



CHATTERBOX

Official Newsletter of the Chatteris u3a
Registered Charity No 1196841



Happy Easter



OPEN MEETINGS 2026

<p>17th April 10:30am at the KEC A.G.M. Evelyn Faucon, a Principal Scenes of Crime Officer (PSOCO) on the History of Forensics</p>	
15 th May	Dave Pinion - Antarctica
19 th June	Brother Uther - Ramsey, The Abbey and St Thomas a Becket Church
17 th July	Ray Markham - From Score Box to Press Box: A Scorer's Odyssey
21 st Aug	Stephen Dalton - Commonwealth War Graves Commission
18 th Sept	Lucy Allen - On the Buses: Remembering a Comic Classic
16 th Oct	Mike Wabe - Britains First Serial Killer
20 th Nov	Jim Stebbings - "Oh Yes It Is" - The History of English Pantomime
18 th Dec	David Picarra - 1970's - to 2000's Songs

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

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE



The past year has been quite positive. Membership has grown, and we have managed to get our finances in a position where the committee can propose to maintain our annual membership for another year.

Several new interest groups have started up or expanded. Monthly meetings continue to attract a significant majority of our members, with a variety of speakers and topics that seek to broaden our horizons in ways we didn't always expect.

Trips and outings were well attended.

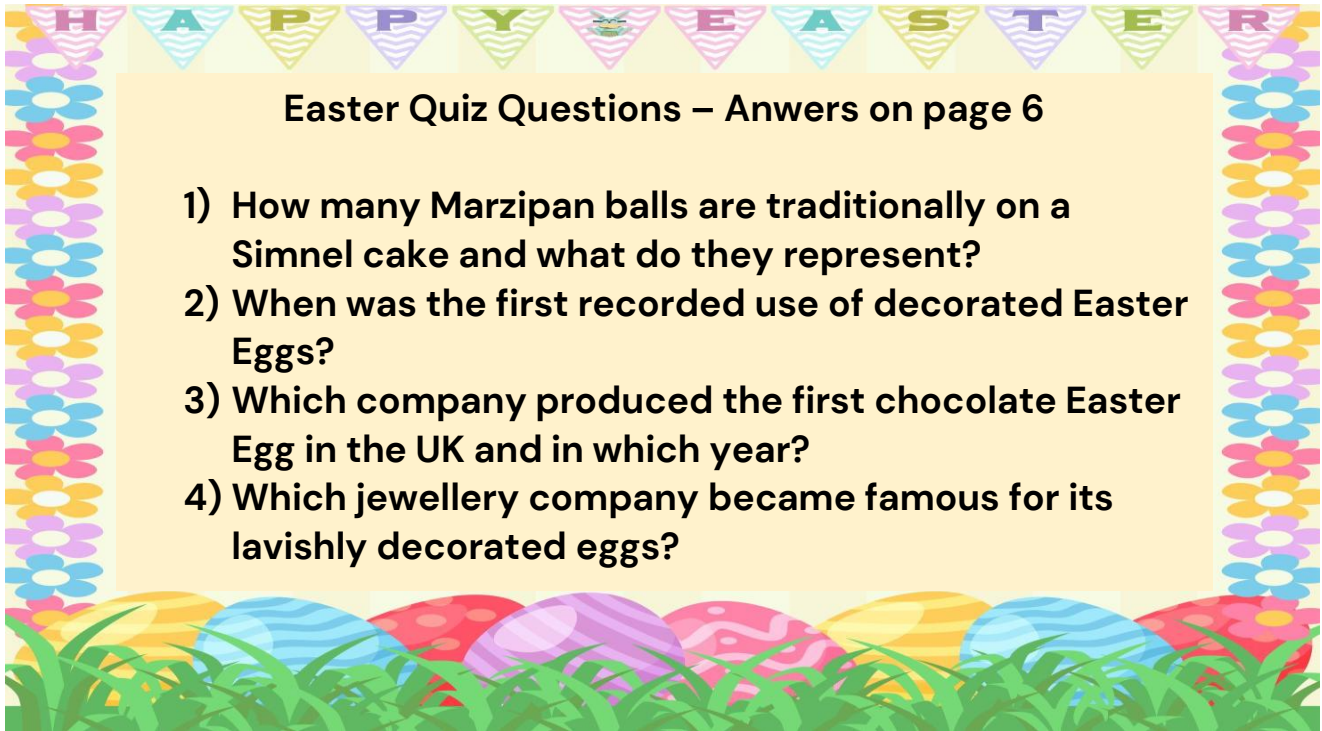
A detailed committee report will be sent out separately to all members.

