

Monthly Newsletter

December 2025

Friday 5th December. 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. We are so grateful to Lynn Stacey for agreeing to take this on and for the willing volunteers who are joining her team.

Friday 5th December 2.30 Thames Valley Network have the Winter Quiz on Zoom. This may be booked on u3atvnetwork.org.uk. Closing date 3rd December. It is free and teams are decided on the day.

Friday 12th December. General meeting from 2 – 4 pm at the Frank Hutchings Hall. Members only. We will finish the year in style with tea and mince pies, a quiz, a bumper raffle, some entertainment, a visit from Father Christmas and finish with singing some Christmas songs together. Please could you book your place. Contact Kerry Thomas, our secretary, through the contact page on our website.

News from Groups

Our groups are thriving and some of them are having to operate a waiting list. If you would like to become a convenor so that we can start another group to accommodate more members, then please contact Sue Stevenson through the contact page on our website. She would love to hear from you. Perhaps a suitable New Year Challenge.

To help all Convenors in their role, and out of courtesy, we ask that those who would like to join a group start by contacting the Convenor for the group that you would like to join. Their details are on the trifold or you can send a message through our website. If you have any difficulties getting hold of them, contact Sue Stevenson, the Convenor coordinator, using the details given above, or contact the Chair, Ann Dibble. It is often possible to have a chat with a Convenor at the Coffee Morning or General Meeting. Just ask one of the welcoming team to point you in the right direction. Perhaps you could join a new group for 2026!

If there are members who would like to learn Bridge, then a u3a member from Woodley is recommending the online Beginners Bridge course which is run by the u3a Bridge Subject Adviser. The next course will be starting soon - further details are available at: www.bridgewebs.com/u3abridgegroup"

Opportunities for trips and holidays


u3a Festival 26 will take place between 1 - 3 July 2026 at the University of York. As with

the 2024 event, members' skills and interests will be at the forefront of the festival. The organisers are looking for stewards, activity leaders, crafters, speakers, musicians, and sports enthusiasts to help build a rich and engaging programme. If you'd like to contribute, please email festival@u3a.org.uk .

Thursday 12th March 2026. Members are invited to join Tadley u3a on a day trip to Guildford. The morning will be spent on a guided tour of the cathedral, and the afternoon is free for personal exploration in Guildford town centre. Cost is £24 per person. Contact Lynda Mead through the Tadley u3a website for more details. You will have to get yourselves to Tadley to join the coach

Tuesday 7th July 2026. Trip with Tadley u3a to the University of Royal Holloway. The morning will be devoted to a guided tour of the buildings and after a light lunch (included) there will be a talk on the paintings in the picture gallery followed by time to explore the gallery at your own pace. The trip will be rounded off with a visit to LONGACRES garden centre. Cost is £45 per person. Please respond as soon as you can, to this invitation, because the booking will not be held open for long. Again, there will be no pickup in Thatcham. Contact Lynda Mead through the Tadley u3a website for more details.

News from Your Executive

Many of you receive the Friends newsletter and will have seen that Thatcham feature in it this time with a lovely picture of Adagio at the Festival meeting. Thank you to Lynn Stacey for sending this in. If you haven't seen it go to [Your u3a Friends Newsletter - November](#)


We have several top-quality music groups now and they all appreciate the opportunity to perform. Rather than try and fit them into the Christmas meeting we would like to hold a Spring Concert, with afternoon tea, in early March. Please send me an email, or have a chat, if you would be interested in helping with this. We need performers and those who can lay on a good tea. I'm thinking 'cucumber sandwiches and nice cakes'. Could all be great fun.

Please send copy for the January News to the Chair, Ann Dibble, through the contact page on our website, by 21st December. Items received after this date will be saved for the February News.
