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# Looking For Something Interesting to Be Part Of?

If you are no longer working full-time and are looking for new ways to learn new skills, hobbies and pastimes whilst making new friends, why not come along to the next meeting of u3a Witney and see what we are all about?

u3a is a UK wide, co-operative movement of people who are no longer in full time work who come together to either continue their education or take part in social and creative pastimes in a friendly and informal environment.

Founded in 1981, the organisation currently has in excess of 430,000 members and 1000+ local groups from across the whole of the UK. The Witney group meets at the Methodist Church, 40 High Street, Witney OX28 6HG on the first and third Thursday of each month with Speaker Meeting starting at 2.00 pm. New members are welcome to come along to two Speaker Meetings prior to joining to see how the group operates and if it appeals to you. Prospective new members should arrive a little before 2.00 pm in the first instance.

Two Speaker Meetings are held each month where an outside speaker will talk on a subject of general interest. There is also an update on our branches u3a activities. You will find a full list of Speaker Meetings on the website [u3asites.org.uk/witney/events](http://u3asites.org.uk/witney/events). You can also see what is happening on Facebook @witneyu3a.

Talks will be held on the 5 October: What is a Magistrate; 19 October: The Mary Rose; 2 November: Leprosy Mission; 16 November: Unmasking the Cock Lane Ghost; 7 December: Careless Talk Costs Lives; 21 December: The Wit and Songs of Noel Coward and Christmas Party.

For just £20 annual membership subscription, you will have access to a wide range of on-line resources from the u3a Thames Valley Network and the Central u3a Office including talks, study days, outings, concerts, and material to support the work of the groups. The membership fee payable will vary depending on when you join but will not be more than £20 and there is an early bird renewal of £15. New members will receive a New Members Welcome Pack.

Witney currently has around 60 special interest groups covering areas such as Literature with book discussions, Classical Music, Languages: French, German, Italian and





Spanish, Games including Canasta, Bridge and Scrabble, Recreative pastimes including croquet, gardening, table tennis, yoga, and walking. Creative art groups include needlework, photography, play reading and poetry. Other groups include History – art, local history and WW1, Archaeology, Railways, Science and Technology and Wine Appreciation. A great range of subjects with something to suit everyone's interest.

Witney members also have access to our Drop-in Café which is held in the Methodist Church café area on the first Monday of every month at 2pm. This is a great place to meet other members and of course make new friends. If you would like to drop in to find out more, please email [new.members.witneyu3a@gmail.com](mailto:new.members.witneyu3a@gmail.com).

For further information visit  
[u3asites.org.uk/witney/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/witney/home).

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