

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
		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 January / February 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone!

What are the things you enjoy in January? For me, it's the start of snowdrops arriving, the days getting a little bit longer and ... ok, now I'm struggling.

We did have a really fun time at the Christmas party on the 9th December. We received a lot of positive messages about 'Elvis' and, in fact, the whole event. Several groups arranged their own festive activities. I hope you managed to get to at least one of them.

I send my sincere thanks to all group leaders, to members of the committee and all who give their time to ensure that our U3A remains as good as it is. It can always be better, of course. Do you have an idea for a new group?

If you want to find out more about how it was to be a barber and a surgeon in Victorian times then do come to the next monthly meeting on the 13th January. It sounds good to me, please come and join us.

Warmest wishes

Maggie, Chairman



**Music
Appreciation
Lunch,
December**

Duke Street
Wine Bar

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	JANUARY	DATE	FEBRUARY
Travel	12.noon	-	No meeting (New Year Holiday)	3	In the Footsteps of Darwin – Richard Stevenson
History	12.noon	-	No meeting (New Year Holiday)	5	Fitzroy Maclean – Bernard Foot
Textiles	10 am	-	No meeting (New Year Holiday)	5	TBA
Psychology	10 am	8	Art Therapy and Artistic Endeavours	12	St Valentine, Zodiacs and Chinese New Year
MONTHLY MEETING	2.30 pm	13	A Barber and a Surgeon, Medicine in Victorian Times – Richard Marks <i>Teas – Music Appreciation</i>	10	Spanish Guitar Lecture / Recital, Dowland, Albeniz – Gary Jordan
Antiques and Collectables	2 pm	14	Hand-Tools of any type – Domestic, Work Related	11	Religious Items – Any Denomination
Gardening	2 pm	19	A Plantsman's Paradise, Botanising in Iran – Avril Hughes	16	Late Season Colour - BillyStott
Photography	10 am	20	Autumn photos critique, fun photos of the year and 'Christmas' Lunch	17	Camera-based workshop – subject TBA
Financial Workshop (NB Weds.)	2 pm	21	Life at the BBC – Peter Phippen	-	(Occurs every other month)
Aspects of Italy	10 am	22	Rome	26	Venice – Magaret Hancox
Music Appreciation	2 pm	28	Spirit of Scotland – Margaret Galloway	25	How the Organ Works – demonstration. Peter Willett NB at St Mary's Church

Financial Workshop January meeting *Andy Melville-Jackson writes:*

Our next meeting is on 21st January at 2pm in the Cherry Baker Room. That is a **Wednesday**, not the usual Thursday.

We will have a Question Time with **Peter Phippen**, who spent many years in **BBC senior management** and I will concentrate on the **BBC** primarily as that organisation has been in melt down recently. However, Peter has fingers in so many pies that it will be very interesting to quiz him on several topics. He has chaired a number of **digital media companies** in the science, medical, English language and academic arenas and sat on the Boards of **The National Archives, The Solicitors' Regulation Authority**, the commercial advisory board

of **The British Council**, the **British Heart Foundation** and the **National Children's Bureau**.

Peter is currently Chair of **NHS Charities Together** Chairman of **The Chiltern Society, Hedgerley Historical Society**, and Chair of Board of Governors at **John Hampden Grammar School**

I will follow the usual format, but just a plea - can you please come up with some topical question ? I really do need a input from you. **Media, BBC, Media Balance, Education, Charities, Law regulation, HS2 (Chiltern Society), Bat tunnels** ... Remember it is your workshop.

In March I will present a Financial Update as usual