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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

This year seems to be rushing by and, as I type this, it's more like an autumn evening. Let's hope we have a few bright days soon. Your u3a is growing with new members every month. We are back to having over four hundred members – every week Dot receives inquiries for membership so we hope that some will set up new groups and some join current groups.

Our u3a HQ is trying hard to provide new projects for you all so have a look at their website www.u3a.org.uk and see what's happening. Also have a look at our website www.avu3a.org.uk which will give you our local news and lots of information about our activities and groups including contact details for group leaders.

At the end of September I shall be off to the Isle of Wight for a weekend at Warners; this will bring back memories of our u3a holiday earlier this year. This was a brilliant break with good company and it was well organised with varied activities each day. Our coach driver was pleasant and sociable too. For me the highlight was the boat trip around Portsmouth harbour seeing the new aircraft carrier and learning about the history of the place. I recommend you try one of our holidays if you get the chance.

Another good thing to do is go on one of our coach trips. Bobby and I went to Portsmouth to the Naval dockyard and we had a wonderful day out. The highlight was seeing the Mary Rose museum and, after nearly four hours, we moved on to a section where chaps were restoring boats of all types which was very interesting. Then, after a cup of coffee and a bun, we went to the iron clad warship and what a ship! I found the very small cells fascinating – depending on the misdemeanour the unfortunate sailor could be there for a week and, when food was delivered, he had to face the wall. So, give one of the outings a try – Dan does a marvellous job of finding different places to visit.

I have booked speakers for next year and have managed to get a variety of talks on a wide range of subjects. I have also booked our Christmas entertainment for 2025! So see you all at U3A or at a group. Have fun and tell all your friends about us.

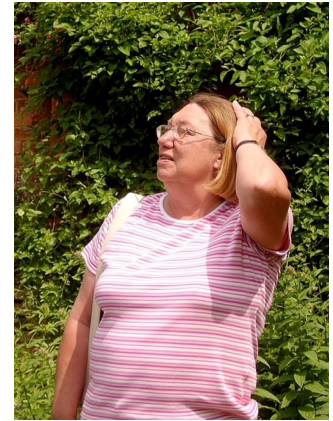
Take care, Chris Lowe, Chairman

Our Friend Barbara

In June we received the sad news that our good U3A friend Barbara Fraser had passed away in the Leonard West Home. Barbara had belonged to Aylesbury Vale U3A for many years and although she did not attend the monthly meetings on a regular basis she was a long standing member of several of our interest groups.

She enjoyed meeting up with friends in the Gentle Walks group and in 2015 she joined the second Readers Circle where she attended the meetings regularly until quite recently. Barbara loved books and had plenty to add to the discussions, always something apposite and raising points that the rest of the group had missed.

Barbara was probably best known for running the Garden Group with Barbara Lane which they did together for over 5 years. Under the leadership of "The Two Barbaras" the group went from strength to strength with over 40 members. They arranged gardening experts to give talks, organised plant sales and lots of visits to gardens, garden centres and nurseries. It was a wonderful time to look back on. Barbara was a private person and was stoical throughout her illness but always had a ready smile and good humour. She will be sorely missed by all of us who knew her and called her our friend.



Jean Ashton

A Cautionary Travellers' Tale

My bridge partner, Richard Clark, a member of your merry band, asked me to relate what befell me and my wife at Birmingham airport last month.

We had booked the holiday of a lifetime, a river cruise in Germany that I had been looking forward to since my retirement in 2019. Already delayed by health matters in that year and then by Covid from 2020-2022, we were finally there, at the airport with breath bated and passports poised. I advanced to the Lufthansa desk with a song in my heart. Suddenly my song went horribly out of tune as the nice(?) lady at the desk returned my passport. "It is expired", she said. What do you mean? It clearly says "Expiry: February 2024. No? Or should I say "Nein"?

I soon learned that, under the new rules since Brexit, your passport cannot be more than ten years old. This means that if, like me, you renewed your passport early and they gave you back the unused time (in my case, nine months), that extra time is no longer valid. You may well hold a passport that doesn't seem to expire for up to nine months but, if you have held it for more than ten years since its starting date, it is just scrap paper.

