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Cheslyn Garden in Watford (Garden Visiting Group)

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Working from Home

My study window frames a view
That's not a pretty sight.
A dustbin, fence, an ageing car,
My own small urban blight.
If I could work in rural bliss,
With sweet, seductive view;
My eyes could feast, my spirits lift –
But never earn a screw!
Diana Knapp

Anagrams

Can you recognise your group from these Anagrams, supplied by James Robertson?

My Clinical Muses	Raking Gum
Licensed Car	Clan Widen Grip
Try Outlandish Iris	Rankest Cherubs
Rolling On Pox Den	A Farseeing Porn Tulip
Meaty Monster	Singe Coyote & Clench
Shmaltz Pun Dazes	Over-arming Sperm
Pizza Rice To Japan	<i>Answers on page 30</i>



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Future Committee Meeting Dates

Tuesday 3 March	Tuesday 2 June
Tuesday 7 April	Tuesday 7 July
Tuesday 5 May	Tuesday 28 August

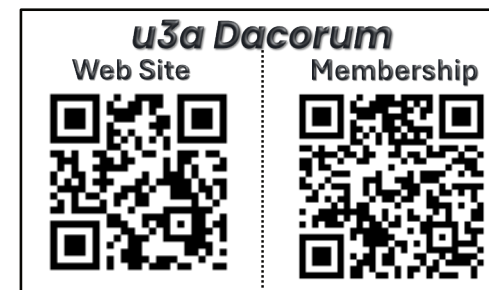
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From the Trustees

Membership Secretary

Enclosed with this Digest is the membership renewal form for the year starting 1 April 2026. Many of you will already have renewed, prompted by my email sent via Beacon in February.

Membership fees remain unchanged from last year but those of you who wish to receive by post a copy of the Third Age Trust's publication 'Third Age Matters' will need to add on £4.20 for postage costs, a slight increase from last year.

If you have renewed, please do not renew again! Last year there were several duplicate renewals, resulting in a lot of extra work for the Treasurer. If you are not sure, contact me.

One further plea – if paying online, please make your payments at the same time as your renewal application as it is easier to identify and process members' renewals the closer they are in time. If this means that you choose to wait until the end of March to renew, that is perfectly acceptable. I do send reminders, so you will not lose your membership easily should you forget to renew.

We currently have a healthy membership of 1273 members and I hope you will all choose to remain with us, enjoying the various groups that are available.

All the best for 2026
Jean Sniders, Membership Secretary

Publicity

u3a Dacorum now have their own Facebook Group, which reflects the Monthly meetings and various group activities that u3a members can join.

It is also where Group leaders can submit their own group's information to be shown on the u3adacorum Facebook. Let's have some fun with up to date photos and updates about our fantastic variety of Group activities!

We have increased from 12 to 31 followers on Facebook since December 2025! The more we post the more interest there will be for members and hopefully more followers will bring new u3a members and grow the u3adacorum Facebook community!

Let's grow our online presence, at the u3adacorum Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1214692039477191>

Or search u3adacorum from your Facebook account and join!

If you need any help with joining u3adacorum facebook please feel free to contact Liz Penney at publicity@u3adacorum.org
Liz Penney, Publicity

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Chair's Report

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Digest. It has been a wet and bleak start to the year, but I hope it has not stopped you getting out to enjoy your favourite u3a meetings and groups. We have had good turnouts at our recent monthly meetings, with plenty of room for everyone now that we have arranged for the tiered seating to be set out for every meeting at the Boxmoor Playhouse. Have a look at the list of interesting talks that we have coming up in the next few months.

Committee update

We have recently welcomed a new face to the committee; Liz Penney has joined us to take on the job of Publicity Officer. She would love to hear any fresh ideas that you have to spread the word about our u3a (publicity@u3adacorum.org).

Many of you will remember Judy Baldwin, a past Secretary and Membership Secretary. Sadly, we heard just before Christmas that Judy had passed away after a short time in hospital. Judy had been a member of our committee continuously since 1997 as well as running several groups; she attended her last committee meeting as recently as last November and we will miss her greatly.

For the last few years Judy had been the keeper of our photocopier and I know that she enjoyed meeting members when they called round to collect the copying for their groups. Over the years the requests for photocopying have become fewer and we have now decided that we will not be offering a copying service in future. Our u3a photocopier is being housed in my garage, but this can only be a temporary arrangement. If any group coordinator needs any copying done in the next few weeks, please get in touch with me (chair@u3adacorum.org) but after that we will have to get rid of the photocopier. Please also get in touch if you know of a good home for a retired photocopier.

Ellen Duffy held the post of Secretary until last August when she had to stand down having completed her three year term, as required by our constitution. Since then, she has taken on the role of Hall Bookings secretary. Unfortunately, this has left a vacancy for the Secretary position, and we are urgently seeking someone to step up and fill this role. If you enjoy record keeping and administrative tasks you are the person we need!

