



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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AGM – brief report

Mike Cockett in his Chair's report at the AGM on Friday 5 October, thanked all the volunteers – over 200 of them - who contribute to the smooth running of Reigate and Redhill U3A.

He mentioned in particular Alex Hunter, Treasurer, and Colin Mitchell, Vice Chair, who are both standing down from the Committee and thanked them for all their contributions.

Mike encouraged members to consider volunteering to help in the management of the U3A and descriptions of two of these roles can be found on page 6.

In his Treasurer's Report, Alex Hunter stated that, as once again our income had slightly exceeded our expenses, he had no hesitation in proposing that the Membership fees for 2019 would remain at £14 for an individual and £25 for a couple sharing the same address.

“Please return your renewal form before the end of December”



Mike Cockett chairing the AGM

At the AGM, Mike Cockett welcomed two new members elected to the Committee,

Martin Livesey and Lynne Scott Douglas.

Martin was elected as Hon Treasurer, and Lynne as a committee member.

Pat Cockett and Tina Pankhurst were re-elected as committee members.

Membership Renewals for 2019

The renewal process has started in the hope that all subscriptions are received before the end of December.

Membership Renewal Forms for 2019 are available from a range of sources:

- Included on pages 9/10 of this Newsletter;
- online through this link [Renewal Form](#) in the digital version of the Newsletter;
- from a link in the November and December email Bulletin;
- from the [About Us](#) page of the website rru3a.org.uk

If you access the form online, please print, read the guidance, complete and return the form. Please contact me if you have problems in downloading the form or would like a form that can be completed on-screen.

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Welcome to new members



We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined recently:

Denise Barrett, June Bush, Sean Campbell, Josephine Dunning, Alan Edwards, Paul Gaby, Andrew and Gaynor Goss, Beverley Heine, Carole Hewitt, Lyndon Jones, Alan and Glenys Mason, Julia and Martin Newlan, Pauline O'Halloran, Jutte Margarete Offley, Elaine Rogers, Gail Sperrin, Cathy Start.

We hope you enjoy the learning opportunities and friendship that U3A offers. If you have any questions please ask any of the Committee, who can be identified by their badges at the Friday meetings, or contact them directly.

Welcome and information meetings for new members

Welcome meetings are held regularly for new members to meet the committee, to hear in more detail about what U3A has to offer and to get to know other new members. All members joining since August will receive a personal invitation to the next meeting at 10.00am on **Tuesday 20 November** in the meeting room at Reigate Park Church.

We would love to hear from you if you joined Reigate and Redhill U3A recently, have not yet attended a meeting and would like to attend the meeting in November. Please contact Elizabeth Gurteen on elizabeth.gurteen@rru3a.org.uk or 01737 247791 and she will put you on the list.

Friday meetings

At Reigate Park Church, Park Lane East, Reigate RH2 8BD at 2 pm

Friday 7 December: Christmas Tea Party

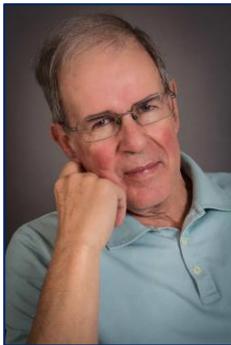
The Christmas Tea Party replaces the monthly Friday meeting in December. It takes place at Reigate Manor Hotel, Reigate Hill, RH2 9PF at 2pm.

We will be entertained by our home-grown talent **Cake and Cabaret** followed by a quiz, tea/coffee, sandwiches and cake, and a free raffle.

Entrance is by ticket only, purchased in advance for £12 from Dennis Oakley - see contact details on page 2.



Friday 4 January: A Latecomer Novelist Gordon Thomas



Gordon Thomas is a scientist and a retired civil servant who worked on a wide range of topics including developing the use of computers for automatic detection of finger prints. Gordon became a writer of novels when he retired. He became interested in a Spanish composer called Juan Hidalgo and decided to write a biography about him. Despite his intentions, it became his first novel, **The Harpist of Madrid**. He has since written three other novels based in seventeenth century Spain.

Friday 1 February: Women as World Leaders Carol Harris

Few women took part in international politics before the 19th century, when the movement to give women the vote gained momentum.

Nation by nation, women across the world fought for the vote and soon they were leading political parties, governments and international organisations.

Today, female political leaders are a high-profile minority; more women



than ever before are running for political office and more are leading international campaigns.

In this talk, we will look at some of those pioneers who blazed a

trail, and at the changing attitudes that their progress reflected and sparked. We'll consider ways in which women have — and haven't — driven change in the political arena, and will look at the impact of taking power on the women themselves.

Carol Harris is a freelance journalist, speaker and social historian.

Bring a friend

Just a reminder – if you think friends might be interested in the topics of the Friday meetings they are welcome to attend. They will be asked to sign in so that we have a record of attendance.