I understand the border points are turning away quite a few people every day under this new rule, and most of them, like us, will be losing expensive holidays with no recourse. Your holiday insurance does not cover it.

So, if you have a passport that was renewed around ten years ago, check the date of issue as well as the expiry date. You have been warned!

David Barker

MEMBERSHIP

At the time of submission, we have 409 members. Some members have not renewed their membership for '23-'24, the most common reasons being changes in their personal circumstances. Many have said how much they enjoyed being part of avu3a and the groups. Thank you all for contributing to a thriving community group, either as committee members/group leaders or just taking part in the various activities.

Since the Summer Newsletter we welcome 13 new members:
Maria White, Alison & Colin Payne, Julia Durrant, Kim McKinlay,
Anansieta Ndegwa, Sara Miller, Tony Wright, Celia Payne, Robert Poole,
Trevor & Lynn Hopkins, Bryan Plowright

Welcome

Renewals – Thanks to everyone who renewed their membership by the end of July. There are quite a few of you who have not done so. This is a gentle reminder that if you would like to carry on your membership of avu3a then you must renew it by the end of September otherwise you will be on the 'lapsed' list. If you do not intend to renew your membership, please let me know via membership@avu3a.org.uk

The '23-'24 membership cards (for paid-up members) will be available for collection at the August BBQ party and the September General Meeting. If you are not coming to these two events, please let me know so that I can post the new card to you.

Dot Toler
Membership Secretary

Bucks Memory Support Service Memory Information Session 12th September 2023 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

This free session which will include lots of useful information will be held at The Aylesbury Library. We all suffer from the occasional memory loss. Unfortunately most people are ignorant about the possible causes and what to do to manage this. There can many different reasons. Hearing from an expert could help us all with tips and coping strategies which could help us maintain more independence and confidence. Also it may help when we have friends/family who suffer this whether it be mild or more severe. With the knowledge we gain from this session we might be of more help to ourselves and others. Places are limited and booking is required so please email bucks.memorysupport@nhs.net or phone 01296 718956 to book a place.

The next **Coffee morning** will be on Monday 25th September 2023 at 10.30 am at The Watermead Inn Watermead, Aylesbury HP19 0FX. There is plenty of free parking available. The cost will be £3 per person for as many cups of coffee or tea as you wish and biscuits.



COACH TRIPS



	Place	Cost
5th September 2023	Standen House and Wakehurst Place	£25 (+£14 +£11.95 non NT)

Standen House is one of the finest examples of Arts & Crafts workmanship, with William Morris interiors. It was the Beale family's country retreat from 1894 and boasts a beautiful collection of furniture and embroideries. It was a very modern house for its time and had not only electric lighting throughout but central heating on the ground floor. The hillside garden covers 12 acres and has an award-winning plant collection and wonderful views over the Sussex countryside. It is divided into 'rooms', each with its own theme, colours and texture. We have lunch here before departing for nearby Wakehurst.

Wakehurst is the home of the Millennium Seed Bank and has a wild botanic garden full of diverse plants from around the globe. Its living collection of exotic trees and woodland covers over 500 acres. The species here are either extinct in the wild or threatened with extinction and they are grown for research and conservation.

3rd October	Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens	£38
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Leonardslee is a 240-acre Grade 1 listed garden, recently reopened after 10 years of restoration. Set in a steep valley, it consists of 7 lakes, woodland areas and the famous Rock Garden. In autumn it has an amazing display of colour. A buggy service is available.

Also to see is a sculpture park and art gallery, a dolls' house exhibition and the wallabies and chickens! Leonardslee House has a restaurant and there are also cafes on the estate. We spend the day here before departing mid afternoon for home.

Depart Jansel Square, Bedgrove 8am, return 6pm approx.

Outing organiser – Dan McGregor

1st November	British Museum	£32-£29 depending on numbers
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Immerse yourself in 2 million years of human history, art and culture! Come face to face with objects from Sutton Hoo to the Islamic world, from Greece and Assyria to North America and Mexico. The museum's collection of 8 million works is the largest in the world and documents the story of human culture from the very beginning to the present day.

There are several cafes, a pizzeria and the Great Court Restaurant.