Our committee meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am and you can read about the types of issues that we discuss elsewhere in this Digest. If you would be interested in coming to a meeting or finding out more about being part of the committee, please get in touch with me or any member of the committee – contact details at the back of the Digest.

I hope you enjoy reading about all our group activities in the following pages and, with the daffodils and other spring bulbs appearing, hopefully better weather is on its way and you might find some new interests to try out.
Carolyn Wallis

Treasurer's Report

As the December year end passes, my mind turns to our financial year end at 31 March and the preparation of the accounts. There were a few new accounting regulations introduced in 2025, but these do not apply to us this year and have only a limited impact next year, fortunately. As ever I will be in touch with group coordinators shortly to ask for their returns up to the end of March, and this year will be asking for attendance registers as well.

The latest accounts show that we are largely on track with the forecast results for the whole year to March 26, which are for a small loss. However next year, with keeping the membership fees the same for the fourth year, and in anticipation of increases in charges by halls, we are budgeting for a much larger loss, which should take our reserves down closer to our target level.

We have received some unexpected income recently, thanks to a couple of members who went on Riviera holidays and mentioned u3a when booking, resulting in us getting a donation of 9% of their holiday costs. Please do remember us if you plan to book a Riviera holiday – details on our website and at: rivieratravel.co.uk/u3a.

The committee has recently agreed that those organising trips may collect money from those going on the trip by bank transfer (or even credit card) as well as the traditional cheque. This requires a little coordination between the trip leader and treasurer but the trial with the Industrial History trip has proved successful, with just a few tweaks to the process as a result.

And finally, may I repeat my appeal from the last Digest that you consider signing up for Gift Aid when you renew, if you are not already doing so. Details are on the renewal form. It helps us to get an extra £3 from the Chancellor, at no cost to you - not often you can say that at present!!

Henry Wallis, Treasurer

Committee News

We have had three Committee meetings, at which we have:

- decided to revive our Facebook Group page (search for u3a Dacorum), which members can join to see messages about group activities;
- reviewed expenditure for this financial year, and agreed a budget for the next financial year (2026-27), which allows the membership fee to remain unchanged at £12 & £22. Based on current levels of expenditure, our reserves should reduce to an appropriate level in the next year;
- considered the information from the updating of the risk assessment checklist, which is now complete, other than one group that has recently changed venue;

- approved two new policies – Data Protection and Health & Safety that should be on our policy page;
- asked Boxmoor Playhouse to set up the tiered seating for our monthly meetings, so that we can accommodate more members.
- finally had some success on the recurring topic of how to recruit more trustees and other members to support Committee members. We are very pleased to have Liz Penney as our publicity officer and a member has volunteered to join the website admin team. Another member has been attending our meetings to decide how he can best support the Committee. The Committee would welcome more members to become involved with running u3a Dacorum.

Ellen Duffy

Monthly Meetings

30 March 2026: Boxmoor Playhouse (date change for Easter bank Holiday)
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. 'The Sound Of Silence', 'Homeward Bound', 'Scarborough Fair', 'Mrs. Robinson', 'The Boxer' and 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, troubled duo. Martin explains how lady luck gave their faltering career a huge boost – not once, but twice!

27 April 2026: Boxmoor Playhouse (date change for May bank Holiday)
Stephen Goss: The Titanic and her times

When news broke that RMS Titanic – the supposedly unsinkable ship – had sunk with the loss of 1,500 lives there was shock across the world. While there have been larger maritime disasters since, the tragedy of the then most luxurious liner ever to be built has been remembered in a way few other shipwrecks have. This talk provides an insight into Britain and the international situation in the 'Belle Époque' before the First World War. It tells the story of the conception, construction, and fate of Titanic and her two sister ships. Developed and built in Belfast, learn about the fraught and violent political situation in what was then one of the most important industrial cities in the world. The impact of the sinking (as well as the conspiracy theories that emerged) are discussed, and the clandestine Cold War reasons for the ship's discovery revealed. Stephen adds stories of his family connections to Titanic and the Belfast shipyards to explore her history and why Titanic is still claiming lives.

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1 June 2026: Boxmoor Playhouse

Fran Sandham: Solo walk through Africa

Critically acclaimed author and public speaker Fran Sandham took on the challenge of a lifetime, by walking across Africa from Namibia's Skeleton Coast on the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar – completely alone: no backup, no support team, no one to carry his gear, no sponsors, no film crew, no journalists, no fuss, no cheering crowds, and no strings attached. Above all, it had to be on a one-way ticket: no safety nets, no get-out clauses and nothing to fall back on...

6 July 2026 Boxmoor Playhouse

Tricia Thompson: Oh, I do Like to be Beside the Seaside!

Tricia Thompson is an experienced public speaker presenting lively, interesting and fun talks to groups of all sizes around the country. The talk to be presented explores the ups and downs and the history of the British seaside holiday, which most of the u3a members will remember well from their childhood.

