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Happy 25th!



What an eventful autumn we've had! The very sad passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the quite unbelievable turmoil in government and the finance markets, and not one, but two, special events to celebrate our u3a's 25th anniversary (more of that on the back page) and, yes, let's look forward to celebrating a 'normal' Christmas with our friends and families.

A big welcome to our new members who have joined us recently. They should be hearing news of a New Members' Meeting shortly. There have been several changes in our groups, including two new start-ups and a third on the way. See the full listing on the centre pages.

Don't forget the early deadline for copy (see below), necessary because of the Christmas shutdown. Whatever you're planning for the festive season, make it a jolly good one and stay safe!

– Steve Carpenter, Editor



Submission Deadline

Please send your items for the January/February newsletter to the Editor by **Friday 9th December** (see page 2 for contact details).

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Internet Banking

We are still getting queries about paying online. CAF bank is cleared through HSBC. At the moment, your bank will not be able to verify the payee details as it is a third party bank. This should not stop you making a payment but it will give a warning. Our bank account details are as follows:

Main Account

Sort: 40-52-40; A/c: 00007914
100 Club subs after speaking to
Anne Read.

Membership Account

Sort: 40-52-40; A/c: 00023613
Annual Renewal as advised by
Sue Murillo-Malynn.

Groups Account

Sort: 40-52-40; A/c: 00013851
all grp payments, after speaking to GL
(include group name, eg, Lunch, etc).

Outings Account

Sort: 40-52-40; A/c: 00027214
Outings payments as advised by
Geoff & Sharron Cox.

Please note: As a charity, we are not allowed to refund payments except under exceptional circumstances. This includes payments for group sessions which will have been carefully calculated to ensure they are viable. – *Lynn Frost, Treasurer*

Chairman's Notes

Hello to Members of Yateley & District u3a!

It's only two months since my first note, yet it's been a period full of noteworthy events – not just within the u3a!

In early September, to a packed Sandhurst Hall, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary that involved much chat, tea, cake, music and singing. It was so good to see so many people enjoying themselves and joining in with the Woking u3a Ukulele Band that played songs that everyone knew. Thank you to all those members that made the event special.

Then, not content with just one celebration, we planted a tree on the 29th in Yateley's orchard off Monteagle Lane. On that sunny morning there was a good turnout to watch me dig the hole and plant a plum tree. The tree will be a permanent symbol of the u3a in Yateley and an addition to the Queen's Platinum Green Canopy Initiative. It also adds to Yateley's new orchard that was planted earlier this year. Thank you to all those who attended.

The big event outside of our u3a was, of course, the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. When it comes to pomp and pageantry, we do it so well. Like many of you, I spent the day in front of the television in awe of the precision, colour and emotion. Did any of you get to see it in person? So, we now have a King – Charles III.

It's probably bizarre to mention the record breaking heatwave of August as we are settling in for winter and coming up to Christmas but I hope you all managed to cope or even enjoy the heat. Amazingly the gardens have almost recovered. In contrast we are facing a difficult time ahead with energy costs and inflation and I do hope that we can all manage to see it through. Your Yateley & District u3a continues to hold your membership fees at the same level as the last few years. Every little helps (as they say).

Finally, to complete my list of noteworthy events, is that we have a new Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer. [*Again!* – Ed.]

Wishing you all the best for the coming months, an enjoyable and safe Christmas and maybe see you at the monthly meetings before then.

– Peter Smith



Riviera Travel

A big 'thank you' to Pat Whelan and Pam Smith for a donation from **Riviera Travel** resulting from their holiday booking. Please let me know if you're booking a holiday with the company so that we can again take advantage of their generous offer for u3as.

– Lynn Frost, Treasurer

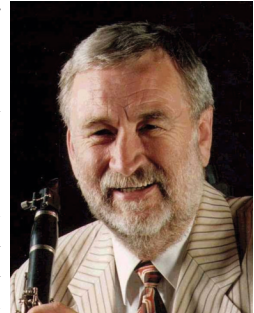
Monthly Meetings

We meet on the first Thursday morning of every month at the Sandhurst Community Hall, GU47 9BJ from 09:45-12:00. Entrance is £1 at the door and you can enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits while perusing, and perhaps signing up for, some of our group activities before any notices and our invited speaker begins.

