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May 2014 Newsletter

TODAY'S MEETING

Liam D'arcy Brown is our speaker for May. His talk is entitled "Chusan: The Opium Wars and the Forgotten Story of Britain's First Chinese Island"

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER

In June Lisa Preston will talk to us about "A journey from Australia to Stratford-upon-Avon and a Career in Pedorthics/Specialised Shoe Fitting".

VICE CHAIRMAN'S APRIL JOTTINGS

Aline Cumming

Hello everyone. Most of you will have heard by now that our Chairman, Geoff Bridgewater, was in hospital for a couple of days and has had a minor stroke. I am delighted to say he is home, making good progress but must not overdo it for a few weeks. He would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and cards. If there are any questions or problems try me or any other Committee member.

I am pleased to say the Ballroom Dancing Group is under way, and John has sent his report of the first meeting. The Group Leaders are invited to meet the Committee on Friday 2 May at 10am in Side Room 1, and the Groups Gala will be discussed. If anyone wants to borrow the projector or the loud speakers, I am looking after them for now.

We may be back in the Wesley Hall for our May meeting, but if not we will be accommodated in the New Room again. Entry will be by the side door as previous months. Hope you all have a good Easter break.

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

Stratford	- 28 th May	- "The King's Singer"	- Alastair Thompson
Shottonery	- 6 th May	- "Hidden Depths: Women of the RNLI "	- Sue Hennessy.
Dene Valley	- 13 th May	- "The Spirit of Triumph"	- Ray Sturdy.
Alcester	- 6 th May	- "Light Fantastic"	- Keith Cattell.

OUTINGS AND TRIPS

Coral Bradley

13 June 2014 to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.



There are a few places available for this outing. The cost is £17.50. We will start at the leisure centre in Stratford and then go on to pick up more people in Henley at 8.50.

There is a lot to see at the arboretum with things changing all the time and although it is a memorial it is not a depressing place. All the sites are different, some very moving others attractive. We are fortunate to have this place so near to us. A short ceremony at 10.30 will

explain the thinking behind the memorial and the two minutes silence.

It is possible to take a packed lunch or food is available at reasonable prices.

For those who find walking difficult I can arrange for buggies at an additional price of £5.00 but I must know this at the time of booking.

GROUP LEADERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting of Committee and Group Leaders tomorrow, Friday 2nd May, at 10.00am at the Methodist Church Hall. Group Leaders will be able to discuss the arrangements for the next AGM on Thursday 4th September when there will be a Groups Gala.

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 Go to "Create an Account"

(Information about courses may be found in the latest edition of "Third Age Matters" in the Focus article by Ian Searle. 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 course on Russian History is available so let Robyn know if interested in that one.

For more information, please contact Robyn - redbird22@hotmail.co.uk

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

THE CHINA GROUP

Robyn Nicoll

At our April get-together we discussed the education system in China, comparing it with teaching methods in UK. We found that children in China overall were keen to learn but were pushed by parents who had high expectations and who encouraged further classes out of school time. The education system puts a heavy emphasis on rote memorisation, which is great for test taking, but not for problem solving, leadership abilities or interpersonal skills. Children have 12 years at school, beginning the day at 7.30am and finishing at 4.00pm. They have fewer holidays compared with children in the UK. There is an emphasis on maths and the sciences. Our next get-together will be on **Friday afternoon 23rd May** in the small side room from **2.30 to 4.30pm**. The topic will be "The increasing influence/expansion of China into other countries". The newspapers and internet will provide us with plenty of information. Also Patricia Wy will be giving us some useful phrases to learn. Do join us for this discussion afternoon or find out more from Robyn Nicoll or David Ralph. (redbird22@hotmail.co.uk) (david@ralphhome.com)

ALL SWING & JAZZ GROUP

Mavis Pickett

Report of the March 2014 meeting.



