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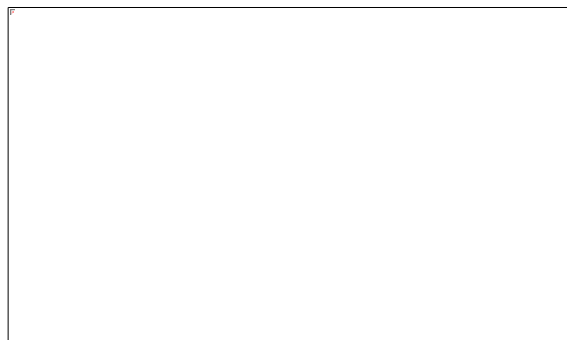
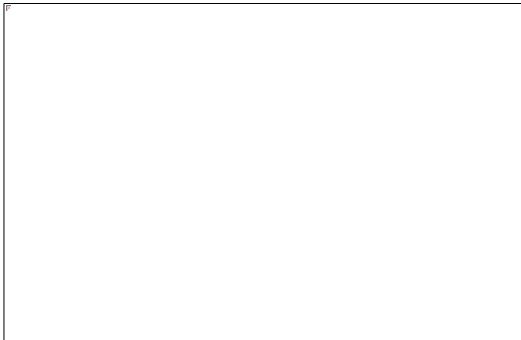
1. Arts and Heritage Group

VISIT TO KELMSCOTT MANOR – 24 MAY, 2023

We are delighted to let you know that we have been able to arrange a visit to the home of William Morris, ie, Kelmscott Manor, for Wednesday 24 May, 2023. More details in the link below:-

[Details For Visit to Kelmscott Manor](#)

2. Science and Technology - Hands on Events - Open to All at Churchers



We have a few places left for this hands on science session event.

On Wednesday 1st February 16:30 to 18:00

Please click the link below and fill in the short form if you would like a place.

The sessions will take place with up to 30 people in 2 groups.

If this proves popular it may be repeated later in the year so if the date is unsuitable but you would like a place please continue to fill out the form or call Malcolm on 0770 276 1942

Note the labs are easily accessible.

[Open to All - Hands on Science - Link to Form](#)

3. New Darts Group

The new Darts Group would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining them on a Wednesday morning - for more details click on the link below. All abilities and all genders are welcome.

[Link to New Darts Group](#)

4. Membership Secretary standing down

A message from Linda Hutton, Membership Secretary

My tenure of the role of Membership Secretary will come to an end at the next AGM in October.

A long way away, I know, but I think it would be a good idea if a new Membership Secretary could shadow me for the coming months, to get to know how everything works and meet the members of the Management Committee and others involved in the administration of the u3a and ultimately it would make for a smooth changeover.

I have really enjoyed my time as Membership Secretary and have found it interesting and very satisfying. It has given me an insight into the running of the u3a and appreciation of what it offers, together with an opportunity to meet new members and assist existing members and it has been fun being involved with nice people and sometimes new challenges, all with lots of support and friendliness.

If you think this is something which would interest you and would like to know more about what is involved, please contact me at memsec.u3aptr@gmail.com and I will let you have more details about the role and perhaps arrange either to meet or have a phone conversation. No hard sell, I promise, just a chance to pass on information.

5. Open Meeting Team Leader – New Role

Petersfield u3a holds a monthly 'General Open Meeting' at Petersfield Community Centre on the second Monday of each month. We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the various teams that enable the event to happen, and to explore ways of developing the meeting to enhance its appeal to members.

Background

We currently have our Speaker Secretary, providing the speaker, the IT Projectionist Team (which also covers the other Groups Open Meetings), The rolling show editor, the Refreshments Team, the Admission helpers, and regular attendees who informally lend a hand to open up, monitor admissions, put out chairs and host the event. At the moment there is no overall coordinator to ensure good communication between the various contributing activities, to support if problems arise and to lead the development of the event.

Requirements

Someone who enjoys building and leading a team and seeking to maximise the opportunities available in any situation. This is about

organisation and communication, not control on the day. This is a real opportunity to contribute to the u3a, leading what is our only regular u3a general event. There are no preconceptions so there is a real opportunity to influence how the role develops.

This role will be part of the new Member's Activities group headed up by Vice Chairman Jenny Thwaites. Please contact Jenny for an informal chat if you are interested (vicechair.u3aptr@gmail.com)

6. Family History Group 2 Talk - OPEN TO ALL u3a MEMBERS 8 February

On **Wednesday 8th February at 10am in the Exhibition room, Petersfield Community Centre** Sue Potts-Bury will be giving a talk to the Family History 2 Group on ' Finding Your Ancestors' Home', with a little bit about the history of it.

This talk will be **open to all u3a members**. If anyone would like Sue to try and trace their ancestors' home(s) they can send details to: sukiepb@gmail.com

7. Open Meetings - February

Unless stated otherwise these meetings take place at Petersfield Community Centre .

