

# NEWSLETTER



*and a Happy New Year!*

*Margaret Thompson Editor.*

*Study Group Topics*  
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CHRISTMAS had a really cracking good start with the Variety Show on Dec 2nd [see p2] and a splendid Lunch at the Police Club on the 8th when everybody was in party mood and the food and service were excellent.

Winter is upon us now with copious amounts of the white stuff, which marooned me with my daughter and my grandchildren (oh how terrible) after a 6 hour trip (15 miles),

necessitating a glass or two of Pinot Grigio, on arrival, to recover, as I had no intention of driving home again. Amazingly I spotted my son in law 2 cars up in the lane next to me and so was able to follow him home for the last 2 hours. What are the odds on that? It always amazes me how much snow falls on the Chilterns in Chesham.

Finally, with a new year upon us, I would like to welcome our latest recruits Bill and Madeleine Wright, Patricia Greville, Colin Dorme, Ann Lyons and Geoffrey Bould to the safe port of WU3A. I hope, like me you make many friends and find exciting things to do.



WOW what can I say, the Christmas entertainment just gets better and better, and I am not the only one who thinks so, as a lot of members I have met have said the same. So much talent and so well used; the poems, sketches, ballet; the music, not forgetting Celia and the Choir. So much preparation by everyone involved and all done for our enjoyment, what can I say except **WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED.**

The 3rd London Architecture Course is now full and there is a waiting list, I hope everyone who attends will enjoy the course as much as members who attended the last two courses did. A new London Underground course will begin in April and a sign up sheet will go on the board at the February meeting. The course day will be a Friday this time so I hope this will help members who have difficulty attending on a Wednesday. A reminder for SGLs who have not yet returned their SURVEY. The last day to do this is the January meeting 5th January so if you have not returned yours yet pleased do so because your opinion does count but I am afraid it won't if you don't return your survey. I wish you and yours a Very Happy, healthy and busy New Year.

*Committee Notes*  
*From our*  
*Chairman*  
**John Carleton**



## NEW YEAR –NEW IDEAS?

I HAVE two reasons for asking our Editor to put this piece on the front page.

At this New Year time we should all thank all those members who have made our U3A into the success it is. From archivist and almoners to committee members and study group leaders (both past and present) a big 'Thank- You' from all of us. BUT we cannot carry on if we do not get new input and ideas. Those of you who may never have given active support may like to consider if there is anything you could do to help.

We cannot function without a committee and **four** of our current members are due to finish their term at the AGM in June. The tasks are not difficult, there is plenty of help available and there are less committee meetings to attend than in the past. Please consider this seriously. There is plenty of time to think about it and ask any of the current committee if you have any questions.

**Yvonne Fitton**  
Secretary.



TWO events early in December marked the start of the festive season.

The Pantomime was a most enjoyable spectacle and yet another illustration of the talents possessed by so many of our members (perhaps evidence of a mis-spent youth?). Certainly a great deal of time and energy, both physical and nervous, must have gone in to the performance and the preparations for it, both from the cast and those back of house; truly a dedicated team, all of whom we thank once again!

A week later, 90 of us gathered in the same hall for the annual Christmas Lunch. As usual, the catering team of the Police Club served us with an excellent meal in a calm, friendly and highly efficient manner. Judging by the merry buzz of conversation throughout a good time was had by all.

The next meeting of the Committee takes place on 16th February.

## WU3A Almoners

**Irene Lowe**  
**Peggy Element**  
**Janet Carleton**  
**Kathleen McMahon**

**Let us know of any member who is sick or bereaved and in need of the support of our U3A so that we can contact them to reassure them that they are not forgotten.**

# The Christmas Variety Show



# Wow! We Did it Again



## The Company:

Dick Chapman, Brian Redding, Monica Creegan, George Arch, Cynthia Morgan, Margaret Redding, David Helliwell, John Cuthbert, Peter Andrews, Alex James, Colin Richards, Eileen Burnett, Yvonne Fitton, Robin Hurley, John Morgan, John Grainger, Celia Jackson & the WatfordU3A Singers; with accompanist Jane Wallbridge. Andrew Cannon on keyboard and Margaret Thompson, Director.

