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## October 2012 Newsletter

### TODAY'S SPEAKER

The talk this month is 'about the History of Johnson Coaches, to be given by John Johnson..

### NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER

In November Liam Darcy Brown will give a talk on "The Grand Canal of China".

#### From the Chairman's Desk

Welcome to to the first meeting of 2012/2013, with a special welcome to the new members who have joined us. Following this meeting I hope you will be able to join me and some of the Committee in the Lounge where you will be able to find out a bit more about U3A.

Membership fees are now due (£16.00 per person) and can be paid at this meeting or by post to the Treasurer, Sue Tringham, at 2 Guild Cottages, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HD. As Newsletters will no longer be posted automatically, if you want them to be posted to you please include an extra payment of £4.00 with your membership fee to cover the postage cost. Cheques payable to Heart of England U3A before 30<sup>th</sup> November please.

A reminder to Interest Group Leaders that the Archive Folder can be borrowed for your meetings and the Notice Board can be used to publicise your events and for photos you have had.

David Sladden

### Courses On-Line from National Office.



Note: There is no charge for Untutored Course access to U3A members. 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"

A list of the courses may be found on the notice board.

Several courses have been downloaded and saved over the past 2 years so if members prefer to bypass National Office, courses may be forwarded to members via e-mail or transferred to a memory device. One member has has used the the latter method for the Creative Writing – Poetry Course. These courses are ideal for a small group to study together.

For more information, please contact Robyn - [redbird22@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:redbird22@hotmail.co.uk)

### Equipment

Heart of England U3A Group has an automatic 35mm Slide Projector with slide magazine and wireless remote control. This is available for group members to use. If you would like to borrow this item, please contact Ron Castleton on 01789 205878.

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

The China On-liners are nearing the end of the course.

We welcomed 2 new members at our September get-together. This unit covered a time of tremendous changes from the last imperial rule, the rise and fall of Chiang Kai Shek and the Nationalists, the Long March of Mao Tse Tong and the eventual formation of the Peoples' Republic of China in 1949.

**Our next get-together will be on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30 to 4.30 in the lounge** when we will be discussing the policies of Chairman Mao and the communist party. Also, we plan to take advantage of the expertise of one of our new members who has offered to help us with language and writing.

Robyn Nicoll

### Art Appreciation Group

We enjoyed an excellent visit to the Nature in Art Gallery at Twigworth. The special exhibition, entitled "Hare Raising", featured a diverse display of paintings, drawings and sculptures highlighting artists' diverse responses to these creatures, and in addition we had plenty of time to see the permanent collection, and wander round the garden and enjoy the greatly extended display of outdoor sculptures.

In October we visit "The Arter" craft shop at Hall's Croft.

Phyl Collins

### All Swing and Jazz Group

#### Report of the August 2012 Meeting



For this month's meeting we were very much in tune with the current fashion for all Things Nordic. Dennis presented a programme which mainly featured Swedish Jazz And yes...he bravely attempted the pronunciation of the names. He began with Jack Lindstrom and the Hep Cats playing "Blues a La Faz" which led into "Shiny Stockings" with the Zim Zemarel Orchestra, following tracks included Expressens Elitorkester with "Summertime, a great solo by Tubby Hayes on the tenor clarinet playing "Embargo on Escagot" and then a further four tracks before finishing the first half with Red Nichols and his Orchestra playing a duo of tracks of "St Louis Blues/My Sweetie went Away" After the break it was straight into "Combien" played by Carl-Henrik Norins Orkester followed by "Ausgerechnet Bananen" (did you know this translates as "Yes we have no bananas")? No neither did we. It was played by the Kurt Edelhagen and Hazy Osterwald Orkester The rest of the programme kept clear of the Swedish pronunciations and gave us tracks by Bill Tole and His Orchestra, Dinah Washington, Duke Ellington and Laurie Johnson's London Big Band. We finished with a final trip to the north with Monica Zetterlund singing "Valentines Day".

Our thanks to Dennis for our Nordic outing and with not a single Abba track in sight.

