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# Heart of England

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## August 2014 Newsletter

### TODAY'S MEETING

Our speaker for August will be Alan Winterburn, who has entertained us with 'Cotswold Curiosities' & 'Little Known Warwickshire Part 1'. So he will be presenting 'Little Known Warwickshire Part 2'. We look forward to another browse around our county.

### NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER

There won't be a speaker after the AGM on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Instead, we are holding a Group's Gala, when Groups & others will be able to showcase what they do. It will be an opportunity for new members to see what groups are about or maybe to get ideas about starting up new groups, if they think that there are gaps. Each group giving a presentation will have about 5 minutes, so that should fill up the hour nicely. There will also be background DVDs to add to the enjoyment. We hope that it will prove to be enjoyable for everybody.

### CHAIRMAN'S JULY JOTTINGS

*Geoff Bridgewater*

Hello everyone and welcome to our August monthly meeting.

The Methodist Church have, apart from a few 'tweaks', completed their ambitious refurbishment and must be congratulated on an excellent result. Unfortunately, everyone that uses the building must now become even more security conscious, following a number of recent break-ins and thefts. Consequently, the entry code has been changed and only a limited number of people will be issued with the new number. In our case, the group leaders will be given the code but will be under strict instructions not to divulge it, except to a trusted nominated deputy, if they are unable to attend a particular meeting. In addition, when the door is unlocked for entry and exit of group members, a delegated member of the group must be located at the door and must lock the door when their meeting starts. Any late-comer will then have to use the external intercom to their particular room to announce their arrival. It has caused great aggravation to the Church authorities and it is our responsibility to ensure that the Heart of England U3A are diligent in this important matter.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

Membership fees are unchanged at £16.00 for the year 2014/15 and are due from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. If paid by the Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October monthly meeting a discount of £1 may be taken (pay £15). Any membership fees not paid by the Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December monthly meeting, membership will automatically lapse and, if required, will have to be re-applied for. Anyone who requires a paper copy of the Newsletter to be posted to them, please add £4 to their membership fee to cover postage for the year. Renewal forms will NOT be required unless you have changed your contact details. Envelopes are available from the Treasurer's table at this meeting.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MEMBERS

Our September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our 13<sup>th</sup> AGM and nominations for Officers and Committee, duly proposed and seconded, for the year 2014/15 may be submitted, using the available nomination form, to the Chairman or Business Secretary at today's meeting. The status of the current Officers and Committee together with any nominations already received is summarised below. Our current Vice Chairman, Aline Cumming, has indicated her willingness to continue for another year, without any future commitment to eventually succeeding me as Chairman. Consequently, it is imperative that a new Vice Chairman is found and co-opted to the 2014/15 committee before the 2015/16 AGM.

Chairman	Geoff Bridgewater	Available for election
Vice Chairman	Aline Cumming	Available for election
Treasurer	Sue Tringham	Available for election
Business Secretary	Sue Ocock	Available for election
Membership	Brian Bradley	Retiring
Committee	Coral Bradley	Available for election
Committee	Sylvia Crooks	Available for election
Committee	Dorothy Jones	Available for election
Committee	Edwin Lilly	Available for election
Committee	Athena Roderick	Available for election
Committee	Marilyn Shorey	Available for election
Committee	Sandy Stewart	Available for election
Committee	Jayne Jones	Available for election

## **COURSES ON-LINE-FROM NATIONAL OFFICE**

*Robyn Nicoll*



Tutored Courses are being offered now. Details may be found by visiting the national U3A web site easily accessed via our Heart of England Web Site. A fee is payable for these courses and members will at first need to register at National Office for verification of membership. National Web Site. [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) **Go to "Create an Account"**

Note: There is no charge for the Untutored Courses. A list of these courses may be found on the notice board and all have been downloaded over the past 2 years. These courses may be forwarded to members via e-mail or transferred to a memory device. These courses are ideal for a small group to study together. Courses studied so far: Garden History, Art History, and China History Ancient and Modern.

