



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Waltham Abbey U3A Newsletter

December 2014

Waltham Abbey University of the Third Age launches in January 2015

**Commencing January 2015 meetings will be held on 2nd Tuesday of
each month in Waltham Abbey Town Hall at 10 am**

Greetings from the Chair.

Welcome to the first of our regular newsletters.

**This issue is the culmination of much hard work and enthusiasm from
all the members of your Steering Committee. But from here on, future
success will rely on the commitment and encouragement of
all the members to support the interest groups and bring such skills as
you have to help each other develop these and other new groups and,
above all, have fun.**

Best Wishes to you all, looking forward to a successful 2015.

Vernon Gurtner, FCA Ret'd.

**Next meeting: 13th January 2015: Speaker: Maggie Radcliffe:
'Conspiracies and Scandal of the 20th Century'**

**Booking Now! Theatre Trip to 'Memphis' and Live
Cinema Streaming Of 'Swan Lake' in New Year**

See inside for details and the latest information from the Groups

Waltham Abbey U3A

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Waltham Abbey U3A Website:

www.u3asites.org.uk/walthamabbey

The Third Age Trust: U3As are operational independent, non-profit and self-funding cooperatives run by its members for its members and are supported by the Third Age Trust. You can visit their website :www.u3a.org.uk

Membership: Please remember to bring your membership card with you to all U3A activities
Visitors: Please note: Visitors are welcome at our monthly meetings for a £2 fee for temporary membership.

Interest Groups: We are looking for volunteers to run Spanish and Needlework Groups. If you are interested in running either of these or have an idea for any other Group, contact Groups' Coordinator, Mary Maynard.

If you have an item you would like to include in the next edition of the newsletter, please contact the editor Christine Coleman at: christine.a.coleman@gmail.com
Or, if you would prefer, you can pass on your news item to members of the committee or group facilitator. Items for next issue by January 6th, please.

Thank you to everyone who has put in so much time and effort to launch this new U3A and we are very grateful to Harlow and Cheshunt U3As, for their generous donations of £100 and £200 respectively to help get us started.

Finally, on behalf of us all...

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Waltham Abbey U3A Groups

Activity	When	Facilitator	Contact
Afternoon Quiz	Tues.2-4pm t.b.c	Vernon Gurtner	079230 22496
Card Making/ Paper Craft	t.b.c.	Marlene Fielding	01992678166
Cycling	Weekly with Cheshunt Cycling Group	Brenda Pegrum and Steward Wagstaff	brendapegrum3@gmail.com Stewart.wagstaff@sky.com
Eating Out	Monthly	Gillian Hoye	01992624706
Family History	1 st Thurs. 10-12, 2 nd Wed. 2-4 St. James Suite	Alistair Webb	01992 764152
Gardening	1 st Mon of month 1.30-3pm	Terry Hoye	01992624706
Joinery/ Carpentry	t.b.c.	Colin Rann	1992712996
Line Dancing	Wednesday 10- 11 am	Gillian Hoye	01992624706
Local Walks	t.b.c.	Revd. John Merrill	01992 762776
London Walks	Saturday from Loughton or W.Cross	Terry Hoye	01992 624706
Scrabble	2 nd Thurs. 2-4pm T.J's cafe	Vernon Gurtner	079230 22496
Singing for Fun	Thurs.1.30 -3pm	Gillian Hoye	01992 624706
Art Club	t.b.c.	Christine Coleman	07522 980367
Theatre Trips	Feb.'Memphis'	Gillian Hoye	01992 624706
Computer Buddies	t.b.c.	B. Henderson Tony Warn	01992 764508

If you are interested in joining any of these groups please contact the Group facilitator

If you would like to run a group, please contact Groups Coordinator
Mary Maynard tel: 01992 717334

Latest from the Groups:

LONDON WALKS:

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER:

Forget Christmas shopping and join Terry and Gill for a walk around Greenwich. Meet at Loughton Station at 9.30 am (255 bus 08.45 from Quaker Lane or £2 car parking at station). Eat out or bring packed lunch. Back by 4.30pm

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY: First official U3A walk with Terry and Gill to Chelsea – includes Royal Chelsea Hospital and surrounding area. Meet at 08.50am at Waltham Cross Railway Station. Eat or bring packed lunch. Back by 4.30pm.

GARDENING GROUP: This will now be held at The Town Hall in the James Suite on 1st Monday each month, commencing 5th January 2015 at 1.30 until 3pm.

SCRABBLE:

Scrabble Group will meet initially once a month on the Thursday following the Tuesday public meeting at T.J's Café next to Henry Ward, Estate Agents, in Highbridge Street from 2pm to 4pm. Group currently has 12 members.

News Flash!!!

Have you signed up to go and see 'MEMPHIS' on the 12th FEBRUARY? Please remember you must pay £59 in cash or cheque Today to secure your ticket.

Please go to the Theatre Trip Table Now!

Booking Now!

Trip to Lea Valley Cinema to see a live Streaming of Swan Lake by the Royal Ballet, direct from Covent Garden Opera House on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 7.15pm

Seniors' tickets are £12.60 for premier (reserved) or £11.00 for standard (unreserved)

If you would like to go, please contact Pam Phillips, (money by 20th December please) so she can book tickets on 21st December.

Car sharing could be arranged closer to the time.

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