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# ecember 2014 Newsletter

#### **TODAY'S MEETING**

For our December Meeting, we don't have a speaker, but Dorothy Jones is arranging a Christmas Concert. There will be the DVD which couldn't run it's course at the October Meeting, due to a technical problem. It was Clarissa Roberts' day at Buckingham Palace to receive her MBE. There will be the Choir, Play Reading & Poetry Reading, And we will be using The Welcoming Area for light refreshments, as befits a Christmas Time.

#### **NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER**

Our speaker for January is Helen Munro & her subject is "Town Trust. Who we are & what we do".

#### CHAIRMAN'S OCTOBER JOTTINGS

Hello everyone and welcome to our December monthly meeting.

In this significant year, as 2014 draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the Centenary of the outbreak of the Great War and, importantly, 'let us never forget' the bravery and supreme sacrifices made for future generations by our nation's men and women at that time.

For me, as I reached my allotted 'three score years and ten', 2014 seems to have really flown by. Does life speed up as you get older, I wonder? With this in mind though, it's also important that we all make the most of the 'fun and friendship' on offer at our Heart of England U3A. Most of our groups are doing really well and new groups are being added.

In conclusion, I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and my very good wishes for a healthy and, dare I say it, prosperous New Year.

#### NEW YEAR LUNCH - SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015

We are getting close to Christmas, which is a busy time for everybody. So, can we take this opportunity to remind everybody that our New Year Lunch this year will be on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 @ Pierres Bistrot, Swan's Nest Hotel gathering in Reception for midday, starting lunch @ 12.30. Price this year is £14 (cheques made out to HOE U3A & handed in at the meeting or sent to Athena Roderick 17 Gifford Walk, SOA CV37 9LN) which includes the staff tip & a raffle prize of lunch for 2 at Pierres & also a quiz, with a small prize. It is a really good way to start off our year. Come & join us.

#### **DIARIES** - 2015

We still have the 2015 U3A Diaries for sale. They are on the Treasurer's table and cost £2.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

If the membership subscription is not paid by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December then membership will automatically lapse and, if required, will have to be re-applied for.

Renewal forms are available on-line from our website. Download and print a paper copy for inclusion with your subscription. See back page for ways of paying your subscription.

#### PROPOSED YOGA GROUP

Sandy Stewart As yet the teacher has been unable to find suitable daytime accommodation in Stratford. If this is resolved those members expressing an interest will be contacted.

Geoff Bridgewater

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

Robyn Nícoll

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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. <u>www.u3a.org.uk</u> 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. The Russian History Course is being studied at the moment. For more details about courses, please contact Robyn (redbird22@hotmail.co.uk)

(Note the article on On-line study in the latest edition of Third Age Matters.)

#### **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

#### THE CHINA DISCUSSION GROUP

The group will be taking a break over christmas and will meet again on **Friday afternoon, 16th January in side room1, 2.30 to 4.30.** Our topic will be "The Great Wall of China", prompted by seeing the photos taken by Sandy and her husband when they visited China recently. If you would like to join us, please contact Robyn. More information from Robyn Nicoll. <u>redbird22@hotmail.co.uk</u> or David Ralph. <u>david@ralphhome.com</u>

#### ALL SWING & JAZZ GROUP

#### Report by Mavis Pickett for Dennis Sully <u>Report of the October 2014 Meeting.</u>

To use a bingo term we had a 'full house' of attendees which was great, and after a shuffle of chairs we began with Charlie Barnet and his Orchestra playing "Moten Swing" which certainly did. A snippet of information here...Charlie was married 11 times, was he an optimist or a masochist! The next two tracks were respectively "Mildenburg Joys" with the Eric Silks Jazz Band and "Shiny Stockings sung by Ella

Fitzgerald with the Count Basie Orchestra. John Kirby's Biggest Little Band then played "Rehearsing for a Nervous Breakdown" (actually it was a sextet). Next on the list was a battle for our votes between Ted Heath and Edmundo Ross playing "Begin the Beguine" The following track got a few of our members hot under the collar with Al Grey on the trombone playing "Makin' Whoopee". To cool things down we then heard Kenny Baker with "Gal from Joe's" and the Sidney Bechet/Buck Clayton Sextet playing "All of me" To complete the first half we visited the Count again to hear "Blues in Hos's Flat, a great Big Band sound.