Thursday 3rd November – Invited speaker **Chris Walker** will have a talk for us entitled:

What a Wonderful World: Louis Armstrong – “Satchmo”

Chris traces the career of the world’s greatest jazz trumpeter from his lowly beginnings at the home for waifs in New Orleans through the dizzy heights of the top New York Cabarets to the formation of his “All Stars” in 1947, which he led until his death in 1971. This talk includes some of Louis’ hit recordings as he rose to international stardom.



Chris took up playing clarinet at school and has had a successful and varied career as a professional musician in London and Hampshire. More recently, he produced a series of music and information-based jazz programmes for BBC Local radio all across the South.

Thursday 1st December – Our topical talk for this month’s meeting is entitled:

Christmas – A Festive History

In an uplifting presentation, **Andy Thomas** uncovers the long and intriguing background to the festive season. From the ancient celebration of light in the winter darkness, to the marking of the birth of a messiah, Andy shows how we can still find meaning in Christmas today.



Andy is the author of *Christmas – From Solstice to Santa*. He is also author of several books on unexplained mysteries and conspiracies, as well as guides to Sussex history and folklore (including the Lewes Bonfire Night traditions) and is a keen celebrator of the festive season. Andy widely writes and lectures and has made numerous radio and TV appearances.

Thursday 5th January – Our first meeting of 2023 will feature **Ian Porter** with his talk on **The Real Downton Abbey**.

– *Linda Norman, Speaker Secretary*

Please remember to help our kind refreshment volunteers, Liz and Len, (and the planet) by bringing your own reusable mug along to the meetings. Please also remember your £1 entrance fee and spare cash for raffle and newsletter (70p).

– *Ed.*

100 Club

It's good to see so many members at our monthly meetings. I think we all enjoyed our celebrations in September and wasn't Jeremy Holmes an excellent speaker in October!

£20, £20, £25

The lucky winners for September were:

No.23 Mary Lewis (£25); No.83 Celia Beckett (£20); No.56 Caroline Saunders (£20).

Our winners for October's draw were: No.71 Pat Whelan (£25); No.94 Mary Lewis (£20); No.32 Lillian Millard (£20).

I now have only three numbers left before I can breathe a sigh of relief and say that the 100 Club is now complete. Do please let me know if you are interested.



- If using e-banking, please enter 100CLUB as the payment reference and confirm payment to our Treasurer, Lynn Frost (treasurer@yateleyu3a.org.uk), with a copy to me when you transfer the money (see p2 for Lynn's contact details).
- If paying by cheque, please write 100 Club on the back and post it to Lynn (I'll give you her address).

All current members have all paid for the coming year. Please contact me directly if you have any queries.

– Anne Read; 100club@yateleyu3a.org.uk

Raffle



Thanks to our raffle helpers, Angie and Sue, and all contributors, September's raffle was the most successful we've had since before the pandemic. Limbcare in Yateley   is the beneficiary.

October's raffle raised money for the Daisy Chain Café. It's a dementia friendly place for people with dementia or memory loss, their partners, families and friends to meet up for a chat and some refreshments. The Daisy Chain Café is held on Monday afternoons at the Darby Green centre, Darby Green Road.



Appeal – Could I please ask you to bring along unopened bottles for the November Raffle? The raffle proceeds will help fund our December meeting's Christmas Hamper Raffle, the proceeds of which will be going to Phyllis Tuckwell.

All bottles will be gratefully received, such as soft drinks, wine, beer, shampoo, bubble-bath/shower gel, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, etc. Thanks very much in anticipation.

– Jean Pace; raffle@yateleyu3a.org.uk

Group News

New Group – Sewing

We are thinking of starting a sewing group. Currently, the plan is to meet fortnightly on Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in doing sewing projects and sharing ideas with others, then please get in touch for further information.

– Sue Carpenter, Groups Coordinator; groups@yateleyu3a.org.uk



Ballroom Dancing

It was a beautiful afternoon on the 8th October for our Autumn Tea Dance at Eversley Village Hall. Of the thirty people who attended, ten were from other u3a groups. We enjoyed a varied selection of ballroom, Latin, sequence and Rock & Roll dances that we have been learning over the last few years with our tutor, Jackie. All this, interspersed with lots of chat and plenty of tea and cakes, made for a fun time for everyone.