3 August 2026 Boxmoor Playhouse. NB: AGM

John Tyler: The Seasons, A year in the English Countryside

In 2023 John fascinated us with his spectacular photographs of the crabs and other animals on Christmas Island. 2025 had him taking us closer to home and exploring The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns. From warm seas, through Ice Ages, tundra and forest to the farmland and beechwoods of today, we travelled through a hundred million years to follow the story of the Chiltern landscape and its wildlife.

In 2026 he describes the seasons all around us and reminds us to look at the wonderful natural world around us.

Louise (Lee) Pace

Monthly Meeting Refreshment Rota

30 March	Boxmoor	Genealogy A
27 April	Boxmoor	Wine Appreciation
1 June	Boxmoor	Tea Dance
6 July	Boxmoor	Italian Language and Culture
3 August	Boxmoor	Garden Visiting
7 September	Northchurch	Exploring Towns and Villages

From our Members...

Classical Music Appreciation

Our fortnightly meetings in this spring term continue into March with the following topics:

March 5th: Brenda Ashby-the Busch Quartet plays Schubert.

March 19th: Robert Hoare- an illustrated history of keyboard music.

April 2nd: Adrian Davis- Bespoke Britten.

We then take a 4 week break for Easter. Our summer programme is not yet decided, but if you would like to note the summer term dates in your diaries, they are:

30 April.

14 & 28 May.

11 & 25 June.

9 & 23 July.

6 August.

All are welcome to join us. See group listings and/or website for details.

Jack Scrutton

Music Miscellany

2026 began in fine fettle as Lee gently led us through the ins and outs of Music Copyright law. It's a wonder to me that song writers can still come up with tunes and lyrics that don't seem like any we've heard before, but they do (although this may explain some of the weird stuff performed at the Eurovision Song Contest these days). It was a fascinating insight into this aspect of the music business. James followed with songs our mothers would have listened to a lot as we celebrated Ivor Novello's 133rd birthday anniversary. In February Mike enthralled us with an alphabetical tour of Groups.

The 2026 programme continues to progress and we are pleased to offer you the following:

12 March: Gary will take a personal look at *Music that's inspired him*.

9 April: Bernard says: *Let's Spring into action*.

7 May: John will enable us to *Get your kicks*.

4 June: At last, time for a *BYO session* and my take on *Now and then*.

2 July: Music from DVDs including *Live Aid*, *OGWT*, *Wings*

30 July: *Later with Jools Holland* and *Elvis*

27 August: More of Mike's Musings

Bob Day

Railways Group

2026 has started with a varied selection of talks.

In January, Dennis Lovett talked on the development of the North London Line, much of which is now known as the Mildmay Line. He had done a huge amount of research for a book on the subject and the talk was fascinating.

February's meeting looked back at 2025, a year of four major celebrations in the Railway industry. 300 years of Tanfield Railway; 200 years since the first passenger trains between Stockton and Darlington; 50 years since the opening of the National Railway Museum in York and the 25th birthday of TFL.

We have a full programme for the rest of the year including several visiting speakers from the Railway Industry and presentations from Group members. As usual we have several visits planned for the summer months.

New members are welcome. Please email the coordinator, Jane Campbell, for details

Jane Campbell

Armchair Traveller

In November we travelled to Maryland and Virginia. The highlights included Alexandria to visit Mount Vernon, George Washington's mansion and the old town to many interesting historic buildings. Then on to Historic Yorktown and the Jamestown settlement, established in 1607, the first permanent English colony in North America. Our next stop, Colonial Williamsburg, a living history museum covering 301 acres, there were many period enactors who greatly enriched the visit. Then on to Richmond to see the State Capitol building and many other buildings of interest.

After visiting so many historic buildings it was nice to take in the scenery of the Skyline Drive in the Blue Ridge Mountains and the West Virginia Appalachians and Alleghenys. There was another change of tempo with a visit to Charleston, West Virginia State Capital on the banks of the Ohio river. Our final visits were to Harpers Ferry, located at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah River, and Annapolis, Maryland's State Capital.

Our annual Quiz for Fun took place in December, covering three topics. First we cruised European rivers, along the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basel, the Gota canal in Sweden then the Saône and Rhône rivers in France followed by the Douro in Portugal and finally the Seine. Second topic covered European train journeys, which included the scenic railways of Switzerland and the little railways and tramways of North Wales. Our final topic, Cruising the Seas of Europe, included visiting ports in the Baltic, Mediterranean, along the Norwegian coast and around the British Isles.

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On our first New Year trip, we returned to the United States to visit Colorado and New Mexico. It was a circular trip starting and finishing in Denver. We crossed the Continental Divide and headed for Alamosa the commercial centre of the San Luis Valley. Here we visited the home of Jack Dempsey, the Great Sand Dunes National Park and the Stations of the Cross Shrine featuring 15 bronze statues depicting the last hours of Christ's life. Our next stop was Durango to travel on the Durango and Silverton Historic railway, followed by Four Corners the only place in the US where four states meet at one point (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona) and finally Mesa Verde where some best-preserved Puebloan ancestral sites can be found.