The compiler for this month was group member John Satchworth who got us off to a rousing Start with "Les Oignons" played by Sidney Bechet (ably assisted by the group at 'certain points'). Django Reinhardt followed with "Appel Direct" and then we had the Stan Kenton Orchestra with a young sounding Anita O'Day. Art Tatum playing "The Man I love" and Fats Waller followed with "Handful of of Keys" very interesting comparison of style from the two pianists. Then it was a change of sound with "Moanin" played by Art Blakey. The next three tracks were respectively by Artie Shaw and his Orchestra, Sid Phillips and his Band and a lovely rendition of "Stardust" by Lester Young/Oscar Peterson. First half finished with Louis Armstrong with "What did I do to be so Black and Blue". After the coffee break we started off with a favourite group Gerry Mulligan playing "My Funny Valentine" and then it was on to artists new...or at least to me. The first was Donald Byrd playing "Cristo Redentor". Byrd played trumpet with all the top players of his time...Blakey, Coltrane, Rollins, Monk and covered all aspects of jazz from Bop, Hard Bop, Funk and Soul. The second on the list was Jaco Pastorius playing "Chicken" Pastorius played the electric bass guitar with a latin influenced style, he unfortunately died early but was inducted into the Jazz Hall of Fame the only electric bass guitarist to have been honoured...Then we had Eric Reed with "Wade in the Water". This pianist was mentored by Wynton Marsalis...the final new name (to me) was Nicholas Payton playing "After You've gone" This trumpeter is also a writer and race activist and lecturer. The afternoon was completed with Cannonball Adderley playing "Autumn Leaves". Can I say a big thank you to John firstly for introducing some relatively young Artists to us and also for gently leading us into longer tracks. As usual we meet on the 4th Thursday of the month in one of the new side rooms at the Methodist Church, our next meeting being on the 22nd May at 2pm

ART APPRECIATION GROUP

Pam Collins



Our April visit was to the spectacular Moore Rodin exhibition at Compton Verney on 25th April. Our May meeting will be on 16th May. Phyllis Collins, who has been participating in U3A online courses in Italian Art, will be discussing the Italian Renaissance.

BALLROOM DANCING

The first session got off to a good start with 18 people attending. After the initial introductions the afternoon commenced with basic steps of the Waltz, including right and left closed steps, natural and reverse turns, whisk and chasse.

Then after a ten minute tea/coffee break the class continued with basis Cha Cha Cha to include "New Yorker" and "Solo" turn steps.

In all it was a good 1 & 1/2 hours of enjoyment and pleasure and I am looking forward to our next session in two weeks time, when we will dance slow rhythm and "Quick Step" and revision of the Waltz & Cha Cha Cha. Many thanks go to my assistant Aline Cumming who took care of the music.

Ballroom Dance No.2 Wednesday 2.30pm 23rd April Holy Trinity Community Hall

Still open for more people to join our fortnightly sessions. KEEP DANCING John B Barker

BIG BAND MUSIC AND JAZZ GROUP

Sue Tringham



At our last meeting Tony put together a mix of old and not so old music including as many styles or types of jazz and swing as possible. Hugh Laurie, a very present musician playing a very different Swanee River, gave us a lively start. Vic Lewis & Parnell's jazz men took us back to the 1940's. Bennie Moten was born in Kansas City in 1894 and recruited Count Basie in the early 1930's. Ken Colyer's Jazz Men are a more recent group and we hear them playing Chrysanthemum Rag. Charlie Parker was a great jazz alto and tenor saxophonist and very involved in the birth of Be Bop. Lionel Hampton had a long career in jazz and died in 2002 aged 94! Harry Gold was born in London's East End to Romanian/German parents and he decided on a musical career after his father took him to see the Original Dixieland Jazz Band at the Hammersmith Palais during their famous visit to Britain in 1920. Clyde McCoy's Sugar Blues was his signature tune written by Clarence Williams and Lucy Fletcher. Kenny Ball's Midnight in Moscow reminded us that he is no longer with us having died last year. Now did you know that Stan Kenton was 'born out of wedlock' and his family concealed his birth date from him until he was an adult! Woody Herman was known for playing his own unique variations of the blues and later became famous for 'progressive jazz'. Sid Phillips opened our second half with Amoresque followed by Syd Lawrence's Stardust. Muggsey Spanier played with many of the greats, Bechet, Earl Hines and actually played with the King Oliver band with 'Satchmo' as second cornet. We heard, not so well known trumpeter Erskin Hawkins, playing Gin Mill Special followed by well known Benny Goodman with Solo Flight. Woolf Phillips was brother of Syd Phillips and worked with many American stars including a young Sinatra, Judy Garland and Sammy Davis Jr. Jelly Roll Morton is credited with being the first to successfully introduce 'arranged' jazz whilst retaining the improvised elements of jazz! Jay McShann was a versatile pianist known for his interpretation of so called Jump Jazz, Mainstream Jazz and Hard Bop. Meadelux Lewis was a pioneer of the Boogie Woogie piano style. We finished the programme with our local top sax and clarinet player, Zoltan Sagi playing Billies Bounce.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 2 – 4pm, usually in the Lounge at the Methodist Church, and our next meeting is on 27 May. 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

