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Future Committee Meeting Dates

Tuesday 1 July	Tuesday 7 October
Tuesday 29 July	Tuesday 4 November
Tuesday 2 September	Tuesday 2 December

Venue: Boxmoor Trust Centre, London Road, Hemel Hempstead.
 Members are always welcome to attend either in person or on Zoom. Please let the Secretary know in advance.

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From the Trustees

Committee meetings news

Following a suggestion at a recent meeting of Group Coordinators, we are including a short report on what has happened at recent Committee meetings. If you find it helpful, please let the Editor (editor@u3adacorum.org) know and we will include reports in future Digests.

At recent meetings, we have:

- discussed plans to mark our 35th anniversary, which includes a display at the Marlowes centre for free from early August and celebrating at 1st September monthly meeting, which is 'bring a friend' with displays by some of our groups;
- discussed having stalls at Leverstock Green fete (14th July), St Francis Hospice garden party (14th September) and the Boxmoor Trust Autumn Festival (21st September) and who would help to set up and talk to people;
- reviewed the letter from the independent examiner and then approved the annual accounts for 2024-25;
- reviewed how individual groups are doing financially, and discussed options for ensuring groups continue to break even;
- discussed risk assessments, and the initial responses, to ensure we keep everyone safe at meetings;
- considered how to recruit more trustees and people to support Committee members, especially as the current Secretary must stand down at the AGM and the Hall Secretary was giving up the role.

Report on the Annual General Meeting

In her report, the Chair (Carolyn Wallis) noted that we have just over 1,200 members with more than 100 people regularly attending our monthly meetings. She thanked the Committee members for their support, especially Margaret Taylor who is standing down after five years as Hall Secretary. She also said that we need volunteers to fill roles on the Committee, especially the Secretary, which is vital to running the organisation.

The Treasurer (Henry Wallis) delivered his report, and said that we still intend to reduce our reserves, but in 2024-25 we had managed to generate a small surplus, instead of the expected deficit, in part this was due to income from previous years being paid in, as well as £250 compensation from our bank for poor service. This meant that we expect to be able to hold the membership fee at its current level, and continue with free monthly meetings, as well as retaining the Digest in paper format.

The Treasurer reported following a request at the last AGM, that the Committee had surveyed coordinators on alternative ways to collect meeting fees, instead of cash. Most groups were happy to continue with cash. Two groups do

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now offer the option of paying by card, while another group has trialled paying for several months' meetings in advance.

The Groups Secretary (Lee Pace) then gave a short report. She appealed for volunteers to help run two popular groups (News Group and Short-Day Trips) which have stopped this year. Two recent members have begun running a backgammon group at Leverstock Green village hall and she encouraged other to consider starting new groups and she would be happy to help people.

Jane Seymour was re-appointed as independent examiner for 2025-26.

The new Committee for 2025-26 consists of 7 officers or trustees elected at the AGM. They are listed at the back of the Digest and include Mary Wyon as a new trustee.

Ellen Duffy

Chair's Report

Our AGM on 4th August marked the end of my first year as chair of your committee and the time has flown by. It has been very enjoyable getting to know so many members and thank you to those group coordinators who have welcomed me to their meetings. So far, I have managed to visit 20 groups and look forward to increasing this number in the next year. I want to thank the other members of the committee who have helped me as I learnt the ropes and got to understand more about how our organisation works.

At the AGM we welcomed Mary Wyon as a new Trustee and said goodbye to John Coe who has moved to a new area where he has already met up with his local u3a. However, as has been mentioned before, the committee is still smaller than would be ideal and we would love to hear from anyone who has some spare time to help us with tasks including secretarial, admin and publicity roles. Our committee meetings take place once a month and an article elsewhere in this Digest explains the sort of matters that we deal with. You are very welcome to join one of our meetings to see how we operate, just let one of the committee know that you want to come.

A significant event this year has been the 35th anniversary of u3a Dacorum and by the time you read this we will have had our official celebration at the monthly meeting on 1st September. We made this an open meeting where members could bring friends who were interested in joining and I hope we will be able to welcome some new members as a result. To continue our efforts to publicise our organisation, we will be having stalls at two upcoming local events – the Hospice of St Francis Garden Party at Ashridge on 14th September and the Box Moor Trust Autumn Festival on 21st September. We will need help with these stalls, so if you are free and would like to help, please get in touch with me or any member of the committee so we can arrange a rota. These are

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always enjoyable occasions where you can chat to passers-by to explain the benefits of being a u3a member.

I hope you have all enjoyed a good summer and as we move into Autumn do have a look at the range of groups we offer and perhaps consider a new hobby for the coming months. Also, if there is an area that we do not cover, please get in touch so we can find like minded people to start a new group. I look forward to meeting more members at future group and monthly meetings.

Carolyn Wallis

Treasurer's Report

I presented my report about the 24/25 accounts at the AGM. Details are contained elsewhere in the Digest article about the AGM. The accounts can be viewed on the u3a Dacorum website under News/AGM & SGM.

As I mentioned at the AGM, we have two groups who are successfully using a card reader as an alternative to collecting meeting fees in cash. If any other groups want to try this method or just to discuss the possibility, please get in touch.

My thanks to all the group coordinators who regularly send me their meeting money and related forms, to help me in keeping the accounts up to date.

Gift Aid: Did you know that you can earn us another £3 each year at no cost to you? Thanks to the Chancellor, any u3a member who is a UK taxpayer can sign up to give us Gift Aid on their member subscription. As we are a charity, your subscription counts as a charitable donation and we can claim back from HMRC the tax that you are deemed to have paid on your donations – ie 25% of the £12 or £22, as long as you have paid this amount in tax. All this is at no cost to you.

Currently only about one third of our members give us Gift Aid. It would be great if we could get as many members as possible signed up. All you need to do is to complete the form on our website – go to u3adacorum.org; then membership/2025 Join or renew and to the bottom of the page where there is a form to download and complete. You can then email or post this to the membership secretary at the address shown on the form. The form has more details about Gift Aid and how it works.

I know it might seem strange to be looking for more income while at the same time trying to reduce the level of our reserves. However, any extra income will help us to continue with lower membership rates, free monthly meetings and other benefits to members for a longer period.