After the interval it was straight into the Woody Herman orchestra playing "My Funny Valentine", nice to hear an orchestral version rather than vocal. Then two of my favourites J.J.Johnson and Kai Winding playing "Georgia on my Mind", LOVELY! Next was trad time with Madame Tussaud's Dance Band playing "Jazz Cocktail recorded in 1933. Marti Paich the arranger put on his band leader hat and played a beautifully swinging version of "Love for Sale" The next tracks were respectively by Pete Rugolo, Coleman Hawkins and Clark Terry. The final track was a medley of "Younger than Springtime/Surrey with a fringe on Top" again arranged by Marty Paich and played here by among others Art Pepper, Jimmy Guiffre and Stu Williams. What a lovely end to a swinging afternoon, Dennis you definitely 'cut the mustard' again. Our next meeting is on the 18th December in the lounge of the Methodist Church Hall at 2.pm. Who knows, there might be mince pies. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

#### ART APPRECIATION GROUP

Sylvía Kentísh & Pam Collíns



Our annual quiz was the basis of the November meeting. The questions were formulated by group members, which, as usual, led to a varied mix of topics - and lively discussion on all those topics. The quiz was won by Rita Bassett. Next month we meet at Bistrot Pierre for our Christmas lunch.

#### BALLROOM DANCING



There are two more dance sessions booked in this calendar year. Dates for your diary are Wednesday December 3rd and Tuesday December 16th. We had a slight contrtemp with the music arrangements for the last session in November. However we managed to overcome that and did some dancing. Future sessions should be OK as the required password has been obtained. We decided, as a group, to continue the group after Christmas with meetings on the 1st Wednesday and third Tuesday, provided that

the hall could be booked for those days. Geoff Bridgewater is to check with the hall booking secretary. To all the dancers in our group I wish to thank you all for continued support over last seven months.

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

#### Sue Tríngham



This month Tony put together a programme of signature tunes roughly attributed to the various musicians opening with Billie Holiday and Strange Fruit. Stephane Grappelli's Ain't Misbehaving was followed by a tribute to Acker Bilk, Stranger on the Shore, more poignant as he had recently died. Three oldies followed, Duke Ellington's A train, Chick Webb's Stompin at the Savoy and Stan Kenton's Artistry in Rhythm. Complete change next with Dave Brubeck's Take Five. The last three for the first set are from

the 'golden age of swing'. Les Brown with Leap Frog, Artie Shaw with Nightmare and Tommy Dorsey with I'm getting sentimental over you. Ain't nobody's business was Jimmy Witherspoon's first hit recording and came to be regarded as his signature tune. Count Basie had two signature tunes but we heard his One O'clock Jump, the other being April in Paris. Kenny Balls Midnight in Paris became a signature by popular acclaim and apparently Benny Goodman chose Let's Dance in order to get his fans onto the dance floor. Bunny Berigan chose I can't get started at the start of a nationwide tour of the States in 1937. The use of the surname Moten used for Moten Swing is a reflection of Bennie himself and his co-composer and nephew, Ira 'Buster' Moten, a piano and accordion player. Drum Boogie became Gene Krupa's signature tune following his extended cameo performance of 'drum boogie' in the 1941 film 'Ball of Fire'. Way down Yonder in New Orleans became the Dutch Swing College Band's signature during their 50 year career in the Netherlands. Our session finished with a Woody Herman's Woodchopper's Ball and Central Avenue Breakdown by Lional Hampton.

Sadly our November meeting will be our last and we will miss Tony's presentations and research into all the jazz musicians he has featured over the past years. Personally I have widened my appreciation and knowledge of Jazz and Swing and I am sure all of our Group give him great thanks.

