

## Monthly Newsletter

### August 2025

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31<sup>st</sup> July. Last opportunity to book a place on the Handybus for transport to the picnic. Contact Chris Belcher on [christine.belcher@thatchamu3a.org.uk](mailto:christine.belcher@thatchamu3a.org.uk)

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

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There will be no Speaker meeting in August. Enjoy the break and come to the picnic at the end of the month.

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12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August. Come and sing with us at the Bluecoat School from 3 – 4 pm. £1 for tea and biscuits. Booking essential. Contact [adagio@thatchamu3a.org.uk](mailto:adagio@thatchamu3a.org.uk)

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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

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Convenors meet twice a year to share their experiences and to provide mutual support. The next Convenors meeting is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am for 10 15. Please could you make sure that your group will be represented. We will discuss the forthcoming Festival, our Christmas meeting and more practical concerns about running interest groups. We meet in the Methodist Church Hall.

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#### Opportunities for trips and holidays

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Newbury u3a Theatre Group are planning a trip to a matinee performance of Mamma Mia! in Oxford, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Pick up at 10.30 am in Newbury or from the Rugby club. Cost £74.50. Contact Newbury u3a through their website for more details and to make a booking.

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It is worth noting that our own Theatre Group, which is part of Kennet Theatre Group, will probably be going to this same production. Contact the Theatre Group via our website for details.

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## **News from Your Executive**

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The trifold for 2025/2026 is with the printer and will be distributed to all members in September. It will be light green this time. It is invaluable because it lists contact details for the Executive and the Interest Groups.

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Thank you for the excellent response to my request for 'hands up' about pottery painting. It is not too late to give your view. I am as grateful for the 'no thank you's as for the 'yes please'.

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As part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, we hope to have a bumper edition of the Thatcham u3a magazine. Andy Stacey is the editor and copy should be sent to him, articles in WORD and photos in JPEGs, please use contact form on the website. Please could you all think about your experiences of the u3a and see if you can write a short article to share the most memorable, with other members. It could be from the early days but equally it could be something unexpected or particularly pleasing that happened more recently.

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Please send copy for the September News to the Chair by 21st August. Items received after this date will be saved for the September News.

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