We hold our classes most Tuesdays at The Darby Green Centre from 2pm to 4pm. If you fancy coming along for a free taster session, please get in touch with me.

– Carmen Gadd; ballroom@yateleyu3a.org.uk

Bus Pass



Our final bus pass trip this year was to Windsor on a lovely, sunny autumn day. Many thanks to Chrissie and Lyn for organising.

– Sue Carpenter;
buspass@yateleyu3a.org.uk;



Luncheon

All members of Y&D u3a are welcome at the Lunches, but ***please ensure that your name is on the relevant list and let me know when you cannot attend.*** Many thanks. Unless otherwise stated, all lunches are at 12 noon. If you cannot attend at the last minute, please contact me on my mobile.

– Sue Stott; luncheon@yateleyu3a.org.uk

Date	Venue	Comments	Price	Payment	Places
Mon 14th November	Crown & Cushion Minley Road	Please send me your pre-order by 7th November	Menu on website	On the day	3
Mon 5th December	Christmas Lunch The Gallery Farnborough Tech	We have enjoyed this for the last few years	Menu on website	£28.50 ea by Nov meeting	6
Mon 16th January	Dog & Partridge Yateley	A favourite local place	See website. No pre-order.	On the day	24

Outings

To provisionally reserve a place and to check availability before paying, please give your name to Geoff or Sharron at the monthly meeting. Alternatively, you can email outings@yateleyu3a.org.uk or phone.



Please note: your place is not secured until payment is received in the Outings bank account (details on p2).

The Mamma Mia Christmas Party Lunch – Tuesday 13th December

Cost £50. Depart 09:30.



No apologies for mentioning Christmas so early! Join us at the Hilton Hotel, Cobham, for a Christmas party with an Abba theme. The talented entertainment duo will bring the 70s glamour to give you an afternoon of sheer delight in true Mamma Mia style. Be taken back to the days of glitter and Eurovision when Abba took the world by storm. On arrival, enjoy coffee and mince pie before buying your raffle tickets for your chance to win in the charity raffle. For

those that enjoy dressing up, there will be a prize for the favourite outfit (dressing up is optional). The entertainers will take to the stage for the first half of the Mamma Mia music show. Test your knowledge with a themed quiz. This will be followed by a delicious three course set-menu lunch. The hotel bar will be open throughout to purchase your own drinks. There will then be dancing to more Abba favourites for the second half of the show.

Pick up

Unless otherwise stated, pick up is from the lay by/bus stop outside Frogmore Campus, on the Reading Road. Please park in the top car park, next to the courts, as arranged with the campus. **Only Blue Badge holders may park in the bottom car park adjacent to the road.**

Payment

Because of the change to Internet banking, we will no longer be collecting deposits for each outing. Instead, please pay the full amount, via Internet banking, to the Outings account as detailed on page 2 of the newsletter. Use the name of the outing as the reference. Payment can be made at any time up to the 1st day of the month of the outing, but obviously your place is not reserved until payment has been received. We therefore suggest early payment to secure a place, but please give your name to us before payment to ensure there is availability on the trip.

Feedback and suggestions please

The number of people joining us on the monthly outings has decreased this year and the coach hire price has naturally increased, owing to fuel costs. These two factors mean we will have to increase the cost of each outing slightly. As the coach cost is fixed, and there is little price difference between the different sized coaches, the more people on the coach, the cheaper it is for everyone. But we would like to know if the drop in numbers is due to the price of the outings, the choice and venue of the outings, or is it simply the general increase in cost of living making people more careful with their money? We would also like to hear from you as to the type of outings you would like to go on. Bear in mind that it must appeal to a lot of people and not be too specialised. Some places suggested are only half day trips, but as there is little difference in the coach cost for half-day versus whole-day hire, we like to get value for money and go to two venues close together. Some places also offer lunches at reduced price for groups, but this increases the overall cost of the outing, and some people prefer just a snack at lunch time, thereby costing less. So currently, I don't usually book a group lunch.

We often compare our costs with those organised by the coach companies, but have discovered that some of these trips appear cheaper as they do not include the entrance costs. They take you to a town and let you decide what you do once there. So please email us with any thought, suggestions or comments. Thank you!

– Sharron & Geoff Cox; outings@yateleyu3a.org.uk

Latin

The new Latin group started at the beginning of October. It's for complete beginners and also people who studied it to some extent at school but are very rusty! It's very much a teach yourself group. We meet at Bistro 19 (Blackwater Valley Golf Centre) on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1pm. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us.