**A member is interested in the Russian History Course which could begin in September. Please sign the sheet on the notice board table or contact Robyn for more information.**

(redbird22@hotmail.co.uk)

## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

### **THE CHINA DISCUSSION GROUP**

*Robyn Nicoll*

Our next get-together will be on **Friday afternoon, 22nd August, 2.30 to 4.30**, in side room 2.

The topic for discussion will be Human Rights in China which should provide us with plenty of research opportunities. Do join us for this informal discussion afternoon.

Find out more from Robyn Nicoll. [redbird22@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:redbird22@hotmail.co.uk) or David Ralph. [david@ralphhome.com](mailto:david@ralphhome.com).

### **ALL SWING & JAZZ GROUP**

*Mavis Pickett*

#### Report of June 2014 meeting.



On a very hot afternoon there was very much a 'Schools Out' atmosphere for this month's session which resulted in a delightfully swinging afternoon. The Humphrey Littleton Octet got us off to an interesting start playing "Unbooted Character" most of us agreed didn't sound like him at all. Then there was a change of mood and tempo with the Harry Strutters Hot Rhythm Orchestra playing "The Mooch". Another interesting group came next with Danny Davis and His Nashville Brass playing "Columbus Stockade Blues" this group was formed in the 1960s with the idea of replacing the vocals with a brass ensemble (!!!). Yet another interesting group followed and this was The Charleston Chasers playing "Basin Street Blues" This group didn't actually exist outside the studios, they existed as a studio recording ensemble for Columbia Records..The line up by the way included..Charlie Teagarden, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Jack Teagarden and Gene Krupa amongst others. Included in the next line up of tracks were Monty Sunshine Quartet, The Roger Neumann's Rather Large Band and a nice bit of boogie from Jules Holland playing "After Hours". A great track followed Dinah Washington singing "New Blowtop Blues" (lyrics). The first half finished with lovely vibraphone solo from Red Norvo playing "Have You Met Miss Jones"

After a VERY talkative interval, Woodchoppers Ball (our rallying call) brought us back to our seats straight into a track by Chris Ingham and his Quartet playing the Hoagy Carmichael tune "The Old Music Master". Then a total change of mood with "Black Coffee" played by Tubby Hayes on the vibes....Beautiful.. We then had a second female vocalist It was Anita O'Day singing "No Moon At All" on my notes I've written **superb**. This was quickly followed by another **superb** track it being "Blue Horizon" played by Sidney Bechet. This was followed by two of Dennis's specials The first being "Just Squeeze Me" sung by Clark Terry and "Huggin' and Chalkin'" sung by a member of the Chris Ingham Quartet. Both of these tracks were treasures, the first for the Scat singing and the second for the lyrics. The afternoon finished with yet another vocal (he certainly spoils us) This time it was "Fly Me To the Moon" sung by Huey Morgan of 'The Fun lovin' Criminals' Beat that for an ending to a programme. Thanks again Dennis, we didn't exactly skip out of the room but might have done if we were a bit fitter.

Next meeting will be on the 28th August in the lounge of the Methodist Church Hall at the usual time of 2pm.

### **ART APPRECIATION GROUP**

*Pam Collins*



For our July meeting we visited two of the Warwickshire Open Studios (Ragley Gallery and Studios and The Barn, Bidford), with a very pleasant lunch break in between. Thirteen artists were exhibiting at Ragley and seven were at Bidford. This meant we enjoyed both quality and diversity in what we found, and we were made very welcome at both venues. There will be no meeting in August.

## **BALLROOM DANCING**

*John B Barker*



When this Newsletter is available there will be only one more dance session planned ( August 20th), unless Geoff has negotiated a further set of Ballroom classes to take place over the Autumn months on a suggested 2 weekly basis as before.

Over the period of the 9 sessions I think all the dancers have benefited from my limited instruction and hopefully enjoyed the fortnightly group get together and the CDs that I have chosen for the dancing. I am sure there has been lots of enjoyment and most of the participants will wish for the classes to continue into the autumn and winter.