I thought it might be useful to present the latest accounts more simply (ie not

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in the format required for our “official” accounts) to show how the money you pay as your subscription is used and what options we have to adjust how much deficit or surplus we make each year.

We currently have reserves about £9k about the target level, so we can afford to spend more money than we get in income for a while yet. While we have no plans currently to change any of the above for now, we do have to be mindful of how to ensure that we break even each year once our reserves are down to the target level.

Options include:

- Returning the subscriptions to the previous level – an increase of £2 per person.
- Reducing the size or frequency of the Digest (or going completely paperless) but the current view of members is that they like the Digest as it is,
- Start charging for the monthly meeting – eg £1 per person.

As indicated above, there are no plans to do any of the above at present, they are presented to give you an idea of the options that are available to us when we need to start breaking even each year.

However, one easy and free way to help us increase our income would be for more people to sign up for Gift Aid – currently about one third of members are signed up. This provides us with an extra 25% of your subs courtesy of the Chancellor at no cost to you. If you currently pay at least the amount of income tax that we would receive in Gift Aid on your subs, please consider signing up for it, if you do not currently do so. Please contact either me or the membership secretary.

Henry Wallis

u3a display in the Marlowes shopping centre

Next time you are in the Marlowes shopping centre look out for our new u3a display. Some of you will be aware that we recently obtained permission to showcase our u3a in an empty shop window inside the Hemel shopping centre. For the last few months, the committee have been collecting items from a number of groups to enable us to show off our wide range of interests. One afternoon, a team of us spent several hours putting together a display of all the craft items, photographs, books and props that reflected our many groups. Hopefully this will generate further interest in our organisation – we even had some enquiries from passers-by while we were putting out our display.

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for our window and thank you to the Marlowes shopping centre for giving us this opportunity.

Carolyn Wallis

Monthly Meetings

6 October 2025: Boxmoor Playhouse

Chris Gruber: Super Sniffers. An Introduction to Medical Detection Dogs

Medical Detection Dogs are super sniffers, using their incredible sense of smell to save lives each and every day. Bio detection dogs use their nose to find illnesses such as cancer, Parkinson's disease, malaria, and even Covid-19! These wonderful dogs are working to diagnose disease much earlier, through less invasive and less expensive methods.



Medical Alert Assistance Dogs support individuals with complex health conditions who have limited awareness of an impending life-threatening medical event. Using their amazing sense of smell, these dogs can be trained to identify minute odour changes emitted prior to an emergency and alert the person to take preventative action.

3 November 2025: Boxmoor Playhouse

Lucy Allen: Black Cats, Broomsticks & Bellatrix: Who were the Witches?

Lucy Allen is a Stunt Woman and Public Speaker. She has given talks about her life as a Stuntwoman for 14 years and has developed other talks along the way. Being a professional performer means she likes to add a bit of drama and excitement into her talks and keep them as lively and interesting as possible. She really enjoys meeting and talking to all manner of groups.



Where did 'The Witch' come from? What happened in the European Witch Hunts? What is it like 'Playing the Witch'? Lucy Allen, Bellatrix Stunt Double in the Harry Potter films, attempts to answer these questions and more with an overview of the history of the Witch hunts plus some drama thrown in to spice up this spell!

1 December 2025: Boxmoor Playhouse

Colin Richards: Reintroducing the Red Kite

Kites were brought to a protected site on a private estate in the Chilterns and started breeding in 1992. The numbers increased steadily and they are now a common sight in the skies over Watford and surrounds. The talk covers why they became extinct, how the breeding programme was managed and their subsequent reintroduction in other parts of the UK.



5 January 2026: Boxmoor Playhouse

Mark Lewis: The Sumptuous World of Precious Jewels

Mark is a freelance artist, designer-silversmith and retired university lecturer. He also has a passion for lighthouses and is a keen folklorist with an interest in unusual local customs and rituals. In 2013 he published a book on the folklore and popular customs of the church. In 2024 he intrigued us with an excellent talk about the History of Lighthouses. He now returns to dazzle us with an exploration of precious jewels.

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In this talk, he gives us a tour through over 1500 years of the jeweller's craft, looking at some of the most beautiful and technically astonishing pieces from ancient times to the 20th Century. The symbolic and folkloric associations of precious metals and stones are also discussed.

2 February 2026: Boxmoor Playhouse

Jeremy Holmes: Medicines and Two Thousand Miles across Africa

Jeremy Holmes presented a very well received talk to us in 2024 on the 200th anniversary of Byron's death. Jeremy is a past CEO of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and has spent time investigating the challenge facing the countries in East Africa and beyond. The experience was fascinating, sobering but also sometimes uplifting. East Africa is facing enormous healthcare challenges, all the more so, in the light of current cutting of international aid. As the population enjoys increasing life expectancy and more people adopt a Western lifestyle, rates of diabetes, heart disease and cancer are going through the roof. But the supply of medicines, almost all of which are imported, falls a long way short of demand.

2 March 2026: Northchurch Social Centre Berkhamsted (NB: Venue)

Bring a Buddy

Alan Mordy: Hertfordshire Fraud Avoidance Squad

Every year, the British public loses billions of pounds to fraudsters. With scams ranging from the simplest confidence trick to the most sophisticated high-tech online fraud, it pays to keep up to date with the latest news and advice. You may already know some of the tricks they use, but the rise of the internet means new ones are being invented all the time, and huge amounts of money can be taken.

Whether it's dating fraud, banking fraud, identity theft or even people knocking on your door, find out more about fraud, its types and how to report it. The Hertfordshire Fraud Avoidance Squad will discuss how you can keep yourself safe from fraud. In order to reach as wide an audience as possible, we are inviting you to bring along friends who may not be members of u3a to hear the talk.

30 March 2026: Boxmoor Playhouse

Martin Orkin: Simon and Garfunkel

Following on Martin's extremely well received talk on The Beatles, we welcome him back to tell us about another fabulous group.

