

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
	Fri	Books and Book Reading	10.30 am
SECOND	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
	Wed	Antiques and Collectables	2 pm
	Thu	Psychology	10 am
		Canasta	1.30 pm
		Bridge	1.30 pm
THIRD	Mon	French (beginners)	9.30 am
		Gardening (<i>but see website for trips</i>)	2 pm
	Tue	Photography	10 am
	Thu	French (Int/Advanced)	10 am
	Fri	Walking (medium) <i>see website</i>	
FOURTH	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 September / October 2025

At this time I would ask that you keep my fellow Co-Chair Maggie Forbes in your thoughts and prayers following the recent loss of her husband, Colin. I didn't know Colin particularly well – those of you who play Table Tennis will probably have known him better than me – but he was always prepared to help out at u3a events.

We had a very interesting Monthly Meeting in August with a talk on 'How we remember and why we forget'. Our next Monthly Meeting (in St Mary's Church) is on Sept 9th at 2.30 when the speaker, Andrew Baker, asks 'Who is the Greatest of our Post-War Leaders?'. At the last count, we are on our 18th in the 80 year post war period, some served for many years, some for much shorter periods but who was the greatest? Come along and find out how our speaker ranks them.

We will be holding our AGM on October 14th and do need more people to join the committee. The constitution limits the number of years that a member can serve in certain key positions and so we will need to find replacements for those whose time will be up. Some of you have done your turn on the committee (and I thank you for that) and some will not be in good enough health. However, there are others who could offer their time and talents to serve our u3a. Contact me (chairman@risboroughu3a.org.uk) if you want to know more.

Joe Needham, Co-Chair

Tennis players needed

Mike and Jackie Smith and his wife Jackie run **U3A Tennis** 1pm-3pm every Wednesday at Lacey Green Tennis club every week. They could do more players as they have 2 courts booked out each week but only attract around 6 players. If you might be interested, please contact Mike at tennis@risborough.org.uk

Short Mat Bowls Autumn Restart

This resumes on Wed 1st October 2 - 4 pm with a very sociable half way break.

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	SEPTEMBER	DATE	OCTOBER
Travel	2 pm	2	Medieval Germany – Malcolm Barker	7	Life in Northern France – Dr Graham Hughes
History	2.30 pm	4	Byron – Mad, Bad and Dangerous – Jeremy Holmes	2	Boudica, Warrior Queen or Rebel? Jill Ayres
Textiles	10 am	4	Print – Making Blocks	2	Silk Paper Making Demonstration
MONTHLY MEETING	2.30 pm	9	Who is the Greatest of our Post-War Leaders? – Andrew Baker <i>Teas – Line Dancing</i>	14	Annual General Meeting <i>Teas – Out With Friends</i>
Antiques and Collectables	2 pm	10	Small Silver Items	8	Victoriana
Psychology	10 am	11	Memories and the Brain	9	Freud's Work and How it Might Affect Us
Gardening	2 pm	15	Coach Trip to NT Baddesley Clinton and NT Packwood House	20	Coach Trip to Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew
Photography	10 am	16	Photoshoot critique plus 'My Family History of Photography' – Elaine Barker	21	Photoshoot Day Out – Autumn, Woods and Ponds. Bradenham and Naphill
Aspects of Italy	10 am	18	Monty Don Italian Gardens	16	Footloose in Italy – Debra and Dave Rixon
Music Appreciation	2 pm	24	Sibelius – John McKay	22	Rimsky-Korsakov – David Dennis

Book club time change

The book club have had to change their meeting time to 10.30am on the 1st Friday of each month due to the changes in the Library staffing arrangements.

Do you know a native German Speaker?

The German group would love to have a visit from a native German speaker. If you know of anyone who would like to come and chat with us for an hour now and then, please contact Rosemary on 344417

Spanish conversation class leader?

There are a number of people interested in a Spanish conversation class. Is there a member with reasonable Spanish knowledge who would be willing to

organise a new group? Please speak to Ann at group@risboroughu3a.org.uk

Petanque

This is now a very regular group of players who still play at Wades Park every Monday at 10.30 unless it's raining hard. They always have a warm welcome for new members as well as chocolate biscuits and most weeks it is free! Contact Peter Dixon at pentanque@risboroughu3a.org.uk (Photo next issue if space)

Photography Photoshoot Day Out Review

On August 19th the group started at West Wycombe Hill, taking photos of St. Lawrence's Church and the Mausoleum. Then down to West Wycombe Village for further photos. The weather was cloudy, so for the 16th September Critique we will be putting three of the six photos in Black and White.