Our third stop was Albuquerque to visit the Botanical Gardens, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Centre, and the Old Town. We then travelled along the Singing Highway to our fourth and final stop Santa Fe. Here we visited the museum of American artist Georgia O'Keeffe, the Town Square, Cathedral and finally the Loretto Chapel with its unique spiral staircase.

Future presentations will include, Sri Lanka, Western Australia & Bali, The Jewels of Andalusia and American Heartland, a tour of around Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa.

John Clarke

Garden Visiting Group 018

Our garden visiting group would like some new members to join us to enjoy a variety of interesting gardens locally. This is because some of the gardens we visit require groups to be of 10 or more, and we have to cancel if we can't achieve that. We share lifts on our visits, and always make sure there is tea and cake after we have explored some of the glorious gardens for a couple of hours. We have an afternoon visit on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

If you are interested, for contact details for more information, see your Digest.

Following an interesting visit in the autumn to Cheslyn Garden in Watford for the autumn colours (see front cover) we had a very sociable Christmas meal at the Rose Garden Cafe, Hertfordshire Garden Centre, Redbourn. In January we planned our 2026 programme, which will include two gardens for spring flowers, then Chenies Manor, Capel Manor, and some other splendid private gardens.

Let's hope for some drier weather!

Barry Watson & Linda Duckworth, coordinators.

New member of U3A, here

Having finally retired at 72 due to mobility issues I found myself a bit isolated and lost in time. I missed the routine of work, the sociality and the status of being a “technician” in so many fields. I was just “retired”.

I looked into the u3a and didn't think it would suit me. Often I would meet people who enthused about it, and so, I took another look and attended a groups exhibition in Berkhamsted where I decided to join and give it a try. Went to a monthly meeting and then looked into groups that might interest me.

Railways, Maths and puzzles, Money matters, Science and tech, Jazz, Astronomy, Philosophy etc and generally its been really good. Lovely people, Friendly atmosphere. And it has given some structure to my life attending monthly and group meetings. I've begun to take on roles in the groups and that replaces the “retired” label. I've attended two of the committee meetings and may well join that as well.

I did find the adverts for the group misleading and, possibly offputting. “University” for instance. Many might feel unable to join a university and feel unable to mix with what they perceive as graduates. Also the implied need to study and do exams. “3” means little to the uninitiated. And “A”, well, I think as it relates to age we can take that on board with ease.

I've met some lovely interesting people at the meetings and expanded my sparse social circle immensely. As an aside I spoke to a prospective member at a meeting and got chatting. That resulted in a visit to her husband's garden steam railway. Such serendipity.

Now I'm mentioning the u3a to anyone I see who looks old enough. I like the feeling of community and it has encouraged me to rejoin other groups like the LETS scheme and possibly Transition Towns. LETS is a Local Exchange Trading Scheme. Members work for, trade and help each other for a local currency called the HEMP. I ran one of these in North Herts with a currency called the NORT. Great fun and lovely people again.

Transition Towns is about keeping things local. Local grown food, Working locally to avoid transport costs and pollution etc. Again something that brings people together for mutual good. I see it as an interpretation of The Garden City Idea, although they may not accept that.

I'm really pleased that I took the time to investigate the u3a. There are so many more groups to investigate.

Mark Gifford.

Exploring London – Spring 2026

We ended 2025 with Sue Miller's Ealing walk in November. Ealing, notable for its leafy streets and many green spaces, dubbed the ‘Queen of the Suburbs’, when upon the arrival of the railways in the early 1800s the area developed from rural villages to London suburbs and in turn is now being modernised and repurposed. This area was, and still is, influenced by the Ealing Film Studios, plus Welsh and Polish communities.

This year one of our leaders, Sue Woodhams, is having a year off due to health issues, we wish Sue well and hope she can rejoin us in 2027. In the meantime Caroline and Stephanie have joined us and will be leading our first walk this year.

The Tuesday group pictured by ‘Ealing Rock’ a sculpture by Gordon Young, a large stone obelisk in the shape of a banjo fret inscribed with lyrics from the George Formby song “Count Your Blessings And Smile”. It was designed so coppers would stick to the lyrics – we tried but sadly failed. George Formby starred in 11 films made at Ealing Film Studios.



Hoping to repeat our successful 2025 your seven leaders have a full programme for 2026, an interesting mix of nine walks. We plan to again crisscross London from Highgate in the North to Greenwich Peninsular in the south, Hoxton in the east to Chiswick in the west, so plenty of variety.

Bernard Lamb starts our programme with a stroll around Canonbury & Dalston in March, followed by Caroline & Stephanie leading us around Highgate in April and Tony Ford revisits Shepherds Bush and White City in May. As usual details of each walk will be emailed to all members the 3rd or 4th week of each preceding month, this includes details of how to apply direct to the Walk Leader.