We all had a fabulous time and judging by the wonderful applause and numerous compliments we have received, so did you.

*Photos thanks to: -  
Gerry Adams, Ian Charteris and John Grainger .*





## Exploring London By Pat Harding, photos Diane Livesey Christmas Lunch at Waddesdon Manor

OUR December trip was a wonderful outing to Waddesdon Manor near Aylesbury and owned by the Rothschild family. We left Watford at the reasonable time of 10-30 a.m. for the garden centre at Waddesdon where coffee and biscuits awaited us. After a good look round, a lot of us took advantage of the wide selection of plants and gifts in the shop, and we then proceeded up the drive to the Manor. Christmas trees lined the drive and the front of the manor. There we were greeted by one of the

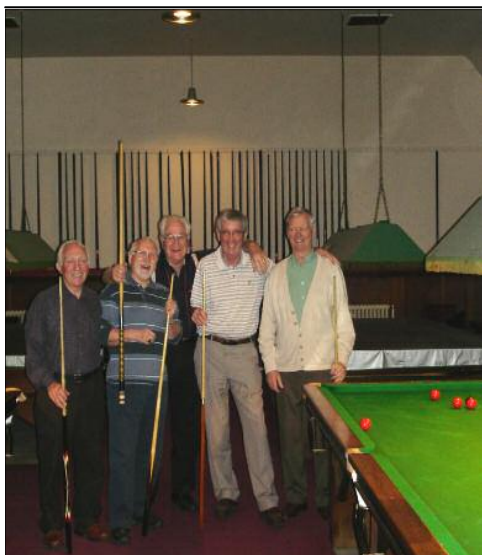
volunteers and proceeded to view the Christmas decorations in the West Wing. We saw 15ft. plus trees smothered in lights and baubles and plenty of fresh decorations on the walls and adorning the stairs and corridors. Very simple but effective. There was also a competition to spot letters in the rooms which spelt out a German City. Funnily we all got the letters and

We then went into the gift shop and walk in the grounds. At 2-30p.m. we went to ourselves except for two couples who soon ate their meal and went. We were too noisy for them. The meal was fantastic and lots of turkey and plum pudding was consumed, not to mention that the wine was flowing!

On leaving all the Christmas trees were lit up which was very picturesque as we drove down the drive. It was well worth the visit. Terry, Elisabeth and I would like to wish all our group and members a very happy New Year and we look forward to organising some trips for 2010 starting in March.



answer, but I haven't heard of a winner yet! which was very busy as it was raining, so no one went to the dining room for lunch. We had a



## Having Fun:- 'Snooker' from Dick Chapman

WE have a joint Snooker Group with Watford Park, meeting at the Watford Town and Country Club every Monday morning (apart from Bank Holidays) from 11.00 to 1pm. As you will see from the photo, we are a jolly Group, doing our best without succeeding too often. The Group has been in existence for three years and we are allowed to be 12 in total, as we have access to three tables of four. Mainly because of the illness of a few of our members we would be happy to welcome (and give a name to) a few more. They could then join (left to right in the picture) Peter 'The Hurricane' Birkett, Alan 'The Rambler' Rose, Phillip 'The Potter' Wolf, Dick 'Twitchy Dicky' Chapman and Derek 'The Menace' Millington. We have two well known sayings which keep us optimistic 'There's no such thing as an easy shot' and 'My next shot is going to be my best ever.' Much laughter guaranteed....turning Professional not contemplated.

