



Photography group – Little Owl by Brian Burgess

u3a Dacorum Digest

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Glorious spring colours – By the Garden Visiting Group

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Forthcoming Committee Meetings in 2023:

31st March	30th June	29th September
5th May	28th July	3rd November
2nd June	1st September	1st December

Venue: Box Moor Trust Centre, 10 am to 12 noon.

The meeting on 5th May may be changed because of the Coronation on Saturday 6th May.

u3a Members are always welcome to attend either in person or on Zoom.
 Please let the Secretary know in advance.



Card Making

A Limerick for Calligraphers
 Whilst in search of a text I could write,
 Something pithy, not maudlin or trite...
 I found most were unsuitable,
 Many inscrutable,
 And some that were far from polite.
Diana Knapp



Card Making



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Comittee Reports

Renewing your Membership

I have very good news! The membership fee for the year starting 1 April 2023 has been reduced this year to £12 for an individual and £22 for a couple living at the same house.

If you wish to receive Third Age Matters, the Magazine produced by the Third Age Trust, you are asked to add in the cost of postage which is £3.60 for the year.

Your current membership year ends on 31st March 2023 and I am hoping you will wish to continue as a member, which you can do by returning the coloured form enclosed in this Digest, with a cheque made out to u3a Dacorum.

Alternatively, you may renew online via the website www.u3adacorum.com/membership/join-or-renew and pay by bank transfer.

The joining and renewal rates are the same so please encourage your friends, who may be missing out, to join us as we continue learning and enjoying life together.

Jean Sniders

Membership Secretary – members@u3adacorum.org

Secretary's Report

Shortly after you receive the Digest report, I will have been in post, as Secretary, for one year and now feel I'm settling into the role, and getting to know all the things I need to do that help keep u3a Dacorum running, whether it's organising the AGM, our monthly committee meetings, or submitting information to the Charity Commission.

I see the work of my fellow Committee members - handling subscriptions, editing this Digest, checking equipment used by various groups, or maintaining and updating our website – and how vital it is to keeping our organisation going. Our constitution requires trustees to change roles every three years and we need new blood to take on roles or provide back up. While our August AGM may seem a long way off, now is a good time to start to think about whether you could become a trustee, or officer, or a deputy for some roles, especially, if like myself, you've joined in the last few years.

I regularly attend the genealogy and the news groups, as well as regularly volunteering twice a week at the Oxfam bookshop, so helping organisation of u3a Dacorum can be mixed with other commitments.

Ellen Duffy – Secretary@u3adacorum.org

Groups Secretary

Having recently taken up the role of Groups Secretary, it is my highest priority to understand the challenges that are faced by Group Coordinators and identify ways in which I can smooth your path. To this end, we have arranged two Meet and Greet sessions at Boxmore Trust. I am looking forward with enthusiasm to connecting with you hard-working Coordinators. The first date is 29 March and is already fully subscribed. If you cannot attend that meeting, then I hope to see you on 10 May at the same venue. In the meantime, you will probably get a barrage of messages from me, as I try to get to grips with the procedures and organisation of the Groups.

Anticipating a productive working relationship.

Lee – groups@u3adacorum.org

A Belated Happy New Year to you all from the Chair.

Going into 2023 one of our main aims is to try to reinvigorate our monthly meeting. They are free for all members to attend.

Although our outgoing Speaker Secretary booked some great Speakers the numbers of you attending dropped significantly in 2022. The reasons for this could have been many and varied.

As you may know we now have a new Groups Secretary (Lee Pace). Meetings have now been arranged for Group Coordinators, one in March and one in May. All Group Coordinators will already have received an invitation. If you are a Group Coordinator and haven't booked your place please do so as soon as you read this.

So back to the Monthly Meetings. Our Groups Secretary has also volunteered to oversee the Monthly Meetings. We are planning to make them more social and are asking all Groups to volunteer to share with us all some of the exciting activities and/or presentations given. One or two of you have already 'raised their hands'.

Looking at the bigger picture, the Third Age Trust are planning a restructure aiming to spend more resources on local u3as and are attempting to reorganise a local Network.

We are all looking forward to see you when the Monthly Meetings begin again. More news to follow

And finally I'd like to introduce you to the newest member of the Dacorum u3a Sub Committee – it's Phoebe – we love her to bits...

Pam Stonebrook



Group Reports

Friday Art Club

We are a friendly group of Artists who get together each alternate Friday morning at Gadebridge Community Centre in Hemel Hempstead to enjoy a time of happy working quietness whilst we create our work. We are at all levels of learning and sometimes the result on some days is better than others – but we have fun.