Everyone knows and loves the wonderful music that Simon & Garfunkel made during their career together. 'The Sound Of Silence', 'Homeward Bound', 'Scarborough Fair', 'Mrs. Robinson', 'The Boxer' and of course the classic, 'Bridge Over Troubled Water'. With great music like that, Simon & Garfunkel were sure to succeed, weren't they? Actually, no! In 1965, they were unknown; forgotten one hit wonders from 8 years earlier. He plays snippets of Simon & Garfunkel's greatest hits and tell the fascinating story of this talented, but troubled duo. Martin explains how lady luck gave their faltering career a huge boost – not once, but twice!

Louise (Lee) Pace

Member Contributions

Classical Music Appreciation

We have an interesting and varied programme for you this term. Please make a note of the dates in your diary:

- September 4: Jack Scrutton- Claude Debussy, a flawed genius.
- September 18: Bring Your Own.
- October 2: Ron Glatter- In Search of Haydn (video).
- October 16: Jack Scrutton- The Triumph of Puccini (video)
- October 30: Sheila Cosford- The Baroque Experience.
- November 13: Brenda Ashby- Schumann's Fantasie in C Major;
Sue Frost- Clara Schumann.
- November 27: Robert Hoare- Music for children.
- December 11: Jack, Robert & Sue- Festive Music.

We meet from 10am until 12 noon in St Francis Church Hall, Glenview Road, Hemel HP1 1TD. Venue hire fee is £2 plus a 30p contribution towards refreshments. All are welcome, just turn up. Or contact jack.scrutton12@gmail.com for further details. We look forward to seeing you.
Jack Scrutton

Maths and Puzzles Group

The Maths and Puzzles Group is moving to a new Venue:

From 15 September we will meet at St Francis Hall, Glenview Road, Boxmoor HP1 1TD. Meetings start at 2:15, all are welcome.

Keith Holmes

Music Miscellany

Like the plethora of radio and TV music stations, we continue to offer a wide range of music at our sessions, frequently being taken down memory lane. From steam radio through 78's, 45's, LP's, cassettes, CD's and onwards, the technology has changed and developed as much as the music. Our excellent presenters make full use of all this. Their knowledge is amazing. Most recently the charming Lesley made her debut illustrating 10 decades of music from 1925, the year her dad was born, to the present day.

We have Gary, a new presenter, in September, as we offer this programme to keep your miscellaneous musical tastebuds alive. Everyone welcome:

- September 25 Gary will take us on a trains & boats & planes musical journey
- October 23 A guitar Jamboree with John
- November 20 Bernard will no doubt Jazz things up
- December 18 Let's end the year in style; a seasonal celebration
- January 15 James celebrates Ivor Novello's 133rd anniversary of his birth plus a few of the musical giants who passed away in 2025

Bob Day

Genealogy Group

In the August issue of Family Tree magazine, a 4 page article was published written by Mavis Tilbury, a member of the group. It is truly a "long lost family" story. The article was a follow on from a talk given at one of the group meetings about family research. It was about her search for her grandfather on her mother's side. She had grown up with no grandparents on her Mum's side due to her grandmother having died tragically in a fire and her grandfather not returning to her from WW1. Mavis' Mum was effectively made an orphan at the age of 5.

In 2008, Ancestry website led Mavis to successfully finding her grandfather's family which then led to meeting a cousin of her Mum and with whom she formed a very close relationship.

Marguerita (known as Rita), Mavis' newly discovered cousin once removed, had her own starry tale to tell. She had been a huge fan (and later a friend) of the actress Vivien Leigh. They exchanged letters and gifts and Vivien Leigh also sent postcards from her world travels. All these letters and postcards (plus scrapbooks, programmes, all manner of memorabilia) are now in the V&A archives.

On Vivien Leigh's death in 1968, Mavis's cousin formed the Vivien Leigh Circle with the aim of funding a memorial. This was achieved and a French clock was presented to Denville Hall, a retirement home for professional actors, actresses and other theatrical professions.

The Vivien Leigh Circle was reformed in 2013 with her cousin as the President, always being treated like royalty.

The Circle produced a book about their friendship and included many of the letters and cards, along with photos. The book is called "*Dear Marguerita, Yours Affectionately, Vivien Leigh*". It was presented to Rita on her 90th birthday. Rita died on 7 July 2024, aged 91, coincidentally on the anniversary of the passing of her beloved Vivien Leigh.

An interesting story about family research and where it can lead. The very close bond between the two cousins is evident. The full 4 page article, along with photographs, is the middle spread of the Family Tree magazine August issue. Copies can be obtained at:

<https://www.family-tree.co.uk/store/back-issues/family-tree-magazine>
Mavis Tilbury, Genealogy Group



The picture shows Mavis and Rita, taken on Rita's 90th birthday

Creative Writing B

We are a small group of friendly people, who get together on Thursdays, nominally every three weeks, to share our enjoyment for writing. We meet to have fun, not for serious intent. We have the same topic to work on between meetings. The last one was, 'The long hot summer' and this generated articles about holidays from childhood, a scary and alarming fire in the countryside, someone rebuilding their life and a young girl's experience of loss and loneliness. Everyone's contribution is very different and it is so enjoyable to swap stories. After writing, we like to chat, and have tea. We have various 'on the spot' writing exercises which usually make us laugh.

We would like to increase our group by two or three, If you are interested, please contact Kay Reid.

Kay Reid

Philosophy

So, what on earth do we do, sitting on our chairs in the Quaker Meeting House for two hours each alternate Tuesday?

Do we bring with us any esoteric equipment, secret to our trade? We do. Tea and biscuits are essential. And a book. Is each of us a fount of ancient wisdom? In a loose sense, yes. A long life lurks behind all of us and we're very happy when our members bring a different knowledge and perspective with them.

Is philosophy only for the extremely-serious-of-mind? We are serious, as philosophical problems affect everyone, like it or not; and the world might be a better place if people were more thoughtful about reasons and about consequences. But we also laugh a lot. Philosophy is largely for the curious, the people that are keen to discover the answer to life, the Universe and everything; and are undismayed by Douglas Adam's 42.

Do we emerge, at session's end, with a definitive answer to at least one of the world's deepest problems? You know, problems that humans have been chewing the fat over for the last 3,000 years or so? Stuff like 'Do we exist?' 'Does the end justify the means?' 'Can there be a just war?' 'What is truth?' Well, not exactly. But we have talked it through and hopefully millimetred forward, in our own heads at least.