**Our next meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> October at our usual venue The lounge of the Methodist Church, Old Town starting at 2pm.**

Mavis Pickett

### Big Band Swing & Jazz.



At our Big Band, Swing and Jazz group meeting Elliott put together a lively programme. His choice of musicians playing unusual peices ranged from Art Hodes, pianist, playing Heistating Blues", 'much married' Artie Shaw playing Bay Back Shuffle, Colin Busby, Big Band mystery man with a Glen Miller sound playing High Society and a guitar solo from Chris Barber playing Petite Fluer. He palyed 'Nighmare' by Artie Shaw which we all agreed was awful! Sammy Rivinton, originally a local lad, played Burgundy Street Blues. American Patrol played by Genn Miller reminded David that, when he was on leave in London duirng the War, he was thrilled to find Glen Miller entertaining the troops in Leicester Square. The first half finished with Muggsy Spaner playing 'Big Butter & Egg Man'. The second half included two versions of 'Stomping at the Savoy', one by Benny Goodman and the other by a Swedish band who used to live in Chipping Camden. We learned that Stratford Jazz Club gradually died when 'pop' music took over. Second half finished with Count Basie and Sinatra's 'Wedding Song'. Our thanks to Tony for recording and Elliott for compiling a really unusual programme which produced lots of comment and reminiscences.

Next meeting will be on October 23rd. 2 – 4pm in the Methodist Hall New members are welcome.  
Live Jazz – Sheldon Bosley Hub, Shipston Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 8.00pm

*Tony Badham*

### Bridge Group



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.

*John Yeomans*

### Chinwags



We did not meet in August.

**NEWSFLASH:** We meet again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Grants are not opening on Mondays so we are trying Cafe Rouge, Sheep Street, at 12.00noon.

*Aline Cumming*

### The Choir



We have started practising for our next concert LET'S SING A SONG – AT CHRISTMAS. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 to 12.30. Tickets £2.50 (inc refreshments) at Stratford Methodist Church Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone and if you missed our June concert make a note in your diary. We always welcome new members so if you would like to sing in our concert join now. We meet every Friday from 12.00 – 1.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

*Dorothy Jones*

### Classical Music Group



Our September meeting was bring your own and we did. Aline started off with Richard Strauss' Also Sprach Zarathustra, followed by Valma who chose Beethoven's Romance No 2 soloist Takato Nishizaki with the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra. Sue brought the Intermezzo from Cavalliera Rusticana and Deidre Saint Sens' Piano Concerto No2 then the Swan both played by Benjamin Grosvenor. George's choice was Jupiter from Holst Planets Suite, Joan brought a Russian Ensemble of five solo singers, the Soloists of St Petersburg and we heard two sacred works, an interesting balance of voices. Sue's second choice was the second movement of Bruch's violin concerto played by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra conducted from the violin by the soloist Jaime Laredo. After Easter in the Intermezzo it was fitting to end with a Christmas Chorus Bach's Wachet Auf (Sleepers Awake!) Next month we meet at Bridge Cottage on Tuesday 9 October at 2.30pm. We will play Beethoven's 7th Symphony and a concerto and an overture to be decided. Suggestions welcome

*Aline Cumming*

### Computer Group at Stratford School.



Courses for Beginners and Improvers are underway. Due to the numbers attending, the cost of the course is £12.50.

Dates in October - 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

Thanks to more helpers offering their time, the beginners will be receiving one-to-one help during each session.

*Robyn Nicoll*

### Creative Craft Group



First I would like to thank everyone who took an interest in our display table and those who offered to help with our on-going knitting projects. ie. The jumpers and scarves for the school children at Amasango school in South Africa. Also the chicken jumpers for battery hens. Patterns for both will be available next to the card table at the next general meeting, so please if you have the time and spare wool that you will not be using we would be very grateful for your help as these are on-going projects and are for a very good cause.

Our project for September was making Kings and Angels from wool cones. Sadly I was unable to attend the meeting but from all reports everyone present had a great time modelling the heads for the

Nativity figures. This project will continue next month in our October meeting on the 18th. If you would like to come along and join in the fun we meet in the Annex 2pm.-4pm.

