

News from the Chair

At the August meeting, Lesley treated us to a splendid quiz on her first outing as Quiz Host. It received a very enthusiastic response from the participants. We're very much hoping it won't be the last time she takes this on. There's a lot of hard work that goes into the preparation, so thank you very much, Lesley.

Talking of quizzes, the u3a Subject Adviser, Ian Matheson, runs an inter-u3a quiz at 7pm on the last Wednesday of each month using Zoom. Teams of four people from u3as as far apart as Kings Hill & District and Ayr come together to compete over six rounds of questions on very varied themes. The quiz has been running since 2020 and there is great camaraderie among the players. No prizes – just the challenge, and a bit of glory for the winning team each month. The next quiz is on Wednesday, 30th September. If anyone is interested in getting a team together, please contact me on chairjgfadu3a@gmail.com

We're running our first First Aid training course for Group Leaders on Thursday, 3rd September. The trainer has designed a bespoke 2-hour course for us, covering CPR, Recovery, Defibrillators, amongst other things. Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance. We hope that this will help promote safety for our members, particularly those engaging in sporting activities.

Deb and Eddy are starting a new Kentish Creatives group, for further details (see page 3).

Corita has been doing sterling work gathering information about padel venues and costs. So far, we have four people interested in joining a new group. If you'd be interested in finding out more, please contact GroupCoFavU3A@hotmail.com

We're still looking for a new administrator for our Facebook page, so if you're interested, please contact comms.fadu3a@gmail.com (see *further details on page 6*).

Sadly, Jen will be leaving us shortly. She has made a huge contribution in the time she has been on the Committee, and we will miss her. Many thanks, Jen, and all the very best for the future.

Best wishes,

Jenny

[News from the u3a Mother Ship](#)

"2026 is the National Year of Reading and there are hundreds of u3a book groups across the movement where members are embracing a love of reading and discussing literature. We asked [u3a book groups to share the novels](#) that they think are perfect for reading in the summer months."

NEW GROUP - STARTS OCTOBER 2026

Kentish creatives: their lives and legacies

Join us to actively research, record and share our knowledge and findings of Kentish creatives. We would also like to visit their inspirational environments where possible.

A creative is someone who uses imagination and original thinking to make new things, solve problems or express ideas. We can all name some Kentish creatives - writers, artists, scientists, engineers etc - but are we aware of where they drew their inspiration from or what took their thoughts in new directions? In addition, we would hope to also shed light on those who have been lost to history.

The group will meet on the first Thursday of the month, 2pm - 4pm

Maximum number: 8

To sign up, or for further information please contact the Groups Coordinator GroupCoFavU3A@hotmail.com

Behind the Scenes at Chelsea Flower Show

A talk organised by the Fadu3a Plants and Gardens Group

Thursday 8th October at Sheldwich Village Hall starting at 14.00

The Plants and Gardens Group have organised a talk by Chris O'Donoghue (RHS Chelsea Medal winner – garden designer) entitled “Behind the Scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show”. It promises to be a fascinating talk by Chris.

The talk will start at 14.00 at Sheldwich Village Hall, Lees Court Road, ME13 0LG.

The cost is £5.00 per head for u3a members (who are not Plants and Gardens Group members), and includes cake and tea/coffee.

Places are very limited, so please let me know at Groupcofav@hotmail.com if you will be attending, so I can reserve you a place.

Payment will be taken on the day.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 16th September, Monthly Meeting

Pete Allen: Oh No It Isn't: A History of Pantomime

What is it about Pantomime that attracts us to this strange concoction of fairy tales, dance, jokes, songs and cross-dressing? And what is it really like to play the back end of a Pantomime Cow? All this, and the answer to whether something really is behind you, will be answered in this festive talk about what has become one of the great British Christmas traditions. Lights, Camera, Ho! Ho! Ho!

Wednesday 21st October, Monthly Meeting

Clive Sherwood: A History of Blues Music

Wednesday 18th November, Monthly Meeting

Talk by Porchlight

Porchlight is a Canterbury based charity that helps people facing the devastating effects of homelessness. Today they tackle the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality. Also empowering people to live the life they want.

Wednesday 16th December, Monthly Meeting

Christmas Meeting and Quiz!!!

Wednesday 20th January, Monthly Meeting

Susan Matocks: What's the difference between everyday life in Australia and the UK?

Australia has: - Different weather; Different houses; Different domestic routines; Different language (sometimes!); More insects; More reptiles; More amphibians. And that's just inside your house!

My talk is a warm, humorous look at everyday life in Australia. My husband and I were both born and bred in Kent and in 1996 we emigrated to tropical North Queensland with our two young children and spent the next 27 years living down under.

This talk gives audience members an insight into the domestic life of Aussies that you won't get from watching *Neighbours*!

Facebook

As some of you know, we have a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FavershamU3A>), where members can post photos of their latest doings. We're looking for a new administrator, someone who is experienced at using FB. It's not an onerous job at the moment, but maybe you have ideas on how it can be developed. If you're interested, please contact comms.fadu3a@gmail.com

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