Our present topic is 'Consciousness'. The subject is important to today's philosophers (and many other disciplines). There are four international conferences this year and six journals devoted to its understanding. And you probably thought that half a sheet of A5 would have been sufficient.

Wish us good luck in our quest. You can always join us for a session when we next have a vacancy: at present we're full. Talk or listen. See whether you like us. Or not.

Janet Goldfinch

Exploring Towns and Villages

Our group had our usual varied outings. In May we went to breezy Chipperfield where we huddled together while listening to our local guide. In July we journeyed much further afield to Wallingford where we sweltered as Tim led us around.

This photo was taken in Barnet in July, where we had an interesting guided tour, followed by an excellent Italian meal. This month Graham has arranged a tour and boat ride in Eton.

Such a friendly group, we always have a great day out.

Laura Rouse



Patchwork

We have recently completed two quilts which will eventually be donated to a local old peoples home and have also used some of our scraps to make tissue box covers. Always useful to be able to make something with the scraps we accumulate.



The two quilts are temporarily on display at various events to celebrate our u3a's 35 year anniversary.

We are only a small group, normally seven or eight of us, but very friendly, and would be very happy to welcome new members.

Jenny Burton

Railways Group Member Honoured

Former British Rail director Chris Green, a member of Dacorum u3a, was one of the leading names from the rail industry to receive an honour in the King's Birthday Honours. He has received an OBE for services to the rail industry, commemorating nearly 60 years in the industry.

On 25 February 2025, a Class 465 Networker unit, which had been repainted into a heritage Network SouthEast livery, was named after Chris Green at a naming ceremony at London Charing Cross.

Here he is pictured alongside the Networker train bearing his name, which was exhibited at the Greatest Gathering in Derby.

Jane Campbell



(See Greatest Gathering Article, Page 19)

Table Tennis Groups

Following the success of last year's table tennis tournament, we held another one on July 9th this year - run again by Christine Beasley (who was heard to say after last year's event "I'm never doing that again!" - Oh how quickly they forget!!) at Adeyfield Community Centre.

24 members took part, split into 12 randomly drawn couples, playing doubles. The competition was over 2 rounds which started with a round-robin, using 3 of the 4 tables available with 4 couples all playing each other on each table.



The second round comprised the top two couples from each table. This gave us 6 couples again playing a round-robin, now using only 2 of the 4 tables available. This Round consisted of the husband and wife team of Gary & Alison Everington; the organiser Christine Beasley teamed up with one of last year's winners Sue Jarvie as the only all female team; then the other winner from last year Mark Chapman with Anne Harradine; Gerry Scott was accompanied by Sean Fullerton as the only all male team; Steve Rayment was with Niru Beeson and finally Ian Cutler was playing with Vanessa Walsh. Lots of games!

(Possibly too many, reflects Christine, who had to play, taking the place of a no-show!). The Hemel Hempstead Table Tennis League was well represented in the tournament with both the Leverstock Green Club (Gary) and the Northchurch club fielding players (Mark, Steve and Ian).

Fun was had by all and our winners on the day were Gary and Alison with Mark and Anne as runners-up.

If you fancy having a go at Table Tennis, then do come along to Adeyfield Community Centre. On the first and third Wednesdays the session starts at 2pm and runs until 4pm and on the second and fourth Wednesday the session starts at 1 and also runs through until 4pm. Both sessions cost £2. Hopefully we'll see you there for a bit of table tennis and a cup of tea?



Pictured are Gary & Alison being presented with their prize chocolates by the organiser Christine Beasley and Mark and stand-in Vee (as Anne was not available) with their runners-up sweets also with the organiser Christine Beasley.

Well done Christine – but will she do it all again next year – you'll have to wait to find out...

Mark Chapman

Astronomy 190

Our Astronomy 190 group is a forum that allows us to learn about Space and share our thoughts, understanding and above all our wonder of the Universe.

Important News!

We are relocating our meetings which will still be on the second Thursday of every month but now at St. Francis Church Hall, on Glenview Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1TD.

Over the summer we continued our search for extraterrestrial life, with a talk in June from Dr. Andrew Rushby, Head of Astrobiology at Birkbeck University, on exoplanets and how to explore them.



This talk and the quiz we had after it triggered lots of open discussion, something we are getting much better at! Someone always has the knowledge to share when we have questions.

In July, I presented an overview of the topography and geology of Mars, and we watched the portion of the 2025 Summit "Humans to the Moon and Mars" which elaborated on the scientific reason for exploring Mars.

There was no meeting in August so we will reconvene in September in our new venue.

Around our main topics each month, we encourage our members to bring forward Astro-news items that catch their eye and for the star gazers we look at what we can expect to see up in the night sky each month.

Our group knowledge level is varied so we try to keep the level of discussion appropriate for the public but not too basic for our more knowledgeable members.

New members are always welcome. Please do come and give us a try, as we *continue our mission to seek out new life and new understanding in our amazing universe.*

Patricia Rowe: Astro-coordinator



Painting for Pleasure outing to College Lake



The Folk Singing Group does 'gigs' at various care homes



Military History Group visiting the Kelvedon Secret Nuclear Bunker



Above: Ron Griffiths, one of the bass players of the Ukulele Group with his Gold Disc Celebration Cake
Below: Ron Griffiths' gold disc for playing bass with Badfinger



Bus Trippers at the Amazon Fulfilment Centre



Garden Trips and Tours, Scarecrow at Cornfield Cottage

Craft exhibition

In June we were invited to take part in the Yarn-bombers craft exhibition held at Warners End Community Centre. On a very hot Saturday we set up our stall to publicise all the craft groups that are part of our u3a.



Carolyn Wallis

The Rugmaking Group had a good display of their wares and Jane Campbell demonstrated the art of rag-rug making, showing passing youngsters that recycling is not a new idea and was regular practice in years gone by.

We had a selection of items made by the Sewing Bee group and a wide variety of knitted exhibits, including our u3a cushion! We attracted a lot of interest from visitors and hope a few of them will be joining our groups before too long. Thank you to all who helped on the day.

Local History

Over recent months the group has been exploring the history of Aldbury and Ashridge. Several of the houses in the village date back to around 1500. The village has strong literary connections, with Mrs Humphry Ward, at one time living in Stocks House and for the last few years of his life, Louis MacNeice residing at Lace Cottage.