We look forward to seeing you all again, and fingers crossed the weather gods smile on us.

Sue Miller

Bus Trippers

Once again we have a wide variety of trips planned for the coming year. Our January trip to Oxford went without any bus-drama so we were able to enjoy several hours in the Ashmolean Museum.

February's trip started with a short train journey to Kenton where we waited for the S10, one of the Superloop limited stop buses which make it possible to travel further afield. We changed at North Finchley onto the S1 which took us to Walthamstow. Despite the rain we managed the short walk to the William Morris Gallery, a venue well worth a second visit. Our return journey was unusually perfect with no delays on either buses or trains. We hope to plan a second journey on different Superloop buses in the future.



We travel on the second Wednesday of most months and welcome new members when we have space. Email the coordinator for more details
Jane Campbell

Exploring Towns and Villages

The wet and cold winter months called for some indoor activities. Our ET&V group met for a New Year lunch and quiz activities in January. You can see some of our members wearing their "exploring" hats in the photos! We used this catch up time to decide on the places we will visit this year. Members of the group take it in turns to do a reconnaissance visit and plan the detail of the visit day.



Our February meeting was indoors too. We had a talk by two members of the Berkhamsted Local History and Museum Society committee on the historic significance of Berkhamsted and its castle. Peter covered a thousand years in record time!

Our March meeting will be outdoors again. We look forward to exploring much more about our local towns and villages.

Heather Jones



Industrial History

An excellent talk on "Trams – Ancient & Modern" by Ian Peticrew in January kicked off our activities for 2026. A packed St John's church hall audience heard about the evolution of the tram, and we were able to view some excellent videos which helped illustrate Ian's talk.

Maintaining a transport theme in February, Jane Campbell covered the history of London buses, taking us on a journey from the early horse drawn vehicles to current day diesels, Single and double-deckers were covered and we arrived at the present-day bang on time!

If all goes according to plan and the Digest arrives with you in early March, then you'll be able to attend our March meeting when Wendy Austin's talk is "The Railways come to Tring".

We're excited to be able to publish our entire programme of talks for the year ahead. This should particularly help members who pick and choose their attendance depending on subject, although I'm very sorry to say that the visit to The Potteries has already sold out.



Industrial History's Tour of the Abbey Pumping station

Details are below and they are also on our webpage:

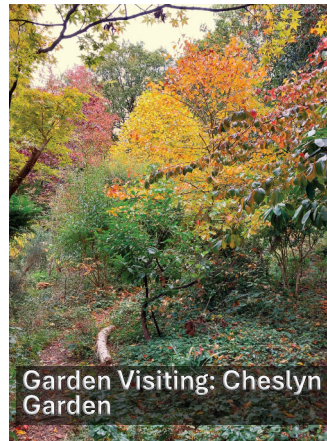
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- 18 March: Wendy Austin "The Railways come to Tring"
- 15 April: Arthur Cunningham "The Wedgwood Story"
- 20 May: No meeting. Visit to The Potteries
- 17 June: Derek Pullen "The history of Iron"
- 15 July: Chris Cosham "Northamptonshire Leather Industry"
- 19 August: Tom Derbyshire "Leyland Motors"
- 16 September: Alan Olive "Agriculture through the ages"
- 21 October: Jim Gregory "What's wrong with Fracking?"
- 18 November: Chris Green "Stephenson's London – Birmingham Railway"
- 16 December: Terry Smith, Talk before the Quiz

As ever, we meet on the third Wednesday each month (except May) at 10am at St Johns Church Hall, Boxmoor HP1 1JY
Alan Olive (group024@u3adacorum.org)



Armchair Traveller: Stations of the Cross Sculptures



Garden Visiting: Cheslyn Garden



Industrial History: The talk on London Buses



Wine Appreciation



Military History Christmas Lunch and Quiz



Painting for Pleasure



Armchair Traveller: Durango & Silverton Historic Railway

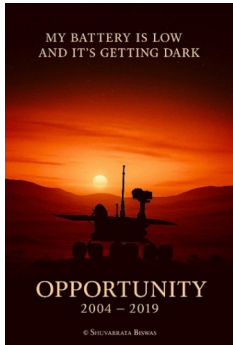
Astronomy 190

Since the last digest, Astronomy 190 has settled nicely into our new hall at **St. Francis Church Hall**, on *Glenview Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1TD*. Here's an idea of what we get up to on the second Thursday of the month from 2-4pm.

What's better for a dreary November afternoon than a movie! Even better, a space movie. In November, we enjoyed the benefit of the Music Group's hifi sound speakers (thank you Music Group), and our big screen to laugh and cry together as we watched the 2022 movie, *Goodnight Oppy*, about a pair of Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity who outlasted all expectations. In the movie,

Oppy was given a personality by its mission experts texting in every day. The final text from Oppy "my battery is low and it's getting dark" set us all off. It's available on Amazon Prime for anyone interested.

