

# SHAZAM!

THE HISTORY OF A REGAL CINEMA

**The story of  
the  
restoration of  
The Regal  
Cinema,  
Evesham**

**Rob  
Hemming**



## **General Meetings**

**Palmer Hall, 2.30pm**

**4 June** Gloucester Waterways  
Museum by Jill Ruiz and her team

**2 July** Bibury Trout Farm by Kate  
Marriott

**6 August** Outdoor meeting

## **Tea Rota**

4 June : Philosophy

2 July : Poetry Circle 1

3 September : Poetry Circle 2

## **Photo Album**

Ann Wightman has taken over the  
photo album. Please give any new  
photos to her.

01285 712723

## **New members**

We welcome the following new members: Pat Jackson,  
Angela Sear and Sue Standing

## **Chairman's update**

At the recent AGM a proposal was raised about changing our constitution by setting a 'lower age' limit for membership. I have checked with the U3A national office and there are no lower or upper age limits for membership of the U3A. We shall, therefore, not be changing our constitution.

Reg Thoburn  
01285 712397

## **Today, 7 May**

'Shazam' is an affectionate look at the old picture palaces. Every town had its much-loved cinema and we look at one in particular which achieved legendary status.

In **June** a team from the Gloucester Waterways Museum, dressed in traditional costume, will tell us about 'The Lives of the Narrow Boat Women, their Children and their Crafts', and show us some traditional items.

In **July** we shall hear about one of Britain's oldest and most attractive trout farms, providing stocks of native brown trout for local rivers and streams. It is now a famous visitor attraction, featuring a 'Catch Your Own' fishery.

## April Meeting

Following the AGM, the Vice-Chairman, John Higgs, gave a personal view of the River Lea which rises in Bedfordshire and flows on to meet the Thames at Leamouth, near the area which was recently regenerated for the 2012 Olympic site. John grew up in Tottenham, near the river, and with slides, many of them made from his vast postcard collection, was able to paint a vivid picture of the contrasting pastoral nature of the river bank quite close to London and the industrial buildings, including the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield, Bryant and May's and Lesney (Matchbox Toys). These had grown up along the banks because in former times the river had been a major artery for trade with London.

An attempt to preserve the riparian habitat resulted in the establishment in 1967 of the Lee Valley Regional Park which runs from the River Thames to Ware. It is a linear park of about 26 miles with major reservoirs and multiple water courses (rivers and canals), to carry the river and also to provide navigable waterways and flood relief channels. A skilful melding of natural history, geography, industrial history and his own memories meant that the talk had something of interest for everybody.

Sylvia Jones

*(Editor's note: The river's name is spelt either as 'Lea' or 'Lee': both are used!)*

### David Cox

We are saddened to hear of the death of David Cox, a long-time member of U3A. David was a man imbued with a high degree of intelligence and rapidity of thought which was evident in the incisive questions he raised. These demonstrated his interest and concern for issues which were of both national and international concern. It was readily apparent that he cared passionately for both his country and his fellow man. He will be missed for his input and his enthusiasm. Our sympathy and our thoughts are with Maureen and the family.

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## GROUP EVENTS

Please contact the group leaders if you are interested in joining any of the groups or visit [www.fairfordu3a.org.uk](http://www.fairfordu3a.org.uk) for further information.

### Family History Special

(for both groups and any others interested)

The *Gloucestershire Family History Society* is running a trip to **The National Archive at Kew** on **Monday 21 May**. The coach will leave **The Beeches, Cirencester**, at **9.20am**, and leave Kew at 5.30 pm. Cost £18.00. If you want an opportunity to research your family history, come along. It holds records for the armed services as well as family data.  
Miriam Scott  
01285 713441

### Book Circle 1

**Tuesday 14 May**

Our May meeting is at Pauline's when we shall discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Please let Barbara know if you are unable to attend.

Barbara Cobbett  
01285 712692

### Birdwatching

**Tuesday 21 May**

This month we shall be visiting the RSPB reserve at Ynys Hir, a little way north of Aberystwyth on the west coast of Wales. This will entail an overnight stay in the area in order to allow a reasonable time for birding. I shall contact members of the Birdwatching group individually with details of our meeting place and timings. If any non-group member wishes to join us, please let me know.

Richard Morgan  
01285 712085

### Book Circle 2

**Tuesday 14 May**

We shall meet at Miriam's house at 2.30pm having read *Orlando* by Virginia Woolf. Please let either Miriam or Sarah know if you are unable to attend.