For this trip depart **Jansel Square, Bedgrove 8.45 am, return 5.00 pm approx.**

The Newsletter Team has received a request for information about Brian Blower as follows:

I have a French friend, Françoise, living in Paris. In the 1970s she lived in Aylesbury with a German friend Brigit. They became friends with Brian Blower who then lived opposite the High School on Walton Road. The three became great friends but for whatever reason the two ladies lost trace of him. Today, like the two ladies, he would be in his seventies. Françoise asked me last November when I was in Paris if I could help trace him. I have been doing that ever since but to no avail despite researching electoral registers, birth, marriage and death registers, checking immigration records and also visiting the occupants of the house where once he lived. All was of no avail. This will be my last attempt to trace the enigmatic Brian.

I really do hope that somebody, somewhere knows what became of Brian Blower for the benefit not just of Françoise but of Brigit too. Should anyone have any information it would be much appreciated if you would contact me, Madeline Ahad on 07495 532603.

The Weather

Sunny spells -	Mainly cloudy
Scattered showers -	Continuous rain
A warm front -	Bikini weather
A cold front -	One that is well wrapped up
An occluded front -	One button undone
Unsettled -	Continuous rain
An anticyclone -	Your mother's sister's bike that only comes out in fair weather
Precipitation -	Anything that falls out of the sky, apart from aircraft
Spits and spots -	Just because your granny's got it, it doesn't mean to say you're going to get it
Fifty per cent chance of a shower -	If it rains, I was right ; if it doesn't rain, I was right
Rain -	Falling water
Snow -	Frozen falling water
Hail -	Frozen falling water that hurts
High pressure -	Likely to make you perspire
Low pressure -	Keep your coat on
Imminent -	Already happening
Soon -	Already happening
Later -	Soon.....and finally.....
Gale warnings -	Excuses for the high price of fish

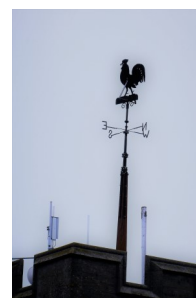
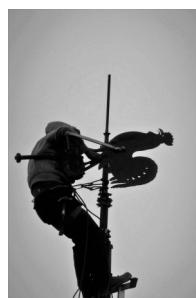
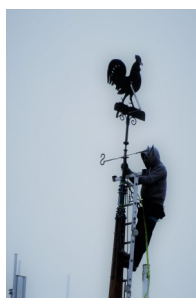
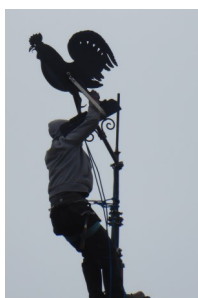
Ron Adams

The Weather Cock

Storm Eunice blew during February 2022
and away the church weather cock flew,
and crashed on to a nearby roof
far from his exalted roost.

How we missed the weather cock:
the absent black silhouette was quite a shock.
Hopefully he will re-appear on high
and point to the scudding clouds in the sky.

In March 2023 the weather cock flew back
with the help of a youthful steeple jack.
Now our proud and silent weather cock
points to the wind right round the clock.



Whitchurch Weather Cock

Richard Stevenson

Memories 7

Pin memories down like butterflies
in an old Victorian box frame.
A collection of dead beauty
with a dusty raw undertone.

Searching for oblivion
a prayer reaches above
am I a lost cause
or a candidate for love?

I bridged the abyss in the spring
That summertime was stunning
All the leaves dropped in the fall
wintertime was coming.

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Memories 3

I saw your smile in a broken mirror
heard your song on the wind.
I called your number, disconnected
guess you don't want to be found.
I see broken hearts all around me
everything's sad now it's gone.
I guess I must try to forget you
guess I'll dream of you again.

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ISLE OF WIGHT STUDY TRIP

Monday 8th May

51 of us set off from Aylesbury for the Isle of Wight. The journey to Portsmouth went well.

As it was the Coronation Bank Holiday, traffic into Portsmouth was heavy and it took us a while to get into the city centre. Gunwharf Quays was crowded, however, we had time for lunch and a walk along the waterfront. Some even went up the Spinnaker Tower for a view of the dockyard. The Tower was built 10 years ago and has a speedy lift to the top, 115 metres high or 560 stairs.