*Roma Rudd.*

### Card Making Group



Last week the group met to make Zentangle cards. Samples of these masterpieces will be for sale at the next monthly meeting. Our next project will be Christmas cards. This will be in the Annex on Oct 19th, 12.0 - 4.30pm. Any new members would be most welcome. All materials are provided, just a contribution to lunch is needed. Please ring me for details Carolyn o1789266194

*Carolyn Leach*

### Dinahs



We met in the Café Rouge Conservatory 7<sup>th</sup> August. Only 7 of us were there, made very welcome by the waitress who recognised Heather, from a recent family birthday party. Chatted about sewing, how we find it difficult to find clothes we like. Shops seem to cater for the younger generation. This led to "what was worn when we were young". School uniform, liberty bodice and suspenders! Baggy shorts, of course needed for sport. Tennis courts were next on the agenda. Covered courts are up for discussion at Stratford Tennis Club. More tennis played in poor weather means more money for the club. However some senior members have a problem as it would spoil the view.

We next meet 4<sup>th</sup> September at The Town House.

*Sylvia Crooks.*

### Discussion Group

We met at Othello's in the Shakespeare & our subject was "If the World is coming to an end in 12 months, what would we regret losing, not having achieved & what would be a 'must do'." Inevitably, one of the first thoughts would be, who cares about the past, with only 12 months to go. But we settled down & there was quite a lot of regret for effort spent on pleasing parents & also the time taken to recognise personal needs and ambitions, such as taking up painting and training to be a Vet. With 12 months to go, diets would be thrown to the wind and self indulgence would prevail. Money would be spent on travelling. I regret that the World has not achieved more charity and equality. I also hate the thought of all those wonderful recipes being lost. On the whole, though, most felt lucky & fairly content being who we are. The next meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> October. Venue to be announced.

*Athena Roderick*

### Family History Group



We usually meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at Stratford High School at 3.45pm during term time. We primarily use the Internet to research using Census returns and birth, marriage and death indexes, and there is always someone on hand to offer encouragement and advice. I also have lots of resources gathered over many years of research which I am happy to share. We share a room, and costs with the Computer Group. New members to this group are always welcome. Feel free to ring me if you have any questions.

*Sue Ocock*

### Grumpy Old Men Group



The thought provoking introduction by Paul Burley (Grump of the Month) to this month's topic - "That which cannot be understood" - generated a deep philosophical discussion the like of which had not before been experienced at our lunch-time gatherings. Contributions to the occasion explored different aspects of the principles, perceptions and validity of faith, belief, prejudice and theories surrounding, in particular, religion and science. While the human race is forever seeking to expand its understanding and knowledge of "things and ideas", to many people their religious belief and faith strongly influences their actions and the search for the truth and knowledge about that which cannot be understood.

**Next meeting** - Wed. 10th Oct. **Venue** - Le Bistrot Pierre.

**Subject** - Stratford - A vision for its future development and what impresses/depresses about the town.

**Introduced by** Paul Burley.

*Graham Mitchell*

### Hand Bell Ringing



We meet every two weeks at the Parish Hall in Old Town (opposite Holy Trinity Church). At the moment we have seven members who manage to play 12 bells between them – BUT WE NEED MORE RINGERS!!! We want to progress to using all 16 bells so if you can read music, or used to play an instrument years ago, do come along and join in the fun.