– Rosemary Prentice; latin@yateleyu3a.org.uk



Science & Technology

A big thank you to Roland Needham for stepping in during my absence in October with his talk entitled *The S&T of Sailing*. Thanks also to John Weale and Terry Redman for their kind support of the proceedings.

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Dates for your Diary



Thursday 3rd November

Monthly Meeting – *Sandhurst Community Hall*

Tuesday 8th December

Supper – *The Wyvern, Church Crookham*

Friday 11th November

New Members' Meeting – *Monteagle Community Hall*

Monday 14th November

Lunch – *The Crown & Cushion, Minley*

Friday 18th November

Coffee Morning – *Bistro 19, Blackwater Valley Golf Centre, Yateley*

Thursday 1st December

Monthly Meeting – *Sandhurst Community Hall*

Monday 5th December

Lunch – *The Gallery, Farnborough Tech*

Friday 9th December

Newsletter – Deadline for January/February input!

Tuesday 13th December

Outing – *Mamma Mia Christmas Party Lunch*

Friday 16th December

Coffee Morning – *Bistro 19, Blackwater Valley Golf Centre, Yateley*

Supper – *The White Lion, Yateley*

Groanalot

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counselling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade, listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

The therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched – with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, “This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this?” “Well,” said the husband. “I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but I play golf on Fridays.”

– *Anon*

Activity Groups Summary							Telephone
Group Name	Venue	Time	Frequency	Day	Contact	Telephone	
Art – Group 1	FCC Room F8 term-time	10:00	Weekly	Mon	Jeanne Threlkeld		
Art – Group 2	FCC Room F8 term-time	10:00	Weekly	Thu	Val Morgan-Tolworthy		
Aviation	The Tythings	10:30	Monthly	4 th Wed	Paul Cutting		
Ballroom Dancing	Darby Green Centre	14:00	Weekly	Tue	Carmen Gadd		
Books	Private house Yateley	14:30	Monthly	4 th Tue	Mary Lewis		
Bridge	Contact GL	14:00	Weekly	Thu	Mary Payne		
British History	Private house Blackwater	14:00	Monthly	2 nd Tue	Sue Stott		
Bus Pass	Various – see notice board		Mthly/Seasonal	Varies	Sue Carpenter		
Calligraphy	Inactive	10:00	Fortnightly	Wed	Anne Read		
Canasta	Contact GL	09:30	Weekly	Mon	Sylvia Guy		
Coffee Morning	Bistro 19	10:30	Monthly	Fri	Sue Carpenter		
Craft – Group 1	Private house Eversley	14:30	Fortnightly	Wed	June Coles		
Craft – Group 2	Private house Eversley	10:00	Fortnightly	Mon	June Coles		
Cribbage	The White Lion	14:00	Fortnightly	Mon	Sue Murrillo-Malynn		
Family History	Contact GL	15:45	Monthly	1 st Mon	Brenda Phillips		
French Conversation	Private houses	10:00	Weekly	Thu	Pam Hardy		
French Improvers	Private house Yateley	10:00	Weekly	Tue	Carolyn Sallis		
Gardening	FCC Gardens	10:30	Weekly ¹	Tue	Jean Bromham		
German Beginners	Private house Yateley	11:00	Twice Monthly	2 nd , 4 th Wed	Hilde Bartlett		
German Conversation 1	Private house Yateley	10:00	Monthly	1 st Tue	Marlies Needham		
German Conversation 2	Private house Yateley	09:15	Twice Monthly	2 nd , 4 th Wed	Hilde Bartlett		
Golf	Various		Weekly	Varies	Colin Godwin		
Grumpy Old Men	Private houses	10:00	Monthly	1 st Tue	Mick Starnes		
Italian Improvers	Contact GL	13:30	Weekly	Mon	Heather O’Gorman		
Jazz	The Tythings	10:30	Monthly	2 nd Wed	David Clarke		