We break midmorning for a drink and biscuit and a chat before we settle down once again to do what we love. We have decided that some of us will follow a programme of subjects agreed by us all, whilst others will do the subject we want to – one lady loves doing her adult creative books and her colours are superb. We explore subjects such as birds, flowers, sailing boats, a village scene or even Santa's Super Sleigh.

We would love you to join us and we will readily help if you are just starting off.

Patricia Angell

Magic Group

This group is going from strength to strength. We have cracked eggs single handedly and soon we may be bending iron bars! There is only one way to see if we succeed and that is to come along.

We effectively run a Magic Workshop, and if you have ever watched Britain or America's Got Talent, you'll learn the basis of many of their tricks.

There are two parts to any magician's act: the technique and the presentation. We operate in a friendly atmosphere and aim to improve both parts of everyone's act. If you do a little magic at home, or are just curious, then please drop in, even if you just wish to watch until you gain enough confidence to take the stage.

Mike Sapsard

Local History

Over recent months the group has been exploring the history of Flamstead. While looking into the history of Beechwood Park and the Saunders Sebright family a suggestion was made to explore the connection between Sir John Saunders Sebright and the local hospital. This topic was extended to include other well-known names associated with the hospital, such as Cheere, Marnham and Trowell. This idea seemed to be very popular as there was a record attendance at the January meeting when the history of the hospital and the people connected with it was discussed.

If you would like to discover more about the history of Dacorum then you are most welcome to join us. We have monthly hall meetings and in between these, short walks and visits to places of interest in the area that we are exploring.

Bernard Lamb

Garden Visiting

We are a friendly group of garden lovers, and we welcome new members. We meet once a month on the second Wednesday, from 2-4pm, to visit a notable garden in the local areas. We have visited some inspiring gardens, some small, some large, and most not normally open to the public.

We share cars to get there, where possible. We each pay the owner the entrance fee and the cost of the tea and cake, which is always a key feature! It's always fascinating to meet with the garden owners, who are usually only too happy to show us around, and we get into some good discussions about what they have planted where, and why, and usually go home with a few useful tips and ideas about our own plantings.

This year we will be visiting a daffodil garden in March, followed by another spring garden in April, and others chosen to feature plants and blooms in season, later in the year.

If you are interested in joining us, do get in touch.

Lin Phillips – group018@u3adacorum.org

Literature Group

The Group meets every other Tuesday for two hours at a Member's house in Meadway Berkhamsted.

I was first attracted by the title 'Literature Group' as opposed to 'Book Group'. I was not to be disappointed.

We have, over the past year, gladly lost ourselves in the works of Trollope, slipping happily into another world, a world of high principles and Christian morality.

We have plunged into the depths of Patrick O'Brian's 'Testimonies' set in rural Wales and the hidden darkness therein.

On a lighter note we immersed ourselves in Jessie Burton's 'House of Fortune.'

We have deviated into the unknown by reading 'One Moonlit Night' by Caradog Pritchard written originally in Welsh.

Our diet has been many and varied as we struggled through Covid, flu, coughs and broken bones for the enjoyment of a literary thread bringing like minded people together. We go on from strength to strength and are now looking forward to Keef's 'Say Nothing' and more Trollope.

Books are as varied as people but life is a learning curve, and surely we come away with souls and minds enriched as well as a fine discernment in biscuits.

Janet Goacher

Music Miscellany

Here is our timetable for the first half of the year:

9th March, Mike – Top Hits of the 70s (video)
6th April, James – Two 50-minute videos on two mystery subjects
4th May, No meeting – Hall needed as Polling Station
1st June, Pauline – Some Favourite YouTube videos
29th June, Peter – Britains First No Ones 1945-52
27th July, (Bring your own) – A Mixed Selection of Music from your CDs

Here is an example of a meeting we held by Internet during Lockdown:

Each music selection was accompanied by a link to its YouTube video so members could have the meeting in their own time.

Welcome to our St George's Day Music Miscellany celebration 23 April 2020. Scotland celebrates St Andrew's Day on 30 November. Wales celebrates St David's Day 1 March and Ireland celebrates St Patrick's Day on 17 March. So today we celebrate our national day and welcome all folk who may wish to join us.

The songs and music that we will hear is representative of English life in its various ways through the last century. I hope that you are "sitting comfortably" and are ready to enjoy the entertainment. Never have we celebrated our national day in this way before.

So let us start with a reminder of just what a beautiful country it is that we live in.

England my England

Now for four very English songs that take me back to my school days in Kent with Miss Tryvett (music) and Madam Clamp (choir) This wistfully conjures up a vision of England and Englishness at that time.

English Country Garden, Nymphs and Shepherds, Where the Bee Sucks, The Lark Ascending

Our next song comes along a little later in time and is from the film "My Fair Lady".