Carolyn Leach



At the moment our card sales will go to the Shakespeare Puppies Appeal associated with Guide Dogs for the Blind. Our next workshop will be on May 16th. New members always welcome. Please call me for details Carolyn 01789 266194

CHINWAGS

Belinda Sylvester



We had a very long lunch, not leaving the restaurant until nearly 3.00pm, so lots of chat. The next meeting will be at Bistrot Pierre. Look forward to seeing you.

THE CHOIR

Dorothy Jones



We all enjoyed our social evening at Briarscroft; we had a delicious buffet supper followed by a talent show by our members. We had a super programme with twelve varied acts.

We hope you have the date of our next concert in your diaries. JUNE 20th 2-30pm----4pm. Hopefully in the newly refurbished main hall. Tickets £4, including tea and cakes, will be on sale at the main meetings. Or contact Ruth Grahame & Dorothy Jones. If you cannot make that date we will be repeating the concert at Briarscroft the following Friday June 27th.

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

Aline Cumming



A small select band met for a Russian programme. Troika, (film music), and Montague and Capulet from the ballet Romeo and Juliet by Prokofiev started us off. Shostakovich followed, contrasting the melodic Romance from the Gadfly Suite with the atonal first movement of his first Piano Concerto.

Both composers were condemned in 1948 by Stalin's government for writing bourgeois music, although relaxed later. The first half was completed by Rachmaninov, Symphony No 3, the Final Movement, more classic than the previous composers. Rachmaninov left Russia at the time of the Revolution, realising he would lose everything, and ended in USA where he toured with his piano compositions. After tea we heard the Petrushka piece from the ballet by Stravinsky and Night on a Bare Mountain by Mussorgsky, both very Russian and unexpected. Stravinsky had left Russia for Paris then USA while Mussorgsky stayed. We finished with Tchaikovsky - 1812 Overture - Finale with cannons, celebrating the Russian rout of Napoleon. The May meeting is at Bridge Cottage on Tuesday 13 May to watch a Symphony programme.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY.

COMPUTER GROUP AT STRATFORD SCHOOL

Robyn Nicoll



The Computer Courses for Beginners and Improvers are underway.

Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 4.00pm until 6.00pm. **Dates in May: 8th and 22nd.**

At our first session we all soon realised that we did have a lot to learn, particularly when dealing with Windows 8. An offer to help at the sessions would be greatly appreciated, particularly if you are familiar with Windows 8. Please contact Ron (01789 205878) or Robyn (01789 417935) if interested in joining us for the last 5 sessions (cost £15).

The Computer Group and Family History Group share the room. A course for FH research is included with specialist help given by Sue Ocock and Edwin Lilly.

(Note: The school now offers wireless connection for laptops, i-pads, tablets, smart phones etc. so members may bring their own equipment to the class. Several members volunteer to help at the sessions and can therefore provide one-to-one assistance if necessary)

CREATIVE CRAFT GROUP

Robyn deputising for Tricia Callaghan



The crafters are busy in their spare time knitting and crocheting squares for the Chairman's Charity coat, which will be displayed/modelled at the Christmas meeting. We hope members will support the crafters in this long term project by sponsoring squares, thereby helping us to raise a tidy sum for Geoff's chosen charity - The Stroke Association. Watch this space for further details.

At our April afternoon, members completed their stitched cards and had time to produce a simple decoration suitable for the Easter table - an origami star box - filled with mini eggs overseen by a perky chicken. Next meeting: Thursday 15th May 2.00 to 4.00pm in the New Room. Topic: Flower Pot Men with Sheila Giles. Please contact tricia Callaghan if you would like to find out more about the group.

