



OPEN MEETINGS 2026

	<p>20th Feb 10:30am at the KEC Don Chiswell – Boudica of the Iceni Boudica’s revolt in AD61 nearly destroyed Roman rule in Britain. Who was she? Why did she defy the might of Rome and why did the revolt fail?</p>
<p>20th Mar</p>	<p>Dr Mike Pienkowski – When the Kite Builds – Why and How we restore Red Kites</p>
<p>17th April</p>	<p>Evelyn Faucon – The History of Forensics</p>
<p>15th May</p>	<p>Dave Pinion – Antarctica</p>
<p>19th June</p>	<p>Andy Smith – John, Paul, George and Me</p>
<p>17th July</p>	<p>Ray Markham – From Score Box to Press Box: A Scorer’s Odyssey</p>
<p>21st Aug</p>	<p>T.B.A – Commonwealth War Graves Commission</p>
<p>18th Sept</p>	<p>Lucy Allen – On the Buses: Remembering a Comic Classic</p>
<p>16th Oct</p>	<p>T.B.A.</p>
<p>20th Nov</p>	<p>T.B.A.</p>
<p>18th Dec</p>	<p>T.B.A.</p>

For more information, and the dates of the forthcoming Open Meetings, click on the [Open Meetings](#) link.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

In January's meeting, I referenced a book I have been interested in that talks about the impact art has on both mental and physical health. At a time when so many stories are spreading through the internet about false cures and miracle solutions, I think it only fair that I give you the credentials so that you check up on the facts and published research before believing me. The book I was referencing is "Art Cure: The Science of How the Arts Save Lives" by Professor Daisy Fancourt (ISBN 1-250-36453-1). I like to quote my sources.

This relates quite nicely to the talk we had in January on silhouette art by John Thurman, one of the last to do cut-out black and white shadow portraits. A beautiful form of art that is slowly but surely dying due to the facility of photography. For those who missed this talk, it is currently available on our [YouTube channel](#); with John's permission, I have left it up a little longer than usual so he can use it as advertising if he so desires. Of course, my [notices](#) are also available there for some time and the general film about the u3a Chatteris [YouTube](#). I will try to upload more events and information as we go along. Of course, there is more on chatteris.u3asite.uk.

Finally, a reminder that we are always looking for volunteers to help run your u3a. Please feel free to express your curiosity, we will not ambush you and get you suddenly doing something. You are free to come and attend a committee meeting; these are held in the Vermuyden Room at Chatteris library on the second Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon – you may find out more about how we work and what we need before deciding or recommending someone....

Regards
Peter

Available via this [Chair Notes](#) link



Can you guess who this is??? Answer on page 7

Quiz Questions

- 1) Who baked the cake for the cover of the Rolling Stones album "Let it Bleed"?
- 2) In which continent does the Crocodile River flow?
- 3) Which politician made the shortest budget speech?
- 4) Which England rugby player called the RFU committee "fifty-seven old farts"?
- 5) Famed for his lamentations, which Biblical character was known as "The Weeping Prophet"?

Answers on page 7

Who Said...

The quote "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans" is often attributed to who?

Answer on Page 7

TRIPS / THEATRE VISITS 2026

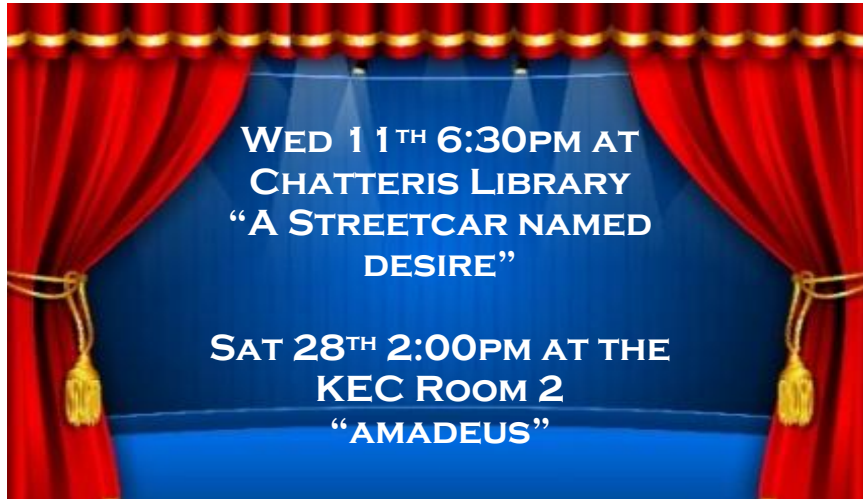
Thurs 26 th March	The Woman in Black – Peterborough Theatre £69.00
Weds 1 st April	Kinky Boots – Spotlight Theatre, Huntingdon £15.00
Weds 27 th May	Bure Valley Railway – Norfolk £54.50
Thurs 9 th July	Mamma Mia – Norwich Theatre £87.00
Weds 19 th Aug	Norfolk Lavender and Hunstanton £37.00
Weds 16 th Sept	Coton Manor Gardens – Northamptonshire £37.00
Mon 7 th Dec	Thursford Christmas Show – details to follow

Remember that trips using a coach can only go ahead if we get a minimum of 30 people signing up.

- *The latest news and information about these, and other proposed outings can be found on the [Trips/Theatre](#) webpage.*
- *For tickets and information, please email the Trips/Theatre Team via their link on the [Contact Us](#) webpage*

INTEREST GROUP INFORMATION 2026

National “Innings” - now showing twice monthly



Interest Group News

**CRAFT GROUP – 21st February 2.00–4.00pm Chatteris Library
Mosaic Pots – bring a clay flowerpot, bean can or jar.**



Read all about last month’s Craft Group make on the website.