I would like to thank Aline for all her help arranging for the audio speakers and keeping the attendance details. Also thanks go to the ladies for providing the tea and biscuits at the breakout sessions. Keep Dancing.

## **BIG BAND MUSIC AND JAZZ GROUP**

*Sue Tringham*



Elliot Cave was the brave man this month to put together the programme. He called it his hotch, potch mixture and it was! He opened with Bix Beiderbecke playing Way down yonder in New Orleans followed by Albert Ammons Barrelhouse Boogie. From the old to the new, next we had Andre Previn playing On the street where you live followed by the Original Dixieland Jazz Band playing a frantic Clarinet Marmalade. Wild Bill Davison, Eddie Condon and Duke Ellington followed. Some Big Band from Ted Heath with the comment that we do not hear him played much these days on the radio mixed in with Benny Goodman playing After you've gone. The second set opened with Muggsy Spanier singing There'll be some changes made followed by a typical gentle Ellington blues, Just A sittin' & A rocking. Perfectionist Artie Shaw played Stardust followed by the Swedish duo of Arne Domnerus & Bob Wilber on clarinet and piano. After this it was back to the old favourites, Louis Armstrong with Black & Blue and Woody Herman playing a very noisy Apple Honey! Frankie Trumbauer was a traditional early 30's jazz player. Next we heard Duke Ellington playing a light hearted Dancers in Love. We finished with Humphrey Littleton singing I wish I could shimmy like my sister Kate and Frank Sinatra singing I've got you under my skin. All in all a great selection.

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 2 – 4pm at the Methodist Church. Some of our group are happy to put a programme together but there is no requirement to do so! Tony Badham, who runs our group, can always be relied upon to put together an unusual programme when no-one volunteers. Please come and join us.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

*John Yeomans*



The Bridge Group is friendly, sociable, and keen to encourage new members. We also offer encouragement to "rusty" ex- players. The Group meets every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 in the Methodist Hall Side Room next to the kitchen.

## **CARD MAKING GROUP**

*( Robyn Nicoll standing in for Carolyn Leach)*



We will be meeting on Friday, 8th August, from 12.30pm to 4.30pm. The project will be to make a simple stepped card which can be adapted to suit many sizes of card and many occasions. New members are welcome to come along. Some equipment is needed but most materials for the project are supplied. Please get in touch with Carolyn for more information.

## **THE CHOIR**

*Dorothy Jones*



We only had one meeting in July as Stewart was examining and is now on holiday. We had a short singalong then had snacks and chats.

The proceeds from our Summer concert were £650. We have sent £325 to HELP the HEROES, the UK charity to help those who have been wounded in Britain's current conflicts. We also donated £325 to the Methodist Church Redevelopment as I'm sure we all appreciate the work which has been done.

Many thanks to everyone for your continued support at our concerts

## **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

*Aline Cumming*



The August meeting will continue the Symphony series at Bridge Cottage on Monday 18th August.

## **COMPUTER GROUP AT STRATFORD SCHOOL.**

*Robyn Nicoll*



The Computer Courses for Beginners and Improvers have finished for the summer.

We have learned a lot from each other during the sessions and we hope to resume in September.

Sessions are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 4pm to 6pm.

To register your interest in the courses, please sign the sheet on the notice board table or contact Ron or Robyn. Ron( 01789 205878 ); Robyn ( 01789 417935 ).

*(Offers to help at the sessions would be greatly appreciated)*

## **CREATIVE CRAFT GROUP**

*Robyn Nicoll for Tricia Callaghan*



The crafters have been busy for several months knitting and crocheting squares for the Chairman's Christmas coat. All the squares are on display. Please sponsor a square/s so that we can construct a colourful coat and support The Stroke Association, the Chairman's chosen charity. To thank you for your contribution, your name will be entered in the Christmas Draw to take place at the December monthly meeting.

At our next meeting, we will be starting to prepare items for a stall at the Church Bazaar to be held on Saturday, 15th November. Our focus will be on Scandinavian paper crafts seen at the British Craft and Hobbycraft Show at the NEC last year. Anyone interested in trying something different is very welcome to join us on **Thursday afternoon, 21st August, 2pm to 4pm** in the new room. Please contact Tricia for more information.