Groups

Learn something new, gain a new skill, meet new people and keep your brain active

If you are a member of one of our many and varied interest groups, you will be actively taking part in one of the fundamental principles of the U3A movement. That is, to promote the values of lifelong learning.

Once we have ceased full time employment the desire to continue to improve or maybe start a new direction of learning and fulfilment is fed by the U3A interest groups. This can include a hobby, language, craft, history or the pursuit in a more leisurely direction including keeping fit. The aim is to enjoy being part of group of like-minded individuals on a regular basis so that you get the added bonus of a social group too.

A quick look at our 125 groups certainly shows how diverse our subjects are and hopefully they offer something for everyone. Of course we are always happy to add more so if you don't see what you'd like, let us know and we'll see if other members would also be interested in a similar opportunity.

Meanwhile if you aren't a member of a group yet, please consider joining soon and I'm sure you'll enjoy the benefits. If you aren't sure and would like to have a chat about it, please contact me, Jan Brown on groups@rru3a.org.uk

Visit the [Groups page](#) of the website to discover all the groups that are looking for new members.

Joint Family History Groups Meeting

How do you resolve a problem?

A semi interactive talk by Ian Waller



Ian Waller gives ideas on strategies and methodology to help solve those inevitable challenges of research – from someone missing from a census, appearing to have died twice and changes of name – to mention but a few.

Prior to retirement, Ian Waller was a professional genealogist with over 30 years in English research. He was Chairman of AGRA (The Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archive) the body which represents professional genealogists throughout England and Wales.

He is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists and has published several books in the Society's "My Ancestor" series including: "My Ancestor was a Mormon", "My Ancestor was an Agricultural Labourer", "My Ancestor was in the Royal Navy", and, "My Ancestor was a Leather Worker".

When: 2pm Tuesday 12 March 2019
Doors open at 1.30pm

Where: St Joseph's Church Hall
122 Ladbroke Road, Redhill RH1 1LF

This event is offered to all Reigate and Redhill U3A members in the first place.

Tickets have to be purchased in advance at a cost of £5 per person.

Tickets are available now from Family History Group leaders or RRU3AJointFamilyHistory@gmail.com

Social Events

Outings



Wednesday 27 March - £47

The Gilded Age – a story of US money, mansions and scandal

Two Temple Place

One of London's hidden architectural gems. Guided house tour and an exhibition celebrating the bicentenary of John Ruskin, writer and reformer.



**Wednesday 29 May
A Day at the Seaside –
Creeks and Cockles**

Starting at Hadleigh Farm overlooking Hadleigh Castle, visiting the creeks and landscape around Canewdon. Lunch in Southend on Sea with free time afterwards before visiting the cockle sheds in Old Leigh on Sea.

Dates for later in the year

Tuesday 2 July

**Bombay Sapphire Gin and
Houghton Lodge Gardens**

Late July/August

Chichester Theatre

Wednesday 25 September

**Hidden London and Canal
Cruise**

Tuesday 29 October

Square Mile Curios

To register an interest please contact Jane Rayner on jane.rayner@rru3a.org.uk or 01737 240973

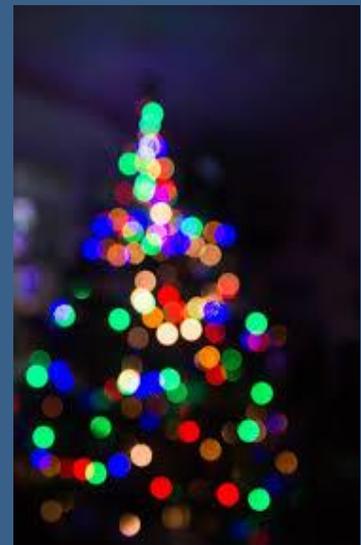
U3A Christmas Evening Show

**Tuesday 11 December
Seven Ages of Christmas**

**An evening of seasonal entertainment and general
nonsense**

Reigate Manor Hotel, Reigate Hill, Reigate RH2 9PF
7.30pm to 9.30 pm Doors open at 7.00 pm.

*Tickets, costing £6, available from
sally.baker@rru3a.org.uk or 01737 221766*



Holiday

The Austrian Tyrol

**6 days and 5 nights flying
from Gatwick to Munich on
15 May 2019**

Cost £789 plus £69 single supplement. We will be staying in a 4* hotel in Rösslwirt and the holiday



includes guided tours of Salzburg and Innsbruck. A small train will take us to Tratzberg Castle and there

is an optional boat cruise on Lake Achensee with a steam train journey and breathtaking views of the surrounding mountain ranges.

Contact Sally Baker for more details on sally.baker@rru3a.org.uk or 01737 221766



Coffee mornings and computing help

St Joseph's Community Centre, Ladbrooke Road, Redhill, RH1 1LF

Everyone is welcome to attend the coffee mornings held once a month from **10.00am to 11.30am** on different days of the week to avoid clashes with group meetings.