Contact: Dick

## or Art and Eating! from Margaret Thompson

AFTER a very entertaining presentation at the Art Appreciation Group by Phil McMahon, deliberating as to whether Cartoons, Posters and Book Illustrations etc.

are art or not; the conclusions was that 'it depends!' Many of us felt that the beautiful, interesting and skilful work that Phil showed us, which included some of the railway posters of yesteryear and some lovely book illustrations from children's books was much more ART than some of the stuff purporting to be art! Let's say some of the entries for the 'Turner Prize'. It all depends on one's point of view. The morning culminated in a superb 'Jacobs Join' lunch



What a spread!! When's lunch then? Never mind the Art!



enjoyed by us all, thanks to everyone who brought such a variety of lovely food and to Jean Dolamore and Joan Manhire who coordinated everything.

## Greetings from Writers Workshop via Janice Day

The Writing Workshop members would like to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year. At the August fair many of you picked up our leaflets. The poetry leaflet proved to be the most popular. In January thoughts turn to summer holidays and all the brochures came out. To perhaps help you to make a choice we have written some short poems about our holidays, real and imaginary.

### Summer Holiday

I stick a pin into a map  
And now I'm here to stay  
For two whole weeks of happiness  
That's why I've come away.  
The journey was quite easy  
But the weather's very cool  
Next year I'll be more careful  
And try Majorca, not Blackpool.

### Shirley Barlow

### Tenerife

A mountain of volcanic rock surveys a  
grey Atlantic Sea.  
It is daybreak in Tenerife  
A golden sun soon lights up the summit.  
Bourganvilla flaunt vibrant colours in  
salute to their sun God.  
The multitude of Banana Plantations soak  
up relentless heat.  
It is noontide in Tenerife.  
The day moves swiftly on,  
Dolphins dawdle in blue ocean, the  
pleasure crafts depart  
As a waning sun slips slowly towards its  
Western horizon.  
It is evening in Tenerife.  
The sky darkens - the music throbs in tourist bars.  
Night time in my Island of Dreams.

### Haydn Illingworth

### Norwegian Reverie

The clouds are low and mist enshrouds  
the hills,  
A myriad streams fall down into the  
fjords.  
Great giants stride unseen across the land.  
They walk so tall.

Amid the grey, grim grandeur of the  
scene

I hear the sound of great Wagnerian  
chords

That crown it with an awesome majesty.  
We are so small.

### Aelwyn Edwards

### Holiday

Arrive at destination.  
View digs with resignation.  
Sun cream for protection.  
Hope thong will cause sensation  
And some inebriation  
Plus sunburn irritation.  
A hint of desperation  
Creeps into my vacation.

### Maureen Carrington

*Next month more holiday  
poems will be published Ed*

## DIY by Terry Godfrey

How to Propose? No- how to wire an inline switch!!



Well that is the story according to Francis Goode on his knees to Sylvia explaining this technical miracle!



Coffee and cakes on the table? No pliers and wrenches as the girls get to grips with replacing a washers in a couple of garden taps.



## Great Minds??? Thank You FROM Celia!

I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all those U3A Singers and other U3A members who so kindly gave up their time in December to come and sing Christmas Carols and Songs in either/both the Harlequin and Asda, in order to raise money for Oxfam and Action for Children. Your participation and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated - and it was fun!! Perhaps some of you 'extras' would like to join the Singers permanently!!

## A Big Thank You TO Celia Jackson From Cynthia Morgan

The U3A Singers would like to thank Celia Jackson for the hard work she does throughout the year in preparing us to sing at the December meeting and we appreciate her dedication (and patience!) We all enjoy the fun of working together and this year, if the compliments are anything to go by, we have sung very well. Thanks to Celia and of course, 'many, many, many, many, many, many, many cups of tea!' to quote Michael Young's parody of the G&S chorus from Mikado which opened our Christmas Variety Show. [R]

Photo John Grainger



## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor

WHEN we visit a meeting arranged by our hard working Study Group Leaders, as we leave, we thank them for their hospitality; even if, dare I say it we didn't enjoy the session. But we don't seem to do that for our speaker secretary David Helliwell; how odd and remiss of us! He lays on memorable and lively talks. Why recently he had us checking out trees as we go through the countryside for coppicing etc and now we have to look at the bums of bees (for stripes !) So on behalf of the 'Monthly Group' thanks to David for some surprising and very enjoyable meetings.