## **DINAHS**

*Sylvia Crooks*



Lovely to see everyone for lunch at the Red Lion again. We are starting to get the red carpet treatment by the staff. As usual lots of chat catching up on all we had been up to in the past month. A welcome to Cindy who had joined us for lunch for the first time. Holiday deals on offer at the moment were discussed. Stratford Railway Station and traffic around Stratford: lots to say about the congestion on the Birmingham road. Dog walkers and the swans at the river side is a problem, when dog owners do not keep their dogs on the lead.

A change for lunch next month: Dinahs meet at No 9 Restaurant on Church Street on the 5th August at 12.15.

## **DISCUSSION GROUP**

*Athena Roderick*



We met at The Windmill & the topic was "Memories, good & bad from childhood, adolescence, middle age & 3rd Age." Some early memories were from wartime & so were rather dark & dreary. Also, of hardship in a farming family & relief when an escape to London was made in teens. Most felt that we had enjoyed pretty good lives, with National Service being of real benefit. We were surprised to learn that visiting wasn't allowed to a very sick mother in hospital. Not everybody had a chance to talk, as we veered off the subject, as usual. So, as others weren't there to contribute, I suggest that we have Part 2, next meeting on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> August at The Windmill at 12.30.

## **FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

*Sue Ocock*



Due to lack of interest and numbers, the future of the Family History Group is very uncertain. We are actively looking for ideas to generate further interest in the group. If you have any suggestions then please let Sue know. Perhaps you have a particular area of interest or want to suggest a visit to a relevant location. All ideas are welcome. Future meeting days/times are up for discussion.

If you are interested in attending feel free to contact Sue Ocock (01789 491004) or Edwin Lilly (01789 204472).

## **FILM GROUP**

*Mary Fishleigh*



What a great film we watched in July. It was "Kinky Boots" which was a British comedy-drama released in 2005. It was based on a true story inspired by an episode of "Trouble at the Top", a BBC2 documentary series, which featured the struggles of a family-controlled shoe factory to prevent closure. The main star of the film was Chiwetel Ejiofor, who many of you will have seen recently as the star in "12 Years a Slave". In Kinky Boots he played a drag-queen, for which part he was nominated for a best actor award.

We all agreed that he well deserved the nomination as he was brilliant. The film was voted a great success by all of us. We have room for more people and can promise an enjoyable and thought provoking program. Our aim is to show films that are not on general release now – some oldies, some considered art or cult, some foreign films (with subtitles), some that are regarded as exceptional for the acting or production.

The next meeting will be on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Lounge at the Methodist Church.

## **GAMES GROUP**

*Sue Tringham*



Our new venue at the Buzz Cafe at the top of Henley Street is working well. (Entrance from the car park at the back). We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month and our dates for August are 4th and 18th. We are playing dominoes, whist and Scrabble combined with tea, coffee, biscuits and lots of laughter and chat! Next game on the agenda is cribbage but we are still reminding ourselves how to play it! It is very informal. If anyone wants to join the group my details are on the newsletter or just turn up.

## **GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP**

*Graham Mitchell*



A somewhat smaller gathering of Grumps, this month turn their attention to a truly topical matter "What have we learnt from the World Cup?". Kicking off the discussion Grump of the Month Derek Phillips gave us his comprehensive analysis of the reasons behind England's dismal failure. While, in the main, agreeing with Derek, the Grumps felt that overall the World Cup was enjoyable and, despite the too numerous cynical fouls which frequently disrupted the flow of the games, possibly the best ever as positive and attacking football replaced the more cautious and defensive mindset that has dominated many of the previous tournaments.

Next Meeting - Wed. 20th August - Venue - Le Bistrot Pierre

Subject - The Television/Media Personality we most love to hate. Introduction - Open To All.

PS - New Grumps always welcome. Why not join us? Convivial company, stimulating conversation and a good lunch.