Lace Cottage, Home of Louis MacNeice

Ashridge Priory was founded in 1283 by Edmund, second Earl of Cornwall. After the dissolution of the monasteries Henry VIII used the buildings as a home for some of his children and later the house became owned by Elizabeth I. In 1604 it was bought by Sir Thomas Egerton and remained in the family until 1921 when the house and estate were split up, with the estate going to The National Trust and the house to The Conservative Party. In 1959 the house became a college run by Hult International Business Schools.

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

Railways

As many of you will have seen and heard this year is the 200th Anniversary of the first passenger trains so Railway group have been out and about visiting some of the places that were at the forefront of this transport revolution. Members of the group visited the Greatest Gathering in Derby, Southeastern train depot open day, Crewe Heritage Centre and a wide range of preserved railways both individually and with the group.

Our most exciting trip was in June when some of us travelled, by rail of course, to Darlington which was our base for four nights.

As soon as we had deposited our luggage at the hotel we saw an exhibition of documents and artifacts in a local library and on the following day we travelled to Locomotion at Shildon, part of the National Railway Museum. Two huge buildings crammed with locomotives and rolling stock sited alongside the original 1825 railway line and easily accessible by train.



On Wednesday we caught a bus to Hopetown, a visitor attraction recently developed around the old North Road station which is now a museum and where we had booked a guided tour. We also saw Pennydarren, a locomotive that first ran in 1804, being winched onto a low loader for its return to Swansea. We booked onto an new interactive ride called Experiment and then found our way to the viewing area of the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust where a new locomotive, Prince of Wales, is under construction. Although most of us returned to our hotel several energetic members of the group took a train Saltburn where they ate ice cream and paddled in the sea.

Back to the station on Thursday for the train to Chester-le-Street then a bus to Beamish Museum where we rode on trams, vintage buses and a replica of Puffing Billy which was originally built in 1813. Beamish is well worth a visit and our tickets are valid for a year, unfortunately it is 260 miles away so we may not use them again.

We returned home on Friday, exhausted but thrilled to have been part of this amazing celebration.

Jane Campbell



Exploring London

In May we joined Tony Ford for a walk around 'Railway Lands' exploring the development of the area around 3 Stations, Euston, Kings Cross and St. Pancras. Somers Town developed from a rural suburb to an urban village and takes its name from Baron Somers, Lord Chancellor. The Thursday Group was photographed outside a former coffee house which served as a popular meeting place, including French Huguenot refugees.



In June Sue Miller had us strolling through Southwark Park and along the Thames towards London Bridge. Magnificent views of the sparkling high rise buildings of Canary Wharf and City of London. The Thursday group are pictured by the Southwark Park Bandstand a replica of the 1889 fine iron structure originally part of the South Kensington Exhibition.



In July we joined John Clarke who led us around historic Hampstead.

The Thursday group are photographed on part of the 800ft long x 15foot high pergola which joined the Leverhulme mansion to the gardens. William Lever (later Lord Leverhulme who made his fortune with Sunlight Soap) built this mansion which had a public footpath between 2 parts of his property, unable to get this footpath closed he built the pergola.



In August its West Brompton with Tony Ford. Concluding this year's walks: Sue Woodhams will lead us through the byways of the City in September, in October we will revisit Bromley by Bow with Bernard Lamb and lastly it's Ealing with Sue Miller in November.

Sue Miller

UkeRythmics and a Golden Boy

(See pictures page 16)

Our story starts in November 2023 when I received an email from a certain Ron Griffiths who, inspired by the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, had seen an article about the Ukulele Group In the Dacorum U3A Digest and thought it might be fun to come along.

He told me he was a bass guitar player who had not been in a band for some considerable time and wondered if we might find a place for him. At that time we had a brilliant bass player who was not always able to be with us and two trainee bass players so, it seemed to be a good thing to ask him along.

Sadly I was unwell when Ron attended his first meeting in December 2023 but Keith, our regular bass, reported back saying that he was a lovely chap and seemed very knowledgeable about the bass and would do very well as a backup. This turned out to be something of an understatement!

At the next meeting Ron turned up with a new bass ukulele and did a very good job standing in for Keith despite never having played a ukulele or seen many of the songs before. I was very impressed but still thought he was someone who had played in local groups back in the day.

His first gig as stand in bass was came in January 2024. Was it too soon to expect him to be performing? No it was not! Ron blew us away with some stylish runs, kept us all in time and fitted in brilliantly. Now I had two brilliant bass players but more was yet to come.

After the gig I had a message from Keith telling me to look on Wikipedia for Ron Griffiths and all was revealed.

Back in the sixties Ron played with a group from Wales called The Iveys; they became Badfinger.

Badfinger recorded "Come and Get It" a song by Paul McCartney.

Ron had left the band before they changed their name but never the less he did play bass on the recording which came out on the Apple label in December 1969.

The UkeRythmics were wild with excitement. FAME!!! How we boasted about our fabulous player for the next year until...

And now we, finally, get to the point...

In February of this year, some fifty six years after he performed the song at Apple Studios, Ron Griffiths was at last awarded his Gold Disc for "Come and Get It".

Hoorah!

The party animals in UkeRythmics, lead by Vicqui and Jacky and aided and abetted by Ron's partner Val, swung into action and a plan for a secret Golden

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celebration was hatched. John and Margot Gardener offered to host in their lovely garden and invitations to players past and present were sent.

On the 12th July, clad in yellow and gold and beneath a blazing sun, we stood silently (well almost, this is the UkeRythmics) awaiting our hero. The lookout gave the word and Ming struck up the music. "Come and Get It" rang out over the valley and an astonished Ron appeared to great cheers. Presentations were made (gold shorts for Ron); feasting, drinking and strumming followed and finally the splendid cake made by the talented Jenny was cut.

A splendid time was had by all especially a somewhat stunned but delighted Ron Griffiths!