#### **BRIDGE GROUP**

#### **ROUP** We play in a relaxed atmosphere and are always keen to welcome new members with some experience of the game. If you would like to "try us out" please come as a guest so that you can decide if you would like to join the Group. We meet every Tuesday afternoon for a two and a half hour session starting at 2.15 pm in the Methodist Hall Side Room 1, next to the kitchen.

#### CARD MAKING GROUP

Since our new sales position in the Welcome Area our sales have tripled. £50 was sent to Stratford Voluntary Drivers and now our current charity is Reading for the Blind. Our next work-shop will be on December 12th. Call me for details if you would like to join us. Carolyn 01789 266194

#### **CHINWAGS**

We are still at Le Bistro Pierre where good food chat and laughter on the menu.

#### THE CHOIR

#### Dorothy Jones

Carolyn Leach

Belínda Sylvestor



A Date for your Diary.

Our next Concert will be the first day of Spring Friday 20th March 2015, 2pm in the main hall at the Methodist Church. We have a super repertoire of songs which I'm sure you will all remember and enjoy. Beatles. Elvis, Beach Boys etc. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year.

We are also doing a small carol concert for the residents of Briarcroft , on Thursday 18th December 2-30pm, Feel free to come and join us.

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

We met at Bridge Cottage for a delightful programme presented by Howard, a series of excerpts recorded on DVD from the Proms. We began with Mozart's Clarinet Concerto played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, soloist Julian Bliss. This was followed by the Overture to Rienzi, Wagner and not so familiar, played by the CBSO conducted by Nielsons (who is about to move on to Boston) then the Overture to

Aline Cumming

Candide played by the Berlin Philharmonic conducted by Rattle. After tea we had Dvorak's Symphony No 9 (From the New World) played again by the CBSO under Nielsons.

The December meeting again at Bridge Cottage 2pm on Monday 15 December will be a Christmas programme chosen by me. Some Bach, Handel, Heley-Hutchinson and early music by Emma Kirkby.

Some of you will remember Valma Rose, who passed away last year. Her family have donated her classical music CD and DVD collection to HoE U3A. I will catalogue it and we will discuss how to use it.

### COMPUTER GROUP AT STRATFORD SCHOOL.

The Computer Courses for Beginners and Improvers will conclude for this year after the December meeting on Thursday, 11th.

A variety of topics have been covered including digital imaging, getting to grips with I-pads and tablets, research using the internet and compiling a group list for emailing. Plans for 2015 will be advertised in the January newsletter.

(Offers to help at the sessions would be greatly appreciated) Please contact Robyn for further information. redbird22@hotmail.co.uk

## **CREATIVE CRAFT GROUP**

Trícía Callaghan Christmas was the theme at our November meeting and we all enjoyed assembling a snow globe; glue and glitter were liberally used for our little creations. Our final meeting for the year will be held on Thursday, 11th December, 2pm to 4pm in the new room. Another of Tricia's unusual, natty ideas will be forthcoming. Our project to produce a colourful coat for Chairman Geoff using knitted and crocheted squares (which members have sponsored) is completed and we are pleased to donate £100 to Geoff's

chosen charity - The Stroke Association.

The Crafters and Card makers combined to set up a stall at the Church's Bazaar, held on Saturday 15th November, and contributed £47.80 to the redevelopment fund.

#### DINAHS

We had lunch at one of our favourites in November: The Red Lion. The room on our own and the oval table also reasonable priced meals seem to appeal: Dinahs recommend. We mentioned Geoff and his "Coat of Many Squares" knitted by the Creative Crafts group. Money needed so they can complete the coat: Proceeds go to Geoff's charity. Lots of chat about "Loves Labour Lost and" and "Loves Labour

Won" well worth a visit. The awful murder in Hong Kong by a young 29 year old banker was discussed. Someone mentioned sex should be legalised: no names. A visit to the cinema to see Turner, well acted however a bit depressing. Boarding school Convents leaving lasting memories. The best way to travel to London: National Rail website. Dinahs next meet on Tuesday 2nd December at The Vintner for our Christmas Lunch. Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2015 to our U.3 A. Friends.

