



# CHATTERBOX

Official Newsletter of the Chatteris u3a  
Registered Charity No 1196841

## OPEN MEETINGS 2026

19<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am at the KEC  
Brother Uther – Ramsey, The Abbey and St Thomas a Becket  
Church

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

### Our New On-line Members Portal

The launch of our on-line membership payment system has been amazingly successful as within 3 weeks of its launch 35% of our membership renewals have been made through it. Thanks 😊

For those members who have yet to pay for this year's membership the quick and easy option is to pay online although you can still pay at the monthly open meeting.

The membership payment is made through our Members Portal and this portal puts our members in control of their information held on our system. It has already proved of benefit with a few of our members updating or correcting their details. The members portal also makes it easier for a member to join a group that interests them as when they signal their wish to join the system automatically generates an email to the group leader. There is also a timetable within the members portal which provides details of dates and times for groups meetings. We will be developing the use of the Members Portal over the coming year so that Chatteris u3a and its many groups are made more accessible to our members.

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

What a strange year of weather we've had so far! Extreme wet, extreme dry, and as I write this a heatwave! Let's all remember to stay hydrated and check in on friends and neighbours who may be in need of support. If you know of anyone who needs a visit, a card, or some extra care at the moment, please speak to Ceri or someone else on the committee and we will see what we can do.

I believe we have almost enough interest groups to enable people to do a different activity every day of the month, if they wish! However, if you have an interest that you would be prepared to offer e.g fishing, please don't hide your light under a bushel. Let your light shine!

Till the July edition, bye for now!"

Regards  
Mary

Available via this [Chair Notes](#) link

#### **Quiz – Answers on Page 5**

1. What is the largest creature on this planet?
2. Which company is the largest chocolate manufacturer?
3. What are the indentations on a golf ball called?
4. What is inscribed on the brass letter box of 10 Downing Street?
5. What was the name of the capital city of the Incan Empire?

#### **Who Said... Answer on page 5**

*“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito”*

## TRIPS / THEATRE VISITS 2026

Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Mamma Mia – SOLD OUT
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Norfolk Lavender and Hunstanton £37.00 – a few spaces left
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Coton Gardens – SOLD OUT

- *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 GROUPS

### NATIONAL “INNINGS”

**10<sup>th</sup> June 18:30 at Chatteris Library – A View from the Bridge** – In Brooklyn, Eddie Carbone welcomes his Sicilian cousins to the land of freedom. But when one of them falls for his beautiful niece, they discover that freedom comes at a price. Eddie’s jealous mistrust exposes a deep, unspeakable secret – one that drives him to commit the ultimate betrayal. Ivo Van Hove directs Mark Strong and Nicola Walker in Arthur Miller’s dark and passionate play.

**27th June – Screening cancelled due to Chatteris Midsummer Festival**



### ART GROUP – 5<sup>th</sup> June

On Friday, June 5, the Art Group will be meeting for a special session for those who think they can't draw or paint. All are welcome to come, try and see what they might be able to do. We will have some equipment with us to make it easier for you and no end of patience to explain what, how and why. Unfortunately, nobody is Michaelangelo any longer: we all struggle with our own weaknesses and deceptions, but if you don't try, you will not learn. So, come along and be ready to surprise yourself!

**LIVING WELL – 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Rachel Nightingale from the Older Persons Mental Health Unit.