Please note

Remember to bring your u3a membership card to all these meetings.

Open General meetings and Arts & Heritage meetings start at 2.30pm

Science & Technology meetings and Health Matters meetings start at 2.00pm

For your diaries.

Follow the links for the future programme of talks for General Interest, Arts & Heritage, Science & Technology Meetings and Health Matters.

General interest Open Meetings January to March 2023

Arts and Heritage Talks for 2023

Science and Technology for 2023

Health Matters for 2023

General Open Meeting
Monday 13 February 2023
Petersfield Community Centre, 2.30pm

Coming of Age in Post War Germany
with **Ray Vogt**

My Parent's Story

This is the second part of Ray's amazing family history.

Learn about what life was like in post war Germany and how his mother and father dealt with the extraordinary challenges they faced. The talk recounts moving details from the memoirs Ray's parents wrote before they passed away.

Arts and Heritage Open Meeting
Wednesday 15 February 2023, 2.30pm

Travels of J.M.W. Turner
with **Bernard Allen**

Bernard Allan has a BA (Hons) in History and an MA in the History of Art and has spoken a number of times to this group and is invited back again and again by request of the members. His talks being extremely detailed and beautifully illustrated.

This particular talk covers the exciting works of JMW Turner who following the end of the Napoleonic wars, when travel had been

precluded, set off to travel Switzerland, France, Germany, and Italy with his works progressing from topographical works to his distinctive beautiful atmospheric landscapes. Indeed, no artist before Turner depicted the Venetian atmosphere so romantically, leading Ruskin to comment on his watercolours of Mount Rigi "He is not showing his hand but his heart"!!!

HEALTH MATTERS

Tuesday 21 February, Petersfield Community Centre, 2pm



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Professor Sue Craddock and **Mark Hancock** will, with particular emphasis on Diabetes, discuss the

Four Pillars of Health

Eat Well Move Better Relax More Sleep Clever

Mark Hancock writes "We'll help the audience understand if they're at risk of Type 2 Diabetes, how others have reversed their diagnosis, and what lifestyle changes they could make plus gain an insight into what may be stopping us making those changes."

For more information and background follow the link below.

[Four Pillars of Health \(21/02/23\)](#)

Science and Technology

Tuesday, 28 February, Petersfield Community Centre, 2pm

Modern Drug Discovery and neglected diseases – the asbestos legacy

A Talk by Prof Adrian Dobbs University of Surrey

We've all heard of asbestos – the wonder building material, but how much do we really know about it and its legacy? Does it have a connection to disease? Should we be worried about it?

In this public engagement talk we shall look at modern drug discovery in an easy to understand way, highlighting the work taking place at the University of Surrey to investigate neglected diseases and in collaboration with a number of charitable organisations. In particular we will consider the role of asbestos in society.

Prof Adrian Dobbs is Head of School of Chemistry & Chemical Engineering at Surrey you can view his research interests here <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/people/adrian-dobbs#about>

8. Composting Masterclass

Members may be interested in the Composting Masterclass being run

at the Sustainability Centre, in particular it concerns composting & soil health and is being held on Saturday, 22nd April. For more details click on the link below:-

[Composting Masterclass](#)

9. Internal Publicity

From time to time it is apparent that some are confused by our three main publicity items. The three are- Connect, News and Views and the U3A website. I hope that the following will help.

Connect – is published weekly for email members who opt to receive it. There is a link to the approved Editorial policy in every edition of Connect. This gives details of the do's and don'ts of the publication and is recommended reading for those submitting items for publication, Connect is run by a team of three Petersfield u3a members and the contact's email address is u3aeditorconnect@gmail.com

News and Views – Published every 2 months to all members in email and paper form. It is less time specific than Connect tends to be. News and Views is built by a small team of Petersfield u3a members and the contact's email address is nandv.u3aptr@gmail.com

Petersfield u3a website - on line to all the world all the time. The site contains a wide variety of information about Petersfield u3a Groups and their activities and events. There are email contact links for Group Convenors, u3a Officers and the Management Committee. The contact's address is its.u3aptr@gmail.com

10. Use the website to answer your queries

The Connect Editorial Team is often asked questions which relate to the items in Connect. These and similar questions are really for the writers of the items and not the Connect Team. Many can be answered from the Petersfield U3A website. Understanding that some of you are hesitant when using the website we have put together a simple guide to getting info for some of the more popular items. The guide covering “Our Groups”, “What’s On”, Archived copies of “Connect” and “News and Views” and copies of more formal documents and/or Management Information can be accessed from the link below. Remember that you can get into the website from the RED bar near the top of every edition of Connect.

[Simple Guide](#)

11. Contacting the Editor /or the Editorial Team and submitting items

NOTE the email address below

If you wish to contact the Editor and the Team use the email address below. **To make it clear, any requests for items to be included in an edition should be forwarded to this email address also.** This ensures that your message can be seen by all the team.

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"Connect" Editorial Policy

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