Our next meeting after the Summer break is on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

*Ron Castleton*

### History Group



In September Sandra Whiteley gave us an illustrated talk on Desmond Tutu and South Africa. He was born on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1931 and at the age of 12 his family moved to Johannesburg. As a child he suffered from TB and polio which left him with a partly paralysed arm. Having trained as a teacher he taught in a Johannesburg high school and in 1960 was ordained as an Anglican priest. He and his family were in England from 1962 to 1966 during which time he studied for a BA and MA in Theology. He was the first black Dean of the Anglican Church (1975), the first black Secretary of the General Council of Churches in South Africa (1979) and the first black Archbishop of Cape Town (1986). In 1994 the Truth and Reconciliation Committee began the healing process after the abuses of the apartheid era and in 2007 Tutu joined "The Elders" a private initiative mobilising the experiences of senior world leaders which operates outside the normal diplomatic process. For 15 years, until the release of Nelson Mandela in 1990, Desmond Tutu fought a lonely battle against the injustices of the apartheid system – one of the worst was that Asian and black South Africans were forced to relocate to "tribal homelands" leaving their families there for 11 months of the year while their men were employed as "guest" workers in the cities. It was a time of great rejoicing when, in April 1994, the first democratic elections were held. Desmond Tutu's part in all this had been recognised the award of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

And now for something completely different..... On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October Joan Leslie is going to talk to us about "Boy Actors in Shakespeare".

*Sheela Burchill*

### Keep Fit Group



Who is brave enough to come and join us at Keep Fit on Thursday mornings at 10.00 am in Shottery Church Hall. Contact Mary Palmer on 01789 204707 or Joy Baylis on 01789 266661.

*Mary Palmer*

### Opera Group



We did not meet in August but will be going to Pam and Alan in Barford on Wed 26 September to hear and see Rigolletto.

*Aline Cumming*

### Pilates Group



Every Monday at St. Andrew's Parish hall Shottery between 12:15 and 1:15. For more information contact Gill Ganner.

### Play Reading Group



We met at Gwyneth's on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. We finished reading Bonaventure by Charlotte Hasting. A murder mystery, the setting is in a Convent of Our Lady of Rheims, a French

Nursing Order. Norwich, England. We meet again at Gwyneth's 11<sup>th</sup> October. Ring Sylvia on 01789 416 965. if you would like to join us.

*Sylvia Crooks*



### Poetry & Prose Reading Group



Our topic for September's meeting was 'celebrations'. This gave a very varied programme from poets including Una Marston, Wordsworth, John Gillespie McGee, Siegfried Sassoon, Ted Hughes, Shakespeare amongst several others, and also a reading from 'Nella Last's War'. The next meeting will be on October 10th.

Anne Davies

### Reading Group - Monday



We all tried and failed to read My father's war by Adriaan van Dis..right through ..we hope the next book, Primo Levi ..memories of Auschwitz will justify our efforts! As usual we enjoyed a wide ranging discussion and a generous slice of Sylvia's delicious lemon cake.

Phyllis Bailey

### Reading Group – Wednesday



This month we read The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson. We were a small group as quite a few of our members were on holiday. Those of us who read the book enjoyed it and have gone on to read the second book in the trilogy of crime thrillers. We agreed that it was brilliantly written and very sad that the author died suddenly and unexpectedly soon after submitting the manuscript and so did not see the worldwide phenomenon his work has become.

Dorothy Jones

### Reading Group - Friday



We read The House at Riverton by Kate Morton. It is a very lightweight book which our group said was 'alright for a summer read'. In fact, we all had difficulty in remembering what the book was about. It is set at the time of the First World War and the changes that came about in society then and in the way domestic servants lived.

The author is Australian, which accounts for some of the glaring errors she made and, as we suggested, if she is serious about writing historical novels, she must carry out some in depth investigation before putting pen to paper.

Coral Bradley

### Rock & Roll Group



Colin Taylor from Alcester U3A presented the programme this month and concentrated on some of the hits from 1957 and some of the cinema adverts of the time. These took us back to our youth. Thank you Colin.

