



HADDENHAM U3A

Newsletter Sept/Oct 2010



Chairman's Thoughts

John Brandis (292484)

Thanks to Roger Rickard (291613) the newsletter, warmly welcomed by all, is now a regular feature. Please keep the information flowing in.

The wealth of activities in our programme, undertaken with renewed vigour after the summer, shows how many of us are helping ourselves and others to lead full lives and to achieve our personal aims. New ideas are always welcome.

Throughout the country U3As are flourishing and are playing a greater role in their communities and influencing what affects them. Locally the 280 bus route changes affect many members and you can voice any comments at a public meeting on 15th September at 7pm in the Haddenham Junior School.

The Thames Riverside Project organised through the Thames Valley Network is an exciting venture to bring U3As together and we shall be playing our part, starting with the Thames walk on 22nd October.

John Brandis

General Meetings

**further details from Lorraine Gooch (01296 747655)
or Carol Mason (292236)**

At the General Meeting on 6th September, Russell Bowes will be speaking about "The Capable Mr Brown – the father of the English landscape garden movement".

In the following month, the presentation will be on "Bluestockings – the remarkable story of the First Women to Fight for an Education" by local author Jane Robinson on 4th October.

Events and Outings

bookings and further details from Ann Rickard (291613)

Our next outing will be on 8th September to Cambridge with a walking tour including a visit to Kings College Chapel and lunch in a riverside restaurant. Our coach leaves Haddenham Village Hall at 0900hrs.

On 5th October we will be visiting the redeveloped St Pancras Station and the nearby Foundling Hospital, London's first home for abandoned children. On this occasion the coach leaves at 0830hrs.

Looking ahead, places are going fast for the Classical Spectacular concert at Royal Albert Hall on 21st November, with everyone's most rousing favourites. So get your booking in soon.

Details of our annual December visit to Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford are not yet available.

The first outing of 2011 will be a visit on 13th January to see the first stage adaptation of Sebastian Faulk's First World War novel "Birdsong", directed by Trevor Nunn. Sign up at the General Meeting.

Wider U3A News

further details from John Brandis (292484)

The annual Thames Valley Network Summer School takes place this year on September 15th at Merton College Oxford. The theme is "The History and Architecture of Oxford", with a programme of talks, demonstrations, discussions and visits, to explore the history, architectural, artistic and academic aspects of both the City and University.

The TVN Riverside Project is gaining momentum, with walking photography groups organising joint events. Our first contribution will be to lead a walk along the Thames from Dorney on 22nd October. The next planning meeting for the Riverside Project is on 17th September at Goring Village Hall.

Details of all TVN activities are available via our website.



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Notes from the Interest Groups

(telephone nos. 01844 unless stated)

Antiques and Collectables Group

Leader: Lucy Hamblett (291386)

The group will not be meeting in September, but on 13th October we will be taking an outing to see "The Treasures of the Collection" of the Resource Centre of Bucks County Museum in Halton. Transport will be arranged.

Books Group

Leader: Ann Warris (292273)

Following the summer break, we will be discussing the controversial "The God Delusion" by Richard Dawkins on 28th September. This will be followed by "The Lighthouse" by P.D. James on 26th October

Card & Board Games Group

Leader: Chris Patterson (290342)

Chris Patterson has been considering new formats for this group's meetings, and would welcome some extra members. Come along to the next meetings on 23rd September and 28th October to find out more.

Computers Group

Leader: Eileen Monks (216033)

A new programme for the next 11 months has been put together, starting with "Databases for Beginners" on 3rd September and "PowerPoint Presentations" on 1st October. You don't need prior knowledge to join this group – perfect for those who are entering the digital age for the first time, or wanting to learn a bit more.

Cycling Group

Leader: Marie Woodrow (292012)

Malcolm White (291677)

The next two rides are due on 28th September and 26th October; details will be issued in due course.

Dance

Leader: Pat Woodward (290460)

After an extended break over the summer, the group will resume its weekly sessions on Thursday 16th September at Haddenham Village Hall from 1230 – 1330hrs. The first 6 sessions will be "Disco" Line Dancing with Janet Castielli. This will be followed by another course of Scottish Country Dancing led by Jim and Isobel Fulton. Please make sure you notify Pat if you intend to come, either via the list at the General Meeting or by contacting her. New members are very welcome.

Digital Photography Group

Leader: John Davis (291664)

The 17th September meeting will be used to set up a new programme for the next year, and get everyone's ideas and input. There will also be a presentation and general discussion about digital cameras, from pocket compacts to big and expensive models. Why, how and what should I buy?

Discussion Group

Leader: Chris Patterson (290342)

The first meeting of the group following the summer break will be on 11th October; details of the subject and lead speakers will be announced before the meeting

Gardening Group

Leader: Brenda Spencer (291235)

The next two meetings will be about flower arranging (20th September) and poems and readings about gardens (18th October). Thereafter, a new programme for the next year will be put in place.

Local History Group

Leader: Alan Rose (291004)

September and October sees a continuation of our programme of guided visits to local villages. We will be looking around Aston Sandford on 22nd September and Chinnor on 27th October.