Cheers Tom O'Callaghan

# STUDY GROUP NEWS

Please keep 'The Study Group Diary' for Group Leaders contact numbers and times and venues of Study Group Meetings.

## Anglo-German Walks 4th Friday 10.00am



Notice in the picture, taken on 27th November, that the children have been made scarce to allow Mike Lawton (Sarratt U3A) free to give his Tarzan impression. Sarratt is just one of the eleven U3As represented by the twenty members of the Anglo-German Walking Group. Apart from any children, our own Janet Carleton and I had also fled the scene to the King William IV pub 200 yards up the road at Speen (Chilterns), where we finished talking German and got down to the main event of the day, a good pub lunch.

Interested?

## Antiques

2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month  
2.00pm-4.00pm at my home. 2.00-4.00 at my home. This month we watched a video on the life, times and work of Thomas Chippendale, the great designer and manufacture of furniture. How hard his life was. Why is it that all artistic geniuses have to have such miserable and impecunious lives with a constant battle not only to pay his workmen, but to buy the materials needed for them to work on. It also took nearly a year's wages to buy one particular saw for their work. How did they manage to eat and live? He didn't get much understanding from his customers when he begged for

an advance to buy his materials. No wonder he died in penury. However, we now appreciate his beautiful designs which are not only much sought after in themselves, but are still copied by today's cabinet makers.

12 Jan: Spoons, and other small items.

## Art Appreciation

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 10.00 for 10.30am at Hollytree House.

To round off our study of 'Portraiture' 10 members have gallantly undertaken to give short presentations, of one or two works, of some of the prominent artists which we have not covered.

11 Jan 1540-1660

El Greco: Sue Winterbotham, Caravaggio: Jackie Connal, Rubens: Margaret Thomas, Frans Hals: Barbel Smith Velasquez: Carol Henry.

8 Feb 1600-1828

Van Dyke: Brian Ashford, Rembrandt: Ken England, Vermeer: Michael Clarke, Hogarth: Jan Palmer, Gainesboro: Margaret Pittaway,

Reynolds: Sue Malcolm, Goya: Heather Pound.

5 Jan Lead team: Planning meeting after monthly meeting lunch.

## Bridge Improvers

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm-4.30pm or by arrangement. We now have a jolly little band of improving enthusiasts. We play the Acol Weak No Trump system. contact Sue Winterbotham. New members welcome.

## Book Discussion Gr

4<sup>th</sup> Mon 2.00pm-4.00pm  
28 Devereux Drive. New members welcome.

## Computers 3rd Thurs

2.00pm Thorpe Community Room, Garston Fire Station, St Albans Road, (Next Asda)  
21 Jan Problem solving and the way ahead.

## Cryptic Crosswords

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri of the month.

15 Jan Next meeting.

## Current Affairs

3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 10.00am

Hollytree House.

Our discussions at the December meeting verged on the political more than usual. We were concerned that British Airways cabin staff, who have better working conditions than those of most other airlines, should choose to threaten a strike at Christmas, causing the maximum upset to the plans of literally millions of people. And why did Royal Mail staff threaten to disrupt our Christmas mail? The target for both groups is the general public, who can do little to salve the situation, but who are likely to seek alternatives to mail or to BA flights in future, harming both industries. Other topics included bank proposals to do away with cheques; a very unpopular idea with us; and why do some prominent churchmen like to tell us that the words of many carols are rubbish? We've doubts as to whether global warming is entirely man-made, but are sure human activities are aggravating it. We touched on drugs and homosexuality, before getting down to the serious business of coffee and mince pies, followed by an easy (mind-taxing??) quiz to round off our year.

19 Jan Regular meeting and plans for Annual Lunch.

## Cycling

10.00am 1st Mon & 3rd Wednesday starting at Watford Met Station.

4 Jan Heronsgate.

20 Jan Whelpley Hill.

## DIY Discussion

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 10.00am-12 noon  
Tree Bridge House, Garston Lane, WD25 9QR  
11 Jan come and discuss DIY topics that interest you.

