

## Monthly Newsletter

### September 2024

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon at Cornerstones Café, The Baptist Church, Wheeler Green Road. All welcome.

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Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 by Zoom, Clive Aronson will be giving a talk on "The 2 Neils" supported by lots of music from Neil Sedaka and Neil Diamond. This is a Thames Valley Network event and must be booked via their website [www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk) Tickets are £2 per device. Bookings close on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September Convenors meeting, 10 am for a 10.15 start, at the Methodist Church. Please could all groups send a representative.

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September General meeting 2 – 4 pm at The Frank Hutchings Hall, Speaker Steve Harris on Astronomy 2.30 – 3.15. Tea, biscuits, raffle, book and jigsaw swap tables and an opportunity to have a chat. Members free.

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.30 by Zoom, A virtual tour of CERN (the European organisation for Nuclear Research) lead by two scientists who work there. The talk is suitable for scientists and non-scientists. This is a Thames Valley Network event and must be booked through their website. Tickets are £2 per device. Bookings close on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

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#### News from Groups

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Paul Roberts has agreed to become convenor for our reopened Theatre Group. He has arranged for u3a members to join Kennet Theatre Club and receive notification of the regular trips, with the option of joining those that interest you. There are about 10 trips a year.

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The Chess group and I can't draw have taken time out through the summer. They would love to hear from new members to provide fresh impetus for the new academic year. See the trifold for contact details.

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Rumikub have a growing waiting list and Isabel Trent would be thrilled to hear from anyone who would be willing to open a second group. She can provide the know

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how and our convenor contact, Sue Stevenson will be keen to provide any additional support.

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Two members have, separately, put in a request for a cryptic crossword group. There was a study day on this topic a little while ago and 'we have the book'. Would anyone like to take on the convenor role? Contact Sue Stevenson or Ann Dibble if you are interested but would like more information.

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The Science and Technology Group are organising a visit to Reading Hydro in September. Reading Hydro is a micro-hydroelectric scheme located on the River Thames in Reading at the upstream end of View Island and using the head of water provided by the weir at Caversham Lock. Contact Kerry Thomas if this would interest you.

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### **Opportunities for trips and holidays**

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September National Trust organised day trip to The Big Stink in London, including a boat trip and afternoon tea. Contact Karen Eggleton on 0777 5864660 to see if any places remain.

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Tadley u3a organised day trip to Monkey World and Ringwood. Cost £27.

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November Tadley u3a organised day trip to Clarks Village Shopping Centre. Cost £16. Contact Lynda Mead on 0794 127 5852. There could be a pickup in Thatcham if enough interest is shown.

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Tour by coach to France, Germany and Luxembourg. Based by the Moselle River. Cost starts at £890. Contact Lynda Mead of Tadley u3a for more details.

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### **An invitation to subscribe to the u3a Friends Newsletter**

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The Third Age Trust is not allowed to badger u3a members with advertising for external products. At first sight, we are grateful for this, but it even means that they cannot offer the virtual u3a zoom talks if they wish to charge a small fee. To get round this they have established Friends Extra [www.u3a.org.uk/get-involved/u3a-friends](http://www.u3a.org.uk/get-involved/u3a-friends) By signing up for the monthly newsletter, you will receive the information on the special discounts and offers and details of the interesting talks available.

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Please send copy for the October News to by 21<sup>st</sup> September to the Chair. Items received after this date will be saved for the November News.

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