Miriam Scott  
01285 713441  
Sarah Basley  
01285 712720  
[t.basley@btinternet.com](mailto:t.basley@btinternet.com)

## Bridge Improvers

Do you play bridge?

If you play bridge and would like to improve, come and join us; for a lesson and friendly practice play. We are a friendly and informal group, meeting every Monday afternoon (except Bank Holidays) from 2 to 4 pm in the Heritage room, Fairford Community Centre, Partners and refreshments provided.

Margaret Bishop

01285 713747

email [mbishop@talktalk.net](mailto:mbishop@talktalk.net)

## Chess

Please contact Mike for details.

Mike Bennett

01367 252379

mish252379@btinternet.com

## Cycling and Pub Lunch

**Wednesday 22 May**

For details of this month's ride, please contact:

Paul O'Shaughnessy

01367 850262

paulatsscissor@btinternet.com

## Computer Group

We meet every week on Tuesday mornings at my home where I aim to help members in the use of computers, the internet and more. If you are interested in joining, please contact me and you will be welcome.

For those just starting, I have a desktop computer that is available for members to use, although it is helpful if you have a laptop to bring along. If you want to start using email, I can allocate you a personal email address for your sole use.

Nick Humphris

01285 711740

## Family History 1

**Wednesday 15 April**

We shall be meeting at 21 The Orchard, at 2.30pm.

Warning: my new cleaner comes on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays. But then Family History is a dusty hobby, isn't it?

Please let me know if you are unable to come.

Miriam Scott

01285 713441

## Family History 2

**Wednesday 15 May**

We shall meet at my house as usual at 2.30pm.

Michael Johnson

01285 712637

sanaelma@yahoo.co.uk

## Five Rhythms Dance

**Wednesday 15 May**

We dance regularly at the Palmer Hall on the third Wednesday of the month, at 10am. New members welcome.

Gillian Bilbrough

01285 712579

Joyce Deane

01285 851408

## Garden Group

**Thursday 16 May**

Meeting at my house at 2.30pm. Please bring a contribution or two for a Plant Swap and let me know if you're coming.

Joyce Deane

01285 851408

## Keep Fit

The Keep Fit class meets at the Palmer Hall each week on Tuesdays at 9.15am.

Eddie Rosser

01367 252504

## French Conversation

**Intermediate**

I will be in touch about future meetings.

Rosemary Westlake

01285 712329

idwestlake@gmail.com

**Advanced**

We start by reading a couple of pages from a magazine published for groups like ours, and then discuss matters arising from that, and anything else that takes our fancy! This is done in two small groups of generally not more than six people. New members are always welcome!

Barbara Cartwright

07989 353726

## Geology

**Wednesday 8 May**

The Geology group meets at the Chapel in Milton Street on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm.

Clive Watson

01285 713003

Brian Routledge

01285 712853

## **Industrial Heritage**

For details of future meetings, please contact me.

Pete Martin  
01285 713908  
petem91@btinternet.com

## **Latin**

### ***Thursdays 3 May, 6 June***

The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm at my house. Please contact me if you are unable to come.

Susan Greig  
01285 810274

## **Model Group**

The Model Group meets each week on Thursday mornings.

Please contact:  
Jim Sullivan  
01367 252539

## **Music Listening**

### ***Friday 17 May***

Our next meeting will be in the Tame Room, Fairford Community Centre, at 2.30pm and will take the form of a music quiz: 'Don's Dilemmas!'

John and Joyce Dear  
01285 653338

## **Needlework**

### ***Wednesdays 8 and 22 May***

This month the Needlework group will meet at Fairford Community Centre.

For further details please contact:

Thelma Hardie  
01285 713971

## **Pétanque**

The group meets every Wednesday morning at our piste at the Leafield Road entrance to Farmor's School, Fairford. We meet at 9.45am for a 10am start and the morning finishes at 12 noon.

David and Heather Baber  
01285 711343

## **Philosophy**

### ***Wednesday 15 May***

The subject for discussion will be 'Fate'. We shall be meeting at Francis's house.

Dan Deane  
01285 851408

## **Poetry Circle 1**

### ***Fridays 3 May, 7 June***

The Group meets on the first Friday of the month.

Barbara Cottam  
01285 711054

## **Poetry Circle 2**

### ***Fridays 3 May, 7 June***

In May we meet at Eileen's house (01285 712927) at 2.30pm to read some of the poetry of G K Chesterton.