#### **DISCUSSION GROUP**

Our topic was "Around the World in 5 years", taken from a BBC report. We felt that we didn't need to travel the World to have our eyes opened as Global Warming seemed fairly apparent, even though some commentators believe that these changes are cyclical. We felt that a little more care of the planet would leave it in better shape for future generations. We didn't feel that politicians were the best people to be in charge of the World, as they often 'get it wrong'. Scientists are more reliable i.e.

The Rosetta Spacecraft with it's Philoe Probe landing, what an amazing achievement But, maybe power corrupts everybody. We somehow talked about poor building these days & what a waste of money damp courses are. Good breathable bricks, sound ventilation & no painting of outside walls. Somehow, Michael Portillo's colourful shirts were mentioned as we thought that his railway programmes were a marvellous way to see parts of the World. Maybe he is a better presenter than politician. There will be no December meeting as everybody already has full diaries.

#### FILM GROUP

Mary Fishleigh



In November we watched Grapes of Wrath. This is a classic black and white American film starring Henry Fonda, released in 1939. It tells of a family's struggles during the Great Depression. We all enjoyed it and appreciated the standard of acting and filming for the period when it was made. However, the subject matter made grim watching although it was not completely irrelevant in today's world.









#### Athena Roderick

Sylvía Crooks

Once again we welcomed some new members as a result of our advertising at the Gala. We still have some room for more members and would love to see you on the second Tuesday of each month in the Lounge of the Methodist Hall. Our next meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

#### GAMES GROUP

#### Sue Tríngham

Graham Mítchell



We continue to have a lively group playing Dominoes (fives and threes), Whist and Scrabble. At our last meeting we had two tables of Scrabble, great competition! The rest of us play partners whist and dominoes. We are now meeting in Side Room 1 of the Methodist Hall on the first and third Mondays of the month from 2 - 4pm. We welcome new members so just turn up.

#### GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP



Showing a deep and real passion for his subject Keith Riste, our Grump of the Month, introduced this months discussion topic "My Favourite Music Era". Reflecting his relative youth (can he really have only just got his bus pass?!) we were taken through a veritable catalogue of groups and artists which had stirred body and soul through the late 60's and 70's and still do so through radio programmes such as

Sounds of the 60's, Pick of the Pops etc., and Tribute Band concerts. However, perhaps sad to report, many of the groups named were unfamiliar to us more mature Grumps. In contrast to this "modern stuff" with equal passion we were taken back to the 1915 - 1933 era and the birth of New Orleans Jazz through bands such as King Oliver's Creole Jazz Band, the start of an art form which is still alive and going strong to the present day. Some Grumps expressed their preference for classical music although by its very nature and variety it was difficult for them to select a specific favourite era. Generally the Grumps favoured "middle of the road" music enjoying the various distinctive "sounds" generated by the ever changing music scene stretching from the late 1930's through to but definitely not including the emergence of Heavy Metal.

Next meeting - Wed. Dec. 17th Venue - Le Bistrot Pierre.

Subject - What I want for Christmas and why. Introduced by Colin Robberts.

#### **HISTORY GROUP**

#### <u>S</u>heela Burchíll



In November Mairi McDonald gave us a talk about The Gunpowder Plot, with particular reference to the plotters' links to the Midlands. Some of the houses that they were connected to are: Ashby St Ledgers (Robert Catesby), Clopton House (Ambrose Rockwood), Norbrook (John Grant), Coughton Court (Throckmorton and Digby), Hagley (Humphrey Littleton). When Elizabeth died in 1603 and James VI of Scotland became King James I of England, Catholics hoped their lives would be a little

