

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 November / December 2025

So, the AGM has come and gone. With the official business over fairly quickly the cheese and wine all seemed to go down very well. (*Here! Here! Hic! Ed*)

The Committee has changed a little; for the last two years Joe and I have been Co-Chairs whereas now he has become Treasurer, taking over from the very capable and efficient Stephen. It was a pleasure to co-chair with Joe, a real gentleman. I am now Chair and remain as Social Secretary. Mary has become Vice Chair along with her roles of Webmaster and Minute Secretary.

We were sorry to bid farewell to Maggie Wooster Keyte who has previously taken on the arduous role of minute taker and latterly did a brilliant job as Speaker Secretary, finding some excellent speakers for the monthly meetings. We are so happy that we are being joined by Clive Walters and Jill Spenser who will be Speaker Secretary. The rest of the Committee remain in their previous roles. They are all excellent to work with. It's a great team, very supportive of each other (without being cliquey) and we have a lot of fun.

Some people tell us that they have no idea who the members of the Committee are. Do take a look on the website. You will see our mugshots as well as a bit of background about all of us.

A note for your diaries, our **Christmas festivities** are on **Tuesday 9th December**, all being well Elvis should be in town. Look out for further information as it may be a **ticketed (free) event**.

Finally, next year will be the 25th anniversary of Princes Risborough U3A. We will be celebrating! I hope the month of November is good for you. All good wishes

Maggie Forbes, Chairman

Note - The **Singing group** will not be meeting in December. Resumes in 2026.

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	NOVEMBER	DATE	DECEMBER
Travel	2 pm	4	Chasing Horizons – The Thrill and Challenges of Ballooning on 4 Continents – Peter George	4	Christmas Lunch with the History Group (Thurs)
History	2.30 pm	6	Flying Fortress- Bluebell – Toby Garfitt	4	Christmas Lunch with the Travel Group
Textiles	10 am	6	Elizabethan Embroidery	4	Methods of Presentation and Embroidery Demo
MONTHLY MEETING	2.30 pm	11	Punch and Judy history and live show with booth – Peter Barratt <i>Teas – Petanque</i>	9	Christmas Festivities. Hopefully with Elvis <i>Teas – Committee</i>
Antiques and Collectables	2 pm	12	Bottles – small, large, of any description	10	Christmas Fun Day!
Psychology	10 am	13	Autism – Fiona Hollings	11	Motivation – Jon Rollitt, then carols & mince pies
Gardening	2 pm	17	Frankincense, Myrrh and the Incense Trail – Prof. Sandy Primrose	15	Christmas Party
Photography	10 am	18	‘A Portrait Session’ – Peter Dixon. Please bring your cameras	16	Annual Competition
Aspects of Italy	10 am	27	Christmas Meal Out	-	No Meeting (Christmas)
Music Appreciation	2 pm	27	Organ Music Part 2 (nb live in St Mary's Church on Thurs, not Wed) – Peter Willett	10	Christmas Lunch

Recent Walking Group ‘Long Walk’

13 walkers met in the Tring Natural History Museum car park on a very bright and sunny August morning. We walked up through Tring Park stopping to look at Nell Gwynne’s obelisk and the pavilion along the way. We enjoyed far reaching views of Tring and the Performing Arts School and as far as Waddesdon to the west and Mentmore to the east. Walkers expressed a desire to learn more about the history of the park and the references to Charles II, including the main avenue we walked which is named after him. Leaving the park we followed the Ridgeway through Hastoe village and Pavis and Northill Woods.

Joining the Icknield Way we eventually arrived in Wendover Woods for a welcome refreshment stop at the cafe. We returned to Tring via Aston Hill and

walked to the King’s Arms where we enjoyed a hearty lunch with Tring brewery beer. It was then just a short walk through the characterful ‘Rothschildshire’ streets back to the car park. By Chris Mansfield, group leader, walkers@risboroughu3a.org.uk The group runs ‘stroller’ (steady speed and easy gradients), ‘medium’ and ‘long’ walks.

Financial Workshop Restarting in 2026

Andrew Melville-Jackson tell us that he will be holding his Financial Workshops every other month in 2026. No dates are confirmed yet but they are usually at 2pm on the last Thursday of the month in the Cherry Baker Room. In January he will have a retired member of the BBC to reflect on their experiences and in March will be doing a Budget Update with reflections on the wider economy.