Co-produced by Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and narrated by Angela Bassett's soothing voice this is the story of a 2003 mission to Mars that was supposed to last for 90 days but ended up going for 15 years. Two marvellous machines that look more like ostriches than people, with long necks and camera eyes sitting on the sides of their boxy heads. The rovers present as adorable and quirky 5ft 2in humans.



We tried out (successfully, I think) a member-funded guest speaker from the Astro Speakers bank at our Christmas meeting in December. Jerry Stone passionately told us how Pluto should really be a planet!

We followed up this subject further in January, discussing the New Horizons mission that took nine years to get to and fly past Pluto very quickly (at very high speed) and somehow take some brilliant photo and spectrographic images. These photos changed the way we look at the dwarf planet Pluto!



The image on the left is the iconic image appearing everywhere in 2016 and the one on the right is the Mission Directors favorite: looking back at the atmosphere over Pluto.



In February, we dove into some future missions to explore space both **NEAR** Earth and **FAR** away.

FAR: The Millionaire funded Breakthrough Starshot is aimed at somehow reaching our nearest neighbouring star, by reaching up to 20% of light speed with a light sail powered by lasers. One of our members (Gary Watkinson) did a sterling job researching this topic and presenting an interesting and clear description for us. Thanks Gary!

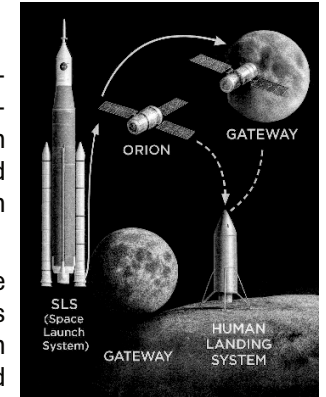
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NEAR: NASA's Artemis program is nearing a launch, possibly in March now after ironing out a few problems discovered in their dress rehearsal. This Artemis 2 mission will take 4 Astronauts in a huge orbit around the Moon and prepares the way for Artemis 3 to land astronauts again on the Moon after more than 60 years.

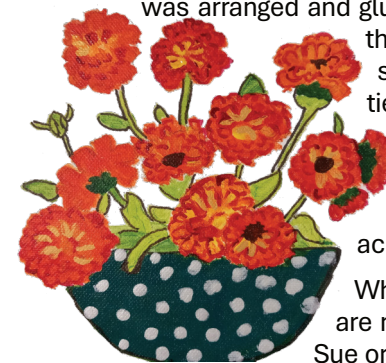
Our varied group knowledge means that many of us have backgrounds that help the rest of us to understand the ins and outs of space exploration. What we all share is an awe and curiosity in the vastness of the solar system and the universe.

New members are always welcome. Please do come and give us a try, as we *continue our mission to explore strange new worlds!*
Patricia Rowe, Astro-coordinator (group190@u3adacorum.org)



Painting for Pleasure

Our Christmas meeting, as usual, was different to meetings during the rest of the year and we enjoyed discussing our favourite painting, either one by ourselves or one by a favourite artist. One painting this year was an acrylic seascape done by a member during a workshop. A selection of materials was used including calico, gauze, netting, hessian, string, sand, shingle, stones and modroc which is used for modelling, casting and crafting. Everything was arranged and glued onto mountboard, then painted to form a seascape. Lots of PVA glue was used and lots of patience required. Probably something to try at home rather than during our 2 hour session, but very inspirational!



Members use different mediums at our sessions – e.g. acrylic, watercolour, pen, pencil, charcoal, crayons.

Whether you are an experienced painter or a beginner you are most welcome to come and try our group. Just phone Sue or myself (*Page 28*) to let us know that you would like to come and whether or not you need to borrow painting materials.

Linda Tomkinson

Table Tennis Groups

New year, new tables

Group B Table Tennis (224) are celebrating the New Year in style having recently acquired 3 'new' Table Tennis Tables courtesy of the Leverstock Green Table Tennis Club, who have just got 3 brand new Table Tennis Tables of their own.

The group have got off to a flying start this year with over 50 people attending the first 2 sessions of 2026. The group meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons at the Adeyfield Community centre, in Queens Square from 1-4pm.

If you fancy having a go, please do come along. If you have your own bat – all well and good – or borrow one of our spare ones. We're a friendly bunch and we're happy to chat, enjoy a cup of tea, or even play some Table Tennis.

Pictured is Faridah (with group co-ordinator Mark Chapman) in front of the 'new' Table Tennis Tables, in the Scott Boyer Hall. Faridah is one of our regular players who comes along to have fun and for a bit of Table Tennis fitness thrown in. We're very proud to have her with us as she has the most candles on her birthday cake.

Mark Chapman



Sewing Bee

Our group members have been busy over the past few months making a lovely coat, fingerless gloves, a crocheted bed throw and a cushion. The cushion will be donated to a charity.

Our group is small and friendly and would welcome new members whether new to sewing or a beginner.