easier (recusants who refused to attend Protestant services were very heavily fined) but their hopes were dashed as the ambivalent James was not ready to give up the income derived from the fines. Robert Catesby, the charismatic leader of the conspirators, in 1604 conceived a scheme to blow up the Parliament House with gunpowder in order to destroy the King and his government. The 8 year old Princess Elizabeth, who was at Croome Abbey being guarded by Lord Harington, would then be proclaimed Queen. A storehouse under the Houses of Parliament was leased and gunpowder was brought there. Parliament did not meet in February 1605 because of the plague in London and the postponement until October 1605 meant the conspirators, who eventually numbered 13, had to keep their plot secret for much longer. England had a very efficient spy system and it is probable the authorities knew of the plot at an early stage. In the small hours of 5<sup>th</sup> November a search party found Guy Fawkes hiding and apprehended him. When the conspirators realised their plot had failed they fled north, riding 80 miles in 7 hours. They were eventually caught and those taken prisoner (Catesby was shot dead) suffered the terrible fate of being hanged, drawn and quartered. In all, 19 men died.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, instead of having a Christmas lunch at a local pub, we are going to meet at 12.45 in our usual venue for a buffet lunch (food and drinks supplied by us) and then at 2.00pm Jen Stone is going to talk about something Christmassy.

#### 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.

#### 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 10.15 to 11.15 at St Andrew's Parish Centre, Shottery. For more information call Sue Workman on 297061.

#### PLAY READING GROUP

#### Sylvía Crooks



We met on Thursday 20th November at Sylvia's where we read "Anyone For Breakfast" act II by Derek Benfield a comedy. Most of us enjoyed it.

We will meet on the 18th December for Christmas wishes and chat.

Our very Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2015.

#### POETRY READING GROUP

The subject was humour, which often occurs on festive occasions so we began the meeting by planning our Christmas lunch. That organised we contemplated poets and found, as well as the expected, many like the odd jest (eg T.S. Eliot - the contrast between 'The Waste Land' and 'Cats'). So, beginning with that prolific writer Anon we progressed through Auden, W.H.; Belloc, Hilaire; Betjeman, John;

Chesterton, G.K.; Cope, Wendy: cummings, e.e.; etc., etc. I am still sniggering.

#### **READING GROUP – MONDAY**

We read he "Map of lost memories" by Kim Fay this month and on the whole enjoyed it. It was about a Museum curator's search for scrolls believed to have been seen by a missionary in a Cambodian Temple..part of the ancient kymmer city near Angkor in Cambodia.Although no mention was made of recent research in the area, and how the failure of the monsoon for several years led to its demise. It was a 'good read' and most of us enjoyed it. Our next foreign trip is to Ruanda ... should be informative at least!.

#### **READING GROUP – WEDNESDAY**

Our book this month was The Slap by Christos Tsiolkas. A story of a family in Australia at a suburban barbecue. During the afternoon a guest slaps an unruly 3year old boy.

The reviews of the novel looked highly promising. "Riveting from beginning to end" [Guardian] "Ingenious, passionately wonderful, A beautifully complexity of modern living [Independant]

Only one member of our group read the book throughout, Well Done Sheela! None of us agreed with the critics.Our reviews were "Very repetitious--Deeply disappointing---Too much sex and drugs--etc etc. We concluded that it was written for a much younger age group!

#### **READING GROUP** – FRIDAY

We read 'Life of Pi'; by Yann Marten. Some of our group liked it but others thoroughly disliked it. The first part of the story is very slow as we are told about the life of a boy in India where his father has a zoo. The family decide to go to Canada and some of the animals go with them. The ship they are on sinks and Pi gets onto a life boat with some of the animals which lead to a particularly grisly description of the animals

killing and eating each other. Finally the boy is left with a tiger who he has to dominate in order for them both to survive. It was difficult to believe in any of the story.

#### **ROCK & ROLL GROUP**

Tony Whitley gave us a delightful afternoon with some well known and lesser known songs and then a great video of Bruce Springsteen in concert and also one of Elvis. Thank you Tony we all enjoyed it very much. There is no Rock & Roll in December the next meeting will be the second Thursday in January.