The June meeting will take place at my house and we shall look at poetry related to America.

Barbara Cobbett  
01285 712692

## **Postcards**

### ***Tuesday 21 May***

The May meeting will be at my house at 2.30pm. Edwin Cuss will be coming to show us some of his rare postcards of Fairford, which should be really interesting. As the April meeting was cancelled, the theme letter will be 'Q'.

John Higgs  
01285 712488

## **Recorders**

### ***Fridays 10, 24 May***

We meet in the Farmor room in Fairford Community Centre. We start at 2.00pm for anyone to play treble. The main group meets at 2.30pm and we finish at 4.30pm.

If there are any more recorder players who would like to join a friendly, non-judgemental group please contact:

Hilary Bradshaw  
01793 720037

[hilary@burytown15.co.uk](mailto:hilary@burytown15.co.uk)

Jay Mathews  
01367 253510

[jaymathews124@mac.com](mailto:jaymathews124@mac.com)

We do have some spare instruments and stands; please ask if you would like to borrow one.

## **Scottish Reels**

Our group will re-commence on Wednesday 18th September and fortnightly thereafter.

If you would like to receive our emails (no more than one a month) please email:

Richard Thompson  
01285 712123  
[richard@richardandcarol.net](mailto:richard@richardandcarol.net)

## Rummikub

### Thursday 9 May

The group meets at our house in Lechlade from 2.00—4.30pm for some friendly games of Rummikub.

For further information or explanation please refer to the Fairford U3A website or telephone me.

Mary Bennett  
01367 253287

## Short Tennis

Palmer Hall every Monday, starting at 3.30pm.

As membership has increased recently, we are unable to accept new members at the moment.

Margaret Trickett  
01285 712421

## Solos

Please contact Michael for details of future meetings.

Michael Johnson  
01285 712637  
sanaelma@yahoo.co.uk

## Spanish

### Tuesdays 14, 28 May

The group is for beginners, but those with some Spanish are welcome. Meetings are at my home from 11am to 12noon.

Frank Hall  
01285 712583  
fkhall@talktalk.net

## Straddlers

### Thursday 16 May

I am doing a local 8 mile walk. We start in the car park behind the farm buildings of Donkeywell Farm, Quenington, grid reference SA134039. (With the kind permission of Tim and Sally Peachey. Some may remember the talk Tim did in the barn a couple of years back. We park **behind** there.) To get to the car park from Quenington, go past the rounded topped barns on the right, turn right just before house on the right and then turn immediately right into the farm buildings car park. From Cirencester - past Sunhill, take the next left immediately after the first house on left and turn right into car park.

We shall walk north to Coneygar Wood, on to Ash Copse and Bibury. We go north again to Hale Barn

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## MEET THE COMMITTEE

No, this is not a page from the Police Gazette of wanted criminals, but the Committee voted in at the April AGM



**John Higgs** – Vice Chairman

I am a retired design engineer and have lived in Fairford for six years, having moved here from South Hertfordshire. My interests include gardening, local history, walking, playing pétanque and collecting early postcards. I run the U3A Postcard group.



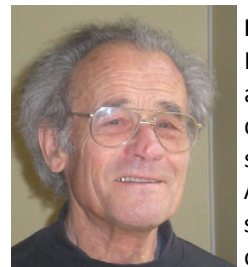
**Nick Stroude** - Treasurer

My work background was engineering in the beverage industry. My present interests are Pétanque and Table Tennis and along with my wife, Sue, I enjoy Walking with a Pub Lunch when we can make it.



**Michael Yorke** – Group Co-ordinator

I retired in 2008 after 51 years in the printing industry majoring largely on Corporate Shareholder Reporting in Business Development Director positions. I'm married to Glen and we have two daughters, both in the legal profession. My interests include Lechlade Lions, Probus Club of Lechlade, U3A activity groups and Saga holidays. I print and distribute the Newsletter.



**Nick Humphris** – Hall Manager and Webmaster

I am a Chartered Engineer having had a varied industrial, academic and scientific career including nine years on Concorde development, a PhD thesis and lecturing at a London university on solid body mechanics followed by underwater research with the Admiralty. My 'hobbies' have included boat building, off-shore sailing, house building and farming. As a diversion, I set out the chairs for the monthly U3A meetings.