By George She's Got It

Now we move to music that represents our larger counties

Yorkshire Born & Bred, Ilkley Moor Baht at, Drunken Sailor, Help –The Beatles, London Cockney songs

We should also remember two great names in English history who died on 23rd April many years ago.

*William Shakespeare: We listen to his poem **It was a Lover and his Lass** set to music,*

*William Wordsworth: **Daffodils with music***

Now it's time for all of you to join in the celebrations by singing your socks off and making this a memorable day. We are all familiar with these songs:

Fantasia on British Sea Songs, Rule Britannia, I Vow to Thee My Country, Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 and Jerusalem followed by God Save the Queen.

Music Miscellany has now returned to business as usual, see the Spring programme above.

Bob Day & James Robertson

News Group

The inaugural meeting of the "NEWS GROUP" Have Your Say was held in the Clubhouse of Berkhamsted Football Club, Broadwater on the 10th of January at 10am. As there was no entrance fee, well over 20 turned up! Also there was plenty of free safe parking, organised by our experienced valet parking super-intendent Graham Kendall. Various subjects were discussed, no fights broke out so that was a result in itself! (Talking of results, the football team are top of their league.) It was also a warm and comfortable venue, with toilets, windows and fire escapes. Coffee, tea and biscuits were dispensed at half time (or as my wife informed me, the interval) by the organiser's wife and his lovely daughter Lucy, a Long Haul British Airways Stewardess. One of the attendees was Rita Knowles, who was a reporter for the "Gazette" for over 20 years, now that was when it really was a local newspaper!

The second meeting was held on St Valentines Day, the 14th February, with an increase in the number of members attending. Many attendees said how much they enjoyed it and that they will be coming again.

Future meetings will be in the same venue on the second Tuesday in the month, if you wish to attend, (which I hope you will) please email the organiser on john.waller30@talktalk.net.

The news is full of beguiling tales, Chinese Balloons, people disappearing, politicians saying and acting in unbelievable ways, Energy Bills rocketing and jokes being banned! If you want to put your two pennyworth in, come along. From when the u3a bigwigs say no more free entry (April I think it is?) it will be £3.00, what a bargain, heat and sustenance.

As Voltaire supposedly said "I might not agree with what you say but I will be first in the queue at the serving hatch!"

John Waller

Badminton

The Badminton Group meet every Thursday at the Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre from 10.00 for a 2 hour session.

We have mixed abilities attending, a few quite good players, most intermediate and some who at least can play a bit. It is light hearted and not taken too seriously.

The group has been steadily growing but room for a few more, especially ladies.

We don't have any formality, we mainly play doubles, playing with different partners and we do have a lot of fun.

Just come along with your racket.

John Larkin & Stuart Hobday

Wine Appreciation

Eight interesting bottles standing near the table

Each one proudly showing off its label
Twenty-four members eager and waiting

Each with a wine glass ready for the tasting.

No.1 a special, always in November
Beaujolais Nouveau – from France we remember

Two and three are white wines from France

No.4 is Champagne you can tell at a glance.

Five, a red from Bordeaux, expensive but great

Leading us to sample six seven and eight.

An extra bottle – it's number nine

We all get a taste of a tawny Port wine.

The meeting then ended – we're full of good cheer

Nine empty bottles – A Happy New Year.

Joyce White (vintage wine taster!!!!)

Spanish Language and Culture ("Let's speak Spanish.")

An opportunity for those with some knowledge of Spanish and an interest in Spanish culture to practise speaking the language on topics of interest and in general conversation. This is not a class, but an informal self help group with members at different levels of proficiency.

We share knowledge, learn from and assist each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you want to refresh or improve your established skills in speaking the lingo this group might be of interest. Contact the coordinator with enquiries.

Shirley King

Exploring London Group

Our Leaders have an interesting mix of nine walks planned for 2023. From cultural 'Albertopolis' to racy Mayfair, flowering Chelsea to the Victorian Coal Drops Yard at King's Cross, before heading south to discover Van Gogh in Lambeth, we have plenty to explore. Details of our first walk of the year led by Hilary Wood will be emailed to members in February for her March walk discovering the hidden gems of Mayfair.

Opposite are a couple of photos as a taster for Hilary's walk. Firstly, sited above the entrance to Fortnum and Mason's, Piccadilly we find Lynn Chadwick's, 'King and Queen' 1990 Bronze, a complete contrast to the Mechanical Clock created in 1964. At the top of the hour, figures of the store's two co-founders emerge and bow to each other.

The second photo features Princes Arcade, the former home of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours. This society was formed to challenge the Royal Academy's refusal to accept the medium of watercolours as appropriate for serious art; King Charles III is an honorary member.

