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From the Chairman:

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter and I hope that by the time you are reading this the temperatures have risen and the wind changed to a warmer direction!

Some of you may have noticed in the Third Age Matters Magazine that the new Executive for the Third Age Trust and National U3A has been busy talking to the Charity Commission to bring all U3As into line with their charitable requirements. Some of these changes will affect us directly in that a) we will need to adjust the Object clause in our Constitution and b) report all finance relating to U3A activities in our accounts to you as members and to the Charity Commission.

As a committee, we are happy that all our activities meet the new object clause "the advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development," but as a change to our Constitution this will need to be agreed at the AGM in November. We will also work with the groups to ensure their accounts are summarised and recorded for future AGMs.



Meanwhile we can now tell you a little more about our 20th Anniversary celebrations.

1. **Anniversary Bench** and landscaping opposite the Anchor Inn, Thornbury. This is being made at the Hatch and we will let you know when the "grand opening" will be.
2. **Anniversary Picnic** in the Chantry Garden, Castle Street, Thornbury on Saturday 28 July 2018 from 12.30pm to 4.00pm. We have booked some music, refreshments and group displays (more are welcome), and will keep our fingers crossed for good weather. Tickets, available from the end of April from Committee members, cost £2 and include tea, coffee and cake; the Chantry bar will also be open.
3. To give something back to our Community, we are asking for volunteers to check and add local footpaths to a **town map research project**. Please see the item on page 3 for further details on how you can help.
4. A **Special Open Talk** by Lynne Gibson, an art historian, entitled "Double Dutch" will take place at the Armstrong Hall on 22 November 2018 at 2.30pm.
5. Finally, a **souvenir booklet** that will summarise this year's events, pick out notable snippets from the past 20 years and, with pictures, stories and interviews, describe how we are progressing as a U3A over the next 20 years, will be available with the Handbook next year.

Can you help? If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments about these events, please talk to your Group Leader or the Committee.

Thank you.

Alison Makepeace

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Dates for your diary

Future Publication Deadlines

15 June 2018 Summer Newsletter
15 September 2018 Autumn Newsletter

Please ensure you send your contributions to: newsletter@thornburyu3a.org.uk by the dates shown.

Open Events – any member can apply

Talks

19 April 2018 Wind in the Willows - Tim Lewis
6 June 2018 Love, Life and Autism - Sheila Barton (details on page 3)
22 November 2018 Double Dutch - Lynne Gibson (details in a later Newsletter)

Visits

22 May 2018 Bath and The American Museum
6 August 2018 Houses of Parliament (details on page 4)

Other Events

23 May 2018 Cotswold Link Singing Day (details on page 4)
5 June 2018 Driver Refresher Day (details on pages 4)
3 July 2018 The Great Outdoors (details on pages 14 and 15)
28 July 2018 20th Anniversary Big Picnic (details on page 12)

Communications

It seems a long time ago, although it's only two months, since the last Newsletter and the Handbook Collections days. Thank you to everyone who collected their Handbook and Membership Card. We realise that the room used in Thornbury was too small and caused some long waiting times for which we apologise. Next year we will try to ensure that the arrangements can cope better with anticipated numbers. In Thornbury we handed out 725 Handbooks and 1045 Membership Cards in three hours, which was quite an achievement.

It is pleasing to see that the use of Beacon, our Membership and Group Management system, is steadily growing. At any time you can review the details we hold for you, or change your email address.

Just go to the Thornbury U3A website, <https://u3asites.org.uk/thornbury/home> and then click on the heading Beacon. On the right hand side of the screen, click on Members Portal. Fill in the screen with your personal details; however, be aware that these details are case sensitive. When you arrive at your personal details you can change them, or even add a photo of yourself. If you add a photo your next membership card will then include your photo. Remember to save your information changes before you leave the screen. If you need any help, please get in touch with me. Beacon is proving to be a very useful tool for many Group Leaders. In addition to keeping a current list of members, it ensures Group Leaders are automatically using your up-to-date email addresses when they contact you. If you are a Group Leader who has not yet ventured into the Beacon system, why not get in touch and I will arrange an overview session. I can assure you the system is very easy to use.