## Dorothy Jones

Jennífer Davey

Phyllis Bailey

#### Coral Bradley

Coral Bradley

#### SCIENCE AND NATURE GROUP

#### Aline Cumming



Out to

LUNCH!

For the November meeting on Friday 14 November we met in the New Room for a talk from John Heathcott, a volunteer from Cotswolds Conservation Board. He took us through highlights of the geography and geology of the area as well as bits of history. He illustrated his talk with photographs of major places of interestr. He is obviously a dedicated volunteer and often leads guided walks in parts of the National Park. We all enjoyed the subject and resolved to explore more in the future.

Our December meeting on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> is Geoff's Easy Quiz. Most of you will have seen his email and request for offers of food etc which Heather is co-ordinating.

#### SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Brían Bradley The next lunch will be on Sunday 7th December, at the Stratford Golf Club. Names please to Brian Bradley; tel: 01789 488551.

There will not be a lunch in January 2015.

#### SYMPHONY HALL CONCERT 19TH FEBRUARY 2015 2-15PM.

The CBSO play Shubert, Strauss & Dvorak conducted by Andris Nelson's. After this season he will take up his new post as MD of Boston Symphony Orchestra. The cost of the visit will be £32, which includes concert ticket and return coach to the Symphony Hall. We will leave Stratford Leisure Centre at 12-15pm (note slightly earlier than previous visits) 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 NOW DUE. P.S. This visit is now fully booked . If you have signed up for this concert payment is now due. I do have a waiting list so please send your cheque as soon as possible, Many thanks to those members who have paid.

#### THEATRE GROUP.

We have no visits booked at the moment, I expect the next one to be February.



WALKING GROUP

Valerie Redfern

Coral Bradley

The walk in Novemer was cancelled at the last moment due to bad weather. The next walk will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 at 10.00 a.m. and start from Loxley Close just off the A429 in Wellesbourne adjacent to the Coop and you can park in the Lay by next to the playing fields. This is just less than five miles very easy walk on good roads which I think will be necessary with the

weather we are having at the moment. I recommend good walking shoes or boots and bring a drink along with you – I am hoping there may be mince pies for a seasonal touch.

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

Stratford - 17th Dec - Christmas Entertainment. Alcester - 6th Jan. 2015 - "Looking Outwards" - Derek Spencer.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Annual Subscription is £16.00. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the monthly Newsletter please add £4.00 to assist in the postage costs.

Your annual subscription of £16 can be paid in one of three ways.

- 1. Subscriptions can be paid by cash or cheque in the normal way at the meetings or by post to the Treasurer, Sue Tringham, 2 Guild Cottages, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6HD.
- 2. Subscriptions can also be paid over the counter in person at any Lloyds Bank quoting the Sort Code 30 98 26 Account No.00617394 and your name.
- 3. Online banking. Bank details are Lloyds Bank, Stratford upon Avon. Sort Code 30 98 26 Account No. 00617394 but please remember to include your name as reference.

If you have any concerns please contact a Committee Member.

Group	Group Leader	Usual Meeting Day (Monthly)	
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 Announced	
Big Band Music and Jazz	Tony Badham	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2 - 4pm	
Bridge	John Yeomans	Every Tuesday 2.15pm	
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	10.30 to 12.00	
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 Mavis Pickett	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 2.00pm	
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 10.15 - 11.15	
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	
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

MONTH	GROUP	MONTH	<u>GROUP</u>
December 2014	Big Band Music Group	June 2015	History Group
January 2015	Film Group	July 2015	All That Swing & Jazz
February 2015	Creative Crafts	August 2015	Art Appreciation
March 2015	Choir	September 2015	Bridge
April 2015	Ballroom Dancing Group	October 2015	Science & Nature
May 2015	Dinahs Luncheon	November 2015	Computers

Deadline for January 2015 Newsletter is Sunday 28th December