Sue Miller



Wine Appreciation Group Coordinator Tony Pye at the December Meeting



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Exploring London Group Taster pictures – See left...



Photo: John Larkin

Photography Group – Blae Tarn



Photo: Sue Miller

Cycling Group, “Things don’t always go to plan”

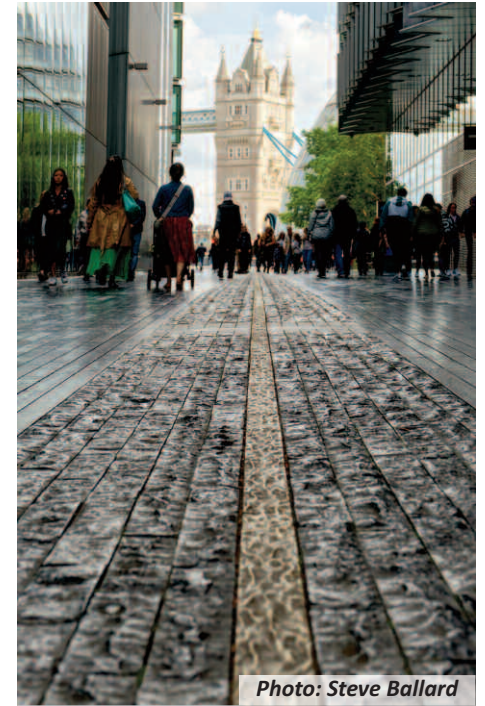


Photo: Steve Ballard

Photography group – London streets



Photo: Graham Kendall

The Inaugural Meeting of the News Group, very well attended



Garden Visiting Group – Secrets of Success from the Gardener



Photo: Wendy Dixon

More Italian enjoying Vino Caldo at the Christmas meeting



Arts Crafts and Skills Members having a chatty and productive session experimenting with Air-Dry Clay



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Science and technology

We finished off a very successful year's programme by a visit from Peter Roake, a former Dacorum U3A member, who talked about Electric Cars to a large and enthusiastic audience. It culminated, I believe, in his showing off his own electric car, a Kia. Unfortunately, I had to miss this to my great regret as I was incarcerated in hospital. We started the New Year by our now customary contribution from Colin Richards who gave us a most interesting account of the mechanism and the computation behind the workings of the totalisator, better known as the Tote. Less popular than it used to be, this was "Everyman's" way of betting and still runs on dog track racing.

We have a full programme of events planned for the rest of 2023 and I'm glad to say that it includes a number of contributions from our own members. Among the visitors will be a speaker from Rothamsted in March who will talk about crop trials there that were started in the 19th century. We have also arranged a visit to the Greatmoor recycling centre near Aylesbury, which should be very interesting, although there are limitations for physical or health reasons on those allowed to take part. We hope also to renew our connection with the University of Hertfordshire, who provided us with some very interesting speakers a few years back.

We are now well settled in our new venue at St John's, Boxmoor and have sufficient capacity now to welcome all U3A members although prior notice from those who are not regular attendees is always appreciated.

Norman Parkyns

Russian

The Russian Group has been going for quite a few years, and there is in fact not much new to report. We find it enjoyable and some of us are being helped to maintain the elevated level we achieved years ago. Others are not so advanced, and that creates somewhat of a problem when it comes to selecting material to work with. Inevitably, whatever we chose, it is either too easy for some or rather beyond others. Any helpful hints as to how to manage such a situation from other, more experienced group co-ordinators would be very welcome.

Alternatively it might be possible to start a second group for virtual beginners – knowing the Russian alphabet and another foreign language would be minimum requirements. If this describes you, why not get in touch to have a chat to see how that might work.

Yan Christensen

Photography Club

The aim of the Photography Club is to improve and enjoy our photography through exploring composition and camera functions, setting challenges, arranging field trips, projects and critiquing our own photos.



It is also for those who wish to understand its features more and to learn how to use your camera better.

Topics covered are very varied from – picture composition, lighting, camera settings, software and digital retouching techniques all via theory, presentations, Q & A and practical sessions.

Members are also regularly invited to show some of their own images, based on a subject or theme.

The group welcomes all would be photographers, complete novice to experienced, using any camera, including tablets and phones.

Venue and time: Meet 2nd Wednesday of each month at 14.00 – 16:00 at St John's Church hall, Boxmoor (may change if on field trip).

John Larkin & Terry Thirlwell group151@u3adacorum.org

Music Appreciation (Classical)

The Winter term so far has seen the usual wide variety of talks from Tudor Sacred Music and a Bring Your Own with a Winter theme, to women composers from Northern Ireland and England and a morning on Maurice Duruflé and a dip into Schubert's Songs.

