Maypole Hall, Paganhill	Joyce Perkins 01453 791411
Walking - Country Walkers (4-5 miles)	2nd & 4th Fridays in Month Various venues 10am	Dilys Warren 01453 751870, 07905 030852 Dilyswarren@aol.com
Walking - Happy Feet Walkers (4-5 miles)	2nd & 4th Fridays in Month 10am, Various locations	Patricia Wright 01453 834502 patwright232@gmail.com
Walking - Strollers (3 miles)	1st & 3rd Fridays in Month Various locations, 10.30am	Judith Edwards 01453 882291 judith.edwards1@tiscali.co.uk
Walking - Walkers (easy-no stiles) 2-3 miles	2nd & 4th Fridays in Month Various locations, 10.30am	Margaret Adams 01453 763902 marbillyn@hotmail.co.uk
Walking - Wayward Walkers	3rd Wednesday in Month. 10+ miles from various locations along the Gloucestershire Way - Led by Michael and Valerie Harriss	John Tyror 01453 752326 johntyror@hotmail.com Walks are led by: Michael and Valerie Harriss
Walking - Wednesday Walkers (4-7 miles)	2nd & 4th Wednesdays in Month. Various locations, 10am	Lynn Tyror 01453 752326 lynntyror@hotmail.co.uk

Stroud and District U3A Membership

Application
DELETE AS APPLICABLE
Renewal

YOUR DETAILS

Name Membership number (if a Renewal)

Address

..... Postcode

Email Telephone

Past Work Experience Mobile

(optional but would be helpful to us)

Are you a member of another U3A that pays your capitation fee? **YES / NO**

Name of that U3A and your Membership Number there

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£12 PER PERSON (RENEWABLE 1 SEPTEMBER ANNUALLY)

These fees include a £3.50 membership fee paid to our national organisation, the Third Age Trust, which provides a wide range of services and benefits, including liability insurance cover.

If you are a member of another U3A that pays your capitation fee of £3.50 per person, please deduct this amount from your subscription.

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

As a charity, Stroud and District U3A can reclaim Gift Aid from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Please fill in and return the Gift Aid Form overleaf. It won't cost you any more.

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Bank transfer to Stroud and District U3A at Lloyds Bank, 12 Rowcroft, Stroud GL5 3BD

Sort code 77-27-22, Account No. 18772260

Cheque to 'Stroud and District U3A'

If paying by bank transfer, quote your STROUD U3A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER as an identifier.

Then send an email to the Treasurer when transaction is complete, or you can wait for your membership card until the next paper Bank Statement is received by us.

WE PREFER NEW MEMBERS TO PAY BY CHEQUE FIRST TIME.

Treasurer's email address: treasurer@stroudu3a.org.uk

I apply for membership of Stroud and District U3A and confirm that I will abide by the terms of membership. I confirm that I have completed the form myself. I will make full payment of fees due as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Signed Dated

CAN YOU NOW FILL-IN AND SIGN THE DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT AND GIFT AID FORM OVERLEAF

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- To communicate with you as a U3A member.
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- To send you general information about the Third Age Trust (the national organisation to which U3As are affiliated).

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Signature

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