Jig-saw Exchange	Sandhurst Community Hall	10:00	Monthly Mfg	1 st Thu	Sue Carpenter
Knit & Natter	Private houses	15:00	Fortnightly	Wed	Anne Read
Latin	Bistro 19	13:00	Twice Monthly	2 nd , 4 th Thu	Rosemary Prentice
Line Dancing	Darby Green Centre	14:00	Weekly	Fri	Linda Weatherley
Luncheon	See newsletter	12:00	Monthly	Mon	Sue Stott
MOTO	Contact GL	10:30	Monthly	3 rd Thu	Belle Hughes
Outings	See newsletter	am/pm	Varies	Varies	Sharron & Geoff Cox
Pétanque (seasonal)	FCC front field	14:00	Weekly ¹	Thu	Mark Weatherley
Photo Editing	Contact GL	14:00	Monthly	3 rd Tue	Bob Margolis
Photography (BV u3a)	The Tythings	14:30	Monthly	4 th Tue	Phil Rowling
Pilates	Frogmore/Online	13:30	Twice weekly	Mon/Wed	Linda Hitchen
Play Reading	Private house Yateley	14:00	Monthly	1 st Wed	Roland Needham
Rummikub	The Cricketers, Yateley	14:30	Weekly	Mon	Lynn Frost
Science & Technology	The Tythings	10:00	Monthly	3 rd Wed	Steve Carpenter
Signing 1	Private houses	10:30	Weekly	Tue	Janette Walton
Signing 2	Private houses	13:00	Weekly	Wed	Krystyna Cozens
Singing (BV u3a)	The Tythings	14:00	Twice Monthly	1 st , 3 rd Wed	Barbara Brooks
Spanish Conversation	Private house Yateley	10:00	Weekly	Mon	Sue Murrillo-Malynn
Spanish Improvers	Skype only	14:30	Weekly	Mon	Tony Rimmer
Supper Club	See newsletter	18:30	Monthly	Varies	Penny Thomsett
Table Tennis	Frogmore Leisure Centre	15:00	Weekly	Thu	Steve Carpenter
Tai Chi	The Tythings	12:00 ²	Weekly	Thu	Susy Smith
Theatre (Wokingham)	See newsletter	19:00		Varies	Brefni Bray
Walking – Strollers	See newsletter	10:00	Monthly	2 nd Fri	Jacky Cowley
Walking – Walkers	See newsletter	10:00	Monthly	Last Tue	Lella Ranger
Wine Appreciation	Contact GL	20:00	Monthly	3 rd Mon	Vic Payne

FCC = Frogmore Community College; ¹ weather permitting; ² 13:00 1st Thu only. Shaded cells indicate a change since the last newsletter.




Mindfuel

There's more of the usual but also a test for foodies in this Christmas special. Pour yourself a glass of your favourite tippie, grab a pencil and scrap of paper and get into the spirit with your favourite puzzle page. It's a cracker! Ho ho ho! Jingle bells. – *Ed.*



Pictograms

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5	SPLOASTCE

Sudoku

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Food Anagrams

- AS ANGEL (7)
- ON US SIMON PETER (10,4)
- ICED DRIP GUN (4,7)
- ENTHRAL SOCIOPATH (10,6)
- FIND HIS CHAPS (4,3,4)
- PUNCH MOLL HAS GUN (10,5)
- SCRUB HOST SON (3,5,4)
- SUNRISE NEW COCKED HAT (5,3,4,7)
- HER SHEEP DIPS (9,3)
- SHAGGIEST NOBLE POET (9,9)
- EVIL BEAN FOOD (4,8)
- SNUG SHRIMP ADDICT (9,7)
- TIE COAT PEG (7,3)
- JOB HAS LONG ARM (4,5,4)
- AMOK AS US (8)
- BAD MAN GNASHERS (7,3,4)
- SKEPTIC TODD (7,4)
- FILTER (6)
- MANIC KHAKI SALT CAKE (7,5,6)
- WORSHIP PUNK AGENCY (4,5,4,4)

Solutions on page 19 but no cheating!

On **Wednesday 16th November**, we'll be welcoming **Douglas Bateman** from Farnborough u3a for his talk entitled **Ordnance Survey – from inception to the present time**. The talk covers the very beginnings to the struggles by the surveyors during the re-triangulation, a look at a local trig point, the work of Ordnance Survey, and how satellites have taken over for mapping.

There'll be **no meeting in December** as it's in the busy run-up to Christmas. We'll return on **Wednesday 18th January**, for which I'm considering an open forum – an opportunity for you to discuss any S&T-related subjects, ask questions of our learned members or perhaps tell us of your personal experience with the latest technology.