Coral Bradley

### Science and Nature Group



Our September visit was a full day to Slimbridge Wetland Centre in the morning and Chavenage, near Tetbury, in the afternoon. Twenty one of our members thoroughly enjoyed a really interesting guided walk around Slimbridge, the home of a huge array of wildlife including swans, flamingos, geese and ducks, many of which are rare or endangered. The walk finished at the otter enclosure at feeding time and gave us a wonderful opportunity to get a close-up of these rare animals, thankfully slowly making a come-back in the wild. After a good lunch in a local pub, we then found a real 'gem' at Chavenage, a historic Elizabethan manor house that has hardly changed since the 16<sup>th</sup>. Century. Only owned by two families in all that time, originally the Stephens and now the Lowesley-Williams, it has many items, such as tapestries, furniture and relics, relating to the Cromwellian period. We were shown around by David Lowesley-Williams and his son George who were both interesting and amusing. The wonderful afternoon tea and cakes concluded a great day out. Next meetings, all in the Methodist Hall lounge:-

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October- a talk by Angie Butler on 'Antarctica – Magic, Mystery, Triumph and Tragedy'

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – a DVD 'Darwin and the Tree of Life'

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Our Xmas Social and light hearted quiz

Geoff Bridgewater

### Sunday Lunch Group



The lunch in October will be on Sunday 7th at the Stratford Golf Club, Tiddington Road. As this has to be arranged by Sid Slaughter I shall need to know names as soon as possible. Please telephone Brian Bradley on 01789 488551.

### Theatre Group



Our next trip is to Malvern Theatre on 6 October 2012 to see Tom Conti in *Rough Justice* with. At the time of writing only two tickets are left (booked but not paid for) so I think there will not be any others available. We leave Johnsons yard at 12.00 and the Leisure Centre at 12.30. My mobile for that day only will be 07818820207.

On 17 November 2012 we go again to Malvern to see Penelope Keith in *Good Grief*. This trip is completely booked and I have quite a long waiting list. I do not intend to book anything else until about February - unless something amazing comes along.

*Coral Bradley*

### Outings



SKITTLES – A fun evening has been arranged at Welford Bowls Club on 16 November 2012 to play Skittles. Come along and try your hand at this old time game. There will be a bar and a buffet supper. The cost is £10.00 per person. Start at 7.30pm. A prize will be awarded for the best and the worst players. Ring me on 01789 488551 to put your name on the list.

*Coral Bradley*

### Walking Group



The next walk will be on Wednesday **10th October** at 10.00 a.m. and start from Ettington Church. You can park next to the Church. This is a six mile easy walk in the attractive countryside around Ettington with some stunning views on a clear sunny day – we can hope.

I recommend good walking shoes and that you also bring a drink with you. Hopefully we will have good weather between now and the 10<sup>th</sup> look forward to seeing you there.

*Valerie Redfern*

WHAT'S ON – Monthly Meetings at Stratford, Shottery and Dene Valley U3As.

|             |                             |                            |                 |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Stratford   | – 31 <sup>st</sup> October. | - "Magic History"          | - Bob King.     |
| Shottery    | – 6 <sup>th</sup> November. | - "A Pinch of Salt"        | - Bill Davies.  |
| Dene Valley | – 9 <sup>th</sup> October.  | - "The Birmingham Whistle" | - Simon Topman. |

### SYMPHONY HALL CONCERT

Wednesday 7th November 2-15 pm **AUTUMN CONTRASTS.**

Mozart - Symphony No 25, Vaughan Williams - Oboe Concerto\*\*, Schumann - Symphony No 2

\*\* It could possibly be the loveliest piece of English music you've ever heard.

The cost of this visit is £30. This includes the concert ticket and return coach from Stratford to the Symphony Hall. The coach will leave the Stratford Leisure centre at 12-30pm. **PAYMENT IS NOW DUE.** Cheques made payable to Heart of England U3A and sent to Dorothy Jones at 14 Ascot Close Stratford upon Avon CV37 9FN. Tel: 01789 204892.

*Dorothy Jones*

### New Year Lunch 2013 January 19 Le Bistrot Pierre.

2012 was off to a flying start with a very successful Lunch at Le Bistro Pierre. It proved to be a happy year with the Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic Games & Paralympic Games. We are welcoming in 2013 on January 19th, again at Le Bistrot Pierre, Garden Room, Swan's Nest Hotel. The price is very good value at £13.50 per head & will include a raffle and the Quiz, both offering small prizes. The Booking Forms with menu choices will be available at the next meeting & you can bring your money along, preferably as cheques made out to HOE U3A & they will be collected. All the necessary information is on the Booking Forms. Do come along and join us in wishing Heart Of England U3A another happy & successful year.