New members welcome,

## European Studies

4<sup>th</sup> Wed 10.00am

27 Jan Discussion of variety of articles from History Today magazine.

24 Feb Religion in the 18th Century.

24 Mar Discussion on a chapter from our book "The Pursuit of Glory" by Tim Blanning.

28 Apr George III.

## Film Group

1st Thurs 2.15pm

18 Herga Court

7 Jan 'Last Orders' Director Fred Schepisi. (2002) Michael Caine Tom Courtney Bob Hoskins Helen Mirren.

Jack Dodd was a London butcher who enjoyed a pint with his mates for over 50 years. When he died, he died as he lived.

4 Feb "The Kite Runner"

Director Marc Forster (2007) Khalid Abdalla. Atossa Leoni. After spending years in California, Amir returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan whose son is in trouble.

## Food & Nutrition

Combewood House. 2.00pm

27 Jan Our intended evening meal at Cassios at West Herts College will not go ahead at this time as they double booked the restaurant. I am hoping to book for Wednesday, 3 February at the college at 6.30pm.

apologies for this but it was beyond my control. The meal is prepared and cooked by third year students which should make it even better quality and the early start allows us to leave to return home at 9p.m. Please add your name and tel. no. to the list on the board if you would like to come and I should have confirmation by that time.

23 Feb There will be another meeting in February as usual. Details next month.

## Gardening

3rd Thurs 10.00am

At our December meeting a picture quiz and a lovely mixture of food contributed to a very enjoyable pre-Christmas social gathering for our Group members. A big thank you to everyone who assisted in any way during the morning; it ran very smoothly with all the help. We extend New Year wishes to all our friends. Many

thanks to all of you for supporting the Group and making it so successful; we hope to have a good mixture of outings this year to please as many people as possible.

**21 Jan** Our 10th Annual Lunch, is being held again at the Blue Check Restaurant in Bushey where we are very well looked after. Cost is £11 for 2 courses (starter and main or main and dessert), including coffee and a gratuity. We can choose on the day and don't all have to have the same choice! If you are not a member of the Gardening Group but have supported our trips on a regular basis then you are more than welcome to join us at the Blue Check. Please let us have your names and cheques for £11 by the January main meeting at the latest if at all possible so that we know how many people will be there!

**18 Feb** A visit to Kew Gardens for their Tropical Extravaganza. Exotic plants in the Conservatory. Tickets now on sale to Group members, on open sale next month. Price will be on the wall notice!

**18 Mar 10.00am** Hollytree House. Meeting details TBA.

### **Greetings Cards**

#### **Hollytree House**

**14 Jan & 11 Feb.** Making cards for men and boys.

#### **History**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 2.00pm** Fire Station Garston (Asda CP off A41)  
**11 Jan & 8 Feb** Georges V and VI.

#### **Italian 10.00am alt Thurs**

A self help group, using audio/visual material, written exercises and original Italian texts. We are guided by a fluent Italian speaker.

#### **Jazz 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 2.30pm**

See Peter Andrews.

#### **London Theatre Group**

Future Theatre trips TBA.

#### **Luncheon Club**

##### **4th Wed in month**

We are still up and running and would be pleased to see any members who would like to join us for lunch. Please phone Fay for further details.

### **MoneyMatters**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurs Hollytree House;** corner of Gammons Lane & Courtlands Drive, Watford **10.00am to Noon.**

A good turnout as usual, missed one or two regulars though. Had our usual mix of vital information and good humour. Started out by dishing out 'gold' coins, WHAT A SCRAMBLE!!! fortunately no one got hurt so there is no compensation to worry about, sorry solicitors!

**7 Jan** Next meeting.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL and may all your pennies turn to pounds.

### **Music Appreciation**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wed: 10.00am** Coffee and chat. **10.30am** meeting.