We then boarded the 2.40 pm ferry for Fishbourne. We arrived at our hotel and soon settled in. Roger and I took a 10-minute walk to the beach to stretch our legs. The walk back, up a steep hill, took longer, about 18 minutes! The Broadway Park Hotel at Sandown was a good base for our group. Everyone soon settled in and seemed pleased with their rooms. The first evening we were entertained by our very own talented ukulele group.

Tuesday 9th May

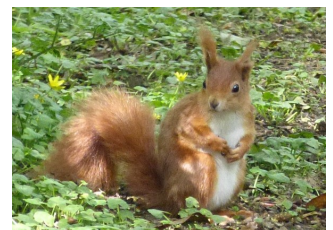
We set off early to explore the island with Gareth, our driver, delivering corny jokes every now and then. The sun shone and we enjoyed a very pleasant drive over to the Needles. Here quite a few of the group braved the chair lift up and down to Alum Bay. Others took the many steps down and the climb back to the top. The cliffs here are multi-coloured and you can buy phials of the layered sand. We had a very welcome coffee after the stiff exercise.

We then went on to Yarmouth which is the entry harbour for ferries from Lymington. It is an attractive little town with a pier, good eateries and interesting shops.

After lunch we headed for Carisbrooke Castle which is where Charles 1 was imprisoned before his execution in London in 1649. The castle gave us plenty to do – exploring the battlements, a film on its history, a museum and various displays. Jack the donkey should have shown us how the water wheel worked but he had other ideas and was very stubborn! He absolutely refused to budge. It was a nice sunny day and he wanted to munch the grass in peace! He did perform at a later show but I missed it. We returned to the hotel ready for our meal and the evening entertainment.

Wednesday 10th May

This was a free day for everyone to choose their own activity. 24 went on a boat trip along the coast and over to the dockyard at Portsmouth. Some chose the bus to other parts of the island. Roger, Eleanor, Alex and I set off for a walk to search for RED SQUIRRELS in Alverstone Mead Nature Reserve. It was a lovely walk along footpaths, through bluebell woods and attractive wetlands. We were successful in the end, as Roger captured on camera a very obliging squirrel who posed for him. In the afternoon we lazed on the beach in gorgeous sunshine – we could have been in the Caribbean!



Thursday 11th May



More lovely weather for our visit to Osborne House which opened to the public in 1904 after Queen Victoria's death in 1901.

We took a walk to the Swiss Chalet which Prince Albert designed for their children as a means of teaching them about cookery and housekeeping. We ended up at the beach for a coffee overlooking a very calm Solent. Luckily we managed to hitch a lift in the minibus to take us back to the house which was based on an Italian villa with tall towers and balconies. It has stayed basically the same since Queen Victoria lived here. The Dunbar room contains many memories of her status as Empress of India.

Cont overleaf

Photos taken by John Wilford, the squirrel photo taken by Roger Fox

After Osborne House we headed for the Isle of Wight Steam Railway for the last ride of the day. Here our train buffs were in their element! An interesting museum to browse, lots of rolling stock to examine and then a lovely ride through the countryside, remembering old times. A few of us also visited the Bird Sanctuary which housed some splendid specimens.



After another full day we returned to the hotel for our meal and entertainment by our own ukulele group.

Lots of red squirrels lived in the hotel garden and many of us saw them but not Roger – they seemed to be all out on avoiding him !!

Friday 12th May

Saw us loading up the coach with all our cases. Some had obviously shopped a lot as the luggage was much heavier now!

We headed off for Ryde for a coffee break and a last 'blow' by the sea. We arrived at Fishbourne ready for our 12.20pm ferry to Portsmouth. We drove into Lane 13 -- unlucky that day -- as Gareth then informed us an airbag was giving trouble. Apparently not being able to raise the coach barred us from boarding the ferry. Problem? -- how to get 51 foot passengers and luggage across the water safely? After a few phone calls Gareth was able to arrange a rescue coach to meet us on the other side. After discussions with the harbour master, a motorised luggage trolley was dispatched to collect our cases from the coach which was then driven on to the ferry ready for departure. There was a huge sigh of relief from everyone as the thought of lugging a case on to the ferry was not welcome. At 3pm we managed to board the ferry, but because of the delay we had to forego our visit to Winchester.