There is usually a theme for each meeting and there is a **Help with Computing** table at each meeting. So, bring your mobile computing device with you if you need some advice.

The last coffee morning this year is on **Thursday 22 November** and is a

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CRAFTS SALE

Some of our Craft and Art Groups and individual members will be displaying hand-made items for sale.

If you would like to book a table to display your wares, please contact Elizabeth Collins on elizabeth.collins@rru3a.org.uk or 01883 371894



Can you help?

As Mike Cockett mentioned in his Chair's report at the recent AGM, the U3A is run by the members and, luckily, we have many willing volunteers. Many of the tasks that need to be done can be shared making them easier to manage and allowing for holidays! So ideally, we are looking for two people for each task.

At the moment we are looking for support for the following tasks.

Coffee morning organisation

Coffee mornings take place once a month between February and November and include computer help and usually a swap or sale of items.

A brief outline of the responsibilities is below – a more detailed list is available for anyone who may be interested

- Agree dates for the year with the committee and book St Joseph's Community Centre.
- Decide upon themes across the year and inform the committee.
- Liaise with David Fisher about computer support.
- On the day, members of the committee will be on hand early to help set up - post signs, ensure any tables required are in position, liaise with the volunteers running the coffee bar and welcome members. Left over items can be taken to a charity shop or to the Friday meeting swap.

Organisation of Newsletter Delivery Team of 50 members

Four times a year, printed copies of the newsletter are delivered to around a third of our members who either do not have an email address or a printer.

A brief outline of the responsibilities is below – a more detailed list is available for anyone who may be interested

- Meet with Pat Cockett to check changes to the delivery rounds.
- Send emails to the deliverers from Beacon to check on availability.
- Arrange cover from reserve list if necessary.
- Count out newsletters and pack in an envelope for each delivery round.
- Give out envelopes at Friday meeting
- Deliver packs, with the help of others if necessary, to those deliverers not collecting from the meeting.

If you would like to hear more about these opportunities, please contact Mike on chair@rru3a.org.uk or 0770 3842233

Study Days

Organised by the Surrey Network of the U3A

Friday 16 November Landscape, society & agriculture - How our Food Systems are Shaping the UK



Dr. Richard Baines, Royal Agricultural University and Independent Consultant

Waves of early human migration occupied the UK as hunter gatherer societies that were at the mercy of the environments they found here including the last Ice Age. It was not until some 8,000 – 10,000 years ago that early humans discovered agriculture.

In 2007 the United Nations declared that more people now live in urban areas than in rural areas; however, food is mainly produced in rural areas which leads us to ask how will our landscapes and societies be influenced by urbanisation?

The speaker will explore the links between landscapes, society and agriculture in the UK from the start of agriculture to the present day before considering the potential implications of Brexit, Globalisation and Local Food Systems on our society.

Study Days are usually held at the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon from 9.30am to 4.00pm. To reserve a place, complete the slip on a Study Day form by downloading one from the [Surrey Network website](#). Send the slip with a cheque for £10 (£12 for non-members) to the address shown on the form enclosing a SAE or email address for confirmation.

Planned Study Days for 2019

Friday 15 February

Philosophy in a Day!

Marianne Talbot, Oxford University
Booking opens on 1 November

Friday 15 March

Mediaeval Times - The Bayeux Tapestry and its Historical Background

Imogen Corrigan, Lecturer for The Arts Society
Booking opens on 1 November

Friday 12 April

The Aztec - The Eagle Warriors of the Sun

Maria Chester, U3A Subject Advisor on American Archaeology and U3A member.
Booking opens on 1 November

Friday 17 May

People and Places of Surrey

Speakers from Guildford Cathedral, the Watts Gallery, the Lewis Carroll Society and Surrey History Centre

Friday 21 June

Mathematics in Action

Dr. Roger Luther, Sussex University and U3A Member

Friday 20 September

Planned study day on **Human Genetics Developments**

Friday 18 October

Planned study day on **Current Affairs in Nineteenth Century and Twenty First Century**

Friday 15 November

UK in a Changing Europe

Dr. Simon Usherwood, Surrey University

National U3A offers for members



12 November - 10.30am to 16.30
£37.50

From Page to Stage: At the Lyceum Theatre

The Ambassador Theatre Group's West End Creative Learning Team presents a one-day U3A bespoke Directing event.

To find out more and book your place on any U3A National event, visit the **Events** section of the website <http://www.u3a.org.uk/>



3 December at 14.00 and 17.30,
18 December at 14.30

The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy **£19.50**

U3A Christmas Concerts 2018 with the Brandenburg Singers and Organ

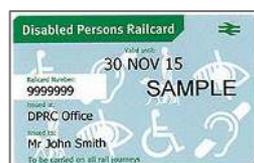
Designed to whet your appetite for the coming season, the concert will include traditional carols and be enhanced by the gentle glow of mulled wine and mince pies.