Sue Parsons

085 Armchair Travellers

In May we travelled to Northern Italy with Uly Jorimann. The presentation was split into two, the first half covered a 10-day trip starting in Munich and driving through Austria and along Lakes Toblino and Garda to Verona. Here we visited the Roman Arena, Juliet's Balcony and Romeo's House, the Cathedral, and the Old Town. Then on to Vicenza visiting two villas on the way followed by a visit to Padua, a city of murals and frescos. Our final significant destination was Vittorio Veneto with its beautiful old town before we drove through the Dolomites and back to Munich.

Our second trip was to Switzerland and Piedmont starting in Zurich. We travelled south along the shores of the Lake Lucerne and along the eastern shore of Lake Maggiore to Turin, visiting many towns and villages on the way. In Turin we made numerous visits to places of interest including the Palazzo Reale with its over-the-top decoration and ornamentation, the Pizza Vittorio Veneto, the Cathedral, and its Shroud and finally the Turin Motor Museum. Outside of Turin, there visits to Alba and the village of La Morra, the heart of the Barolo wine growing region. After a very satisfying visit we returned to Zurich via the Gothard Pass.

There was no meeting in June due to holidays and in July we flew to Corfu for a visit to all the places of interest and many beaches. We had an extensive tour of Corfu Town and visits to Mouse Island, the Kaisers Seat, the Achillion Palace and the small hilltop monastery at Paleokastritsa.

In addition to visiting the places of interest we took a cruise along the coast from Gouvia, just north of Corfu Town, to Kassiopi at the north eastern tip of Corfu, sailed around the sea caves at Paleokastritsa and took in the mountain scenery with a drive through the north western part of the island to Sidari. Future presentations will include; Japan, the Scandinavian capitals, by plane, boat, and train, and USA – Mid-Atlantic and Virginian Mountains

John Clarke

Garden Visiting

The Garden Visiting group has been to several fascinating places this spring, including two not open to the public. In both cases, a member of the group had an inside connection, and we were treated to a personal tour. The first was the garden of a large residence built in 1911, the grounds having been laid out by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll. Long gone are the actual plantings, but the layout of borders, huge yew hedges and magnificent trees was still much in evidence.

The second was a 7-acre plot, originally a nursery, which still retains some of the original trees, and to which has been added over the decades an orchard in which sheep graze, plus groves of other specimen trees, shrubs and plants added by the current owner. Here too was a wild swimming pond feeding into a pond for wildlife. Nearby, the owner had set up tables and chairs, and we enjoyed tea and cake in a magical setting on a perfect late spring day.

Lin Phillips

Painting for Pleasure

Nine of our members enjoyed painting/sketching outdoors at College Lake near Tring on Thursday 7 August. 4 of us were longstanding members who have been painting with the group since 2008 or before, and we were very pleased to welcome 2 new ladies joining our group for the first time. En plein air (outdoor) sketching can be challenging. One person was about to take a photo of the lake when a Volunteer approached to warn her that there was a hornet's nest just behind her! Although we had no rain and it was not too hot or cold, it was extremely windy and difficult to keep our materials under control, especially the paper. Bulldog Clips need to be added to the list of suggested materials to take! The first half hour didn't see much painting being done by 2 ladies who had a wonderful time getting to know each other better, with much laughing. As we know, laughter is the best medicine and they did also manage to produce lovely sketches. Some of the group had not visited College Lake before and hopefully it will prove to be a venue they will visit again.

We only have 2 outdoor meetings – in July and August. Our other monthly meetings are at Northchurch Social Centre, usually on the first Thursday of the month. Currently we have a few spaces in our group, and would be happy to welcome new members.

Linda Tomkinson

Bus Trippers

We have visited a range of venues using our bus passes, sometimes using the train as starting point. However our summer trips have been more local as we tried to have shorter journeys in the very warm weather

In June we booked a tour of the Amazon Fulfillment Centre in Dunstable. What should have been a straightforward journey was complicated by the cancellation of the bus from Luton, the alternative required a longer walk but we arrived only a few minutes late and booked in. We were fitted with headsets so that we could hear our guide and spent an intriguing afternoon in the huge warehouse where robots collected and delivered trolleys of goods to waiting packers. Even the size of box or bag is determined by AI once an item is scanned. I would recommend this tour to others as it is easily booked online and is completely free.

In July we revisited Stockwood Park and in August we changed buses in St Albans to spend time in Shenley Park, returning via Watford.

We will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month and have a full programme for the rest of the year

Jane Campbell

Garden Trips and Tours

The group has enjoyed our garden visits this summer as the weather has been lovely. In June we visited Cornfield Cottage in Gerrards Cross. This was an open afternoon organised by the NGS. It was situated in a quiet country lane. It featured lovely lawns in which the owner had cut our large round flower beds bursting with colour from wild flowers. The borders were planted with scented roses delphiniums and sweet peas. There was also a small vegetable garden and orchard. We enjoyed tea and homemade cake in the garden and the thoughtful owner also brought us bottles of cold water as it was such a hot day.

In July we joined a Masons coach trip to the Sussex Prairie Garden near Henfield. Once a farm the owners have created a beautiful garden with a series of large interlocking borders. It is a very impressive garden that has been beautifully planned and the owner took us on a tour explaining the design and how the plants shed their seeds to provide new plants the following year. The teashop was open selling teas, coffee, homemade cakes and ice creams but many of us brought picnics to enjoy in the garden.

In August we visited a garden in The Clump at Chorleywood. It had many levels and slopes. There were lots of mature trees and many shade loving plants had been selected. The owner not only greeted us and walked round with us he also provided a booklet giving details of all the plants. The garden had many modern sculptures including one that had been carved out of an old oak tree that had been damaged in a storm.

Sue Croucher.

Photography Club 151

For 10 of our monthly meetings we are at St John's Hall and for the other 2 meetings we go out for a fun visit taking pictures. Last month we went to Ashridge House, a selection of fine images are on the back page. The 'trained eye' will look for carefully composed scenes, different textures, unusual viewpoints, action, nature and abstract. Also elsewhere are some shots of some of our members at Ashridge on that day.

At our monthly meetings part of our time is showing member's own images based on a different theme each month. We encourage members to take new shots wherever they go and not rely on old chestnuts! There are sessions to show how to apply easy minor adjustments (post work on a computer afterwards) to improve the final result. Members take pictures either on a phone or with a camera. We often hear people say mobile phones are so good that carrying a camera is not needed anymore but modern cameras still produce better images and there are many things you can do much better on a camera. The vast majority of mobile phone images look fine on the phone but will print poor unless they are adjusted for print. Unless you are involved with print you are just unaware of the difference. Come to our meetings to learn why.