At least we got home safely, not too late despite the problems. Gareth was an excellent driver throughout the trip and the hotel staff looked after us extremely well, always polite and cheerful. All in all, another good memory of our AVU3A.

There are some excellent photos of this study tour on www.avu3a.org.uk

Jill Davis

On the driver's day off some of us took a boat trip from Cowes across the Solent to Portsmouth. It turned out to be a voyage through history.

We sailed out through a forest of moored yachts past the Royal London Yacht Club, one of the most prestigious yacht clubs in the country, into one of the busiest waterways in the world. As we passed by Lee-on-the-Solent, we saw the areas where the components for the Mulberry bridges were hidden, then assembled before being towed across the Channel on D-Day. We approached Portsmouth close to three of the Solent forts built by Lord Palmerston in the 1860s to protect the entrance to Portsmouth harbour in the event of an invasion by Napoleon. Their guns were never fired in anger and the forts became known as Palmerston's Follies. Until recently two of them were 5-star hotels. Now all closed, one is expected to re-open as a leisure facility.

With the Spinnaker Tower looming high above us, we sailed into Portsmouth harbour past the Historic Dockyard with a good view of HMS Warrior, Britain's first iron-hulled, armoured warship (1861). There were several interesting ships in the docks but the highlight for us all was the Queen Elizabeth, our newest aircraft carrier, constantly monitored by police patrol boats. We passed close by and were able to appreciate just how massive she is.



On the return journey we were shown the spot where the Mary Rose sank in 1545, before following the coast of the Isle of Wight with distant views of some of its sights – Quarr Abbey (a Benedictine monastery), the town of Ryde with its long pier, and Osborne House, Queen Victoria's family home, with its spectacular gardens.

As dark storm clouds gathered over the mainland, the Isle of Wight welcomed us back in warm sunshine.

Ian & Gay Hancock

Photo taken by John Wilford at the Summer Party featuring The Blue Moons



Have you heard of Heritage Open Days?

Established in 1994 Heritage Open Days were England's contribution to the European Heritage Days set up by the Council of Europe and the European Commission in 1991. The aim was to raise an appreciation and to celebrate England's diverse cultural and historical assets. The principle of holding these events was to allow access to local historical monuments and buildings which would normally be closed to the public. This has since diversified to include arts and crafts. The Heritage Open Days are co-ordinated nationally by the National Trust and supported by players of the Postcode Lottery. They take place every September all over England and are free.

Thanks to the unique partnership with public, private and volunteer sectors across England the festival continues to flourish. Since its formation the festival now has over 5000 events countrywide and is truly a show case for the rich and diverse heritage we have.

Aylesbury is participating in the festival and the events booked so far are an eclectic mix from crafts to tours of our historic buildings and all are free.

Heritage Open Days are from 8th – 17th September 2023. Further information including dates and times can be found at: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

I do hope that you will be able to support this festival which showcases our culture and history.

Tina Doyle

SUMMER BARBECUE

Thank you to all those who attended the BBQ last Wednesday, 9 August. We were so lucky with the weather, considering what it was like on the Tuesday. It was a brilliantly warm and sunny day.

I would like to thank:

Posh Nosh for the excellent BBQ food they served.

The Blue Moons for an excellent musical performance.

The Roman Park staff and the U3A committee members for their help in allowing this event to happen.

The event was so successful that I have had multiple requests from members and the committee for it to be repeated next year, so plans are already in place. Please put Wednesday 14th August 2024 in your diary. Now you know the date, there is no excuse for double booking!

John Wilford



Everyone enjoying some summer sunshine while waiting for lunch which consisted of a burger in a bap, a huge sausage and salad



Inside the hall, John Wilford is managing the sound while The Blue Moons perform after the delicious BBQ lunch and some were compelled to dance!

Photos courtesy of Dot Toler

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS



SOUNDS OF THE SIXTIES

We are a friendly group of around 50–60 members who meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month to listen to and watch video presentations from the sixties presented by our members. Open to any U3A member.

Each month is a different theme or genre. Previous subjects have included rock, pop, soul, Motown, blues, folk, member's memories from their youth, as well as specific artistes and novelty themes. Despite the name, we also include music from the 50s and 70s to broaden our musical interest. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served in the interval.