Jenny Barnfield



Military History

The Military History Group finished 2025 with our Christmas Lunch at our usual venue of Shendish House. I think we all had a jolly good time! Check out the picture on page 16.

We have kicked off 2026 with a detailed look at the Dreyfus Affair, courtesy of Wendy Austin. The whole corrupt business was eventually a contributory factor in the creation of the state of Israel. As ye sow.....

Upcoming meetings this year will include a presentation by well known researcher Jonathan Bruce Starkey, concerning the real location of the Battle of Hastings. It certainly was not by Battle Abbey. We have well known speaker and expert on the U.S Civil War, Andrew Houseman, presenting the detail of that president of integrity, Abraham Lincoln. John Waller will be cramming in a talk on British Colonial Wars, how many of those were there? And Bob Spence, having walked the ground at Waterloo recently, will be giving us his impression of the battlefield(s). To spread the focus of Military History, Pete Williamson will be bringing us the Samurai story, I think that will be fascinating, and very different from our usual agenda.

Plans are well under way to running the group to at least two trips out to museums or military establishments this year, please contact me for more details if you are interested.

Best wishes, Graham Kendall

Backgammon

Nick Ray reports that the Backgammon Group goes from strength to strength with all the members improving the way they play.

Before Christmas we had a get together in a pub and then played some Backgammon after which was a real success.

Recently there have been some articles in the Times about this game and how it has become the young person's night out in various places In London.

Attached is a presentation by Chris Bray, who has written 9 books on Backgammon, showing the history of the game and the future of it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ysa1IEaYUs&t=24s>

Nick Ray



Berkhamsted Genealogy

Our first meeting of 2026 was held at The Old Mill restaurant in Berkhamsted, where as a group, we ate heartily and laughed silly at a quiz. Genealogy questions can be a little “dry” so it was spiced up with a few questions suited to our generation! Good fun was had by all.

We have just held our February meeting where an invited speaker delivered a presentation about how Newspapers can be a goldmine of information in researching your Family History, even discovering some news that you may not wish to find !

In March we will discover lots more about Rural Ancestors, more commonly referred to as Ag Labs (Agricultural Labourers) and the distances they covered in seeking employment – they often travelled a lot further than you think.

Beginning in April through to and including October, we will be meeting face to face at the Northchurch Community Hall where we will have presentations and discussions from our own members, as well as learning sessions on using various internet and purchased software dedicated to Family History. This will give us the opportunity of getting our heads together and try to help some members break down those frustrating “Brick Walls” we all have.

If you think that Genealogy is for you, why not come along in April and see what its all about. We meet every 2nd Monday at 14.00 hours, each session last for approx. 2 hours. Admission fee is £3 to u3a Members, or please contact our Group Coordinator Kath Jones on group019@u3adacorum.org
Kath Jones

Garden Trips and Tours

We do not visit gardens during the winter months but we are busy now planning for our 2026 diary. Whilst some gardens we may have visited before, we do use the National Garden Scheme booklets for both Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire to assist us in our choices. Their lists include gardens that have designated open days but also some gardens that can be booked by arrangement. This is very useful when trying to keep to our meeting day which is the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Sue Croucher

A Mobile Phone Tip

If you have an Android mobile phone, and web pages appear as a whole but minute image, look for the three little dots at the bottom right. If you click on them, you’ll see a huge menu. Look for an item called “Desktop Site” and click on it. You should now see the page reformatted to fit your screen.

Mike Sapsard

Wine Appreciation Group

How it works:

If you like wine, the u3a Wine Appreciation Group is the group for you. We are a friendly group who are definitely not wine snobs. We taste a broad variety of wines from all over the world – usually sourced from local retailers.

We taste 8 different wines at each session, following a theme – maybe a particular country or a particular grape variety. Common wine myths will be explored and sometimes exploded and there is no need whatever to be any kind of expert! None of us are, but we all like trying different wines, finding out more about the wine making process and hopefully helping us to choose more widely from the supermarket shelves.

The group meets in St John’s Church Hall in Boxmoor (the larger of the rooms)

We meet on the first Friday of the month at 2.30 pm.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact me, Kay Hobday on 07774 816534 or email group078@u3adacorum.org

Please let me know beforehand if you intend coming along as I need to manage the numbers of people attending to make sure I have enough wine to go round.

You only need to bring a small wine glass. We supply wine, water, cheese and biscuits and the charge is currently £8 per head.

Cheers!

Kay Hobday

u3a across the (Moonee) Pond



On a recent visit to Melbourne to visit my daughter, we attended a Senior’s Festival in Moonee Ponds, in Victoria. It was organised by the local council, Moonee Valley.

One afternoon there was a display of various leaflets giving advice to the elderly, but I was very interested to see a display board about the local u3a, so had to have a chat with a lady, to find out more. She was a member and in the u3a ukulele group.

They have quite a lot of groups, but not as many we have in Dacorum. My favourite ones were circle dancing, scrabble, folk singing and ukulele.

