

Dear u3a member

Thank you to all those who got along to the AGM last month, listening to the reports and giving the committee authority to carry on as is, for the forthcoming year. We welcome Eleanor onto committee and expect to introduce others this year in order to help with the expanding work and organisation. Chair's reports from the AGM is here and others will shortly be logged on the committee page of the website: <https://woodstock.u3asite.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026-Chairs-report.pdf> - please do take the time to read and understand better how this branch is run.

Of considerable interest was the talk which followed. *Scams by Oxfordshire Age UK*. Lots of sound advice as we are submerged with potential fraudulent intrusions into our daily lives; please use these links to refresh the subject – an important message though is to report all scams – links within.

https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/information-guides/ageukig05_avoiding_scams_inf.pdf

https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/information-guides/ageukig01_staying_safe_inf.pdf

And So, this month we have John Wilford visiting us with his talk entitled **'SOUNDMAN – a Journey through Rock & Roll'** - 30 years as a sound engineer and tour manager, working with well-known artistes and musicians – sounds Fun. Do join us on **Thursday 4th June** at 2.15 for 2.30 at the St Hugh's Centre, Woodstock – come along at 2pm if you can help with setting up. Visitors fee £3 to include tea and biscuits for all, with thanks to Jackie and Suzanne. 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.

Saturday Morning Social will be held on **Saturday 6th June** at St Mary's Magdalene Church, Woodstock from 10am to 12noon hosted by Denise. No need to book, there is plenty of room and all are welcome. This is a fund raising event by the church with monies raised supporting the North Oxford Food Bank.

The next **Sunday Lunch** will be on 19 July. A table has been booked for six at The White House Community Pub in Bladon for 1pm. Please book with Denise McKillop sooner rather than later if you would like a place, or would like to be added to a circulation list for future notifications.

The **Historic Churches Group** is entering its fourth year. The next visit is to St Andrews. Oddington-on-Otmoor. As always, the visit will be on the third Thursday of the month, so the 18 June, at 11am for about an hour.

Contact Andy, the Group Leader, via the group page https://woodstock.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/historic-churches/ for more information, or to organise a lift. Also on the webpages are blogs about some of the churches which have been previously visited.

The **Quiz Group** continues to go from strength to strength, regularly attracting over 20 quizzers to the Woodstock Scout/Guide Hut. Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month, starting at 2.00 pm. Even in a heat-wave, the Scout Hut allows quizzers to keep cool heads whilst tackling pub quiz questions, dingbats and more, even now doing “homework” on teasers from early *Only Connect* and *The 1% Club*. Alan and David look forward to providing a tempter mini-quiz at the forthcoming Summer Event and new, and existing, members are always welcome to join our monthly meetings. Come along and join a team at the next quiz date which is 25 June.

Calligraphy – could this subject be of interest to you? We are likely to commence a group later in the Summer – so if you would like to be kept informed – please do get in touch.

Please email Janet at groups@woodstocku3a.uk to be put in contact with any of the group leaders. Contributions and suggestion for the website <https://woodstock.u3asite.uk> are always welcome by Andy, myself, or Janet and the best place to get updated information.

AND.....Beyond our branch:

The Thames Valley Network (TVN) talk this month is ***THE FIRST BLITZ: ZEPPELINS AND GIANTS 1914-18*** Friday, June 5th, 2026 2.30 p.m. TVN are also offering their **Summer Quiz** free of charge - on Friday, 19th June, at 2.30 p.m. Both by Zoom – please book via attached flyers.

The **u3a Trust** offers a myriad of online learning events – many are free of charge – coming up in June subjects include history topics, aviation, health – theoretical and active, Welsh History and archive, and so many more titles, most free of charge - do check them out <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>.

Your feedback to me on any of these events will be very much appreciated. I did spot an Introduction to Bridge on 10th June by Zoom but now cannot find it!

The national magazine (known to us as TAM – Third Age Matters) is produced five times a year and posted to home addresses; it is excellent value at £4 for the year and has just won Silver in the Association Excellence Awards 2025. Many interesting articles (and advertising – but relevant!) – worthy of a look.

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



**THE FIRST BLITZ:
ZEPPELINS AND
GIANTS
1914-18**

**Friday, June 5th, 2026
2.30 p.m.**

on ZOOM

Photo from Pixabay – Emslichter

This talk looks at the extraordinary – and sometimes epic – story of the first air raids on Britain during the Great War.

Mike Cooper has had a lifelong interest in history, especially military and local history, and is a regular and popular speaker to Reading u3a.

Fee for this event is £2. Please book electronically by clicking on the 'TICKETSOURCE' icon immediately below the event on

www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

You will receive an acknowledgement immediately and the Zoom link **48 hours** before the event. If you experience any difficulty and have checked your JUNK folder, please email the organiser, Avis Furness, at akfurness@aol.com with your name and the u3a to which you belong.

If you have not received the Zoom link by midnight WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE please email the organiser as above. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

Closing date TUESDAY 2ND JUNE (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



Image by Steve Bidmead from [Pixabay](#), modified by Gemini

A new Summer Quiz

for TVN Members

Friday, 19th June, 2026

at 2.30 p.m. on Zoom

Quizmaster: Avis Furness

Participants will be randomly divided into teams

This event is free of charge. Please book electronically by clicking on the **TICKETSOURCE** icon immediately below the event on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk. You will receive an acknowledgement immediately, and the Zoom link will be sent to you shortly before the Quiz.

If you experience any problems, or have any queries, please email the organiser at tvnquiz@gmail.com giving your name and the name of your u3a.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 17th June

If you have not received the Zoom link by midday on 18th June, please contact the organiser as above.

To receive notification of forthcoming TVN events as soon as they are published, please email events_info@u3atvnetwork.org.uk