In the meantime, stay safe and have a great time over the festive period. If you're a new member, then please get in touch if you'd like to join in these sessions and I'll add you to my email list for meetings and notifications.

The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 10:00-12:00 in the Tythings. Please join us if you're interested to learn more about what makes our world, and our lives, tick. Just £2 covers the cost of the venue and refreshments.

– *Steve Carpenter*; science@yateleyu3a.org.uk

Supper Club

As usual, can I firstly thank Anne and Keith and Sue and Steve for excellent evenings out. The atmosphere at both events was so good. If you missed these events, make sure you are there next time!

On **Tuesday 8th November at 7pm**, Martin and Linda are hosting an evening at **The Wyvern**, 75 Aldershot Road, Church Crookham GU52 8JY. Please remember that you will need to pre-order your food – you can find the menu on their website here: <https://thewyvernpub.co.uk/>. In the meantime, please add your name to Martin's list by emailing him on [REDACTED].



Phil and I are hosting the Christmas event at **The White Lion**, 104-108 Reading Road, Yateley GU46 7RX. If you wish to join us on **Friday 16th December at 7pm**, I will require a £5.00 deposit. Please apply to supper@yateleyu3a.org.uk in the first place. I can also now take your pre-order; you can find the menu here: <https://www.vintageinn.co.uk/restaurants/south-east/thewhitelionyateley/festive-menu/#/>.

That's it! Please contact me directly if you have any problems.

– *Penny Thomsett*; supper@yateleyu3a.org.uk



Tai Chi

The group has now started, but we have a few places available, so please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

– *Susy Smith*; taichi@yateleyu3a.org.uk



Talking Science

The free monthly lectures at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory near Didcot have resumed, but the earliest allowable arrival time for check-in at reception has now been set at 12:30. The staff canteen will by then be busy with workers, leaving little time for a relaxed lunch and coffee before the lecture starts at 13:30. Therefore, I don't think the trip will now appeal to the majority of our members who previously enjoyed these events, kindly facilitated by our volunteer drivers and car-sharing arrangement .

Of course, anyone is welcome to go to the talks by making their own arrangements. All the details, including booking your place, can be done online via Eventbrite's website: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-science-with-the-rutherford-appleton-laboratory-2022-23-tickets-392950735227?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>.

The talks take place at 13:30 and 19:00 and both are now 'hybrid' – you can visit in person or can watch at home via a Zoom webinar. You'll need to register on the website and make your selection there.

Theatre

As I am sure you may be aware, Clare has decided to step down from her role in the Theatre group. She will be sadly missed. However, with some trepidation, Tricia Needes and I have agreed to serve as joint leaders and hope to be equally organised.



I will be available at the next meeting to allow people to sign up for our next production, which is **Ladies in Lavender** on **Tuesday 24th January**. Tickets are £15. This is an evocative heart-warming story of unfulfilled dreams and unrequited love. It tells the tale of two sisters living in a Cornish fishing village in 1936. Their peaceful lives are disrupted by the discovery of a young Polish violinist on the beach.

– *Brefni Bray*; theatre@yateleyu3a.org.uk

Walking Groups

September Walk – On a sunny September day, nine of us set off from Swallowfield Church car park. After a short walk on the road, we turned left up a grass track between the fields. On one side, we could see the green fields of Swallowfield Park estate; on the



other side was farmland where sweet corn was growing in places. After climbing a hill we stopped for our 'banana break', some of us sheltering from the sun in the shade of a large oak tree to admire the view. We then headed to Thatcher's Ford, which was full of water and we wondered if any motorists

chanced going through it. We turned right entering a meadow passing the Blackwater Bridge and the Whitewater confluence. We followed the river, eventually coming back to the road. We then passed several fields of horses and Nutbean Farm. Later, turning right, we came across the George & Dragon pub before going down the grass track again. Along here, we disturbed a bird of prey eating it's lunch, possibly an unfortunate pheasant. The track led us back to the church and we entered the churchyard via the back gate. The church has been there for 700 years. Sadly, it was closed but we were able to admire the impressive iron gates at the front of the churchyard with the inscription 'In memory of George Halpin, Doctor and Friend 1882-1958'. The walk was five miles and took 2¼ hours.

