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Dunstable u3a Factsheet Monday 20th July 2026

Welcome, I hope that you enjoy today's meeting and take the opportunity for a chat with other members. Please help to make new members and visitors feel welcome.

Monthly Meetings

Tell your friends and family about us and invite them to come along as a guest to explore joining us. Doors open at 1.15, so you can join groups, book trips, buy a book and have a free drink and a chat before the talk in the main hall at 2.00. Contact Events Secretary eventssec@dunstableu3a.org.uk David Courtenay, to share any suggestions you have about speakers.

Today's speaker: Fred Finn – The World's Most Travelled Man

As the Guinness World Record Holder, he has a lot of experiences to share, many of them on Concorde.

August 17th Roger Gibbons - Butterflies of GB and France

Roger has personally seen hundreds of our butterfly varieties and has many images to share with you to support his very interesting talk.

Social Committee - Coach Outings

All members of Dunstable u3a are invited to join the coach outings arranged by The Social Committee, email socialcommittee@dunstableu3a.org.uk. Bookings are made in person at the monthly meetings.

TRIP TO WINDSOR AND CRUISE DOWN THE RIVER THAMES 8th September

Leader: Annette Irwin List opens June/July. Final payment August

This trip is already fully booked

WARWICK CASTLE Thursday 22nd October 2026

Leader: Rosemary O'Toole List opens today/August. Deposit £20 Final Payment September
Come with us on our trip to Warwick Castle which is a medieval castle situated on a meander of the River Avon. It was developed from a wooden fort built by William the Conqueror during 1068, rebuilt in stone during the 12th century and used as a stronghold until the early 17th century. It was then converted to a country house by the Grenville family until being sold in 1978 and sold to the Tussauds Group. It is a magnificent castle to visit with many treasures to see and enjoy, including grounds of 690 acres designed by Capability Brown in 1749 and completed in 1757. Formal gardens were created in the castle grounds in 1868-9. Warwick Castle is an iconic heritage site where you can experience the fun of real history through immersive attractions and spectacular live entertainment.

Travel Group travelgroup@dunstableu3a.org.uk Join the Travel Group to be eligible to join the trips and be kept informed. Teresa and Miriam will both be at today's meeting to help you.

Group activities. Our website <https://dunstable.u3asite.uk> has details of our 92 activities. Chat to Susan Marsh our new Group Liaison Officer (GLO) at today's meeting or email her at glo@dunstableu3a.org.uk to find out more and join the groups. You can also discuss your ideas for groups that we have not started yet.

It is important that you contact Susan to join any group rather than trying to contact the groups directly.

Other Matters

New Members Meeting

We shall be holding a New Members Meeting on Thursday 30th July in the Parlour here at the Methodist Church at 10 o'clock. New members are welcome to come and meet the Trustees and Officers to learn how to get the best from their membership. It is also a good opportunity to meet other new members. Potential new members are welcome to come to discover what the u3a offers them, so please bring or send your friends along.

Welfare Officer, Laina is always available to help you. her email is lainageleit@aol.com

Remember you can keep up to date and access useful information at our website at <https://dunstable.u3asite.uk> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dunstableu3a> Your input helps keep them interesting. We always encourage your feedback and suggestions.

Hoping that this helps you to learn, laugh and live.

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