The website has been updated recently using information from the Handbook where appropriate. However, we would like to make the website more interesting and would especially welcome items and ideas from anyone. We are constrained by the design of the system that we use but are looking at ways to make the content more attractive. Why not get in touch with either Don Grundell webmaster@thornburyu3a.org.uk or with me and share your thoughts.

Barbara Jones

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Walking Map of Thornbury - showing the footpaths and other information useful to walkers

As one of our 20th Anniversary Projects, it has been suggested that a map showing the Footpaths of Thornbury would be very useful – certainly the Town Hall would be pleased to have one to give out to visitors and new residents.

The proposal is to walk the footpaths in the early Summer and record their routes, draw them up on a large-scale map and provide the information to Standbrook Guides, the organisation that provides the map for the Residents' Handbook. They will add the footpaths to a suitable map that they will then print and make available to the Town as required.

The Committee has unanimously endorsed the idea, as has the Town's Environment Committee.

Now we need volunteers to make it happen. A new member of TU3A, David Fordham, will manage the Project. His intention is to divide the town up into small sections – perhaps 12 to 15 areas - but he will need feet on the ground to explore each one. Short distance walkers are equally welcome to explore just the confines of their local patches. Explorers with mobility scooters and pushchair/buggy pushers would provide welcome additional information, i.e. 'scooter/buggy-friendly pathways'. We also need co-ordinators – perhaps two or three - to help bring together path information from each area.

Ideas about what could go on the back of the map are invited from all corners of the membership. Please email your ideas to davidfordhamno18@gmail.com or give me, David Fordham, a call on 07834 721741.

Open Talk

LOVE, LIFE and AUTISM with Sheila Barton on Wednesday 6 June 2018. 2.30pm at the Armstrong Hall, Thornbury.

When her son, Jonathan, was diagnosed as autistic, Sheila Barton set about learning to live a different kind of life from the one she had expected and to be a different kind of mother to her son. In her talk, she will describe the journey her family took towards an understanding of Jonathan's world and give some insight into the way autistic people experience life.

Sheila, who has a Cambridge First in Theology, has worked as a social worker, teacher, lecturer, equalities trainer, and senior manager in the health and social care charity sector. Now, in her retirement, she is a writer.

After the talk she will be selling signed copies of her memoir 'Living with Jonathan; Lessons in Love, Life and Autism', with an introduction by Jon Snow, at the special price of £10. Jon Snow says: 'This is a book we all should read. A remarkable human story, a remarkable piece of writing.' Booking details are on **page 14**.

Open Visits - update

Bath

There are a few places left for the trip to Bath and The American Museum in Britain on Tuesday 22 May 2018. The deadline for applications is Friday, 20 April 2018. You can find the booking form in the Winter 2018 Newsletter or if you cannot find your copy telephone Sue James on 885452 if you wish to apply.

Houses of Parliament

All the details, for our trip to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 6 August 2018 are on page 4. An application form is **on page 14**.

Concorde Museum in Bristol

Later in the year we hope to visit the Concorde Museum in Bristol. Details will be in the Summer Newsletter.

David Austin & Sue James

visits@thornbury3a.org.uk

Visit to London for a Tour of the Houses of Parliament on Monday 6 August 2018

It will be an early start with the coach leaving the first pick-up point in Thornbury at 7.30am for the journey to London. There are two tours of the Houses of Parliament arranged, the first at 11.40am and the second at 11.45am. Each tour lasts for approximately 75 minutes, after which you will be free to roam until we leave London in time to arrive back in Thornbury at about 7.00pm (traffic permitting).

Facilities for disabled people are available and where there are stairs, lifts are nearby. **Please let me know if you require a wheelchair – I will do my best (but cannot guarantee) to reserve one for you.**

Please note:

- Airport style security is in operation (i.e. no knives, sprays or similar items as they may be confiscated)
- Mobile phones must be switched off and photography is only allowed in Westminster Hall and St. Stephens Hall
- Toilets (including disabled facilities) are only available at either the start or the end of the tour
- Food and Drink: the Jubilee Café next to Westminster Hall offers a selection of light meals and hot and cold drinks. Also, as you will be near the Embankment, there are a number of restaurants /public houses, etc. where lunch is served.
- Shop: the Jubilee shop located next to Westminster Hall offers a range of books, gifts and souvenirs
- Things to do: stroll along the Embankment or cross Westminster Bridge to the South Bank and watch the world go by. Entertainers are numerous nearby. If you fancy going further afield, keep in mind the return time, usually around 3.45pm
- Comfort Stops: if required, there will be a brief stop on the way to and from London.