DINAHS

Sylvia Crooks



1st of April saw Dinahs eating at The Red Lion again. Lovely to see everyone, lots of chat, as women do!! After an enjoyable meal, we chatted about Funding for the Arts, The Malvern Theatre, we would hate to lose it. A fire at Bridgefoot Quay, I hasten to say not a large fire. However the Fire

Services sent 3 fire engines, 3 ambulances and police cars. Quite an amazing response. We are very concerned about Russia and the Ukraine: We voiced our opinions. The support for the Fashion Show was mentioned. Country Casuals put on the show. Proceeds went to the refurbishment of the Chapel. Also a cruise to Vienna was planned for one of our ladies.

We next meet for lunch on Tuesday 6th May at 12.15pm. The Red Lion again.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Sue Tringham



We met at the Windmill for our Discussion Group but were a bit thin on the ground with no Sandra and David, no Heather and Geoff and no Athena! As usual when Athena cannot lead the discussion she leaves me with a difficult subject and this was no exception! What did we think about the idea that Coventry and the Black Country would be part of the Birmingham administration and how might that affect places like Stratford upon Avon? Wow! We started off but veered off the subject rather quickly and had to be brought into line by Elka! She worried how children's services would be affected by such a large region. For the rest of us we are quite cynical! We had to finish by 2.15 as some of us were going to the new Ballroom Dance Group. Our next Discussion Group is on 14 May.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Sue Ocock



U3A Family History Group meets with the Computer Group on the 4th Thursday at 3.45pm for 4.00pm until about 6.00pm. We have had a break during January, February and March. There is no meeting in April because of the Easter holiday at the Stratford School. Our next meeting will be on May 22nd. If that is too long to wait it is possible to meet on the second Thursdays along with the Computer Group but please do check that there will be a member of the Computer Group present on the date required. Tel - Sue Ocock 01789 491004 or Edwin Tel 01789 204472.

FILM GROUP

Mary Fishleigh



At our April meeting we watched a film that frequently gets nominated as people's favourite film. It was Cinema Paradiso, a 1988 Italian film with sub-titles. The film was written and directed by Giuseppe Tornatore and is suggested to be loosely based on his own life. It has been nominated for and won many awards. We all enjoyed this film and particularly felt that the music fitted the action very well without being obtrusive.

We have room for more people and can promise an enjoyable and thought provoking programme. 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 May 13th at 2pm in Meeting Room 1 at the Methodist Church.

GAMES GROUP

Sue Tringham



At our last meeting we were a bit depleted. Just fancy people had gone on holiday! We meet on the first and third Monday of the month from 2 – 4pm. However, there are too many Bank holidays in May so we are only meeting on Monday 12 May. We are hoping to add cribbage to the dominoes, whist and Scrabble! Lots of laughter and chat! 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



Detailed and comprehensive research coupled with numerous facts and figures earned Jack Isaacson the much coveted Grump of the Month award for his introduction and subsequent and sometimes provocative input to this month's topic "Is the BBC worth its Licence Fee". He maintained that the Organization appeared to be profligate in the use of their funds, a theme echoed by many of the other contributors to the discussion. Some even questioned the need for a publicly funded national broadcasting service as "new" technology now provided many more ways of obtaining information, news and entertainment. However, while we delighted in the opportunity to "have a go" at the BBC and a good grump at the things we disliked we were unanimous in our praise of the generally high standard of the output from both radio and television and supported the continuation of funding through the licence fee, although it was felt that better control and use of their (our) money was needed.

Next meeting - Wed. May 21st Venue - Le Bistrot Pierre

Subject - The Future of the United Kingdom. Introduction by Paul Burley

Note to all our gentlemen readers. Would you enjoy a meal, a chat, a discussion and much merriment with a friendly bunch of people, who occasionally like a good moan, if so, why not come along to a Grumpy Old Men Group monthly lunch time gathering. Please contact Brian Bradley (01789 488551) or Graham Mitchell (01789 205195).