## **HISTORY GROUP**

*Sheela Burchill*



At our July meeting, having battled our way through the new security system, we settled down to watch Gabriel Pascal's 1938 version of 'Pygmalion', based on G B Shaw's play (for those who don't know, Pygmalion is a figure in Greek mythology who made a statue of a beautiful woman which came to life and with whom he fell in love). There were some technical problems so we decided to have our interval tea and biscuits and finally managed to see over half of the film before the gremlins interfered again. (the film is very entertaining with sparkling witty passages and excellent performances from Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller.) We had a brief discussion on the position of women in society in the 1920s, the condescension or indeed contempt of the middle classes shown towards the "undeserving" poor and the development of the relationship between Professor Higgins (Howard) and Eliza Doolittle (Hiller). We were able to see the last 10 minutes of the film with its somewhat ambiguous happy ending. An eventful afternoon. There is no meeting in August. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September Edwin Lilly is going to tell us about the 'Romans in Britain'. All welcome.

## **KEEP FIT GROUP**



The Keep Fit Group has shrunk and we would like some new members. It is not like school and we have a great time exercising our mouths as well as our bodies. Everyone works at their own level and Debbie, our tutor, is excellent. The cost is approx. £4.50 per session payable at the beginning of the month. If you would like to come for a taster ring Mary Palmer on 204707. Thursday mornings at 10.00 am in Shottery Church Hall.

## **SUMMER OUTING**

*Coral Bradley*



For those who have not booked yet. I have managed to get a bigger coach so there are a few places left to go to Powis Castle. This is a National Trust property so if you are a member you will only have to pay for the coach and a tip for the driver this is £14.00. If you are not a member of the National Trust the coat is £24.00. We leave the leisure centre in Stratford at 8.30 and Henley at 9.00. If you haven't been before, the castle is old but full of interesting things and the gardens are very beautiful. My phone number is 01789 488551.

## **PILATES GROUP - MONDAY**



Weekly at St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Shottery 12:15 and 1:15. For more information call Gill Ganner on 269657.

## **PILATES GROUP - WEDNESDAY**



Weekly 10.30 to 11.30 at St Andrew's Parish Centre, Shottery. For more information call Sue Workman on 297061.

## **PLAY READING GROUP**

*Sylvia Crooks*



We met on the 17th July at Sylvia's house for coffee. Then we read "Collect your Hand Baggage" by John Mortimer, a comedy. So funny enjoyed by all, some good reading. Next meeting is on the 21st August 10.30am at Sylvia's.

## **READING GROUP – MONDAY**

*Phyllis Bailey*

As luck would have it I have heard from most members that this month's book was a great success. We thoroughly enjoyed Geradine Brook's "People of the Book" and look forward to a lively discussion. The cover describes it as a haunting literary mystery based on the discovery of an ancient Jewish prayer book and a brilliant imaginative account of its possible history. We would warmly recommend it to other groups using the library scheme.

## **READING GROUP – WEDNESDAY**

*Dorothy Jones*



Our latest book was MADAME BOVARY translated by Gustave Flaubert in 1850. As usual the group had mixed opinions, some found it boring and irritating and others saw the merits in the novel and enjoyed it. There were good descriptions of French provincial life and social morals. Some members found Madame Bovary very selfish and others felt rather sorry for her being married to an older boring man, though she did have several affairs with younger men!

## **READING GROUP – FRIDAY**

*Coral Bradley*



This month we read The Last Runaway by Tracey Chevalier. This is an easy read and gives some interesting topics for discussion. The story is set in America on the route that the slaves take as they try to get to Canada. The heroine is a Quaker and discovers that helping the slaves and then paying the price when you are caught doing this puts you in a difficult position. There is also a lot about the importance of quilts in that society. Our members enjoyed the book but felt that the ending was not 'right' and some of the characters were a bit 'thin'.

## **ROCK & ROLL GROUP**

*Coral Bradley*



We met in the newly refurbished lounge and found it very comfortable. The programme was mixed with quite a number of early rock & roll numbers but of course we had to have a few challenges with some hard rock thrown in. This is good for discussion.