– *Lella Ranger*

October Stroll – On the 14th October, 12 members of our u3a ventured around Bramshill Woods. The weather turned out to be quite mild and the sky cloudy, but we did have a glimmer of sun later. The ground was mostly gravel and sand, although there



were some clay areas which were quite boggy at times due to recent rain. We strollers skipped around the puddles. It was mostly flat and there were lots of tracks and paths to follow; some appeared to be fire breaks between the pine trees. We spotted much fungi but we were not tempted to pick any. When we returned to the car park, we found a large black 4x4 trying hard to get out of its parking space. It was hemmed in by two cars that did not belong to any of us. There was also a

large pile of fly-tipped rubbish to one side which did not help. We all stood while the driver manoeuvred her car directed by a friend. Having us watching could not have helped her, but she did get out safely in the end. We had walked four and a half miles. Thank you to Sandra Fairbrass for planning and leading our walk.

– *Jacky Cowley*

Our next strolls/walks are:

Date	Stroll & Walk Details	Contact(s)
Tue 29 th November	Walk – Memorial Hall Finchampstead. 4 miles, no stiles. Walk to California, walk around the lake and stop for coffee, etc. From Eversley cricket pitch, turn right. Then turn left at the Greyhound into 'The Village'. The hall is down the hill on the right. RG40 4JU.	Daphne Harvey Jean Edwards
Fri 9 th December	Stroll – Dinton Pastures Winnersh/Hurst. 3 miles, no stiles. Take B3272 Reading Rd Yateley towards Reading. At roundabout, take A327 right towards Reading. At The Bull R/B in Arborfield, take 3 rd exit B3030 to Winnersh. RG10 0TH.	Jacky Cowley



Groanalot More



My wife likes mayonnaise but I prefer salad cream. Do you think our relationship needs addressing?

My wife said, “Did you eat my chocolate eclair in the fridge?” I said, “No. I ate it in the living room.”

I can't spell Apockolips but its not the end of the world!

I used to work for a company that made submarines, but it went under.

I was looking forward to my new career in mining but got shafted on day one!

I can always tell when they use fake dinosaurs in films.

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

Why did the ram run off the cliff? Because he didn't see the ewe turn.

I started a club for insomniacs at 3.00am the other night and wondered if anybody else was up for it?

My son was injured chewing electrical wires. He's doing better currently and conducting himself properly.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

She was fired from the fruit factory as she couldn't concentrate.

My bathroom was called the “John”, but I decided to rename it the “Jim.” I feel much better saying I went to the Jim.

“Dad, what's the difference between a barrister and a barista?” “About £900 an hour son.”

Before injections I calm myself by saying, “You can do this”. Sometimes it makes my patients more nervous.

I said to the baker, “How come all your cakes are 50p, but that one's a pound?” He said, “That's Madeira cake.”

I'm fed up with Olympic athletes talking about the sacrifices they've made. What do they want? A medal?

Vincent Price was taller than Katie Price and Alan Price. I found this on a price comparison website.

I'm looking for jokes about eyes. The cornea the better.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I just saw Michael J Fox in the local garden centre. I knew it was him as he had his back to the fuchsia.

I've just been to a lecture on balaclavas. To be honest, it went completely over my head.

Third Age Trust

AGM 2022 – Follow-up

Please see the following note advising us of the outcome of the voting which took place at the TAT's AGM in October.

– *Jill Sims, Secretary*

Dear members,

At a meeting held immediately after the Annual General Meeting held on 6th October, the Board of Trustees reviewed the outcome and implications of the main proceedings.

The Board recognised that almost 50% of u3as took an active part in the AGM, demonstrating a higher level of engagement than at any other AGM in memory, and that must be positive in a democratic organisation.

However, there was some disappointment that none of the amendments or resolutions associated with membership subscription were successful. In effect, this means that at this stage for 2023/24 and 2024/25, the Trust will remain under funded.

The Board is preparing revised financial forecasts and an action plan. We recognise the need for open discussion with the membership in order to ensure that we hear the concerns, views and aspirations of the u3a membership.

More details of discussion opportunities will come in committee mailings over the next few months. Please share this with your committees and members as appropriate.