HISTORY GROUP

Norma Hampson

A welcome return of Robin Sankey to enlighten us about his illustrious ancestor Lord John Sankey (1866–1948), his first cousin three times removed. A man of humble origins who rose to become a peer of the realm. John the son of Thomas and Catalina was born in Moreton-in-Marsh where his father owned a drapery business. After his father's death in 1875 Catalina moved with her children to Cardiff where Thomas's two brothers lived. His education at Lancing College, was financed by the local vicar who had recognised his academic potential. He left Jesus College, Oxford with degrees in history and civil law returning to Cardiff to begin his practice specializing in workmen's compensation cases. He was called to the Bar in 1892; appointed King's Counsel in 1909; Judge of the High Court King's Bench in 1914 (the youngest and first non-political appointment); Lord Justice of Appeal in 1928 and Lord Chancellor from 1929 – 1935. He was raised to the peerage in 1932 taking the title of 1st Viscount Sankey of Moreton. During his career he gained a reputation for fairness and humanity having the facility to deal with persons from all walks of life. He chaired many important Public Inquiries and Commissions in 1919 chairing the committee which recommended the nationalisation of the coal mines. Several of his judgements have become landmark statements of law. He is particularly famous for the *Golden Thread*: the duty of the prosecution to prove a prisoner guilty beyond reasonable doubt and the *Living Tree* doctrine of constitutional interpretation. He gave his name to the Sankey Declaration of the Rights of Man which included eleven fundamental rights. He was a keen high churchman and worked out the constitution for the new Welsh church following dis-establishment. He died in 1948 and is buried in the churchyard at Moreton-in-Marsh.

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 Shotton Church Hall.

PILATES GROUP - MONDAY



Weekly at St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Shotton 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, Shotton. For more information call Sue Workman on 297061.

PLAY READING GROUP

Sylvia Crooks



We met on the 17th April at Sylvia's. We read 'Cast Around' by Carol Reeve, a comedy. Also 'Time Being' by Carol Reeve, a ghost story.

Enjoyed by all. Next month meeting will have to be a week later, Thursday 24th May; as the 3rd Thursday sees many of us at the C.B.S.O.

READING GROUP – WEDNESDAY

Dorothy Jones

This month we read "Rescue" by Anita Shreve. We all thought it was an easy read about Webster, a paramedic, who was in control of his work but not his wife's addiction. He brings up his daughter Rowan on his own, but when she becomes a teenager she develops her mother's problems. Is it heredity?

We enjoyed the novel and it would be a good choice for other reading groups

READING GROUP – FRIDAY

Coral Bradley



We read "People of The Book" by Geraldine Brooks. This was an ambitious book to write. It starts from a situation in real life where a very old and precious book was rescued from a museum in a war. The author was allowed to watch a restorer examine the book under armed guard she then wrote a story suggesting what had happened to the book over the last six hundred years. It is a long book with a lot of characters but our group mostly enjoyed it.

ROCK & ROLL GROUP

Coral Bradley



This month we were challenged as the programme had to be drawn up by me without glasses. Somehow we had music that was varied in age and type and everyone said that they enjoyed it. Perhaps there is a moral in this and the programme should always be done in this way.

SCIENCE AND NATURE GROUP

Aline Cumming



Ian Roberts, our speaker and U3A member, has been setting and marking Science exams for some years. His title 'Did you really pass your Science exam' was a reference to his theme that to pass a Science exam needs not only a scientific body of knowledge but also Maths, to evaluate and calculate, and English to understand and explain. He went on to compare the Olevels we all sat and subsequent developments in GCSEs. This included multiple choice where the student chooses the correct answer, then coursework which was done at home, often with input from parents and siblings. Practical work required the student to plan, observe, measure and draw conclusions and we were shown the example of a small cardboard helicopter. Topics such as the environment and economics were included to provide relevance. The new curriculum to be introduced will have no choice and no coursework, only essays. In response to a question he explained the curriculum is designed by universities and then refined by school teachers. We were entertained but concerned at yet more changes to come.

The May event is a trip to the three Oxford Science Museums on Friday 9 May. Meet at 9am in the Leisure Centre car park, share cars to Oxford Pear Park and Ride, lunch 1pm at the Mitre. Sign up at the May main meeting, Sandy has the list.

In June we join the trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on 13 June. See Coral at the May main meeting.

