

## Monthly Newsletter

### July 2025

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon at Cornerstones Café, The Baptist Church, Wheelers Green Way RG19 4YF. All welcome. £1 for tea and biscuits.

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Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July TVN talk on Zoom by Rear Admiral Dr Chris Parry CBE who will talk on the Nature of War; the proliferation of violence, operational and technological lessons from recent operations and future technologies and will ask 'What does all this mean for fighting power?' For more information and to book your ticket go to the TVN website <https://u3atvnetwork.org.uk> It will cost £2 per device.

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. General Meeting 2pm to 4pm at The Frank Hutchings Hall, Speaker Mervyn Edwards – Walking the Beat to Nirvana. This is about policing in this country, sharing firsthand experiences of e.g. the Newbury Bypass protests and the Brighton bombing. Tea, biscuits, raffle, book and jigsaw swap tables and an opportunity to have a chat. Members free, non-members £2. **Please note that teas will be served between 2 pm and 2.30.**

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Advance notice: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 12 noon to 2 pm. Our annual picnic at Thirtover Place, Ashmore Green Road, Cold Ash RG18 9JD. £2 per person. Bring your own food and mug. Hot drinks available. You will probably be more comfortable if you bring your own chair.

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### News from Groups

#### Come and Sing with Us

Not in a singing group but like singing? This is an opportunity for you to have some fun and relive your youth! **Adagio** invites you to come and sing with us in August. We will sing songs that will jog your memories of your carefree days.

Sing songs by the Beatles, Monkees and many others, some from even further back in time, accompanied by the ukuleles and melodica.

**Dates:** 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday afternoons)

**Venue:** Old Bluecoats School

**Time:** 3-4 p.m. You will join us for a cuppa and biscuit before we start.

**Cost:** £1.00

It is **essential** that you contact me, before, at [adagio@thatchamu3a.org.uk](mailto:adagio@thatchamu3a.org.uk)

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### **Opportunities for trips and holidays**

Trips offered by the Newbury National Trust include The American Museum on 15<sup>th</sup> July and Stowe school and Grounds on 13<sup>th</sup> August Find booking forms on [newburynta.org.uk](http://newburynta.org.uk)

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### **News from Your Executive**

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Congratulations to all those who contributed to our new look bi-annual magazine and a big thank you to our editor, Andy Stacey. I like the balance of articles about our groups and information that could be useful and things just for fun. Andy has been faithful to our members so that it reflects what you asked to be included.

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The PR working party has completed its task for the time being. We have a new flyer and A4 posters. Please look out for them. We are very proud of what we have achieved and would welcome constructive feedback ready for the reprints. A big thank you to the team for their efforts.

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The Thatcham Fun Day is right at end of June, so has not happened as I prepare this newsletter. Following my plea for extra help we have an encouraging number of members to staff our pitch. There were also many words of support from those who are otherwise engaged but wish us well. Thank you to you all.

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Please send copy for the August News to [akdibble@tinyonline.co.uk](mailto:akdibble@tinyonline.co.uk) by 21st July. Items received after this date will be saved for the September News.

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