Many thanks,

Liz Thackray,
Chair
Third Age Trust

Third Age Matters magazine

How many realise that we are part of a National Organisation? The TAM is a way of keeping us up to date as well as the Trust's online newsletter, are you registered for that? Go to: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/newsletter>

The TAM can be read online, as many of us find a large magazine just does not get read these days, and ends up in the recycling. It has been suggested that those that do get the magazine, once read and devoured by them, could be brought to the monthly meetings for others to pick up and flick through. The majority of the Committee get the TAM by post and will start by bringing their copies, once read, to the following monthly meeting. Do look out for them appearing on the tables.

– *Lynn Frost, Treasurer*

Well-Versed

A Modern Take on Classic Nursery Rhymes

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
The structure of the wall was incorrect
So he won ten grand with Claims Direct.

It's raining, it's pouring
Of course its global warming.

Jack and Jill went into town
To fetch some chips and sweeties
Now he can't keep his heart rate down
And she's got diabetes.

Georgie Porgie pudding and pie
Kissed the girls and made them cry.
When the boys came out to play
He kissed them too coz he was gay.

Mary had a little lamb
It ran into a pylon
10,000 volts went up its a*se
And turned its wool to nylon.



"I wish I'd known this is what they meant by conjugal visit."

In Memoriam

We are sorry to announce the death of Pitt Gensch, a member of our Science & Technology group, who suffered a fatal heart attack at home in August. Pitt will be remembered for his love of photography, nature and all things scientific. He was very sporty in his earlier years, becoming a teenage champion of fencing and enjoying many other sports. In later life he belonged to several folk clubs, took to caravan touring and enjoyed walks on Yateley Common. He leaves behind his wife, Mary and extended family. The funeral took place on the 17th September at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. There will be a musical celebration of Pitt's life at a later date.



– Mary B Lyons

Just before going to press, we learnt of the sad death of Mike Watkins in October. He will be fondly remembered as a long-time member of our Rainbow Singers group. His widow, Kay, wrote to say how surprised and touched she was by the number of u3a friends who remembered Mike after so many years and also how greatly she appreciated their kind messages of love and support. – Ed.

Christmas Table-Centres

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner and some members have expressed an interest in making a floral display for their Christmas table. I am planning to run a session for up to eight people for a nominal fee, hopefully on Thursday 15th December pm at the WI Hall in Yateley. Please let me know if interested.

– Jeanne Threlkeld, j.threlkeld@sky.com

Mindfuel Solutions

space invaders; Arctic Circle; a friend in need; painless operation; lost in space

Pictograms

8	5	1	3	2	6	4	9	7
6	3	9	4	7	8	5	2	1
2	7	4	1	9	5	8	3	6
4	9	7	2	8	3	6	1	5
1	6	8	7	5	9	3	4	2
3	2	5	6	4	1	7	8	9
7	1	2	8	6	4	9	5	3
9	8	6	5	3	2	1	7	4
5	4	3	9	1	7	2	6	8

Sudoku

- 1. LASAGNE
- 2. MINESTRONE SOUP
- 3. RICE PUDDING
- 4. LANCASHIRE HOTPOT
- 5. FISH AND CHIPS
- 6. PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH
- 7. HOT CROSS BUNS
- 8. SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN
- 9. SHEPHERD'S PIE
- 10. SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE
- 11. BEEF VINDALOO
- 12. CHRISTMAS PUDDING
- 13. COTTAGE PIE
- 14. LAMB ROGAN JOSH
- 15. MOUSSAKA
- 16. BANGERS AND MASH
- 17. SPOTTED DICK
- 18. TRIFLE
- 19. CHICKEN TIKA MASALA
- 20. KING PRAWN CHOP SUEY

Food Anagrams

Our 25th Anniversary



Anniversaries are opportunities to recollect cherished memories and to share them again. This year, Yateley & District u3a celebrates its 25th Anniversary (1997 to 2022) and over 125 of us celebrated this milestone on the 1st September at our monthly meeting. The event started with a welcome and introduction address, followed by cutting of the cakes by three past chairs and me (current chair). Members enjoyed a



screen show of past events and wonderful entertainment provided by the Woking u3a Ukulele Band.



At the end of the month, on a sunny morning, a group of us marked our special anniversary by planting a plum tree, as a permanent symbol of the u3a in Yateley & District and an addition to



the Queen's Platinum Green Canopy Initiative. It's our proud addition to Yateley's new orchard that was planted earlier this year.
– Peter Smith, Chairman