If you are interested, please complete the booking form on **page 14** and send it, together with your cheque and an SAE, to David Austin, 13, Davids Close, Alveston, Bristol BS35 3LR. Cheques, in the amount of £13.50 per person, should be made payable to Thornbury U3A.

Applications, which can only be made in writing, will be put into a 'hat' and drawn out on Wednesday 16 May 2018. Although we cannot guarantee that those who subsequently wish to cancel their confirmed bookings will receive a refund, we shall do our best to transfer their places if we are informed in time.

Driver Refresher Event - 5 June 2018 Armstrong Hall Thornbury doors open 1.30pm

Are you still driving? Do you want to continue to drive with confidence? South Gloucestershire Road Safety is putting on a half day Driver Refresher event in conjunction with U3A. There will be a presentation and information aimed at older drivers and in addition expert advice will be available from representatives from A&S Police, AF&R, Ambulance service, SGC Handy Van, local driving instructors. Please come and support this event and update your knowledge. Further information is on our website under News. This is a free session however spaces are limited and should be booked. To book phone or email as below or [Click here](#)

South Glos Road Safety 863606

roadsafety@southglos.gov.uk

Cotswold Link Singing Day - 23 May 2018 Malvern U3A

This is the annual meeting of all the Cotswold Link U3A singing groups. Any U3A member who would like to join in is welcome. Music can be sent either by email or normal mail. The idea is to have a working knowledge of the music before the day and then on the day brush up those areas that need a little work. It is light-hearted and perfection is not the main aim, only pleasure in singing together. Thornbury U3A is a member of the Cotswold Link which is a network of U3As around the Cotswolds. Cotswold Link organises special events which any member of our U3A is entitled to attend, providing there is space. To find out more contact Ann Peach by email.

Ann Peach

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Help for Members

List of Tradesmen and women

Did you know that for many years Eileen May, one of our long term members, has done sterling work keeping a list of tradesmen and women who have been used by other members and are recommended as providing a good service at a reasonable price and on time. If you are seeking a person to do a job for you, please get in touch with Eileen and she will see if she can help. Also, if you can recommend someone who has done a good job for you, please let Eileen know, as the list needs to be constantly updated. However if you are not totally satisfied with a job done by someone who was recommended, then please let Eileen know that, too.

Eileen May

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Practical Advice

Alan Heath offers practical advice about a building job you may be considering or about some internal or external problem with your house. Alan has kindly been offering this voluntary service for many years to our members. If you need help give him a call.

Alan Heath

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Groups Co-ordinator's Report - Update on New Groups

Several new groups will be starting up in the Spring to add to our already impressive selection. So much choice – so little time! If you need any help with running your group or ideas for new ones, contact me and I will be happy to help. Don't forget to let me know of any changes to your Groups, i.e. Leaders, email addresses or venues etc., so I can keep the records up to date. Also, please use the Beacon system to record your group's membership list. If you don't have the use of a computer, let me know and I will help if I can.

Sailing

The Sailing Group, under the new leadership of John Allen, is restarting and plans to have its first session of the season in April. They sail/cruise (about 3 hours) during the summer months from the Thornbury Sailing Club based at Oldbury. Experienced sailors and beginners welcome but need to be fairly agile. Waterproof clothing required, life belts provided - as are the boats! To join, or re-join, please contact John for further information.

John Allen

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Canasta

Val Curtis plans to start this new card playing group after Easter. Members who have already enquired will be emailed with the starting date when fixed. Meetings will be held in the Royal George Pub on the Plain, in the upstairs room (steep stairs), on Tuesdays from 1.30pm until approximately 3.30pm. Initially, complete beginners and those who have not played for years, who wish to refresh their memories, will be instructed on the rules of the game.

Meetings might be weekly to start with, to aid learning, and then fortnightly to play the game. Please contact Val for further information

Val Curtis

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Climate Change

This is a new, time-limited group, starting on 21 September 2018. It is planned that it will meet on the third Friday morning of each month, for ten months, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Our aim is to learn together about the causes, effects and possible solutions/mitigation to climate change, and to explore why the global community is failing to deal with the problems effectively. Is our capitalist system preventing effective action? What makes some people deny that climate change is happening? Is there any chance that they are right? Is there anything we can realistically do as individuals to protect our grandchildren from the possible disaster unfolding? The facilitators of the group are not experts. It is hoped that all members of the group will be active in researching the topic and in joining in the discussions, helped by some relevant speakers and films along the way.