I also learned that the u3a actually originated in France in 1973.

Jean Hunter

Standing High on the South Downs
 after a stiff climb
 I have been showered with bird song

I have wobbled on green weedy rocks
 in a Welsh mountain stream, watching,
 watching my first dipper dipping for fish

I have crouched, laughing, as the storm hit
 Crouched behind an old stone wall
 in a beautiful Yorkshire dale.

I have walked the Cornish cliffs for miles and miles
 with its embroidered hems of wild flowers
 Honeysuckle, campion and pink thrift

But I had the same joy, yes the same joy
 years later, when I cast crutches aside
 Opened the door the door wide and simply stepped outside
Audrey Naylor

Josephine

A magical mystical moment arrived
 When you came and sat at my side
 Sing to me a song of your choice
 In a place where jazz music was playing
 Smiling I said I only sing folk listen
 To jazz and the blues
 Coming from one as attractive as you
 I got up and duly obliged

The pianist played heaven only knows what
 While sang with gusto "The Down And Out Blues"
 All the time I was looking at you
 With sparkling bright eyes and sweet smile
 Shook hands with so many on leaving the stage
 As the hand clapping faded away
 I returned to her side she thanked me so much

We chatted away about how we could travel the world
 As the bar staff picked up their instruments and started to play.

Being footloose single and free but without any money we said our goodbyes
 Josephina and me
Chris Wallis

A Distant Glimpse of Mozart?

I expect that some of you at least have been watching the new TV production of Amadeus, based on (or so it says) the play by Peter Shaffer where Antonio Salieri, the Court Composer of Josef II, poisons his upstart young rival, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart out of sheer jealousy of the latter's genius. I should say at this stage that this is a work of fiction. Modern musical historians don't believe a word of this poisoning theory and moreover, Mozart and Salieri seem to have got on perfectly well together. Still, the original is a good play and an opportunity to reflect on what it is that makes up genius. This new television version doesn't really come up to that, concentrating on the rather earthier and imaginary aspects of the relationship.

What we do know is that Mozart died young at the age of 35 in 1791 while he was still writing his final work, his Requiem. He never finished it and it fell to one of his pupils, Süssmayr, to complete it so that Mozart's widow, Constanze, could receive the money for it of which she was in desperate need.

I was a student in London in the 1950s and I had recently sung in a performance of the Requiem by the College choir. On Remembrance Sunday of the same year, the orchestra and choir of St Martin in the Fields gave a performance under the direction of their organist, John Churchill, who was incidentally a professor at the Royal College of Music where my future wife, Lyn, was currently a student. I took my copy of the music along with me and was sitting next to an elderly gentleman who noticed it and asked if he could look at it. It was only the standard vocal score that all choral singers know, published by Novello so I was a bit surprised but of course complied with his request. (As an aside, the founder of the music publishing house, Vincent Novello and his wife, made a special visit to Vienna to see Mozart's widow).

When he handed it back, he then told me that he had been a choirboy and that their choirmaster was very old. He had told them that he also had been a choirboy who had been directed by a choirmaster who had actually visited Vienna and seen Mozart at a concert. His great impression was of his "wide, staring eyes". To say that I was interested by this was a wild understatement. I could not believe that I was speaking to someone who had known someone who in turn had known someone who had encountered the great composer a century and a half absolutely amazing. It was as if the mists of time had just parted enough to glimpse someone dimly in the far distance. To talk to someone who had known someone who had been taught by someone who had seen Mozart seemed incredible.

Coming down to earth, the gap in years is not unthinkable. There must have been a few people alive in London in 1955 whose grandfather had fought in the battle of Waterloo for example. History is not as far away as we think sometimes. Still, this was an encounter that I have never forgotten,

Norman Parkyns

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 as at February 2026.

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	Heather Jones Gillian Lawton3 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 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 2 - 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	Linda Duckworth Barry Watson group018@u3adacorum.org	3 rd Wed, Feb 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 Winter Zoom, Summer Northchurch Social Centre	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 Small Hall	Heather Al-Jawad group059@u3adacorum.org	Mon 2 weekly 14:30 - 16:30
024 Industrial History St Johns Church Full 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 13:30 - 15:30
188 Japanese Conversation 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
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 Club 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 Witts 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 Warners End Comm Centre	Catherine Ayling group041@u3adacorum.org	1 st Tuesday 09:30 - 12:00
042 Play Reading B Bk Various Homes, Zoom Personal Account	Ruth Treves Brown8 Gillian Southgate8 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	Norman Parkyns David Eastham Group165@u3adacorum.org	Last Wed 14:15 - 16:00
185 Sewing Bee Adeyfield Community Centre	Jenny Barnfield7 group185@u3adacorum.org	2 nd , 4 th Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00
187 Spanish Lang and Cult Potten End	Shirley King2 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 Large Hall	Kay Hobday group078@u3adacorum.org	First Friday 14:30 - 16:30

Anagram Answers:

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