Regards

Peter

Chairman Chatteris u3a

Available via this [Chair Notes](#) link



TRIPS / THEATRE VISITS 2026

Thurs 26 th March	The Woman in Black – SOLD OUT
Weds 1 st April	Kinky Boots – SOLD OUT
Weds 27 th May	Bure Valley Railway – Norfolk £54.50 – a few spaces left
Thurs 9 th July	Mamma Mia – SOLD OUT
Weds 19 th Aug	Norfolk Lavender and Hunstanton £37.00 – a few spaces left
Weds 16 th Sept	Coton Manor Gardens – Northamptonshire £37.00 – a few spaces left
Mon 7 th Dec	Thursford Christmas Show – places still available

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*

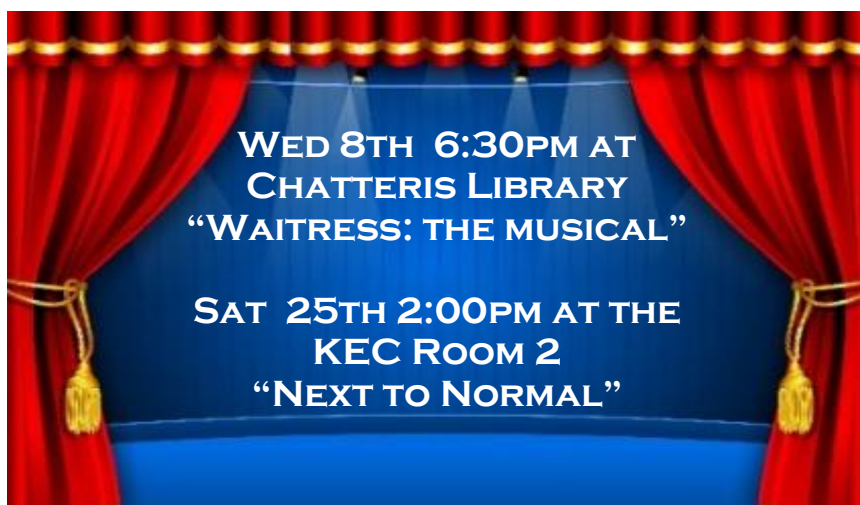
Who Said...

"You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream"

Answer on page 6

INTEREST GROUPS

National "Innings" - now showing twice monthly



Interest Group News

CRAFT GROUP – 18th April – Doorstop – please bring socks, glue, glue guns, sewing thread, needles and rice.

ART GROUP – 3rd April – Drawing from Movement

LIVING WELL – 24th April – Bee Mindful Hive, speaking about mindfulness and meditation for older people

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

April				
Group	Date	Time	Venue	Leader
ART GROUP	Fri 3rd	2.30-4.30pm	King Edward Centre	Peter Leeson
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1 st & 3 rd Sun	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	Brian Windsor
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	Thurs 16th	10.00-11.30am	Chatteris Library	Peter Leeson
BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE	Weds 1st	1.45-4.00pm	Member's Home	Sally Harper
HISTORIC CHURCHES	Check website for details			Pauline Smith
CRAFTS, ARTS & THINGS	Sat 18th	2.00-4.00pm	Chatteris Library	Jan Fieldhouse
DARTS	Tues 28th	1.00-3.00pm	Joe Perry's Club	Caroline Hopper
FAMILY HISTORY	Thurs 2nd	10.00-12.00pm	Chatteris Library	Georgina Plumb
FRENCH CONVERSATION	2 nd & 4 th Fri	3.30-4.30pm	King Edward Centre	Peter Leeson
GAMES/RUMMIKUB	Weds 8th	2.00-4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
GERMAN CONVERSATION	Weds 22nd	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 10th	2.00-4.00pm	Group Leaders Home	Caroline Hopper
LIVING WELL	Fri 24th	2.00-3.30pm	King Edward Centre	Lesley Pomfrett
NATIONAL THEATRE	Weds 8th Sat 25th	6.30-8.30pm 2.00-4.00pm	Chatteris Library King Edward Centre	Peter Leeson
NATURE GROUP	Check website for details			Graham Cole
QUIZ EVENING	Mon 27th	7.00-9.00pm	King Edward Centre	Jeanette Hipkins
SCRABBLE	Mon 13th	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	Judith Bradshaw
SINGING FOR PLEASURE	Mon 20th	2.30-4.00pm	Emmanuel Church	Graham Marsden
WALKING HERE A	Fri 10th	10.00-12.00pm	King Edward Centre	Phil Green
WALKING HERE B	Tues 14th	10.00-12.00pm	Furrowfields Car Park	Brian Windsor
WALKING THERE	Weds 15th	As Arranged	Furrowfields Car Park	John Parry Brian Windsor
WHIST	Tues 14th	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	John Parry
WINE APPRECIATION	Tues 7th	6.30-9.00pm	Member's Home	Barry Ransley
LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY	Weds 22nd	As Arranged	As Arranged	Dorinda Franklin
LUNCH ON THURSDAY	Thurs 16th Thurs 23rd	As Arranged	As Arranged	Lesley Gibbs
COMPUTING HELP	BY ARRANGEMENT			Neil Shepherd



WEBPAGE NEWS

[Check out our website for the latest news](#)

Quiz Answers

- 1) 11 Disciples (not Judas)
- 2) In the 13th century
- 3) J.S Fry & Sons in 1873
- 4) Faberge

Who Said...
C.S. Lewis

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Church of St Peter & St Paul Chatteris
proudly present

Upwell Gilbert & Sullivan Society
in a concert performance of

The Comic Opera

The Mikado

(Or The Town of Titipu)

To be presented in the Church,
High St, Chatteris PE16 6BE

Saturday, May 2nd at 2pm

All seats **£6**
Under 16 Free

Available on the door