Aylesbury Tennis Club. Wendover Road. Open 1.30 pm for a 2.00 pm start. Entrance is £1.50 to cover the hall hire and refreshments.

26th Sept	Norma Davies	– Bits and Pieces
	Phil Davies	– The Allman Brothers Band
24th October	Mary Singleton	– Musical Memories during my 20s
	Terry Bloxham	– British Protest Songs
28th November	Andy Carter	– A to Z of Pop. Part 1
	Sandra Carter	– A to Z of Pop. Part 2
12th December	Ann Dwyer	– Rock's Greatest Practitioner
	Richard Clark	– Friars Club. Part 2

For more information about the group please contact John Wilford:

U3A's Rock'n'Roll Christmas Party

Featuring 50s, 60s, 70s Disco.

Aylesbury Tennis Club. Wendover Road.

Licensed Bar, Mince Pies & Raffle

Proceeds to a local charity.

Thursday 14th December 2023 7.00 – 10.00 pm. Tickets £5.00

For more information and how to buy tickets please contact John Wilford



NEW GARDENING GROUP

We are hoping to form a new Gardening Group which will be open to everyone who is interested in gardening whether they are experienced or beginners.

Our meetings could be discussions and chat where we could learn from each other sharing ideas, experiences and knowledge. We could also visit gardens, garden centres and possibly shows. We are hoping to start this group in the near future so if you are interested in joining please contact either

Sarah
sarahtovell@hotmail.co.uk

Linda
lindajauncey@yahoo.co.uk



AVu3a Strummers

The AVu3a Strummers will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Park Room, Stoke Mandeville Community Centre but our times will be changing as from September. We shall be meeting at 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

Andy Carter

Crafts Group

As in previous years, the Craft Group members will be selling various Christmas gift items at the U3A meeting on 7th November in support of the Children in Need Charity. You will be able to buy lots of small gifts just right for stocking fillers, etc. There will also be a raffle of three larger items made by the group's members.

Please remember to bring cash on the day and we hope you will support the Charity.

Jill Gray

LOCAL WALKS Monday 15th May 2023

In the Spring the Local Walks Group usually try and see a display of bluebells. In May we met up at the Ivinghoe Beacon car park and walked towards to the Bridgewater Monument. It is a wide gravel path so easy walking (and chatting) with some views along the way. It got a bit muddy underfoot when we diverted to see the bluebells. It was a carpet of blue and worth the walk.

Afterwards the majority drove down the road to enjoy an excellent lunch at The Travellers Rest.

Our walks are between 4 and 5 miles with a break halfway and an optional pub lunch. Contact the group via the website if you would like details of our future walks.

Heather Edwards



Local walk from Cuddington, Monday 17th July 2023

The local walks group met at Cuddington Playing fields carpark on the 17th July ready to start an extremely pretty and interesting 5-mile circular walk led by Jerry Davies. From the carpark we proceeded towards Upper Church Street. This part of Cuddington is steeped in history. Passing chocolate box cottages we approached the Village Picture House, St Nicholas Church and Tyringham Hall. This area of Cuddington has been used for the making of films and drama series such as Midsommer Murders, Why Didn't They Ask Evans and Oliver Twist.

Passing Tyringham Hall we took Tibbys Lane following a track down to the River Thame where we crossed a narrow bridge into open fields. At this point we could see the magnificent, landscaped rear garden of Tyringham Hall which includes a large pond served by the River Thame.

We continued across fields offering us vast views of Aylesbury Vale until we reached Nether Winchendon. In the village, St Nicholas Church has an interesting clock in the tower with just one hand. On the small green in the centre of the village stands a round short stone structure holding the local Victorian post box with its red 'VR' letters standing out proudly. A little further on we stopped at the entrance to Nether Winchendon House sometimes used in filming 'Midsommer Murders'. Leaving Nether Winchendon and crossing a stile, we began a pleasant stroll alongside the River Thame and came across a pair of swans with two cygnets.

At the next double stile, we were faced with a muddy challenge as recent heavy rain had made the landing area, or stepping onto point, a sea of black mud. Luckily there was a piece of board and branch or two to keep most of the mud off people's boots.