**Reg Thoburn**—Chairman

I moved to Fairford with my wife and two sons in 1985 to take up a position with the Intel Corporation in Swindon as a computer project leader. On my retirement in 2010 I joined the U3A and became Chairman in 2011.

**Sarah Basley** — Secretary

I am a retired teacher of English, a long-time resident of Fairford and a dog walker.

*(Sarah is camera shy!)*



**Jean Crowley** – Programme Secretary

I am a retired graduate software engineer, having worked on civil government contracts in Manchester. I have two sons and a daughter, all living in this part of the world. Doug and I moved south from Cheshire when the grandchildren started appearing! They occupy much of our time and we also keep in touch with family and friends from 'The North'.



**Ivor Price** – Membership Secretary

In 1966 I began teaching geography at Farmor's School and retired in 1989. I brought my wife, Kathleen, and our two sons to live in Fairford in 1967. I belong to all the walking groups, Birdwatching, Industrial Archaeology, Pétanque, and Geology.



**Don Cobbett** – Newsletter Managing Editor

I spent most of my working life as a computer professional. I moved, with Barbara and our two children, to Fairford in 1976. I was with W H Smith in Swindon for over twenty years until I retired. I've done quite a lot of walking, but arthritis now restricts that. I'm also interested in drama, history, music and gardening.



before turning south on to the Salt Way skirting Coln St Aldwyn to the Keeper's Arms, Quenington, where I buy everyone a drink. (John Gardiner is keeping the pub open for us. What better way to end the suffering of the Salt Way?) From there it is a straight road walk back to Donkeywell.

Meet Fairford Car Park 9.45am, Peachey's Farm 10.00am. Suggested passenger fee 50p.

Ian Westlake.  
01285 712329

[idrwestlake@gmail.com](mailto:idrwestlake@gmail.com)

**Striders**

**Tuesday 28 May**

For details of this month's walk, please contact :

Gaynor & Alan Williams  
01367 252052  
agkwilliams@hotmail.co.uk

**Table Tennis**

We meet every Wednesday at 2.30pm in the first floor Keble Room at the Community Centre. Players of all abilities are most welcome. Please just come along.

Nick Stroude  
01285 750646

**Strollers**

**Friday 24 May**

The walk of about 3½ miles will be based around Witney. It has the benefit of a country and town outing with the River Windrush thrown in.

Park your cars on the 7th or 8th floor of the Marks & Spencer car park in Witney. Meet at 10am outside Cineworld in the precinct. The walk starts here. First stop The Eagle Tavern in Corn Street to order lunches in advance. There is a good selection of hot and cold food at cost affective prices. (Please e-mail me if you would like to view the menu in advance.) We then proceed toward the parish church and the village green. Making our way through the outskirts of town, we cross the River Windrush and over Langdale Common. We then enter West End, a very old part of Witney, before wending our way back to the car park for a change of shoes and a short walk to The Eagle Tavern.

Please be at Fairford Car Park at 9.15am or 10.00am at Witney.

I should be pleased to know of any 12car driver who will definitely be starting at Fairford and who could

offer lifts. Suggested passenger charge £1.50.

John Yorke  
01367 253596  
07546 818485  
john.yorke@mail.com

**Special Appeal:** Strollers are in need of a leader for the walk on Friday, 26th July. Would anyone be willing to arrange and lead this? A volunteer is urgently required. If you can help, please get in touch with Michael Yorke on 01367 253286.

## Traditional Jazz

### Thursdays 2 May, 6 June

We meet each month at our house in Lechlade from 2.00 to 4.30pm.

In April we found Sophie Tucker singing *After You've Gone* with *Red* and *Miff* and so enjoyed it that we are now looking for more vocalists!

We shall meet on 6<sup>th</sup> June: Bessie Smith, Otilie Patterson, Carol Leigh etc.

Ian Bennett  
01367 253287  
[ian@bennettm.gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:ian@bennettm.gotadsl.co.uk)

## Walking and Pub Lunch

### Wednesday 8 May

This month's walk of 4½ miles starts at the Baker's Arms in the village of Somerford Keynes. Leaving the village we join the Thames Path National Trail, running north upstream through Neigh Bridge Country Park towards Ewen, two miles away. Passing The Wild Duck at Ewen, there is a short road walk to join up with our return passage through meadows and fields back to the parish church of All Saints and nearby Baker's Arms. Apart from three stiles, the terrain is flat with no inclines or gradients. Meet at Fairford Car Park at 9.30am or The Baker's Arms (GL7 6DN) at 10.00am. There is a large car park. The lunch menu can be seen on the Baker's Arms website, or can be obtained from me. Copies will be handed out for completion with our selections before we leave, as the pub does not open early. Recommended passenger fee £1.

