



CHATTERBOX

Official Newsletter of the Chatteris u3a
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OPEN MEETINGS 2026

21st August 10:30am at the KEC
Stephen Dalton – Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Please remember to switch off your phones. Thanks 😊

Missed an Open Meeting? Don't worry, you can watch it on YouTube whether you are at home or on holiday.

Information, and the dates of the forthcoming Open Meetings, can be found on the [Open Meetings](#) webpage.

Quiz – Answers on Page 4

- 1) Who discovered the structure of DNA?
- 2) What is the capital of Cameroon?
- 3) Where would you find together a verso and a recto?
- 4) Which company opened the first burger restaurant in the UK in 1954?
- 5) Which country has won the most Olympic gold medals in Field Hockey?

Who Said... Answer on page 4

"At school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grow up. I wrote "happy"

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

The heatwave is still with us, with the prospect of very little rain to come and further record-breaking temperatures predicted for August. Hose pipe bans abound and we are all going to have to adapt to trying to be more water savvy in our homes and gardens. I would like to see more eco-friendly initiatives as standard features on new builds, especially harvesting rainwater for flushing toilets or running washing machines. Maybe you remember Tommy Walsh completing a challenge to build an eco-home in 60 days for £60,000.

We have been really fortunate with our guest speakers at our Open meetings, covering such diverse topics as church pews, Antarctica, cricket scoring and life as a medieval monk! I know we have many more interesting speakers booked for the coming months. We also have some lovely trips organised. If you haven't booked your ticket yet, please don't be afraid to go and have a word with Gabi.

Don't forget, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the committee don't be backwards in coming forward.

Till next time.

Regards
Mary

Available via this [Chair Notes](#) link

TRIPS / THEATRE VISITS 2026

Weds 16 th Sept	Coton Gardens £37
Fri 4 th Dec	Sir John Rutter's Christmas Celebration Royal Albert Hall £69.00 – places still available

The latest news and information about these, and other proposed trips can be found on the [Trips/Theatre](#) webpage or email the Trips/Theatre Team via the [Contact Us](#) webpage.

Local Event News...

Light Cinema Wisbech Silver Screen £5.00 tickets for over 60's at all screenings on a Thursday BEFORE 3.00pm. For more details check out their website [Cinema Listings & Tickets | The Light Wisbech](#)

Ely Cathedral offers varied events including free lunch time concerts most Thursdays. For more details, check out their website [Events – Ely Cathedral](#)

INTEREST GROUPS

A great way to meet other members, learn together, and take part in regular activities throughout the year.

NATIONAL "INNINGS"

Weds 12th Aug – 18:30 Library

"Amadeus"

Sat 22nd Aug – 14:00 KEC

"The Importance of being Earnest"

ART GROUP – 7th August – 2:30–4:30 KEC – Great Painters

Bring a favourite painting or picture and either make a copy or use it as inspiration.

**Enjoy darts and a get together? The Darts Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month 1:00–3:00 at Joe Perry's Snooker and Poole Palace.
Even if you can't score 180, you are very welcome!!!**

LATEST NEWS....

Unfortunately, it is Au Revoir to the Conversation Francaise Group, *but* if you want to learn another language, remember there is a German Conversation Group on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 2:30–4:00 at the library.

Alle Willkommen!!

***BUT*, would you be interested in a Tai Chi or Current Affairs group or perhaps an additional Lunch on Thursday?
Watch out for more details.**

HOLIDAY BREAKS

CRAFT GROUP – Back on the 19th September 2:00–4:00pm at the Library.

LIVING WELL – Back on the 25th September 2:00–3:30pm at the KEC.

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

WEBPAGE NEWS

DID YOU KNOW? – Your website has a new fully fledged *Editor**.

- *Your hearty congratulations should be given to Peter Leeson (*pictured*) for his recent promotion to “full site” *Editor*. From now on, why not keep a close eye on the website in order to appreciate his individualistic and informative contributions.



DO YOU USE YOUR WEBSITE? – If you need some particular information about Chatteris u3a then there's a good chance you might find it on the website. Try the webpage links below to discover whether they might be useful to you.

- [Home](#) – The Home webpage gives you an idea of what u3a (in general) and Chatteris u3a (in particular) are all about.
- [Latest Notices](#) – Up to date news of what's happening in Chatteris u3a.
- [Groups](#) – Information about all of our *Interest Groups* including dates, times and venues.
- [Open Meetings](#) – Details of when and where, plus some information about the guest speakers.
- [Trips/Theatre](#) – Details of planned *outings*.
- [Newsletters](#) – You can read the current and some previous editions of *Chatterbox*.
- [Members Page](#) – Lots of information for Chatteris u3a members, including Online Subscription Renewal, Policy Documents, etc.
- [Contact Us](#) – Email links to Chatteris u3a officers (*including your Webmaster!*).



Phil (Webmaster)

Quiz Answers

1. James Watson and Francis Crick
2. Yaounde
3. In a book..left and right pages
4. Wimpy on Coventry Steet, London
5. India

Who Said...
John Lennon

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Come And Learn More
Come to Chatteris and learn, have fun and socialise in the Autumn and Spring!

Hear a series of interesting lectures by inspiring tutors!

Programme of Courses
Autumn 2026 and Spring 2027

1 Discovering Ukraine 1

Tutor Marina Burrell

5-week course September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21 2026

2 Discovering Ukraine 2

Tutor Marina Burrell

5-week course November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2 2026

3 Love, Sex and other themes in Shakespeare

Tutor Lindsay Fursland

5-week course January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3 2027

4 Eye of the Beholder — 2000 Years of Art

Tutor Ges Hartley

5-week course February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 2027

Lectures are held at
The King Edward Community Centre, Chatteris on Wednesday mornings
10am — 12 noon
Cost of each Course: £30.00