Cont overleaf

After crossing back over the river we climbed a slight incline to where we turned right into a slightly overgrown entrance to the footpath leading us back to Cuddington. We were fortunate with the weather as fine views could now be seen across the Thame Valley towards Upper Winchendon—just wonderful!

After the walk we drove a short distance to the Seven Stars at Dinton where we enjoyed a well-earned drink and lunch.

Jerry Davies and Roger Fox



Local Walk 14th August 2023

We organised an almost 3 mile walk around Wittingham Clumps near Abingdon. The clumps of beech trees which crown both hills are the oldest known planted hilltop beeches in England dating back over 300 years. There were magnificent views across the surrounding countryside although a bit blurred by cloud at first. There were a few spots of rain and very windy but not cold. There was a steep incline at the beginning of the walk and the terrain was grassy with only one area that was a bit slippery underfoot down a short steep slope. The four dogs that accompanied us had a really good run!

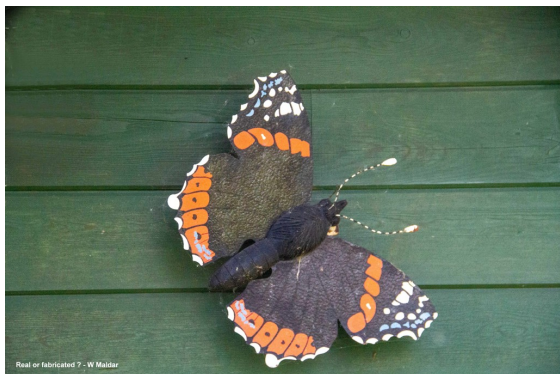
After the walk, 16 walkers (and 4 dogs) stopped over for lunch at Notcutts Garden Centre near Stadhampton. The staff were very welcoming and helpful in accommodating the group at short notice, making sure we were comfortable at the tables reserved for us at one end of the restaurant. It was quite busy but we did not have to wait too long for our food. The food was excellent and of good value. Apart from the restaurant there were plenty of products to browse and purchase in the fantastic garden centre.

Dot and Phil Toler



Photo taken by Michelle Toler

A selection of photos were taken by members of the **Photographic Group** on their visit to College Lake near Tring In July. It was an interesting and enjoyable outing where some excellent photos were taken by our members in good weather conditions with a nice coffee and rest afterwards.



Taken by Wolfe Madar



Taken by Andrew Mills



Taken by Moira Bishop

Sent in by Wolfe Maldar



Taken by Jeremy Dyble

German Conversation Group

The members of the German Conversation Group, along with their partners, met at the Barracuda Restaurant in Tring for lunch on 20th July at the start of their summer break. It was really good to meet up again in person and we all enjoyed the Italian food which was cooked in an open kitchen downstairs.

The group has continued to meet on Zoom on a bi-weekly basis since the beginning of the "Covid Lock Down". It has suited us because some of our members come from some distance away eg Milton Keynes, Hemel Hempstead and even one moved to Suffolk! We are looking forward to resuming our meetings on Thursday 14th September from 2 to 4 pm. If you are interested in joining the group contact Gay Hancock



Speakers at forthcoming Monthly Meetings

13th September	Jeff Rozelar	An Actor's Life
11th October	Terry Bloxham	John Lennon plus a surprise
8th November	Colin Oakes	To be advised
13th December	Christmas Entertainment	

These monthly meetings are held at the Roman Park Hall at Berryfields (next to Aylesbury Parkway Railway Station) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Doors open at 10.00 am. There is plenty of parking available in the railway station car park which is free of charge on the day of our meetings. Please use the spaces reserved for Berryfields Parish Council in the first place. Finally, you are requested to ensure you park between the lines!

Answers to USA States and Capitals

1. Juneau—Alaska
2. Dover—Delaware
3. Boise—Idaho
4. Albany—New York State
5. Pierre—Soth Dakota
6. Olympia—Washington
7. Cheyenne—Wyoming

Which Politician (not all current MPs) wrote the following

1. Snakes and Ladders
2. Pandemic Diaries
3. A Wicked Woman
4. Rebel with a Cause
5. Kane and Abel
6. Tennis Maestros
7. Going Nowhere

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