Still to come in March we have:

March 16th Ron Glatter with a video of Beethoven: the Middle Years

March 30th Robert Hoare on Stainer's Crucifixion

Excellent mornings to look forward to! Please come along – there is always room and a warm welcome for new members; no need to book.

We will be working on the summer programme soon and we are always interested to hear from new presenters, so if you would like to offer even a half session of 45 minutes, please contact Sue Frost, details as in the back of the Digest, or Jack Scrutton on jack.scrutton12@gmail.com with any ideas, questions or comments.

Sue Frost

IZZY WIZZY, LET'S GET BUSY! FIND THE ZZ WORDS.

- 1) A bitterly cold wind with widespread, heavy snowfall.
- 2) Very, very light rain, or hardly any rain at all.
- 3) A short piece of instrumental music composed for performance between two longer movements.
- 4) Press and photographers invading privacy to get candid shots or quotes.
- 5) The third mast from the bow.
- 6) Music for the violin family made by plucking strings with a finger.
- 7) Football Italia!
- 8) Moist, white, Italian, curd cheese.
- 9) Bird of prey of the genus Buteo.
- 10) Genre of music characterised by syncopated rhythms or a model of Honda car.
- 11) A large open square in an Italian town.
- 12) Italian stage and film actor who sang "One Enchanted Evening" in the film of South Pacific.
- 13) Murdered private secretary of Mary Queen of Scots.
- 14) An intermediate storey.
- 15) Used to stir an unshaken cocktail.
- 16) A variety of brown bear. *Ursus arctos horribilis*!
- 17) American rock band formed in 1969 in Houston Texas. Hits include Sleeping Bag and Legs.
- 18) The thick walled part of a bird's stomach.
- 19) A guard fitted over an animal's nose to stop it biting.
- 20) Irish hard rock band with Midge Ure. Kerrang!!

Beth Palfrey

RAZZLE DAZZLE! ZZ QUIZ ANSWERS

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|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1) Blizzard | 5) Mizzzen | 9) Buzzard | 13) David Rizzio | 17) ZZTop |
| 2) Drizzle | 6) Pizzicato | 10) Jazz | 14) Mezzanine | 18) Gizard |
| 3) Intermezzo | 7) Azzurri | 11) Piazza | 15) A swizzle stick | 19) Muzzle |
| 4) Paparazzi | 8) Mozzarella | 12) Rossano Brazzi | 16) Grizzly bear | 20) Thin Lizzy |

Bus Tripper Group

Despite the cuts in our local services we have tried to continue with our trips.

January's day out was a complete disaster. We met up as arranged but an hour later we were cold and tired and there was still no sign of a 302 towards St Albans. At this point most of the group headed home and two of us made a dash for the 46 to Luton. Not an ideal venue for a day out but it is an interesting journey. After a quick look around we made for the nearest pub where we encountered the worst service and most awful food we had ever experienced, so slow that we missed our intended bus and were only just in time for the next. As we boarded the bus the rain started and by the time we reached Hemel it was pouring. We were both soaked and very cold but eventually arrived home.

In February we decided to use three buses on a planned tour of Buckinghamshire. We met at the stop for the 1 to High Wycombe, unusually for this service it arrived late and left even later after the driver found time to smoke a cigarette. As it was a double decker we were able to enjoy the views as we very slowly made our way to our destination. After a coffee, cake and comfort break we headed for the bus station for a bus to Aylesbury. There is an excellent service between the two towns and we were in Aylesbury in good time for a short walk before lunch which we ate in Wetherspoons before heading for the nearest bus stop, the 500 arrived just as we reached the stop and we were home as planned.

We will continue to trip for as long as the bus services allow and have plans to visit Notcutts Garden Centre and Ascott House and Gardens in the near future. For further details about the group please contact viccamp@me.com

Jane Campbell

Mike's Musings

In a recent conversation, someone said, "I'm more the sort of person who makes the tea, a team player, rather than a leader." Surprisingly, she just happened to be the coordinator of one of our very popular and successful groups. It made me reflect.

I'm coordinator for two groups, Tea Dance and Magic, stepping in when the previous coordinator had to give it up. My main duty in each is to collect the money and send it to the treasurer. Nearly everything else is done by members of the groups, who often see the activity as part of one of their hobbies.

We have three people who take it in turns to play the music at the Tea Dance, and up to seven who present tricks at Magic. Seeing people develop the confidence to stand up and risk failure is inspiring, and a credit to the friendly, supportive nature of the group. Unsurprisingly, within the u3a, I have seen the same supportive atmosphere at all of the groups that I have visited, and at Committee Meetings.

