

INTEREST GROUP SCHEDULE

WEEK	DAY	GROUP	TIME
FIRST	Mon	French (beginners)	9.30 am
	Tue	Travel	2 pm
	Wed	Walking (Long) <i>see website</i>	
	Thu	Out with Friends	10 am
		Textiles	10 am
		History	2.30 pm
SECOND	Fri	Books and Book Reading	2 pm
	Mon	Walking (Strollers)	10.30 am
		Singing for Fun!	2.30pm
	Tue	Ukulele	6.30 pm
		Italian	10.30 am
		MONTHLY MEETING	2.30 pm
THIRD	Wed	Antiques and Collectables	2 pm
	Thu	Psychology	10 am
		Canasta	1.30 pm
		Bridge	1.30 pm
	Mon	French (beginners)	9.30 am
		Gardening (<i>but see website for trips</i>)	2 pm
FOURTH	Tue	Photography	10 am
	Thu	French (Int/Advanced)	10 am
	Fri	Walking (medium) <i>see website</i>	
	Mon	Singing for Fun!	2.30pm
	Tue	Ukulele	6.30 pm
		Italian	10.30 am
		Canasta	1.30 pm
	Wed	German	10 am
		Craft and Chat (<i>Mostly 4th but check</i>)	2 pm
		Music Appreciation	2 pm
	Thu	Aspects of Italy	10 am
		Bridge	1.30 pm

Weekly - Badminton, Golf, Latin, Line Dancing, Pétanque, Short Mat Bowls, Snooker, Table Tennis, Tennis.

Every other month – Financial Workshop

For further details on these and any other activities please see the website at: www.risboroughu3a.org.uk If no computer access please leave a message with our membership secretary on 01494 565167 and someone will call you.

To contact us about anything in this newsletter please email us at: info@risboroughu3a.org.uk



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Monthly Diary Sheet May / June 2025

As I began writing this I encountered some problems with my laptop, which I eventually overcame. Then I saw that the lead story on the news was the power outages occurring across Spain & Portugal, and against the problems they created for everyone living there my PC problem seemed trivial in comparison. Our way of living today with our increasing dependence on technology brings many benefits (such as being able to send you this newsletter / diary sheet), but if the power goes down, then very little seems to work.

The forthcoming 80th anniversary celebrations for VE day remind us of a time when life was less interconnected – many places were devastated but without major knock-on effects elsewhere. So much has changed within our lifetimes, lots of it for the better but not everything. Only 5 years ago we were in lockdown due to the Covid pandemic, a time when the enjoyable time Elaine and I had with our children, their partners and our grandchildren over the recent Easter weekend could not have taken place.

Whilst on the nostalgic theme, we had a great monthly meeting in April with Rev Peter Godden who, despite being a child of the 1980's, showed a great knowledge and appreciation of the Beatles, and I am looking forward to hearing the Dung Beatles on May 10th.

I hope that you are able to enjoy this spell of good weather

Joe Needham, Co-Chair

DUNG BEATLES
(Beatles Tribute Band)

Sat 10th May 7.15

Brushwood Suite, Wades Centre
Book via TicketSource

GROUPS WITH THEMES OR SPEAKERS. See www.risboroughu3a.org.uk, and click on **Groups** (If no computer access see overleaf for a telephone contact)

GROUP	TIME	DATE	MAY	DATE	JUNE
History	2.30 pm	1	Cassiobury – Ancient Seat of the Earls of Essex – Paul Rabbitts	5	Trip to Scotland by Train in the 1960s – Francis Gomme
Textiles	10 am	1	Cloth Books – Methods, Purpose, Theme, Samples (contd)	5	Straight Stitch
Travel	2 pm	6	Dickens in Europe – Colin Oakes	3	Camping and Caravanning –group members
Psychology	10 am	8	'Feel the Fear & Do it Anyway'. Achievement List	12	Work of Piaget - Perception
MONTHLY MEETING	2.30 pm	13	Andrew Carnegie, Rags to Riches and Giving it All Away – Jeremy Holmes <i>Teas – Gardening</i>	10	Water – We Use it and Abuse it – Jane Sellwood <i>Teas – Canasta</i>
Antiques and Collectables	2 pm	14	Condiment Sets including Oils and Vinaigrettes	11	Water Jugs, Ewers, Wine Decanters, Claret Jugs etc.
Photography	10 am	20	Critique of April Photoshoot. Bring cameras along	17	Photoshoot Outing
Gardening	2 pm	21	Coach Trip to Kathy Brown's (Award Winning) Garden	16	Coach Trip to Capel Manor Gardens and Myddleton House
Aspects of Italy	10 am	22	Aspects of Italian Literature – Jill Jones	26	Northern Italy and Sicily DVD
Music Appreciation	2 pm	28	French Music Part 2 – Margaret Galloway	25	Top of Your Pops (chosen by member votes) – John Paine

First 2025 Photography Group Photoshoot

Susan Atkinson writes - Twelve members of the u3a Photography Group met at Sydenham Village, for our first photoshoot of the year. The weather was grey but no rain. The theme was partly 'derelict', so lots of photo opportunities. Also, some lovely horses. Ten members were able to have the meal at the Crown Pub, which was very enjoyable. Our next meeting in May will be as the schedule. Please bring along your cameras.

