

Monthly Newsletter

June 2026

Friday 5th June. Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon at Cornerstones Café, The Baptist Church, Wheelers Green Way. All welcome. Just £1 for tea or coffee and biscuits and good company.

Friday 5th June at 2.30 on Zoom. A talk by Mike Cooper on The First Blitz; Zeppelins and Giants 1914 to 1918. This is arranged by Thames Valley Network and costs £2 per screen. It can be booked on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk Closing date for booking a ticket is 2nd June.

Friday 12th June. AGM, followed by a speaker, from 2 – 4 pm at the Frank Hutchings Hall. Jennifer Cowling will give a talk on “Those extraordinary things we say”. Raffle, book and jigsaw swap tables and an opportunity to have a chat. Members free, non-members £2.

Friday 19th June at 2.30 on Zoom. Summer Quiz arranged by Thames Valley Network. Free to members. Please book your place at www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk Teams will be organised randomly on the day.

Sunday 28th June Thatcham Family Fun Day on Henwick Field, 11 am - 4 pm. We will have a stand, sheltered by two gazebos. We need a team of volunteers to help with setting up and to man the stand throughout the day. If you could manage an hour or two please let me know and I will draw up a rota. Let me know which times would suit you best.

Advance notice that our August picnic for 2026 will be inside! We will gather at the Baptist Church in Wheeler’s Green Way on Friday 14th August from 12.30 to 2.30. Bring your own lunch. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that we can put out the right number of chairs. There will be no charge, but the Baptist Church would be happy to receive donations.

News from Groups

Sue Stevenson is busy collating the information for the trifold that will be issued in September. It includes the details for all our groups. If you would like to start a new group, she would be delighted to hear from you. Contact sue via the contact page on the website.

Opportunities for trips and holidays

Thatcham u3a have our own trip organized by Karen Eggleton. It is to Brooklands Motoring and Aviation Museum in Weybridge and will cost £50 per person. The date is Wednesday 16th September 2026. For more information and to book your place, contact Karen via Lynn the Treasurer, treasurer@thatchamu3a.org.uk Closing date for bookings is the end of July 2026.

Bookings will open on 8th May for the South East u3a Forum Summer School, at the University of Chichester, from Monday 7th to Thursday 10th September. The summer school with standard accommodation will cost £360. See [2026 - South East u3a Forum](#) for more details.

News from Your Executive

We have missed having a monthly raffle, but it will return as a super Raffle for our AGM on 12th June. Donations of prizes may be brought on the day or given in advance to any member of the Executive. Come and see what you can win and help to make sure that we are quorate for the meeting.

At the AGM we need to appoint a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and a Vice Chair. We should also elect other people to the Executive committee. Lynn and Jan are happy to continue in their Treasurers' roles and other Exec members will also continue. However, Kerry Thomas is standing down as Secretary, a role he has filled admirably for the last three years, and currently we do not have anyone prepared to take on this very important position. Please would you give serious thought as to whether you could become our next Secretary, or can think of someone who would be ideal for the post. Maybe two people would like to share the role as Kerry and Angela did. Contact Ann Dibble or Kerry Thomas via the website to discuss the position in more detail, or talk to them at the Coffee morning on 5th June. If we cannot find anyone, your u3a will be in trouble.

June 2026 will be the conclusion of my second year as Chair. At the moment we have no Vice Chair. I am only allowed, by our constitution, to do three years so we would all be very grateful if someone would take an interest in standing for the Vice Chair position this year with the prospect of taking over as Chair in 2027. Have a chat with any member of the Executive to find out more.

Those who would like to join the Executive without having a specific role to fill are also invaluable. Please volunteer and help to keep our u3a going.

Please send copy for the July News to chair@thatchamu3a.org.uk by 21st June. Items received after this date will be saved for the August News.