**ART GROUP – 6th February 2.30–4.30 KEC – Still Life Montage
LIVING WELL – 27th February 2.00–3.30 KEC – Lesley Cuthbert from
Camsight.**

**We have made the front page of the East of England Region u3a
newsletter as the Interest Group of the Month once again!!! This time
it is the Churches and Interesting Buildings group. Thanks to Pauline
for starting the group. 😊**

**Come and join us at any of the Interest group meetings...you will be
made very welcome 😊**

- This [Groups](#) link will take you to our list of Interest Groups.
- You can email our Groups Coordinator via her link on the [Contact Us](#) webpage

February				
Group	Date	Time	Venue	Leader
ART GROUP	Fri 6th	2.30-4.30pm	King Edward Centre	Peter Leeson
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP	2 nd & 4 th Tues	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	Brian Windsor
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	Thurs 19th	10.00-11.30am	Chatteris Library	Peter Leeson
BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE	Weds 4th	1.45-4.00pm	Member's Home	Sally Harper
HISTORIC CHURCHES	Contact Pauline, or check the website, for details of the next venue			Pauline Smith
CRAFTS, ARTS & THINGS	Sat 21st	2.00-4.00pm	Chatteris Library	Jan Fieldhouse
DARTS	Tues 24th	1.00-3.00pm	Joe Perry's Club	Caroline Hopper
FAMILY HISTORY	Thurs 5th	10.00-12.00pm	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
FRENCH CONVERSATION	2 nd & 4 th Fri	3.30-4.30pm	King Edward Centre	Peter Leeson
GAMES/RUMMIKUB	Weds 18th	2.00-4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
GERMAN CONVERSATION	Weds 25 th	2.30-3.30pm	Chatteris Library	Gabi Leeson
GOLF	1 st & 3 rd Weds	Morning	The Old Nene Golf Club	Stuart Newman
JEWELLERY FOR FUN	Fri 13th	2.00-4.00pm	Group Leaders Home	Caroline Hopper
LIVING WELL	Fri 27th	2.00-3.30pm	King Edward Centre	Lesley Pomfrett
NATIONAL THEATRE	Weds 11th Sat 28th	6.30-8.30pm 2.00-4.00pm	Chatteris Library King Edward Centre	Peter Leeson
NATURE GROUP	Contact Graham, or check the website, for details of the next venue			Graham Cole
QUIZ EVENING	Mon 23rd	7.00-9.00pm	King Edward Centre	Jeanette Hipkins
SCRABBLE	Mon 9th	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	Judith Bradshaw
SINGING FOR PLEASURE	Mon 16th	2.30-4.00pm	Emmanuel Church	Graham Marsden
WALKING HERE A	Fri 13th	10.00-12.00pm	King Edward Centre	Phil Green
WALKING HERE B	Tues 10th	10.00-12.00pm	Furrowfields Car Park	Brian Windsor
WALKING THERE	Weds 18th	As Arranged	Furrowfields Car Park	John Parry Brian Windsor
WHIST	Tues 10th	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	John Parry
WINE APPRECIATION	Tues 3rd	6.30-9.00pm	Member's Home	Barry Ransley
LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY	Weds 25th	As Arranged	As Arranged	Dorinda Franklin
LUNCH ON THURSDAY	Thurs 19th	As Arranged	As Arranged	Lesley Gibbs
COMPUTING HELP	BY ARRANGEMENT			Neil Shepherd

Please note that the Family History Group will be meeting at the KEC in February and March.

WEBPAGE NEWS

1. INTEREST GROUPS

*Click on the links below to see some recently updated **Interest Group** webpages:*

- [Art](#) – See some *Winter Scenes* painted by the group at their January session.
- [Book Discussion](#) – Who was elected by the group as *Author of the Year 2025*? Plus read the leader's report of the January meeting.
- [CATs](#) – See the wonderful results of the Craft group's *Papercraft Flowers* making session.
- [Living Well](#) – Topics for 2026.
- [Nature](#) – At the end of November, the group visited *Lynford Arboretum*.
- [NT at Home](#) – Find out how the group is expanding its range of National Theatre films to appeal to a wider audience.
- [Walking Here A](#) – What exciting Christmas theme did the group choose for their December walk

2. TRIPS and THEATRE VISITS

Click this [Trips/Theatre](#) webpage link to see the seven trips currently advertised, including the recently added trip in December to see the "Thursford Christmas Spectacular".

3. LATEST NOTICES

*Click this [Latest Notices](#) webpage link to see what's happening at **Chatteris u3a**.*





Quiz Answers

- 1) Delia Smith
- 2) Africa
- 3) Benjamin Disraeli (45 mins)
- 4) Will Carling
- 5) Jeremiah

Who Said...

John Lennon

Who am I?...

Alfred Hitchcock

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COME AND JOIN US

A Poem proclaiming the Joys of the Chatteris u3a

Intro Refrain

**Come and join us
Chatteris u3a
You will find enjoyment
Each and every day**

Are you no longer working?
Wondering what to do?
We have the solution
That is right for you

You will meet lots of people
That you'll get on with
Following our motto
Which is Learn, Laugh, Live

Refrain

At our Open Meetings
You can have a drink
Then listen to a talk
That you'll enjoy, we think

If you like to travel
Come along with us
We go on some great trips
On a big posh bus

Refrain

Whatever are your interests
There are groups for you
Lunch Club, Quiz or Walking
Just to name a few

Our Annual Subscription's
Only Twenty Quid
So, sign up straight away
You will be glad you did

Final Refrain

Dave Plinthes