## **SCIENCE AND NATURE GROUP**

*Aline Cumming*



For our July meeting we watched a DVD about the Brooklyn Bridge. We learned how the very wide strait with ferocious tides and currents and a very rocky and unknown bottom was successfully bridged with a suspension bridge - the longest to date when it was built in the latter half of the 19th century. There were many problems to overcome, particularly with "caisson disease" (now known as Nitrogen Narcosis or The Bends.) through working in high pressure air excavating the seabed to enable secure foundations to be installed. The design was by John Augustus Roebling aided by his son Washington Roebling. Tragedy struck and John was critically injured by a freak accident on the waterfront. His son took over management of the project, not without some criticism by members of the board. Later, he was incapacitated by 'Caisson Disease' and his wife Emily was forced to provide a link to the building team from Washington who was housebound, but could see the bridge site from his window. Next meeting is Friday 8th August.

## **SPANISH CONVERSATION**

*Brenda Wardle*



Thank you to Lise for conversation exercise at Dorothy's on the 30th of June. We were a thin on the ground group due to holidays and various appointments. We are not sure of the date of the next meeting due to holidays.pm.

### **SYMPHONY HALL CONCERT WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH 2-15PM.**

*Dorothy Jones*

Andris Nelsons conducts Strauss "Don Quixote" and Brahms "Symphony No 1." This will be the last season that we will have the pleasure of Andris Nelson as Musical Director of the CBSO as he is to be Director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, America.

The cost of the visit will be £32, which includes concert ticket and return coach to the Symphony Hall. We will leave the Stratford Leisure Centre at 12-30pm and pick up our Henley group from Johnson's Depot en route to Birmingham. Cheques made out to HEART OF ENGLAND U3A and sent to Dorothy Jones. **Payment is due NOW**

### **THEATRE GROUP.**

*Coral Bradley*



Our next theatre trip is on 16 August 2014 to Malvern Theatre to see "April in Paris". We leave Henley as usual at 12.00 and the Leisure Centre at 12.30. This play is a rom/com so should be light hearted for a summer afternoon.

### **WALKING GROUP**

*Valerie Redfern*



The next walk will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 10. a.m. and start from Southam. This is a five mile walk around Southam and Bascote visiting a Holy Well and a 14<sup>th</sup> century Manor house which is said to have been the resting place for Charles 1 in 1642 before the battle of Edgehill. It is a little different to our usual walks.

There is a public car park (free) near the post office in the High Street (GR 419620) and this is where we will meet and we can also park our cars. I recommend good walking shoes and that you also bring a drink with you as there is nothing on the way.

### **THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER : STRATFORD U3A OUTING**

I am organising an outing for Stratford U3A to the National Space Centre and Taylor's Bell Foundry in September and would welcome anyone from Heart of England who would like to join us. If you're interested, please contact me.

#### **National Space Centre and Loughborough Bell Foundry & Museum: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

An 8.45am start for 10am arrival at the Space Centre. The cost covers coach fare and tip, entry to the Space Centre galleries, Planetarium Show & 3D Simulator Ride, and the Bell Foundry tour and museum. There is a café at the Space Centre but lunch is not included in the price. Taylor's Bell Foundry, Loughborough, is one of only two still in production in the UK and was featured on Michael Portillo's TV rail journeys. The bells of Holy Trinity, Stratford, were cast here. We may be lucky enough to see a bell being cast, but it's not guaranteed as orders are not predictable. The tour and museum visit takes about an hour and a half and involves a lot of standing and walking. We should be back in Stratford by about 5 o'clock.