Beneath Your Feet - Hidden Depths of Roman London £22
28 or 29 November

Guildhall Art Gallery

Delve into the hidden archaeological world that lies buried beneath the City of London with a day inspired by the Romans. Explore London's Roman Amphitheatre and handle some genuine Roman artefacts with a trained archaeologist.



Disabled Rail Card

Did you know that a National Rail Disabled Rail Card gives 1/3 discount on all fares at all times of the day not just off-peak? On many fares one other person accompanying you also gets the discount. The Card costs £20 a year - cheaper than a Senior Rail Card.

Are you eligible? I was surprised and delighted to discover that among many other disabilities, anyone with a **hearing aid** is eligible.

The website <https://www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk/are-you-eligible/> lists the evidence required – for example, if you have a **hearing aid**, a copy of the front page of your NHS battery book or a copy of your dispensing prescription from a private hearing aid supplier will be needed.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2019

PLEASE READ THIS ABOUT YOUR CONTACT DETAILS AND METHODS OF PAYMENT

Each member has been sent by email, where possible, the current details we hold for you to check.

If all your details are the same as last year, please just

- tick your subscription choice,
- select your method of payment,
- enter your forename/surname,
- tick the boxes and sign the form
- send it back with your subscription with a stamped addressed envelope
BUT if in doubt enter what you feel is necessary.

This **Membership Renewal Form** can be collected at the November meeting, is included in the November Newsletter and can be downloaded from the **About Us** page of our website rru3a.org.uk.

You are reminded that you have the option to pay your subscription by **cheque** or by **direct bank transfer**.

You are asked to complete the form in black ink (to ensure efficient scanning) and indicate how you will pay your subscription and return the form, **even if you pay by direct bank transfer**.

Please send this form, a cheque, if applicable, and a **stamped self-addressed envelope** for your membership card to **Heather Phipps** (Membership Secretary) whose address is on the form. Your membership card may not be sent out immediately but will arrive in time for the new year.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members must:

- Abide by the Principles of the U3A movement.
- Always act in the best interests of the U3A and never do anything to bring the U3A into disrepute.
- Abide by the terms and conditions of the constitution.
- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Comply with and support the decisions of the elected committee.
- Advise the committee of any change in personal details.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Reigate and Redhill U3A requires members to provide their personal information so that you can be kept informed about events and activities that are offered as part of your membership. In collecting information Reigate and Redhill U3A will:

- Store it securely
- Use it to communicate with you as a U3A member.
- Share your information with group leaders/conveners for those groups that you are a member of.
- Send you general information about the Third Age Trust*

*The Third Age Trust is the national office to which all U3As are affiliated.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2019

Please complete in black ink.

If your details are the same as last year, complete your subscription and payment method and just enter your forename/surname, tick and sign the form and send it back with your subscription. (If in doubt, fill in what you think is necessary.)

Annual Membership Subscription: **Single £14** **Joint £25 (please tick as appropriate)**

If you are a full member of another U3A please write the name here:.....

Associate Membership Subscription: **Single £10** **Joint £19 (please tick as appropriate)**

Please tick your payment method:

A: Make your cheque payable to 'Reigate and Redhill U3A'

B: Make your Bank Transfer to: **Lloyds Bank**

Account name: Reigate and Redhill U3A

Account number: 33587768

Sort Code: 30 94 38

Reference: Please use your forename and surname as reference

Whichever way you pay please send this form and **a stamped self-addressed envelope** (for your membership card) to: Heather Phipps, 3 The Ridings, Kingswood, KT20 6HJ

	1 st Member	2 nd Member (if joint membership)
Title		
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email		
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Emergency Contact: Name & phone plus relationship to you e.g. family, son, neighbour		

Please tick this box if you would like to receive the quarterly newsletter by email.

Your Address:	
Post Code:	Home Phone:

Please tick the boxes below, sign and date the application form to renew your membership.

I/We apply for membership of Reigate and Redhill U3A and confirm that I/we will abide by the terms of membership as stated overleaf and confirm that I/we have read the Privacy Statement overleaf.

I/We consent to the holding of my/our membership records securely for the administration of Reigate and Redhill U3A; management of groups; communication with members; mailing of newsletters, Reigate and Redhill U3A magazine and *Third Age Trust magazines. *The Third Age Trust are the National Office to which all U3As are affiliated.

Please be advised that you can request for your data not to be used for the direct postal mailing of Third Age Trust magazines at any time by contacting Heather Phipps on membership@rru3a.org.uk or 01737 474015

Signature(s) **Date**
(For joint membership, both must sign)