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1.

Chichester Festival Theatre Tickets

The programme for the summer season 2023 will be announced on **16th February** and full details will be on the theatre's website (www.cft.org.uk). Please take a look and let us know your preferences so that we can take these into consideration when we apply for tickets. Once our application has been processed and our tickets allocated we will place all details on the u3a website in the Chichester Festival Theatre Group section.'

Chris & Julie Burton theburtons76@gmail.com

2. Backgammon New Group

A new friendly Backgammon Group has their first meeting at 10am on Monday 13th February. Just click on the [link](#) below find out more about playing this 5,000 year-old game of skill and chance and to contact the Convenor.

[Link to Backgammon Group](#)

3. Planet Petersfield



Members of Petersfield u3a are volunteering at Planet Petersfield. We hope to see other members there.

Petersfield Town Council is hosting a FREE family friendly climate engagement and networking event at the Festival Hall this half-term. Doors open at 12 noon on Tuesday the 14th of February. This is part of the national 'Show the Love' campaign organised by the Climate Coalition.

This is a drop in event between 12 noon to 5.30pm.

There will be climate related storytelling and facepainting for the children.

There will be two film showings at the event, **Sir David Attenborough's Climate change – The Facts at 1.45pm** and **Leonardo DiCaprio - Before the Flood from 5.30pm**. These film showings are FREE and all are welcome.

Throughout the day there will be refreshments on sale in the Rose Room. Parking, electric car charging points and cycle racks are available in the pay and display Festival Hall car park.

Programme:

12.00pm - Open

12.45pm-1.15pm - Tree Talk by local tree expert Robin Hart

1.45pm -2.45pm - FILM

Climate Change – The Facts (Sir David Attenborough)

3.15pm- 4.15pm – Ecology & Biodiversity talk - Coombes UK

5.30pm – 7.06pm – FILM

Before the Flood (Leonardo DiCaprio)

7.15pm – Close

Planet Petersfield is our home, so come along and find out how we can all make it a better and a greener place to live. Building a sustainable future one event and one town at a time.

See you there. Petersfield Town Council

NB: speakers and films maybe subject to change without notice.

4. Open Meetings - February and March

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>

General Open Meeting
Monday 13 March 2023

Petersfield Community Centre, 2.30pm



**Grace Darling
and the Fine Art of Saving Lives at Sea**

Talk by **James Taylor**

Darling's daring rescue of steamship passengers off the Northumberland coast in 1838 brought her international fame and celebrity. Discover more about her bravery, her short life (died aged 26) and the full extent of the artistic contribution that helped to keep her in the public eye well into the 1970s. She became the national 'poster girl' of the Royal Lifeboat Institution, and was the first woman to be awarded their medal for gallantry.

This talk coincides with the commemorations in 2024 to mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the RNLI.

Arts and Heritage Open Meeting

Wednesday 15 March 2023, 2.30pm



**"The War Horse Story
Talk by **Dr Gill Clarke****

Dr Clarke has published widely on 20th century British art and guest curated exhibitions at Pallant House, Chichester and Russell Cotes Gallery & Museum, Bournemouth. She was visiting Professor at the Otter Gallery, Chichester University from 2012 until the gallery closed in 2018. She has had books on the artists Evelyn Dunbar and Randolph Schwabe published amongst many other interesting subjects.

The talk tells of the journey from peacetime through to the vital wartime role in WW1 as Cavalry mounts, ambulances and for pulling artillery. The talk will also illustrate the depiction of dashing cavalry men replaced by the less romantic role of "mud, shells, chaos and death". Over a quarter of a million died in France alone, yet the

success of the British effort was heavily dependant on horse power. This is a remarkable story.

HEALTH MATTERS

Tuesday 21 March, Petersfield Community Centre, 2pm

**How dogs support the health and
wellbeing of people**

Talk by **Kate Fairweather**

Science and Technology

Tuesday, 28 March, Petersfield Community Centre, 2pm

DNA Fingerprinting

Talk by **Dr Ian Goodall**

5. 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:-

6. 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

7. Message from the Community Centre Manager

[Message regarding security](#)

8. 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](#)

9. 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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