



CHATTERBOX

Official Newsletter of the Chatteris u3a
Registered Charity No 1196841

OPEN MEETINGS 2026/2027

16th October 10:30am at the KEC

Mike Wabe – Medieval World – Britains First Serial Killer

Please remember to switch off your phones. Thanks 😊

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
	2027
15 th Jan	Liza Jones – Behind the Bathroom Door – A look at hygiene
19 th Feb	John E. Vigar – Murder, Sex and Mayhem in English Churches
19 th Mar	Andy Smith – John, Paul, George and me

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

The Official End of Summertime – Winter draws on!!! 😊

Clocks “fall back” on Sunday 25th October

**To be “Winter Ready”, book your Flu, Covid, RSV and Shingles
jabs and check that your heating works.**

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Ah! Autumn "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" as John Keats put it. The evenings draw in and we start preparing for the winter that is to come. How many shopping days till Christmas? Should I put my summer clothes away yet? Maybe you're starting to think about next year's holiday? However you are viewing the months that are to come, you can be sure of a warm welcome at U3A and I am confident that there is something to offer everyone. If you feel that we are missing an opportunity to engage people, why not come to a committee meeting and pitch your idea? We would value your input, and you can even have a cup of tea (or coffee) and a biscuit with us!

We only have one more social trip this year and will be turning our attention to planning next year's outings. Do you have any suggestions? We are also hoping to take full advantage of more local events, concerts etc and arrange car sharing, which is good for the local economy and good for those of us who find longer journeys more tricky. Again, if you know of anything you think would interest members, please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Let's carry on looking out for each other,

All the best,
Regards
Mary

Available via this [Chair Notes](#) link

An invitation to all u3a members.

If you would like to come to one of our Committee Meetings, they are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month 10:00–12:00 at the library.

Let any of the committee members know if you wish to join us.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Coffee/Tea and biscuits provided 😊

TRIPS/THEATRE VISITS

Fri 4 th Dec	Sir John Rutter's Christmas Celebration Royal Albert Hall £69.00
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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.

INTEREST GROUPS

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

NATIONAL "INNINGS"

14th October– 18:30 Library – "Macbeth"

24th October– 14:00 KEC – "Man & Boy"

ART GROUP – 2nd October – 2:30–4:30pm at the KEC– "Buildings and Houses"

LIVING WELL –23rd October – 2:00–3:30pm at the KEC – Deborah Slator – Defibrillators and CPR

Would you be interested in joining, or helping to organise, a Local Interest Group, which would involve small groups of members, using car share to arrange visits to the cinemas, theatres, events, garden centres, markets or museums which abound in our area?

Or perhaps Line Dancing is more to your liking?

If so, sign up at our open Meeting or contact Georgina through the Contact Us page on the website.

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

WEBPAGE NEWS

1. INTEREST GROUPS

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

- [Art](#) – The group's September theme was *Autumn Colours*.
- [Book Discussion](#) – See the *very varied range of books* that different members choose to read.
- [Nature](#) – Read about the trip to *Woodwalton Fen*. **N.B. Report includes many wonderful photographs.**
- [NT at Home](#) – Discover the *National Theatre* plays being screened in the coming weeks.

2. LATEST NOTICES

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

For General Enquiries email us at u3achatteris@gmail.com or Phone 07873537717

Visit our Web site for the latest Chatteris u3a news chatteris.u3asite.uk



UK Power Networks Priority Services Register.

The UK Power Networks Priority Services Register is a free support service for eligible customers. If you are over 65 or use medical equipment, have a chronic illness or disability, they can provide priority assistance during power cuts, including a 24-hour priority phone line, alerts, welfare support, and tailored help.

Check out their website for more details.

www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services

Dear Chatteris u3a

I am writing to express my thanks for your donation commemoration. Founded by Royal Charter in 1917, the CWGC works on behalf of the Governments of Australia, Canada, India, to the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation (CWGF) for GBP 100.00 which we received on 28/08/2026 from Chatteris u3a.

The CWGF is the charitable arm of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) – a global leader in New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom to commemorate the 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth who lost their lives in the two World Wars. The CWGF aims to engage and educate new and established audiences with the work of the CWGC, and through the inspiring stories of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Your donation today means that we can continue our work. Since the charity was founded in 2017, the support we have received has meant that we have been able to fund a number of key projects – from our Guides in France and Belgium, our Eyes On Hands On volunteers and Speakers and Tour Guide Programme, to young women and girls who discovered the story of female British spy Noor Inayat- Khan through workshops and an interactive exhibition.

I understand that your donation was a result of a talk to Chatteris u3a by one of our Volunteers. I hope you enjoyed your talk and that we will see you again soon.

As the CWGF continues to grow, we are excited to see what opportunities arise in the future. Thank you for playing a part in helping us inspire, inform, educate, involve and engage people with stories of sacrifice that must never be forgotten.

To find out more about how you can support the CWGF, [please follow this link here.](#)

Thank you from everyone at the CWGF.

Yours sincerely,

Abigail Rowlands
Individual Giving Fundraising Officer