**CRAFT GROUP – 20<sup>th</sup> June – Material Wreath**

June				
Group	Date	Time	Venue	Leader
ART GROUP	Fri 5th	2.30-4.30pm	King Edward Centre	Peter Leeson
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	Brian Windsor
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP	Thurs 18th	10.00-11.30am	Chatteris Library	Peter Leeson
BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE	Weds 3rd	1.45-4.00pm	Member's Home	Sally Harper
HISTORIC CHURCHES	Check the website for details			Pauline Smith
CRAFTS, ARTS & THINGS	Sat 20th	2.00-4.00pm	Chatteris Library	Jan Fieldhouse
DARTS	Tues 23rd	1.00-3.00pm	Joe Perry's Club	Caroline Hopper
FAMILY HISTORY	Thurs 4th	10.00-12.00pm	Chatteris Library	Georgina Plumb
FRENCH CONVERSATION	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	3.30-4.30pm	King Edward Centre	Peter Leeson
GAMES/RUMMIKUB	Weds 10th	2.00-4.00pm	King Edward Centre	Georgina Plumb
GERMAN CONVERSATION	Weds 24th	2.30-4.00pm	Chatteris Library	Gabi Leeson
GOLF	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds	Morning	The Old Nene Golf Club	Stuart Newman
JEWELLERY FOR FUN	Fri 12th	2.00-4.00pm	Group Leaders Home	Caroline Hopper
LIVING WELL	Fri 26th	2.00-3.30pm	King Edward Centre	Lesley Pomfrett
NATIONAL THEATRE	Weds 10th Sat 27th	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 22nd	7.00-9.00pm	King Edward Centre	Jeanette Hipkins
SCRABBLE	Mon 8th	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	Judith Bradshaw
SINGING FOR PLEASURE	Mon 15th	2.30-4.00pm	Emmanuel Church	Graham Marsden
WALKING HERE A	Fri 12th	10.00-12.00pm	King Edward Centre	Phil Green
WALKING HERE B	Tues 9th	10.00-12.00pm	Furrowfields Car Park	Brian Windsor
WALKING THERE	Weds 17th	As Arranged	Furrowfields Car Park	John Parry Brian Windsor
WHIST	Tues 9th	2.00-4.00pm	Member's Home	John Parry
WINE APPRECIATION	Tues 2nd	6.30-9.00pm	Member's Home	Barry Ransley
LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY	Weds 24th	As Arranged	As Arranged	Dorinda Franklin
LUNCH ON THURSDAY	Thurs 18th Thurs 25th	As Arranged	As Arranged	Lesley Gibbs
COMPUTING HELP	BY ARRANGEMENT			Neil Shepherd

- 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

## WEBPAGE NEWS

### INTEREST GROUPS

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

- [Art](#) – The group is inviting you to come along for a “Give It A Try” session.
- [Nature](#) – Read about the trip to *Maids Cross and Cavenham Heath*.
- [NT at Home](#) – Check out what is being screened in the next few weeks.
- [Walking Here A](#) – The group’s May walk report is entitled *King Charles’ Oak Tree Revisited!!!*

### TRIPS and THEATRE VISITS

*Click this [Trips/Theatre](#) webpage link to see details of arranged outings which includes a newly proposed trip to see the Sir John Rutter’s Christmas Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.*

### LATEST NOTICES

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

#### Quiz Answers

1. Blue Whale
2. Mars
3. Dimples
4. First Lord of the Treasury
5. Cusco

Who Said...  
Dalai Lamar

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**AROUND THE WORLD  
CHATTERIS  
MIDSUMMER  
FESTIVAL** 2026

Saturday 27th June - 10am to 10:30pm  
Sunday 28th June - 10am to 4pm

Saturday : Parade / Arena Events / Party In The Park  
Sunday : Children's Sports / Colour Fun Run / Family Disco

Admission Fees:  
Saturday £2 Adults / £1 Children  
Sunday £1 for all

Furrowfield Recreation Ground PE16 6DY

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Chatteris Midsummer Festival



Organised by **Rotary**  Sponsored by **Knowles** 

**1940s  
STYLE  
DANCE**

featuring  
**Bricstan Big Band**

A Benevolent Concert in Memory of JOHN BARLOW  
in aid of HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL and ADDENBROOKE'S CHARITABLE TRUST

 

**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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chatteris-rotary)  
also Elizabeths Florist, 12 High Street, Chatteris, PE16 6BE  
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