### **Needlecraft**

**1st & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon** Combewood House. Group full.

### **Opera**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in month**  
**2.00pm** at Christine's house.

**11 Jan 2010** 'The Magic Flute' by Mozart.

**8 Feb** The Damnation of Faust'.

### **Pathfinders Group**

The Essex Arms **9.25am**  
**Dec** No walk.

**26 Jan** Local walk and planning meeting.

### **Performing Arts**

**Johanna's Mon 7.30pm**

**Autumn Programme**

**11 Jan** Play Reading Johana's home.

**5-27 Feb.** "Brighton Beach Memoirs" by Neil Simon.

Palace Theatre Watford. Please book your own tickets for **all** plays listed.

**23-27 Mar** "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams. Palace Theatre Watford.

**29 Mar 7.30 pm.** Plays discussion, Nancy Downs.

**6 Apr** Performance at the monthly meeting. Directed by Alex James. If anyone wishes to take part in this production please let Brian Redding know.

**15 Apr-8 May** "Mrs Reynolds And The Ruffian" by Gary Owen. Palace Theatre Watford.

**10 May 7.30pm** Play discussion at Johanna's home.

### **Photo Manipulation**

**Falconer School, Bushey**

**2nd Tuesday of the month**  
**4.00pm-5.30pm**

### **Poetry Read & Study**

Monday evening, monthly by arrangement. New members welcome.

### **Return to Cycling**

**2.00pm 1st Thursday**

This group is run jointly with Watford Park U3A.

Short rides in the Watford area based on the Watford Council map, starting at the **Pump House at 2.00pm.**

### **Science Interest**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10.00am**

**18 Jan** visit to Natural History Museum – fully booked.

**15 Feb** GE Healthcare – Mandeep Kehla.

**15 Mar** Gadgets Part II – John Britten.

New members welcome!

### **Scrabble 1**

**2nd and 4th Thursdays.**  
Our group is still full.

### **Scrabble 2**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 10.00am.**

Our group is now full. Maybe someone would wish to start Scrabble 3?

### **Shakespeare**

**Last Wed 2.00pm**

**27 Jan 2010** Reading: 'The Merry Wives of Windsor'. also sonnets and discussion.

**24 Feb** Play reading and planning a trip to a theatre.

### **Snooker**

**Every Monday** ( except Bank Holidays) **11.00am-1.00pm.**  
Joint Group with WPU3A.

### **Sporting Forum**

We finished 2009 in a festive fashion with some nibbles and drinks before 'enjoying' a highly competitive Sports Quiz to round off a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

**19 Jan** Our guest will be Anthony Matthews, the Sports Editor of our local newspaper, which in the aftermath of recent developments at Vicarage Road may bring to light some interesting issues.

**Feb 16** 'Pick a winner'

**Mar 15** (Monday) Greyhound Racing at Romford

### **Strollers**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 11.00am**  
New members welcome.

Distances are not shown but are usually 2.5 to 3 miles.



Strollers' Leaders Dorelle Boardman & Kate Klyn

**12 Jan** New Year celebration. Planning Meeting at Peggy's, followed by lunch at the Essex Arms (**not, as previously arranged, at the Southern Cross**).

**26 Jan** Jane and Myra -Walk around Chorleywood Park and eat at the Black Horse

### **Table Tennis**

**Mondays TBA at 7.30pm**  
**St. Marks Church Leggatt's Way.**

Hoping you all over indulged and ate, drunk and became merry and now have some surplus weight to lose, so bit of gentle exercise at the table (Tennis table that is!) would not come amiss.

**Jan 18** See you there.

### **The Explorers**

**1st Friday TBA**

### **The Rock 'n' Roll Yrs**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month**  
**2.30pm Hollytree House.**  
Contact: Andrew Cannon

### **Thirsty Walkers**

**Every 4th Thurs.**

The Essex Arms at **9.30am** to share cars.

**28 Jan 10.00am** Planning Meeting at my house (phone W for directions if needed). It will be helpful if you have your diary and some ideas for walks but books of walks are available. **New Year Lunch** at **The Southern Cross** will follow on at about **noon** and will be pre-booked.