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Dorothy Jones

We missed our first meeting in the month as Lise wasn't well, however we are looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting and we are pleased that Roma will be joining us. Hopefully everyone did their homework when we had a break.

SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

Brian Bradley



The next Sunday lunch will be on the 4th. May at the Kings Court Hotel, Alcester. Names please to Brian Bradley, Tel: 01789 488551.

SYMPHONY HALL VISIT

Dorothy Jones

THURSDAY 15th MAY 2-15pm.

All tickets have now been sold but I do have a reserve list.

The coach will leave Stratford Leisure Centre at 12-30pm. We then proceed to Birmingham and pick up our Henley/Claverdon group at Johnson's Depot. My telephone number. 01789 204892.

THEATRE GROUP.

Coral Bradley



The next theatre visit will be on 5 July 2014 to Malvern to see "Another Country" which will be starting its tour after a very successful run in the West End.

Leaving at the usual times I will take names for this visit this month.

WALKING GROUP

Valerie Redfern



The walk in April was very enjoyable; the weather was very pleasant and the route was on firm ground with little mud. There were plenty of flowers and blossom out in the hedgerows and the birds were singing. The next walk will take place on Wednesday 14TH May 2014 at 10.00.am. Starting from Oversley Green this is a five and a half mile walk through one of the most attractive bluebell woods in Warwickshire Oversley Wood and also Exhall.

We will start the walk from the usual car park the Lay – by near the Alcester Football ground just off the Old Stratford road (GR 093 571) we have used this car parking area before for other walks.

This walk does have some hills to climb so I would say it is a medium walk and also there is a little mud around but it is a very beautiful walk and well worth the effort. Allow three hours plus travelling time.

I recommend good walking boots or stout walking shoes and also that you bring a drink along with you.

Group	Group Leader	Usual Meeting Day (Monthly)
All That Swing & Jazz	Dennis Sully	4 th Thursday 2 - 4pm
Art Appreciation	Sylvia Kentish Pam Collins	3 rd Friday 2pm
Ballroom Dancing	John Barker	As Appropriate
Big Band Music and Jazz	Tony Badham	4 th Tuesday 2 - 4pm
Bridge	John Yeomans	Every Tuesday 2.30pm
Card Making	Carolyn Leach	As Announced
Chinwags Lunch	Belinda Sylvestor	4 th Monday 12 noon
Choir	Ruth Grahame Dorothy Jones	Every Friday 12.15 to 1.45
Classical Music	Aline Cumming	3 rd Monday 2.00pm
Creative Crafts	Tricia Callaghan	3 rd Thursday 2 - 4pm
Computers	Robyn Nicoll	2 nd & 4 th Thursday 4 - 6pm
Dinahs Luncheon	Sylvia Crooks	1 st Tuesday for lunch
Discussion	Athena Roderick	2 nd Wednesday
Family History - Genealogy	Sue Ocock	4 th Thursday 4.00pm
Film Group	Mary Fishleigh Mavis Pickett	2 nd Tuesday PM
Games	Sue Tringham	1st and 3 rd Mondays 2.00 - 4.00
Grumpy Old Men	Graham Mitchell	3 rd Wednesday for lunch
History	Janet Anslow	2 nd Monday 2.00pm
Keep Fit	Mary Palmer	Every Thursday 10am
Opera	Aline Cumming	4 th 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 nd Wednesday 10 - 12noon
Reading - Monday	Phyllis Bailey	3 rd Monday 2.30 - 4.30pm
Reading - Wednesday	Dorothy Jones	3 rd Wednesday 2.30pm
Reading - Friday	Coral Bradley	As Appropriate
Rock & Roll Music	Coral Bradley	2 nd Thursday 2.00 - 4.00pm
Science & Nature (including Bird Watching)	Aline Cumming	2 nd 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 nd Wednesday 10.00am

HEART OF ENGLAND U3A ROTA FOR AFTERNOON TEAS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GROUP</u>
		August 2014	Walking Group
		September 2014	Grumpy Old Men
May 2014	Chinwags	October 2014	Reading Groups (all 3)
June 2014	Sunday Lunch	November 2014	Games Group
July 2014	Science & Nature	December 2014	Big Band Music Group