

Dear u3a members

After our more serious topic of *Wills and Power of Attorney* last month, when Anna Boucher from The Burnside Partnership came to talk – Andy was able to write up a blog covering the main points covered and this is on our website [Our "Blogs" - Woodstock and District](#) – do take a look. We were pleased to persevere with the microphone – understanding it links well to hearing loops – maybe adjustment on the volume generally, but thanks to Andy and David for their support with this.

Next week on Thursday 5th February we have the entertaining and informative gardening speaker, Timothy Walker – with the title **How to be a 21st Century Gardiner**. [HOW TO BE A 21 ST CENTURTY GARDENER - Woodstock and District](#) . Do join us at 2.15 for 2.30 talk at St Hugh's, Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock OX20 1JL . Visitors fee £3 to include tea and biscuits for all, with thanks to Jackie and Suzanne for managing the refreshments. Mini key-ring torches are still available at £1.50 cost price – do bring along a little cash.

INTEREST GROUPS' NEWS – all contact for all information is through our website <https://woodstock.u3asite.uk/contact/> - the Group Co-ordinator.

We are expecting to offer two new interest groups starting in February - **Scrabble** (monthly on Tuesday mornings) and **Welsh** (possibly monthly on a Thursday). Please get in touch with the Groups coordinator if you are interested in finding out more.

The next **u3a Saturday Morning Social** will be on **7 February**.at St Mary's Church in Woodstock from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. No need to book, all are welcome. Annie will be the host, as Denise is away.

Sunday Lunch Club will be held on **22 February** at The Star, Woodstock from 12.30 p.m. Please note this is the **4th** Sunday in the month. Members can contact Denise directly outing@woodstocku3a.uk or via the Groups coordinator contact link on the website.

The **Recorder group** is flourishing at the moment and we have recently welcomed our 19th member into the band. This means that about 10% of the members of the Woodstock u3a branch are recorder players - very impressive! We meet every Monday morning in Long Hanborough and play a wide range of music - as well as enjoying our coffee breaks and the chance to catch up with everyone. It would be great to have a new **Recorders beginners group**, meeting possibly in Long Hanborough or Kidlington so please contact Janet via the Groups coordinator contact link if you are interested in learning more about this great, fun instrument.

The next **Quiz** date is 26th Feb– with a full 1% Club session with the Q&A on projection. New members welcome; those on the Quiz mailing list will also receive this information directly from David. Venue is the Scout and Guide Hut, Union Street, Woodstock at 2pm – do come along.

Next **Historic Churches** is Chipping Norton on Thursday 19 Feb, - meet there for 11am. More info at [Historic Churches - Woodstock and District](#)

If you are interested in getting more information about any group – the website is a great place to get updated information, or please email Janet at groups@woodstocku3a.uk

AND.....Beyond our branch:

The TVN zoom for February is **From CLASSICS to POP** on Tuesday - 10th FEBRUARY at 10.30a.m. – please see attached poster with booking details.

u3a friends

This monthly newsletter is the best way for members to keep up to date about u3a Trust news, events and opportunities. Members also get exclusive access to *Friends Extra*, which offers discounts on travel, shopping, electronics and much more, Sign up on the [u3a website](#).

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The Third Age Matters (TAM) magazine has five issues per year – posted to your address. It is a magazine of good value with a subscription of £4 per year (postage cost only) which can be added to your membership. The editors welcome your contribution and look for stories, ideas and recommendations from u3a members to feature in the magazines. Please submit to the magazine editor at editor@u3a.org.uk.

The **u3a Trust** offers a myriad of online learning events – many are free of charge – every conceivable subject: science, literature, medicine, cookery, fitness, history, cryptic crosswords and even HS2. Check out forthcoming sessions at - <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

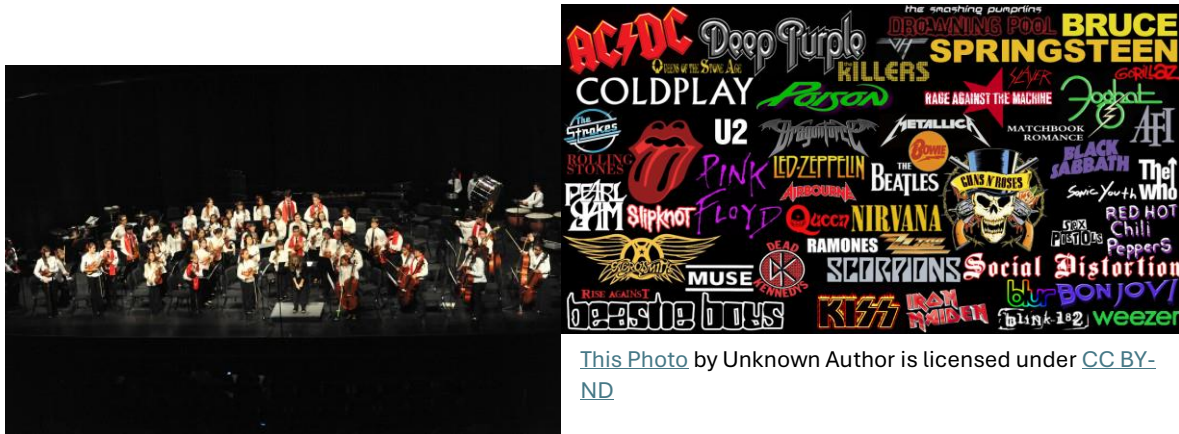
u3a Festival 2026 will be taking place on **1-3 July at the University of York**.

Tickets for *u3a Festival 26* will be going live in early February. Subscribers to Festival Updates will be the first to know - [update your preferences](#) to receive these emails.

Sue Blackshaw – Chair of Woodstock & District u3a - chair@woodstocku3a.uk

From CLASSICS to POP

On ZOOM on TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY at 10.30a.m.



A musical foray into both worlds of music

Clive Aronson will be demonstrating how certain classical music converts perfectly to pop and/or is then used in the movies as part of the movie themes. I think this will be a very interesting talk to people interested in the world of classical music, pop music as well as the movies.

Fee for this event is £2. Please book electronically by clicking on the 'TICKETSOURCE' icon immediately below the event on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk This is by far the best and easiest option. You will receive an acknowledgement immediately and the Zoom link a few days before the event. If you experience any difficulty, please email the organiser Fay Sinai (fay.sinai@icloud.com) with your name and the u3a to which you belong. **If you have not received the Zoom link by midday on MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY please email the organiser above. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF THE EVENT.**

Closing date SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY (No further applications after this date)

To receive details of future TVN events, please send your name and preferred email address to events_info@u3atvnetwork.org.uk