### **Toffee**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10.00am-12.00**

Fifteen Members of the Toffee Group gathered for their pre-Christmas meeting and enjoyed a morning sharing stories and discussing a wide variety of issues and subjects, some amusing, some serious, all accompanied by mulled wine, mince pies and pickies. A good morning was had by all. We wish everyone a Happy New Year from the Toffee group.

**21 Jan** next meeting of the group.

## Tuesday Trekkers

Meet 9.45am start at 10.00am.

12 Jan Repeat by special request Dennis's St Albans to Hatfield route via the Alban Way. Bring bus pass and credit card for shopping. Board 724 (Harlow) bus at: Croxley Met Stn 9.59am; Croxley 2 Bridges 10.02am; Clarendon Rd Stop16, 10.07am; Watford Junction Stop2 10.2am; St Albans Rd, Regent St 10.15am; St Albans Rd opp library 10.18am; Garston Bus Garage, TGI Fridays 10.23am. Ask for Abbey Stn, St Albans. This is a fully tested 5\* walk, no cycling allowed. Return from Galleria 14.06am or later depending how long you

spend shopping.

9 Feb David's virgin lead from CP Rickmansworth Aquadrome, should be mysterious and exciting.

## U3A Singers

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 2.30pm

4 Jan First meeting of the New Year for those who can make it.

18 Jan No meeting. (Celia on holiday). New members are always welcome.

## Walking

Most walks meet. JS A41

Eight Miles 9.30am

13 Jan Chenies.

10 Feb Shalford.

10 Mar London.

Met Station 9.00am.

14 Apr Harlington.

12 May Albury.

## Next Peace Hospice Raffle in March

Thanks very much for your generosity - we made £351. at our Christmas Raffle - a record!!! We were also given a nice 'anon'. donation plus money from "Poetry and Cards" and also "Food and Nutrition" Study Groups.

Many thanks for the wonderful donated prizes and also many thanks to the many helpers, selling and folding the tickets.

We will be handing over a cheque in the region of £1,500 to the Peace Hospice at the January meeting, which again is a record!

We can still collect any donations or be pleased to accept them at any meeting for future raffles.

John and June Baughen

## Watford U3A's

### Projector & Laptop computers

To check availability and make a booking for a digital projector & a laptop computer contact:-

Colin Richards

digitalequipment@watfordu3a.org.uk

'Find Out How to Use Our New Digital Equipment.'

This course was a great success. Colin has trained 30 WU3A members and he is prepared to repeat the same course in the New Year if the demand is there.

The old digital projector has died and the new one is DIFFERENT! Could you successfully operate it?

Please contact Colin Richards.

Six miles 10.00am

27 Jan Sarratt.

24 Feb London Colney.

24 Mar Cholesbury.

28 Apr Aldenham.

26 May Amersham.

Did you know these two Groups have space for YOU. Contact Peter Manhire.

## Wine Appreciation

Last Friday in the month.

## Writers Workshop

Come and develop your writing skills. [See poems on P4] New members welcome.

**Thank you to you all, especially SGLs, who have sent in NEWS.**

Any News from your Study Group?

Do You Still Exist?

**COULD YOU HELP?**

by sending us some News or writing an article about your group or one that you attend? send your copy to: [editor@watfordu3a.org.uk](mailto:editor@watfordu3a.org.uk) or type it out and post it. Ed.

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Computer Repair Home visits

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## Vue Cinema senior screening

Films are shown each Monday at 12.00 for Senior Citizens and include tea and biscuits for £3.50. (*can't be bad*). titles can be obtained on line or by telephone 08712 240240

## Monthly Meeting Talks programme.

1st Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00noon.

5 Jan David Ball: Magic and the Magic Circle inc Tommy Cooper stories.

2 Feb Brendan Larvor: [Univ. Herts] Philosophy.

2 Mar The Lord [Ian] McColl: Mercy Ships.

6 Apr Performing Arts Poetry Reading

4 May Chris Pound International Architecture

1 Jun A G M

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