Our regular numbers are 12 – 16 please feel free just to pop along and see what we do and pick up some tips.

John & Terry

Money Matters

We're not into high finance and technical jargon. We're a discussion group and share our experience, knowledge and suggestions about day to day money matters. A few of the questions and topics that have come up recently are:

- Giving financial support to family and reducing inheritance tax – how to go about it and avoid pitfalls
- Spotting scam texts, emails, calls and websites and what to do if you're caught (it can happen to the best of us)
- Can anyone recommend a good and reliable plumber, roofer.....
- How and when to get the best deal when insurance renewal comes up – timing can make a big difference
- Whether solar panels and heat pumps are good for our bank accounts, as well as the environment
- Protecting our phones from theft and hacking

Topics include anything which might, directly or indirectly, involve money. We don't give professional advice but learn from sharing experience and knowhow. Our email is group025@u3adacorum.org. Phone numbers are in the Digest

Tom Bloch

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. This list is correct at August 2025.

085 Armchair Traveller St John's Church Large Hall	John Clarke group085@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Tuesday 14:00 - 16:00
039 Art Club Gadebridge Community Centre	Patricia Angell group039@u3adacorum.org	Alt Fridays 10:00 - 12:00
223 Arts, Crafts, Skills Kings Arms, Berkhamsted	Susan Woodhams group223@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Monday 10:00 - 12:00
190 Astronomy Practical St Francis Church Hall	Patricia Rowe group190@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Thursday 14:00 - 16:00
364 Backgammon Leverstock Green Village Hall	Nick Ray group364@u3adacorum.org	First Thursday 15:30 - 17:30
360 Badminton Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre	John Larkin group360@u3adacorum.org	Thursdays 10:00 - 12:00
363 Book Group Oakwood, Berkhamsted	Margaret Elwick group363@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Thursdays 14:00 - 16:00
029 Book Reading HH St Johns Church Small Hall	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 Wed Various Times
007 Calligraphy Leverstock Green Village Hall	Diana Knapp group007@u3adacorum.org	Mon 2 weekly 13:00 - 15:00
048 Card Making A (HH) Sundew Road	Catherine Lindsay group048@u3adacorum.org	1 st Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00
177 Card Making B (BK) The King's Arms, Berkhamsted	Lesley Drake group177@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Friday 14:00 - 16:00
011 Circle Dance Carey Baptist Church	James Robertson group011@u3adacorum.org	1 st , 3 rd Tues 11:00 - 12:30
080 Creative Writing B Wrensfield	Kay Reid group080@u3adacorum.org	Thu 3 weekly, 14:00 - 16:00
082 Creative Writing C Gravel Lane, Boxmoor	Janet Goacher group082@u3adacorum.org	1 st Thursday 14:00 - 16:00
046 Cribbage and Scrabble Adeyfield Community Centre	Althea Jones group046@u3adacorum.org	2 nd , 4 th Mon 14:00 - 16:00
064 Cycling Various Locations	Sue Potiuk group064@u3adacorum.org	1 st Thursday 10:00 Start
090 Discussion B BK Sacred Heart Berkhamsted	Tim Thompson group090@u3adacorum.org	4 th Tuesday 14:00 - 16:00

081 Exploring London Various Locations	Sue Miller group081@u3adacorum.org	Last week of Month
197 Exploring Towns, Villages Visits by Car Share	Laura Rouse group197@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Thursday Various Times
073 Flower Arranging Highfield Community Centre	Carol Cotton Valerie Norris group073@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Thu, Not July/August 14:00 - 16:00
159 Folk Singing Adeyfield Free Church	Brian Jackson group159@u3adacorum.org	2 nd , 4 th Wed 10:00 - 12:00
202 French Book Club Highclere Drive	Lyn Parkyns group202@u3adacorum.org	Last Tue two - monthly 15:00 - 17:00
214 French Conv - Adv Member's Home	Bernadette Streater group214@u3adacorum.org	1 st & 3 rd Tues 10:15 - 12:00
018 Garden Visiting Various Locations	Lin Phillips group018@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Wed, Mar to Oct, 14:00 Start
017 Garden Trips and Tours Various Locations	Sue Croucher group017@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Thursday 10:00 Start
019 Genealogy A BK Zoom	Kath Jones group019@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Monday 14:00 - 16:00
051 Genealogy B HH St Pauls Highfield & Zoom	Margaret Fairburn group051@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Monday 10:00 - 12:00
059 German Improvers St Johns Church Large Hall	Heather Al-Jawad group059@u3adacorum.org	Mon 2 weekly 14:30 - 16:30
024 Industrial History St Johns Church Large Hall	Alan Olive group024@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00
095 Italian (Lang and Culture) St Johns Church Large Hall	Lorna & Jim Grimes group095@u3adacorum.org	2 nd , 4 th Thur 10:00 - 12:00
092 Italian Conversation (Int) Member's Home	Marie McHale Anette Corbach group092@u3adacorum.org	1 st & 3 rd Thur 14:30 - 16:30
156 Italian (Step 2) Adeyfield Community Centre	Tina Leach group156@u3adacorum.org	Every Friday 14:00 - 16:00
188 Japanese Various Locations	Christine Watson group188@u3adacorum.org	2 nd , 4 th Thu 10:00 - 11:30
026 Jazz Appreciation St Francis Hall, Boxmoor	Bernard Newton group026@u3adacorum.org	Thu 4 weekly 10:00 - 12:00
175 Knit and Natter Tile Kiln Lane Leverstock Green	Lana Linden Group175@u3adacorum.org	Wed 2 Weekly 14:00 - 16:00