Everyone is welcome, whatever their level of knowledge about the subject, although numbers may need to be limited due to space. For further information please contact Barbara Day or Kate Cannell.

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Kate Cannell **610071** climatechange@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Flower Arranging for Beginners

Several members have shown interest in joining Ruth Kitson to learn the art of flower arranging and it is hoped to organize a session soon. I will email details when available to those who have already enquired. If you would like to add your name to the list please contact me, Sue James, details below, as Ruth does not have email.

Wine Group 4

This new wine group is proving popular. For meeting details, contact Alison Makepeace at winegroup4@thornburyu3a.org.uk.

Sue James **885452** groupscoordinator@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Group News from Group Leaders –

Archaeology Group

With a full complement of members we have begun studying local industrial archaeology. In January we looked at the local quarries whose stone was used for churches and castles. This led us in February to consider what is now known (wrongly) as the "13th century industrial revolution" which saw the movement of the cloth industry from the towns to the countryside and a rapid increase in the use of fulling mills, which enhanced the quality of dyed cloth production, Nailsworth and Stroud being the main sites with the most numerous mills.

Most members are able to contribute their own personal knowledge of the sites and their varied output. The year is shaping up well and we will have our day out in July. New members we will squeeze in if we can!

Cynthia Black **412641** archaeology@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Art Appreciation Group

Welcome to the Art Appreciation group.

Have you ever looked at an art work and wondered about its meaning, about the artist, the techniques used and the skills involved? Well, why not join our friendly group and immerse yourself in a whole new experience? None of us is an Art Historian but we have a thirst for knowledge and enjoy learning in the company of friends.

We meet in the Buckingham Room at The Chantry on the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise notified. ***Please note the date in April: the 19th not the 17th.***

Meetings start at 2pm. but doors open at 1.30pm. A presentation, given for about an hour by an outside speaker or a group member, is followed by questions and answers. There is a small contribution of £2 per session to help towards costs or you can join from October through to June and have nine months for £10.

Pauline Rummens **413591** artappreciation@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Art Monday Group

We meet on Mondays (except first Monday in the month) in St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury, from 9.45am - 12 noon.

Once each month a different demonstrator gives a tutorial, which we follow with our own work based on the tutorial where possible. So far we have looked at acrylics; watercolour, and mixed media. Our group explores

different fields of painting such as drawing; pen and wash, and acrylics. There is a range of abilities, from

beginners to the more experienced, and we do help each other and share ideas.

We are quite a small group and would welcome new members. If you just want to have a look at what we do before deciding if you want to join us, we would be happy to see you.

9 April 2018	line and wash demo
14 May 2018	printmaking demo (which may change)
18 & 25 June 2018	visit to church - stained glass and architecture drawing and painting

Sue Punton **776271** artmondagroup1@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Art Thursday Group

Our table at the AGM generated several enquiries and from that we have gained another two members. As a result we are now at capacity and will need to start a waiting list.

Our output continues to be very varied, pastels, water colour, acrylic, coloured pencil, collage or pen and wash. The support of fellow members casting a critical eye over each other's work is much valued. Others can often see what the artist cannot and help to improve the piece of work.

We all have very different styles and an extensive range of output. This term a new member has been setting us projects that are challenging and fun.

We continue to meet on Thursday mornings at St Mary's Church Hall during school terms only and the cost per session is £3. This is usually paid per term to ensure we always have sufficient funds to pay for the hall, regardless of how many are able to attend.

Ann Jones **413875** artthursday@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Aspects of the 19th Century

These meetings will take place on Mondays in the Methodist Hall in Alveston at 2.00pm.

9 April 2018	Photos of old Thornbury	Meg Wise
7 May 2018	The Will Act 1837	Andrew Borkowski
4 June 2018	The Naval Race	Mark Walker
2 July 2018	Subject TBA	Trevor Hill
August.	No meeting.	