*Athena Roderick*

**The closing date for material for the November Newsletter is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

| Group   | Group Leader                   | Usual Meeting date (Monthly)                                      |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| All Swing and Jazz Group                                | Dennis Sully                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 2 - 4pm                                  |
| Art Appreciation  | Phyl Collins<br>Pat Wood       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 2pm  |
| Big Band Music & Jazz                                   | Tony Badham                    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2 – 4 pm                                  |
| Bridge  | John Yeomans                   | Every Tuesday 2.30pm  |
| Chinwags Luncheon Group                                 | Aline Cumming                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 12 Noon                                    |
| Choir   | Ruth Grahame<br>Dorothy Jones  | Friday 11.45 for 12 noon,<br>After 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - Weekly |
| Classical Music   | Aline Cumming                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 2.30 pm                                   |
| Creative Crafts   | Roma Rudd                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2 – 4 pm                                 |
| Computer Group  | Robyn Nicoll                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 4.15 pm                                |
| Dinahs Luncheon Group                                   | Sylvia Crooks                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday for Lunch                                 |
| Discussion Group  | Athena Roderick                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday   |
| Family History – Genealogy                              | Sue Ocock                      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday – 4.00 pm                                |
| Grumpy Old Men Group                                    | Graham Mitchell                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday for Lunch                               |
| Hand Bell Ringing Group                                 | Ron Castleton                  | Alternate Mondays 10am  |
| History Group   | Janet Anslow                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday – 2.0 pm                                   |
| Keep Fit  | Mary Palmer                    | Every Thursday am   |
| Luncheon Group – Sundays                                | Brian Bradley                  | - see Newsletter for dates -                                      |
| Opera Group   | Aline Cummings                 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 2.00pm                                 |
| Pilates Group   | Gill Ganner                    | Mondays – 12.15-1.15pm  |
| Play Reading  | Sylvia Crooks                  | -see Newsletter for dates -                                       |
| Poetry Reading  | Jacqueline Williams            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds. 10 – 12 am                                  |
| Poetry & Prose Appreciation                             | Anne Davies                    | As appropriate  |
| Reading Group – Wednesday                               | Dorothy Jones                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2.30 pm                                 |
| Reading Group – Monday                                  | Phyllis Bailey                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday–2.30-4.30pm                                |
| Reading Group – Friday                                  | Coral Bradley                  | As appropriate  |
| Rock & Roll Music Group                                 | Coral Bradley                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 2 – 4pm                                |
| Science & Nature Group<br>(incorporating Bird Watching) | Geoff Bridgewater              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fridays<br>(as appropriate)                       |
| Symphony Hall Visits                                    | Dorothy Jones &<br>Gwyn Bevins | As appropriate  |
| Theatre Visits & Outings                                | Coral Bradley                  | As appropriate  |
| Walking   | Valerie Redfern                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday   |

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

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>2012</u>                 | <u>2013</u>                      |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JANUARY      | Computer Group              | Grumpy Old Men Group             |
| FEBRUARY     | Friday Reading Group        | Monday Reading Group             |
| MARCH        | Poetry & Prose Appreciation | Bird Watching Group              |
| APRIL        | Poetry Reading Group        | Family History & Computer Groups |
| MAY          | Walking Group               | Big Band Music & Jazz Group      |
| JUNE         | Play Reading Group          | Dinah's Lunch Group              |
| JULY         | Wednesday Reading Group     | Keep Fit Group                   |
| AUGUST       | Classical Music Group       | Bridge Group                     |
| SEPTEMBER    | Rock & Roll Music Group     | Creative Crafts Group            |
| OCTOBER      | Science & Nature Group      | U3A Choir                        |
| NOVEMBER     | Chinwags Lunch Group        | History Group                    |
| DECEMBER     | Hand Bell Ringing Group     | Pilates Group                    |