076 Latin Beginners Various Locations BK	Christine Watson group076@u3adacorum.org	2 nd and 4 th Wed 14:15 - 15:45
076 Latin Intermediate Various Locations BK	Christine Watson group076@u3adacorum.org	1 st and 3 rd Wed 14:30 - 16:00
027 Literature A BK Various Locations	Cherry Stainforth group027@u3adacorum.org	Tue 2 - weekly 10:00 - 12:00
028 Literature B Various Locations Berkhamsted	Judy Roythorne group028@u3adacorum.org	Mon 3 - weekly 10:00 - 12:00
031 Local History St Johns Church Large Hall	Bernard Lamb group031@u3adacorum.org	4 th or last Tues 14:00 - 16:00
157 Lunch Club A Various Locations	Jerri McCann group0157@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Tuesday Ring for Times
203 Lunch Club B Various Locations	Jerri McCann group203@u3adacorum.org	4 th Tuesday Ring for Times
215 Magic Introduction Leverstock Green Village Hall	Mike Sapsard group215@u3adacorum.org	Fri 2 - Weekly 14:00 - 16:00
060 MahJong St Pauls Church Parish Room	Jenny Thirlwell group060@u3adacorum.org	1 st , 3 rd Wed 10:00 - 12:00
361 Maths and Puzzles St Francis Church Hall	Roger Witt Keith Holmes group361@u3adacorum.org	Third Monday 14:00 - 16:00
065 Military History St Johns Church Large Hall	Graham Kendall group065@u3adacorum.org	1 st Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00
025 Money Matters St Johns Church Large Hall	Tom Bloch Janet Wheeler group025@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Monday 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 Musical Miscellany St Francis Hall, Boxmoor	Robert Day group089@u3adacorum.org	Thu 4 weekly 10:00 - 12:00
037 Nature Study Various Locations outdoors	Christopher Lindsay group037@u3adacorum.org	Every Tuesday 10:00 - 13:30
038 Needlework Ivy House Lane BK	Lesley Drake group038@u3adacorum.org	Tue 2 weekly 10:00 - 12:00
067 Opera - Introduction Rider Close Bovingdon	Maggie Moore group067@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Friday 14:00 - 16:00
075 Out with Friends St Johns Church Full Hall	Deborah Sargeant group075@u3adacorum.org	1 st Friday 10:00 - 12:00

036 Painting for Pleasure Northchurch Social Centre, Outside in Summer	Sue Bloch Linda Tomkinson group036@u3adacorum.org	1 st Thursday 10:00 - 12:00
040 Patchwork Adeyfield Community Centre	Jenny Burton group040@u3adacorum.org	2 nd , 4 th Wed 13:00 - 15:00
045 Pencil Drawing Adeyfield Community Centre	Jean Houston group045@u3adacorum.org	1 st Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00
061 Philosophy Quaker Meeting House, HH	Denis Maclure group061@u3adacorum.org	Tue 2 weekly 14:30 - 16:30
151 Photography Club St Johns Church Large Hall	John Larkin Terry Thirlwell group151@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Wednesday 14:00 - 16:00
041 Play Reading A Smoke House, Middle Road BK	Catherine Ayling group041@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Tuesday 09:30 - 12:00
042 Play Reading B Bk Various Homes, Zoom Personal Account	Ruth Treves Brown Gillian Southgate group042@u3adacorum.org	1 st Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00
071 Poetry Appreciation Chalfont Close, HH	Margaret Ainsworth group071@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Wednesday 14:00 - 16:00
088 Poetry Writing Gravel Lane, Boxmoor	Audrey Naylor group088@u3adacorum.org	Mon 3 weekly 14:00 - 16:00
167 Railways Summer Rail Visits, otherwise Adeyfield Community Centre	Jane Campbell Victor Campbell group167@u3adacorum.org	Last Thursday, (not Dec) 10:00 - 12:00
182 Reading BK Cedar Road Berkhamsted	Denis Maclure group182@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Friday 10:00 - 12:30
213 Rug Makers Windmill Road HH	Jane Campbell group213@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Tuesday 14:00 - 16:00
084 Russian Beechwood Park	Chris Hayward group084@u3adacorum.org	Thursday 10:00 - 11:30
165 Science and Technology St Johns Church Full Hall	David Eastham John Coe Group165@u3adacorum.org	Last Wed 14:15 - 16:00
185 Sewing Bee Adeyfield Community Centre	Jenny Barnfield group0185@u3adacorum.org	2 nd , 4 th Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00
187 Spanish Lang and Cult Potten End	Shirley King group187@u3adacorum.org	2 nd and 4 th Wed 14:30 - 16:30
221 Swimming (Berkhamsted) Berkhamsted Leisure centre	Moira Brook group221@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Friday 12:00 - 14:30

217 Table tennis A Adeyfield Community Centre	Sarah Glennie Group217@u3adacorum.org	1 st , 3 rd Wed 14:00 - 16:00
224 Table tennis B Adeyfield Community Centre	Mark Chapman group224@u3adacorum.org	2 nd , 4 th Wed 13:00 - 16:00
005 Tea Dance Apsley Community Centre	Mike Sapsard group005@u3adacorum.org	Tues 2 weekly 14:00 - 16:00
181 Ukulele Grove Hill Community Centre	Anne Twiggs Sue Parsons group181@u3adacorum.org	1 st and 3 rd Weds, 09:30 - 12:00
220 Urban Sketchers Various Locations	Althea Jones group220@u3adacorum.org	2 nd and 4 th Tue, Oct - Apr 4 th Tue 10:00 - 12:00
099 Walking Various Locations	Peter Hamson group099@u3adacorum.org	Usually 4 th Tue 09:30 start
204 Wild Flower Study Various Locations	Jennifer Dickson group204@u3adacorum.org	2 nd Wed or Thu 10:00 - 12:00
078 Wine appreciation St Johns Small Hall	Kay Hobday group078@u3adacorum.org	First Friday 14:30 - 16:30



Some members of the Photography Club Visiting Ashridge

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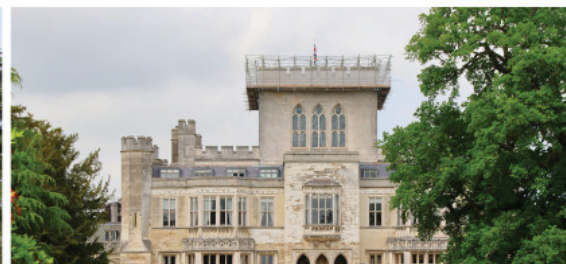
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