John Smith aspectsof19c@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Church Visits Group 1

As we now have a membership of 70 addresses, it was decided at our annual meeting to close our membership for this year.

We suggest that anyone wanting to take part in a Church Visits Group tries the other group. Thank you,

Sandra Body **415250** churchvisits1@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Cinema Group

This is an open group, so any member of U3A is able to attend.

Venue:	Tockington Parish Hall
Day:	1st and 3rd Fridays of most months
Time:	1.30pm for a 2pm start.

Revised programme

Because of release dates and availability, we sometimes need to change or amend our programme, but we endeavour to show a variety of good films.

We use subtitles in all our films.

6 April 2018	1946 American Drama, Winner of 7 Academy Awards (3hrs)
20 April 2018	2017 - Animated comedy about a bear
4 May 2018	1967 - American Thriller - Audrey Hepburn was nominated for an Oscar
18 May 2018	2017 - WWII film
1 June 2018	2016 - Spanish Drama
15 June 2018	2017 - Biographical drama
6 July 2018	2017 - British war drama Gary Oldman won Oscar
20 July 2018	2017 American political thriller - Nominated for Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress

We close for August, and resume the 3rd Friday in September.

Notes for all our films are available at our showings.

If you wish to receive reminders, please email Penny Withers at cinemalist@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Pam Dawe **614843** cinema@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Computer

U3A Computer Club is for everyone interested in computers! Computers are everywhere in our lives these days and many of us own mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones as well as laptop and desktop computers.

At Computer Club we try to cover technical matters as well as the fun side of using computers. Our meetings regularly take the form of short talks each followed by a discussion, with contributions welcome from experts and beginners alike. At our regular help sessions, individual assistance is offered by the more experienced members - just bring in your laptop or tablet, ask what you need to know and we'll help if we can. Wi-Fi is available. You can also ask for help by e-mail.

Meetings are normally on the first Friday of every month except June, July and August, in the Buckingham Room at the Chantry. Doors are open from about 10am for coffee and chat and the meeting starts at 10.30am. We finish at midday.

New members are always welcome and any U3A member can come when they wish. Pay £1 at the door and add your name and Thornbury U3A membership number to our contact list.

See the Computer group on the website for contact details for the Group leader, Mike Farquhar and for Help with computer problems.

Mike Farquhar **413055** computers@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Concerts

Our first meeting to discuss the 2018 Autumn programme will take place at 2:30pm on Friday 25 May 2018 in the Buckingham Room at The Chantry.

Subscriptions of £5 per address for the 2018/19 season, which are due by the date of the meeting, may be paid either in cash on the 25 May 2018 or by sending a cheque, payable to Thornbury Concerts Group, to Maypole Barn, Lower Morton, Thornbury, BS35 1LB. They may also be paid by bank transfer – contact Phil for details.

New members wishing to join the Group should contact:

Phil Holland **413897** concerts@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Country Dancing

The group started again after the summer break on Tuesday, 19th September. The dates for the year to next July are available via the link on the group's webpage.

We always have room for new members so why not come and join us? You don't need to bring a partner as the more experienced dancers help any newcomers and the dances often mix people up.

The two leaders teach us a variety of English country dances. There are different styles and speeds so you can dance at your own pace. Full instructions are given in each session so you do not need any prior knowledge.

We meet in the upstairs room of the Methodist Church Hall in Thornbury between 2.00pm - 3.45pm and pay £2 per session towards the cost of hiring the Hall.

New members are welcome to come for a taster session.

Sue Lowman

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French

This group is for members with some knowledge of French. There are two sessions, 11.00am - noon and noon - 1.00pm, each for a small number of members, both meet on the first and third Friday mornings. The first session is more basic and the second slightly more advanced. Sessions consist of basic grammar exercises, reading and conversation. At present there is room for three more members in the second group. Please contact the Group Leader, Margaret Rowley, for more information.

Margaret Rowley

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French WD40

The WD40 French Group has recently recruited a new Group Leader, Jamie Russell. The group continues to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10.00am at The Chantry. For more information please contact Jamie.