Luncheon Club

Leader: Angela Wenham (291932)

Lunch on 10th September will be at Annie Bailey's restaurant in Great Missenden. Many will remember Annie Bailey's in its first incarnation in Cuddington; the restaurant was reborn in Great Missenden in 2002. A great opportunity to check it out again! Please contact Angela Wenham if you intend coming.

Music Appreciation Group

Leader: Ed Bullimore (291011)

There will be two meetings of this group in September, as the October meeting is being brought forward. On 13th September at 1430hrs (note changed time) the theme will be "Invitation to the Dance" hosted by Chris Patterson. On 23rd September, Richard and Tricia Hirst will host the second part of "Sea and Ships" at 1400hrs with a contribution from a member of the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra visiting from South Africa. New members are always welcome.

Opera Group

Leader: Rosalie Sadler (290210)

One of Rosalie Sadler's occasional opera trips is due in November on 30th to see "Ariadne auf Naxos" by

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Richard Strauss at the New Theatre, Oxford. Anyone interested in joining this party should contact Rosalie as soon as possible.

Painting & Art Group

Leader: Katie Loveday (291669)

Katie's group will resume their regular sessions on 21st September and 19th October.

Play Reading & Poetry Group

Leader: Heather Forbes Russell (291482)

The group will be reading "The Little Foxes" by Lillian Hellman and the poems of Ted Hughes on 27th September. The authors for the 25th October meeting have not yet been chosen

Pub Quiz Group

Leader: Ingrid Holmes (291331)

We usually raise two teams for the monthly quiz at the Rose and Thistle and find that we can hold our own pretty well against the (often younger) opposition. Come and join us on 1st September and 6th October.

Ten Pin Bowling Group

Leader: Spencer & Betty Taylor (291498)

Ten Pin Bowling is great fun, and Spencer and Betty Taylor would welcome any other members who would like to give it a go. The next sessions at Jardines in Aylesbury are on 13th September and 11th October.

Walking Group 1

Leader: Ingrid Holmes (291331)

Mary White (291677)

During the 21 September walk from Ewelme near Benson and Wallingford, Brian Bowman will give an architectural and historical account on the Iron Age, Norman and Medieval times. All walkers are welcome, further details from John Brandis. Details of the 19 October walk will be on the website in due course.

Walking Group 2

Leader: Carol Mason (291677)

Helen Wilde is organising the 24 September walk, starting at The Plough at Cadsden at 0930hrs and passing through Ellesborough and Meadle. Contact Carol if you will be coming. The 5 mile walk from Dorney on 22 October will be open to walkers from other U3A groups as well as ourselves as our contribution to the TVN Riverside Project. A big turnout of both regular walkers and others is needed to support both our U3A and the wider project. Please let Hilary Skipsey (290464) know in advance if you are planning to attend.

Wine Tasting Group

Leader: Paul Roberts (299036)

The regular wine-tasting sessions at the Lion's Den will take place on 8th September and 13th October.

Other Items

Coach Holiday

We are trying to gauge the level of potential interest in a coach trip and 5-7 day holiday in UK or France in the Summer of 2011. Many U3As organise this types of event very successfully. Chris Patterson will be distributing a survey of preferences at the September General Meeting. It can also be found on the website or ring Chris on 290342.

Bucks 50 Plus Forum

The latest newsletter of the Bucks 50 Plus Forum is available on our website. It includes advice for anyone whose travel insurance premiums have soared as a result of the merger of Help the Aged and Age Concern into Age UK.

Among other interesting items which are mentioned is the "Aylesbury's Full of Life" show to celebrate International Day for Older People on Friday 1 October. This is a traditional talent show of older people to be staged at the Quarrendon and Meadowcroft Centre in Aylesbury. Information and tickets from Claire Paine on 01296 585826

Comments and Contributions welcome

The website and the newsletter rely upon information provided by Group Leaders and members. I am very happy to expand the scope of both if you can come up with good ideas. Are there other things you would like to see? Ideas, comments and especially contributions are most gratefully received.

Roger Rickard (291613 or RARickard@aol.com)



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CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2010