It seems that being a team player is the main characteristic of our members, even if they don't realise it themselves. There are many people who are unsung heroes, keeping the wheels turning, from one end of our u3a to the other. Thank goodness it's not from top to bottom. Don't underestimate what you can bring to us all.

Mike Sapsard

Military History

Who remembers Christmas? Seems like a while ago now, but our members remember having a jolly good Christmas Lunch and Quiz at Shendish Manor, all organised by our hardworking Carole. The quiz was tightly fought, but the prize of a holiday for two to the Caribbean turned out to be bogus! Nevertheless everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

We don't meet in January, so our February meeting saw a surprise talk from John Waller, about the Invasion of England, also known as the Norman Conquest. There is still so much that is not conclusively known about the events and aftermath of the Conqueror's actions. Hopefully one day, new discoveries will help historians fill in the gaps. We also heard from Robert Spence, who has again done some sterling detailed research, this time into the life of Bernard Law Montgomery. Not many fourth children of nine has made such an impact on events in his lifetime. Quite a fascinating individual in many ways.

Coming up in March we have Keith Redway, always an accomplished presenter, talking to us about the War of the Spanish Succession. Well you can pick your choice of several battles, countries, leaders and alliances out of that lot. I wonder which ones Keith will select.

Moving into April we have a lecture from a gentleman who ended up as second in command of the Honourable Artillery Company and subsequently transferred to the Inns of Court & City Yeomanry. Amongst other things, it is relevant that the IC&CY conducted officer training in Berkhamsted in the Great War. It's always interesting to hear about how our area was involved in both wars. So plenty to look back on and plenty to look forward to, just like Spring.

Graham Kendall

Did your Mother say...

Were you born in a barn?

Do as I say, not do as I do.

There's no such word as 'can't'.

Say 'pardon' not 'what'.

I've told you a thousand times.

Back in my day...

What did your last slave die of?

It'll all end in tears.

Ask your Dad.

Move away from the TV, you'll get square eyes.

Barbara Eggesfield

Because I said so.

If your mate jumped off a cliff, would you?

I want never gets.

It's like Blackpool illuminations in here.

You wait until your Dad gets home.

You'll take somebody's eye out with that.

Who's 'she' – the cat's mother?

Eat your greens, you'll get curly hair.

No pudding unless you eat your dinner.

Group Listings

If you wish to attend a group for the first time, or if anything is unclear, please **contact the person listed** to express your interest, to find out how it works, and **whether there is space**.

The dates may be changed if bank holidays occur.

085 Armchair Traveller St John's Church Hall, Boxmoor	John Clarke group085@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Tues 2.00-4.00
039 Art Club Gadebridge Community Centre HH	Patricia Angell group039@u3adacorum.org	alt Fridays 10.00-12.00
223 Arts/Crafts/Skills. Zoom or Open Door, (contact for details)	Susan Woodhams group223@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Monday 10.00-12.00
190 Astronomy St Mary/St Joseph's Hall, Boxmoor	Roger Witts group190@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Thurs 2.00-4.00
360 Badminton Hemel Leisure Centre, Park Road, HP1 1JS	John Larkin group360@u3adacorum.org	Thurs weekly 10.00-12.00
363 Book Group Members' Homes	Barbara Plater group363@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Thursdays
029 Book Reading HH St John's Church Hall, Boxmoor	Jenny Thirlwell group029@u3adacorum.org	2 nd / 4 th Mon 10.00-12.00
183 Bus Trippers Various Locations	Jane Campbell group183@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Weds
007 Calligraphy Village Hall, Leverstock Green	Diana Knapp group007@u3adacorum.org	Mon 2-weekly 1.00-3.00
048 Card Making A 15 Sundew Road, HH	Catherine Lindsay group048@u3adacorum.org	1 st Tues 10.00-12.00
177 Card Making B Open Door Café, Berkhamsted	Lesley Drake group177@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Fridays 1:30 - 3:30
011 Circle Dance Carey Baptist Hall, Marlowes, HH	James Robertson group011@u3adacorum.org	1 st & 3 rd Tues 11.00-12.30
069 Computer Support St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Terry Thirlwell group069@u3adacorum.org	Last Fridays 2.00-4.30
080 Creative Writing B 20 Wrensfield, Hemel	Kay Reid group080@u3adacorum.org	Thu 3-weekly 2.00-4.00
082 Creative Writing C Sacred Heart Church, Park St HH	Janet Goacher group082@u3adacorum.org	1 st Thurs 1.00-3.00
046 Cribbage & Scrabble Adeyfield Community Centre, HH	Althea Jones group046@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Mon 2.00-4.00
064 Cycling Various locations (usually stations)	Peter Hamson group064@u3adacorum.org	1 st Thurs 10.00 start