Jamie Russell

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Geology

The Geology group met first in January 2017 and has done so each month to listen to a wide variety of talks. These have ranged from 'A Review of Rocks and Fossils' to 'Early Earth and Early Life', all talks being given by group members. We also managed to hold our first field trip, at Aust Cliffs, led by Nick Large, who explained in detail the events behind the formation of the cliff face and the fossils in the upper layers. Among this year's events there will be a visit to the cliffs at Portishead. Our meetings are open to non-specialists; in fact, our aim is to bring the fascinating world of rocks and how they were formed to a wider audience.

Les Strong

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Line Dancing

Do you love to dance but can't because you don't have a partner? No problem! You don't need a partner to Line Dance. We're a friendly group and chances are you'll have a good time. Wear comfortable clothing, secure shoes and bring a drink. It's good for fitness and mobility, too.

We usually learn a new dance every week. We meet every Wednesday from 2:30pm - 3:30pm upstairs at the Thornbury Methodist Church. Entrance in Castle Court.

We look forward to seeing you.

Louise Ingsley

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Music Group

Meetings are held on the second Friday morning in the month at the Methodist Church, Alveston, starting at 10.30 a.m. The intention of the committee is to make as many of the meetings as possible "live", with performers from a wide range of groups such as the Welsh National Opera; the National Orchestra of Wales, and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, as well as local folk, jazz and chamber music soloists and groups.

Please come and try us out. Being in a church there is always plenty of space and the church has a very fine acoustic. Membership is £14 for the full season or £2 for a single session.

- 13 April 2018 Philip Heyman will entertain us on his viola with a wide range of different works, accompanied by Alison Dite
- 11 May 2018 Nicki Barnes presents her new programme, a journey of world flute music inspired by folk traditions, playing flute, whistles and folk flutes as well as piccolo and alto.
- 8 June 2018 Leader of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Leslie Hatfield, will be Jos Gregson's guest as she decides what records she would have with her on a Desert Island. We find out about her busy professional life and how she would cope with the solitude of the island.

Jos Gregson

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Opera Studies

The Opera Study Group has put together another wide and interesting programme for your enjoyment and interest. With an introduction by a member of the group, all the operas are shown on a large screen, with English subtitles, using DVDs of prestigious performers.

We meet downstairs in the Thornbury Methodist Church Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Doors open at 6.15pm and the programme starts at 6.45pm. There is an interval for free coffee, tea and biscuits and we finish at ~ 9.30pm. The £7 annual group membership gives free admission to every meeting, whilst U3A visitors pay £2. Costs are always under review. Do come along and join us.

24 April 2018	Die Fledermaus	Johann Strauss
22 May 2018	Puritani	Bellini
26 June 2018	Tales of Hoffman	Offenbach

Longer Operas

When there is a fifth Tuesday in the month, we show a longer opera and combine it with two breaks for food. We begin at 4.30pm (doors open at 4 pm). A delicious buffet meal can be ordered in advance from Sue Joyce (260542) for £4 or members can bring their own food – all eaten seated at tables. Any member of Thornbury U3A is welcome to attend at a cost of £3 to reflect the longer rental time of the Hall. Again, costs are always under review.

29 May 2018	War and Peace	Prokofiev
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Michael Vooght

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Recorders

We continue practicing and making progress in the two recorder groups. We are looking forward to the Big Picnic on 28 July 2018 when both groups will be playing together. For further information about the recorder groups, which meet on Monday mornings, please contact the group leaders.

Group 1

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Group 2

Kate Phillipson-Masters.

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Table Tennis 1

We are a friendly, thriving group and continue to enjoy competitive table tennis to a good standard. Although our membership is currently full, we have openings for visitors and you will be most welcome. If you would like to play, please contact me.

Graham Bancroft

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tabletennis1@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Table Tennis 2

We can accommodate 2 or 3 new members who have played before. We meet at the sports centre on

Wednesday afternoons from 2pm --3pm. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch via the u3a website.

Joan Flower

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Travel & Tourism Group

Due to cancellations we have vacancies on our trip in April 2018 and therefore are opening applications up to any current member of Thornbury U3A. We have 4 seats to spare (2 double rooms but we may be able to convert these into twin rooms if necessary). The details are as follows:

Monday 23 April 2018 – Thursday 26 April 2018

The New Continental Hotel Plymouth, dinner, bed and breakfast, £321 per person with Chauffeurhire Coaches. Cost includes excursions and gratuities but there is an additional charge if you are not a National Trust member.