#### **Cost £36**

Margaret Dews, Telephone 01789 209900 or email [km27dews@gmail.com](mailto:km27dews@gmail.com)

### **WHAT'S ON - MONTHLY MEETINGS AT STRATFORD, SHOTTERY, DENE VALLEY & ALCESTER U3A**

Stratford	- 27th August	- "Genealogy - Family Tree "	- Paul Wilkins.
Shottonery	- 2nd September	- "Knot for Wimps "	- J Jarvis.
Dene Valley	- 12th August	- "The Live and Works of George Formby"	- Kevin Barfield.
Alcester	- 2nd September	- "The River Severn from Bridgenorth to the sea"	- Brian Draper.

### **HELP OUT WITH STRATFORD'S HARVEST SHARE**

Stratford's Harvest Share scheme will get under way at the start of August, when teams of volunteers will start picking fruit in local gardens and orchards for free distribution to local care homes and children's groups..

Anyone is welcome to take part in picking – or in the equally important sorting and distribution of the fruit.

Picking sessions take place at Anne Hathaway's Cottage on Saturday mornings and in private gardens and orchards on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Fruit sorting and distribution takes place on Monday mornings at Harvest Share's temporary store – which this year is kindly being provided by Stratford Baptist Church

People wanting more details about Harvest Share can contact the scheme on [harvest@transitionstratford.com](mailto:harvest@transitionstratford.com) or phone 01789 298503.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Group Leader</b>	<b>Usual Meeting Day (Monthly)</b>
All That Swing & Jazz	Dennis Sully	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 2 - 4pm
Art Appreciation	Sylvia Kentish Pam Collins	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 2pm
Ballroom Dancing	John Barker	As Appropriate
Big Band Music and Jazz	Tony Badham	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2 - 4pm
Bridge	John Yeomans	Every Tuesday 2.30pm
Card Making	Carolyn Leach	As Announced
China Discussion Group	Robyn Nicoll	4th Friday 2.30 - 4.30
Chinwags Lunch	Belinda Sylvestor	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 12 noon
Choir	Ruth Grahame	Every Friday
	Dorothy Jones	12.15 to 1.45
Classical Music	Aline Cumming	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 2.00pm
Creative Crafts	Tricia Callaghan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2 - 4pm
Computers	Robyn Nicoll	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 4 - 6pm
Dinahs Luncheon	Sylvia Crooks	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday for lunch
Discussion	Athena Roderick	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Family History - Genealogy	Sue Ocock	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 4.00pm
Film Group	Mary Fishleigh	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday PM
	Mavis Pickett	
Games	Sue Tringham	1st and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays 2.00 - 4.00
Grumpy Old Men	Graham Mitchell	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday for lunch
History	Janet Anslow	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 2.00pm
Keep Fit	Mary Palmer	Every Thursday 10am
Opera	Aline Cumming	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2.00pm
Pilates - Monday	Gill Ganner	Mondays 12.15 - 1.15
Pilates - Wednesday	Sue Workman	Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.30
Play Reading	Sylvia Crooks	- See Newsletter for dates -
Poetry Reading	Jennifer Davey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 10 - 12noon
Reading - Monday	Phyllis Bailey	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 2.30 - 4.30pm
Reading - Wednesday	Dorothy Jones	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2.30pm
Reading - Friday	Coral Bradley	As Appropriate
Rock & Roll Music	Coral Bradley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 2.00 - 4.00pm
Science & Nature (including Bird Watching)	Aline Cumming	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fridays 2.00 - 4.00pm ( or as announced)
Spanish Conversation	Dorothy Jones	Alternate Mondays 2.00pm
Sunday Lunch	Brian Bradley	As Appropriate
Symphony Hall Visits	Dorothy Jones	As appropriate
Theatre Visits & Outings	Coral Bradley	As appropriate
Walking	Valerie Redfern	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 10.00am

### **HEART OF ENGLAND U3A ROTA FOR AFTERNOON TEAS**

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>GROUP</u></b>	<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>GROUP</u></b>
August 2014	Walking Group	January 2015	Film Group
September 2014	Grumpy Old Men	February 2015	Creative Crafts
October 2014	Reading Groups (all 3)	March 2015	Choir
November 2014	Games Group	April 2015	Ballroom Dancing Group
December 2014	Big Band Music Group	May 2015	Dinahs Luncheon