090 Discussion B Holly House, 6 Barncroft Rd, Berk'd	Tim Thompson group090@u3adacorum.org	4 th Tue 2.10-4.30
081 Exploring London Various days; last week of month	Sue Miller group081@u3adacorum.org	Last week, not Jan/Feb
197 Exploring Towns/Villages Visits by car share	Anne Bousfield group197@u3adacorum.org	Usually 3 rd Thurs
073 Flower Arranging Highfield Community Centre, HH	Carol Cotton Val Norris group073@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Thurs, Not Jul/Aug 2.00-4.00
159 Folk Singing Adeyfield Free Church Centre, Maylands Ave, HH	Brian Jackson group159@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Weds 10.00-12.00
02 French Book Club 28 Highclere Drive, Hemel	Lyn Parkyns group202@u3adacorum.org	Tue 2 mthly 3.00-5.00
214 French Conversation (Adv) Members' homes	Bernadette Streater group214@u3adacorum.org	1 st & 3 rd Tues 10.15-12.00
018 Garden Visiting Various locations (Mar – Oct)	Lin Phillips group018@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Weds 2.00 start
017 Gardening A Berkhamsted Various locations	Gillian Bailey group017@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Thursdays 10.00 or 10.30
019 Genealogy A Berkhamsted Zoom	Susan Hood group019@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Mondays 2.00-4.00
051 Genealogy B HH St Paul's, Highfield, & Zoom Hybrid	Margaret Fairburn group051@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Mondays 10.00-12.00 Not December
059 German Improvers St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Heather Al-Jawad group059@u3adacorum.org	alt Mondays 2.30-4.30
024 Industrial History St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Arthur Cunningham group024@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Weds 10.00-12.00
095 Italian Language & Culture St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Jim & Lorna Grimes group095@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Thurs 10.00-12.00
092 More Italian Zoom	Wendy Dixon group092@u3adacorum.org	1 st & 3 rd Thurs 2.30-4.30
156 Italian, Step 2 Adeyfield Community Centre, HH	Tina Leach group156@u3adacorum.org	Every Friday 2.00-4.00
188 Japanese Various addresses/Zoom. Check First	Chris Watson group188@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Thurs 10.00-11.30
026 Jazz Appreciation St Francis' Church Hall, Boxmoor	Bernard Newton group026@u3adacorum.org	Thu 4-weekly 10.00-12.15
175 Knit and Natter A (Hemel) 61 Tile Kiln Lane Leverstock Green	Lana Linden group175@u3adacorum.org	Alt Weds 2.00-4.00

198 Knit and Natter B (Hemel) Lounge,1 Great Palmers, Grovehill	Sue Cottrell group198@u3adacorum.org	Every Thurs 2.00-4.00
076 Latin (Beginners) Various Locations in Berkhamsted	Chris Watson group076@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Weds 2.30-4.00
076 Latin (Intermediate) Various locations in Berkhamsted	Chris Watson group076@u3adacorum.org	1 st & 3 rd Weds 2.30-4.00
027 Literature A Various locations in Berkhamsted	Cherry Stainforth group027@u3adacorum.org	Tue 10-12.00 fortnightly
028 Literature B Various homes in Berkhamsted	Judy Roythorne group028@u3adacorum.org	Mon 3-weekly 10.00-12.00
030 Literature C Victoria Hall, Akeman St., Tring	Sue Hexter group030@u3adacorum.org	4 th Mondays 10.30-12.30
031 Local History St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Bernard Lamb group031@u3adacorum.org	4 th or Last Tue 2.00-4.00
157 Lunch Club: Tuesday A Various venues	Jerri McCann group157@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Tuesdays Ring for times
203 Lunch Club: Tuesday B Various venues	Jerri McCann group203@u3adacorum.org	4 th Tuesdays Ring for times
215 Magic (Introduction) Village Hall, Leverstock Green	Mike Sapsard group215@u3adacorum.org	Fri 2-weekly 2.00-4.00
060 Mahjong St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Jenny Thirlwell group060@u3adacorum.org	1 st & 3 rd Weds 10.00-12.00
361 Maths St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Keith Holmes Roger Witts group361@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Mondays 2.00-4.00
065 Military History St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Graham Kendall group065@u3adacorum.org	1 st Weds 10.00-12.00
025 Money Matters St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Jan Wheeler group025@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Mondays 10.00-12.00
035 Music Apprec (Classical) St Francis' Hall, Boxmoor	Sue Frost Jack Scrutton group035@u3adacorum.org	Thu 2-weekly 10.00-12.00
089 Music Miscellany St Francis' Hall, Boxmoor	Bob Day group089@u3adacorum.org	Thu 4-weekly 10.00-12.00
037 Nature Study (outdoors) Meet car park, St John's, Boxmoor	Chris Lindsay group037@u3adacorum.org	Every Tues 10.00-1.30
038 Needlecraft , Third Oak, Little Heath Ln, Potten End	Rowena Hirji group038@u3adacorum.org	alt Tuesdays 10.00-12.00
362 News Group , Berkhamsted Football Club	John Waller 9 group362@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Tuesday 10:00-12:00