Excursions:

Castle Drogo Steam railway and Buckfast Abbey

Devonport Naval Heritage Centre 2 free afternoons in Plymouth.

Mont Edgecombe

Please ring Carole Darling, who is organising the trip, urgently, if you are interested.

Carole Darling

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Wine Group 4

Would you like to know the difference between a Chablis and a Champagne or a Syrah and a Merlot? Or why poor soils provide some excellent wine? Then come and join Wine Group 4.

This new group has been formed to help members learn about and appreciate different wines in a friendly atmosphere. We are holding our first meeting on May 25 2018 in St Mary's Church Hall, Eastland Road, Thornbury at 7.30pm and would welcome a few more members. If you are interested, then please contact me for more information.

Alison Makepeace

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20th Anniversary
Big Picnic
Saturday, 28th July 2018
12.30pm – 4.00pm



Bring your own chairs, rugs and food for a picnic in

The Chantry Garden, Thornbury

Bar available

Free teas, coffees & biscuits

MUSIC CAKE DISPLAYS

Entry by Ticket only £2

All are welcome!

Tickets will be available from mid-April from any Committee member so dig out your rugs or chairs and find those picnic baskets!

Parking will be severely restricted at The Chantry, but please drop off any items and then park elsewhere in the town.

Calling all Group Leaders!

Would you like to add a display of your group's activities at The Big Picnic on 28 July 2018? Some of you may already have been approached but if there are any who have not and would like to, please contact Sue James on 885452 or groupscorordinator@thornburyu3a.org.uk.



COTSWOLD LINK

Special Interest Day The Great Outdoors

Tuesday 3 July 2018



The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 6PN
10.00 coffee for 10.30am including lunch and refreshments to finish at 3.45pm

A day planned to show members the delights of the countryside from a variety of perspectives and interests with specialist speakers

Des Ong	A professional photographer who has travelled widely capturing locations and wildlife in all its variety which he will share with us
David Viner	David is the Heritage Adviser for the Canals & Waterways Trust and will talk about his work and attractions in the southwest and the midlands
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	A speaker will update us on the latest developments within the work of the Trust and future plans for our local area
Tim Barnes	An experienced member from the Cotswold Gliding Club who will introduce us to the joys of seeing the outside world from a different position !

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Thornbury U3A is a member on the Cotswold Link which is a network of U3As around the Cotswolds. This organisation organises special events which any member of Thornbury U3A is entitled to attend, providing there is space.

Application form for Houses of Parliament Trip

I/we would like to join the visit to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 6 August 2018

Pick up points– please tick as appropriate					
Name(s) and phone number(s), please	Anchor, Morton 7.30am	Aldi 7.35am	Leisure Centre bus stop 7.40am	Ship Inn, Alveston 7.45am	Tump, Almonds- bury 7.55am

I/We enclose a cheque for £13.50 per person, made payable to THORNBURY U3A, together with this form and an S.A.E.

This trip is being jointly organized by David Austin and Sue James – tel. no. 01454 411069

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Love, Life and Autism talk

Please reserve tickets for the Love Life and Autism talk on 6 June 2018

I enclose a cheque for £..... (£2 each)

Names (block capitals)

Phone number.....

Email address

Cheques should be made payable to Thornbury U3A.

Please send a stamped addressed envelope with your cheque and application form to:

Lesley Hellen, 32 Durham Road, Charfield, Wotton under Edge, GL12 8TH



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BOOKING FORM

I/We would like to attend the Study Day “The Great Outdoors” on Tuesday 3 July 2018. (Please complete further sheets if necessary)

Full Name/s

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Address

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Telephone No..... email

Member(s) ofU3A

Please give your U3A personal membership number/s

£15 for Cotswold Link members (**£17** for non-members) to include attendance, car parking, coffee/tea on arrival and lunch. Deadline for receipt of payment and booking forms is 15 June 2018. Applications will be on first come, first booked basis

**Please return completed forms and cheques made payable to Cotswold Link to:
Lynn Glaze, Brook House, Manor Road, Eckington, WR10 3BH**

or

For anyone wishing to pay direct: Lloyds Bank: 309206, Account Name: Cotswold Link, A/c No: 02375425 – please quote your surname/u3a as reference & please mark booking form, which can be emailed to lynnglaze@cmail.co.uk and advise her that you are paying direct, with other details on the booking form.