Interest Group	Event	Date	Time	Venue
Pub Quiz	Pub Quiz	1 Sep 2010	1945 for 2000hrs start	Rose and Thistle pub, Haddenham
Computers	"Databases for Beginners" led by M Milner	3 Sep 2010	1430hrs	Chinnor Village Centre
GENERAL MEETING	"The Capable Mr Brown - the father of the English landscape garden movement" - Russell Bowes	6 Sep 2010	1415 for 1430hrs start	Youth & Community Centre, Woodways, Haddenham
EVENTS & OUTINGS	Walking Tour of Cambridge	8 Sep 2010	0900hrs departure, return approx 1930hrs	coach from Haddenham Village Hall
Wine	Wine tasting	8 Sep 2010	1930hrs	The Lions Den, The Red Lion, Churchend, Haddenham
Luncheon Club	Annie Baileys	10 Sep 2010	1230 for 1300hrs lunch	Annie Baileys, Chesham Road, Great Missenden
Ten Pin Bowling	Bowling Session	13 Sep 2010	1000hrs	Jardines, Aylesbury
Music Appreciation	"Invitation to the Dance" - hosted by Chris Patterson	13 Sep 2010	1430hrs	5A Dollicott, Haddenham
TVN Summer School	"The History and Architecture of Oxford"	15 Sep 2010		Merton College, Oxford (see flyer and entry form on Local U3A Networks page)
Dance	"Disco" Line Dancing	16 Sep 2010	1230 - 1330hrs	Haddenham Village Hall
TVN Riverside Project	TVN Riverside Project - Second Planning Day	17 Sep 2010		Village Hall, Goring (see flyer on Local U3A Network page)
Digital Photography	Planning the year and a general discussion on digital cameras, from pocket compacts to big and expensive	17 Sep 2010	1000hrs	Guide HQ, Southern Road, Thame
Gardening	Flower arranging	20 Sep 2010	1430hrs	The Lions Den, The Red Lion, Churchend, Haddenham
Painting & Art	Group Meeting	21 Sep 2010	1000hrs	20 Rosemary Lane, Haddenham
Walking Group 1	Walk to start from Ewelme, near Wallingford	21 Sep 2010	tba	tba

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Local History	Guided Tour of Aston Sandford	22 Sep 2010	1400hrs	Meet @ Aston Sandford
Dance	"Disco" Line Dancing	23 Sep 2010	1230 - 1330hrs	Haddenham Village Hall
Music Appreciation	"Sea and Ships 2" - hosted by Richard and Tricia Hirst	23 Sep 2010	1400hrs	Emmanuel Cottage, Townsend Green, Haddenham
Cards & Board Games	Group meeting	23 Sep 2010	1430hrs	Rose & Thistle, Churchend, Haddenham
Walking Group 2	Cadsden – Ellesborough – Meadle walk	24 Sep 2010	0930 for 0945hrs start	Meet @ The Plough at Cadsden
Plays & Poetry Reading	"The Little Foxes" by Lillian Hellman and the Poetry of Ted Hughes	27 Sep 2010	1400hrs	68 Willis Road, Haddenham
Books	"The God Delusion" by Richard Dawkins	28 Sep 2010	1430hrs	13 Old Mill Close, Haddenham. Introduction by Robert Bates
Cycling	route to be announced	28 Sep 2010	tba	tba

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2010

Interest Group	Event	Date	Time	Venue
Computers	"PowerPoint presentations" led by R Byles	1 Oct 2010	1430hrs	Chinnor Village Centre
GENERAL MEETING	"Bluestockings - the remarkable story of the First Women to Fight for an Education" - Jane Robinson	4 Oct 2010	1415 for 1430hrs start	Youth & Community Centre, Woodways, Haddenham
EVENTS & OUTINGS	St Pancras Station and The Foundling Hospital	5 Oct 2010	0830hrs departure, return approx 1900hrs	coach from Haddenham Village Hall
Pub Quiz	Pub Quiz	6 Oct 2010	1945 for 2000hrs start	Rose and Thistle pub, Haddenham
Dance	"Disco" Line Dancing	7 Oct 2010	1230 - 1330hrs	Haddenham Village Hall
Discussion Group	subject to be announced	11 Oct 2010	1000hrs	Lions Den, Red Lion, Haddenham
Ten Pin Bowling	Bowling Session	11 Oct 2010	1000hrs	Jardines, Aylesbury



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Wine	Wine tasting	13 Oct 2010	1930hrs	The Lions Den, The Red Lion, Churchend, Haddenham
Dance	"Disco" Line Dancing	14 Oct 2010	1230 - 1330hrs	Haddenham Village Hall
Digital Photography	subject to be announced	15 Oct 2010	1000hrs	Guide HQ, Southern Road, Thame
Gardening	Poems and readings about gardens	18 Oct 2010	1430hrs	The Lions Den, The Red Lion, Churchend, Haddenham
Painting & Art	Group Meeting	19 Oct 2010	1000hrs	20 Rosemary Lane, Haddenham
Walking Group 1	route to be announced	19 Oct 2010	tba	tba
Dance	"Disco" Line Dancing	21 Oct 2010	1230 - 1330hrs	Haddenham Village Hall
Walking Group 2	Dorney walk (our contribution to the TVN Riverside project)	22 Oct 2010	1015hrs start	The Palmers Arms, Dorney SL4 6QW
Plays & Poetry Reading	Play and poetry subjects to be announced	25 Oct 2010	1400hrs	68 Willis Road, Haddenham
Books	"The Lighthouse" by P.D. James	26 Oct 2010	1430hrs	5A Dollicott, Haddenham. Introduction by Sheila Crowle
Cycling	route to be announced	26 Oct 2010	tba	tba
Local History	Guided tour of Chinnor	27 Oct 2010	1400hrs	Meet @ Chinnor Village Centre
Cards & Board Games	Group meeting	28 Oct 2010	1430hrs	Rose & Thistle, Churchend, Haddenham

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