067 Opera (Introduction to) 25 Ryder Close, Bovingdon	Maggie Moore group067@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Fridays 2.00-4.00
075 Out with Friends St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Debbie Sargeant group075@u3adacorum.org	1 st Fridays 10.00-12.00
036 Painting for Pleasure Social Centre, Bell Lane, N'thchurch (outside sketching in Summer)	Sue Bloch Linda Tomkinson group036@u3adacorum.org	1 st Thurs 10.00-12.00
196 Painting for You Adeyfield Community Centre	Althea Jones group196@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Friday 2:00-4.00
40 Patchwork Adeyfield Community Centre HH	Jenny Burton group040@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Weds 1.00-3.00
045 Pencil Drawing Adeyfield Community Centre, HH	Jean Houston group045@u3adacorum.org	1 st Weds 10.00-12.00
061 Philosophy Quaker Meeting House, Hemel	Denis Maclure group061@u3adacorum.org	alt Tues 2.30-4.30
151 Photography St John's Hall, Boxmoor	Terry Thirlwell John Larkin group151@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Weds 2.00-4.00
041 Play Reading A Middle Road, Berkhamsted	Cathy Ayling group041@u3adacorum.org	1 st Tuesdays 10.00-12.30
042 Play Reading B Zoom, Various Homes	Gillian Southgate Ruth Treves Brown group042@u3adacorum.org	1 st Weds 10.00-12.00
043 Playing Early Music Locations in Berkhamsted	Derek Guyatt group043@u3adacorum.org	Last Mondays 2.00-4.00
071 Poetry Appreciation George Street Hemel Hempstead	Margaret Ainsworth group071@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Weds 2.15-4.15
088 Poetry Writing 53 Gravel Lane, Boxmoor	Audrey Naylor group088@u3adacorum.org	Mon 3 weekly 2.00-4.00
167 Railways Summer Rail Visits Otherwise St Paul's Church Hall	Jane Campbell group167@u3adacorum.org	Last Thurs 10.00-12.00
182 Reading BK Cedar Road Berkhamsted	Denis Maclure group182@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Fridays 10.00-12.30
213 Rug Makers St Paul's Parish Hall	Jane Campbell group213@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00
084 Russian 9 Briar Way, Berkhamsted	Yan Christensen group084@u3adacorum.org	Every Thurs 10.00-12.00
165 Science & Technology St John's Hall, Boxmoor	David Eastham group165@u3adacorum.org	Last Weds 2.15-4.00

185 Sewing Bee Adeyfield Community Centre, HH	Jean Houston group185@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Tue 10.00-12.00
186 Short Day Trips Various locations and dates	Lionel Howard group186@u3adacorum.org	See page 8 for details
187 Spanish Lang & Culture "Let's Speak Spanish" Potten End	Shirley King group187@u3adacorum.org	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays 2:30-4:30
221 Swimming Berkhamsted Leisure Centre	Moir Brook group221@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Fridays 2:00-4:00
217 Table Tennis A Adeyfield Community Centre, HH	Sarah Glennie group217@u3adacorum.org	1 st & 3 rd Weds 2.00-4.00
224 Table Tennis B Adeyfield Community Centre, HH	Mark Chapman group224@u3adacorum.org	2 nd & 4 th Weds 2.00-4.00
005 Tea Dance Apsley Community Centre HH	Mike Sapsard group005@u3adacorum.org	Alt Tues 2.00-4.-00
181 Ukulele Grovehill Community Centre HH	John Gardener group181@u3adacorum.org	1 st Weds 9.30 - 12.00 3 rd Weds 10:00 - 12:00
220 Urban Sketchers Various Dacorum locations	Althea Jones group220@u3adacorum.org	May – Sep 2 nd & 4 th Tues Oct – Apr 4 th Tues 10.00-12.00
099 Walking – various locations	Peter Bushell group099@u3adacorum.org	4 th Tuesday 9.30 start
204 Wild Flower Study Outdoors, Various Locations	Jenny Dickson group204@u3adacorum.org	Wed, Thur, 2 - weekly 10-12
078 Wine Appreciation St John's Church Hall, Boxmoor	Tony Pye group078@u3adacorum.org	First Fridays 2.30-4.30



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Fly Agaric seen on a Nature Study group walk



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