



CHATTERBOX

Official Newsletter of the Chatteris u3a
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Membership Fees due this month

Still only £20.00 😊

You can pay at the May Open Meeting or to pay on-line go to the website home page and click on the Members Page. You will need the information that has been emailed to you from the Membership Secretary.

OPEN MEETINGS 2026

15th May 10:30am at the KEC

Dave Pinion – My Amazing Journey to Antarctica

An inspiring 33 day journey through the incredible scenery, wildlife and history of Antarctica, sharing the experience with 80 fellow travellers and a group of experts, all with the same desire to “stand on the shoulders of giants”.

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 NEW CHAIR

Many thanks to those who came to the AGM and voted me in as Chairperson. I am looking forward to the task ahead and will be concentrating on making the Chatteris u3a as inclusive as possible. I want to continue to advertise everything we offer to as wide an audience as possible and would also like to increase the number of Interest Groups we offer. So, if you are interested in helping me, you could join the Committee or if you have any ideas (or specialities) you would like to share, please contact me or any member of the Committee.

Finally, thanks to all the committee members past and present for their hard work and special thanks to Peter for all his work as Chair during the last three years.

*Regards
Mary*

Chairperson	Mary Hobbs
Secretary	Terry Hayward
Treasurer	Lesley Gibbs
	Davina Campbell
Chatterbox Editor	Jo Cogger
	Caroline Hopper
Welfare	Ceri Kennedy
Beacon	Peter Leeson
Groups Co-Ordinator	Georgina Plumb
Membership	Peter Saunderson
Speaker Co-Ordinator	Brian Windsor

TRIPS / THEATRE VISITS 2026

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 Gardens – SOLD OUT
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...

Answer on page 6

“To handle yourself, use your head: to handle others, use your heart”

Quiz – Answers on Page 6

1. Which County Cricket team has a fox as its logo?
2. The Watergate scandal was named after a building in which US city?
3. In our solar system, how many planets lie between Mars and the Sun?
4. Which piece of cooking equipment has a name that translates as “bath of Mary”?
5. In 2018, at the age of 92, Mahathir bin Mohamed became the world’s oldest prime minister of which country?

*“May whispers softly,
Winter's slumber fades away,
Life awakens now.”*

National “Innings” - now showing twice monthly



Interest Group News

ART GROUP – 1st May – Outside Session (weather permitting) or Flowers in the style of...(if raining)

Historic Churches – 2nd May 2.00pm St Peter & St Pauls Church Chatteris

LIVING WELL – 22nd May – Bradley Lewis Environmental Health Officer from Fenland Council

CRAFT GROUP – 16th May – Book Folding

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

May				
Group	Date	Time	Venue	Leader
ART GROUP	Fri 1st	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 21st	10.00-11.30am	Chatteris Library	Peter Leeson
BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE	Weds 6th	1.45-4.00pm	Member's Home	Sally Harper
HISTORIC CHURCHES	2 nd May 2.00pm St Peter & St Paul Chatteris			Pauline Smith
CRAFTS, ARTS & THINGS	Sat 16th	2.00-4.00pm	Chatteris Library	Jan Fieldhouse
DARTS	Tues 26th	1.00-3.00pm	Joe Perry's Club	Caroline Hopper
FAMILY HISTORY	Thurs 7th	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 13th	2.00-4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
GERMAN CONVERSATION	Weds 27th	2.30-4.00pm	Chatteris Library	Gabi Leeson
GOLF	1 st & 3 rd Weds	Morning	The Old Nene Golf Club	Stuart Newman
JEWELLERY FOR FUN	Fri 8th	2.00-4.00pm	Group Leaders Home	Caroline Hopper
LIVING WELL	Fri 22nd	2.00-3.30pm	King Edward Centre	Lesley Pomfrett
NATIONAL THEATRE	Weds 13th Sat 23rd	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 25th	7.00-9.00pm	King Edward Centre	Jeanette Hipkins
SCRABBLE	Mon 11th	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	Judith Bradshaw
SINGING FOR PLEASURE	Mon 18th	2.30-4.00pm	Emmanuel Church	Graham Marsden
WALKING HERE A	Fri 8th	10.00-12.00pm	King Edward Centre	Phil Green
WALKING HERE B	Tues 12th	10.00-12.00pm	Furrowfields Car Park	Brian Windsor
WALKING THERE	Weds 20th	As Arranged	Furrowfields Car Park	John Parry Brian Windsor
WHIST	Tues 12th	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	John Parry
WINE APPRECIATION	Tues 5th	6.30-9.00pm	Member's Home	Barry Ransley
LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY	Weds 27th	As Arranged	As Arranged	Dorinda Franklin
LUNCH ON THURSDAY	Thurs 21st Thurs 28th	As Arranged	As Arranged	Lesley Gibbs
COMPUTING HELP	BY ARRANGEMENT			Neil Shepherd

WEBPAGE NEWS



HOMEPAGE The *Home Page* is usually the first thing that a new browser will see when viewing our website, therefore, it is a good idea to make it as welcoming and appealing as possible. Maybe, you can help me with that?

I'm trying to update it and have included links that I hope will entice the browser to further explore the website. I've also inserted links to two illustrated presentations that I hope will help to explain what *u3a* is and, in particular, what *Chatteris u3a* is all about.

Click [here](#) to visit the Home Page, and if you have any ideas on how to improve it, then please email me via the Webmaster link on the [Contact Us](#) page.

LATEST NOTICES

Click this [Latest Notices](#) webpage link to see what's happening at Chatteris u3a. Recent notices include details of the *Historic Churches* group's next visit and the make up of our newly elected *Executive Committee*.

Quiz Answers

1. Leicestershire
2. Washington
3. Three: Earth, Venus and Mercury
4. Bain-Marie
5. Malaysia

Who Said...
Eleanor Roosevelt

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27th JUNE 2026
7.00 - 10.00pm

CHATTERIS CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL
HIGH STREET, CHATTERIS PE16 6BE

7.00 for 7.30 start ~ *Dress to Impress!* ~

Tickets £22 to include Cheese and Wine (or soft drink)

Tickets available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chatteris-rotary
also Elizabeths Florist, 12 High Street, Chatteris, PE16 6BE
For further details contact: rotarychatteris@gmail.com



Cuppa with a Cop

Chatteris Library hosts a monthly police community surgery so drop in to have a chat about any issues and concerns you may have.

Free refreshment and accessible toilets available.

Next Meeting : Weds 27th May 10.00 – 11.00am