Bert Sampson  
01285 712789

## Yoga

The Yoga group meets weekly on Mondays at the Community Centre at 10am.

Sylvia Jones  
01285 712657

# GROUP REVIEWS

## Birdwatching

After an early start we spent the first beautiful spring day of the year at Blashford Lakes just north of Ringwood in Hampshire. This is a delightful reserve with a range of habitats for wildlife, excellent footpaths and bird hides. The bird feeders in the woods were attracting a wide variety of birds, providing a constantly changing picture. We were particularly pleased to see redpolls, bramblings and siskins still here and now in their impressive breeding plumage. The woods were full of birdsong as chiffchaffs and other new arrivals joined in with our resident birds in their spring preparations. Around the lakes sand martins were gathering near to a specially constructed nesting area, a couple of common terns put in an appearance to join the noisy black-headed gulls and all the other usual water birds. We were lucky to find a group of dunlin still there, now in their breeding plumage. Yet another excellent day out in wonderful surroundings bursting with spring life and full of birds.

Richard Morgan

## Book Circle 1

In our April book, *The Fist of God*, the author, Frederick Forsyth, uses his now well-worn scenario of infusing facts with fiction to increase the impact of the story he is attempting to tell us. This time his protagonist is Major Mike Martin, an extremely clever indefatigable SAS officer who is tasked to discover if Saddam Hussein has managed to produce a weapon of mass destruction, and if so where is it concealed. Martin's accomplished covert operation has the mark of a fine spy thriller in the towns and cities of Iraq and Kuwait. Obviously Forsyth has done immense research, but doesn't seem to know what he wants this book to be. Is it a documentary or a novel? Six hundred pages are over-padded with the information he wishes to impart. We are told about the workings of all armed and security services in detail: historical names and places are commonplace and acronyms abound on every page.

Such a mix has worked for Forsyth before, for example *The Day of the Jackal* and *The Ipcress File*. Sadly this time a potentially interesting story is submerged under the weight of factual data.

Denny Rawlinson

## Book Circle 2

The book for April was *On Beauty* by Zadie Smith. It is set in a fictionalised New Hampshire college town, Wellington, and portrays the lives of two professors who are at opposite poles of academic culture and of their families who are entrenched in one another's lives. It is loosely based on *Howard's End* by E M Forster of whom she was a great admirer. All her characters have flaws and the plot follows their disintegrating relationships and human failings. There are, however, many amusing episodes in the book. The author was a visiting lecturer for one year at Harvard and one feels she drew on her life there to comic effect.

The book had a mixed reaction. One member disliked it intensely; most of us admired her prose style, her detailed descriptions of people and places and most of all her use of dialogue. Some felt she should have made more of her experiences to bring to the fore the issues of race, class and culture which feature in the book; some felt it was too long and had an unsatisfactory ending. Discussion was animated and to the point, the various reactions making it a lively afternoon.

Sarah Basley

## Family History 1

At our April meeting Ray Russell gave a talk on 'Family Skeletons'. The talk started with the brief history of his cousin Maureen, who at eight years old was evacuated in 1944, at the time of the V2 rockets landing on south-east London and Kent. She went to live with a family called Winkley in Lancashire, but she never returned home. Her father never saw her again, and her sister Joyce had to wait 60 years to see her again. The reason was that she had been fathered by her real father's brother, Alfred. Ray found Maureen in 2006 and reunited the two sisters. The skeleton: her mother.

The second skeleton was Ray's grandfather William, a policeman in 1906-1909 who claimed to have killed a burglar with his truncheon, and so resigned from the Metropolitan Police. The truth was he fraudulently claimed expenses from the force and ran up debts and was asked to resign.

The third skeleton was Ray's grandmother who married in 1903, had three babies, one of which died and the other two being given up to other family members. She left her real husband in 1907, and bigamously married William, without telling him she was already married. She had seven more babies, all illegitimate.

Two further skeleton stories were given, both of which included the birth of illegitimate children.

Ray Russell

## Family History 2

Michael had asked the group to bring a letter to the meeting. He started by referring to a letter written by his Great Uncle Adam regarding his travels to New York. The family were very taken with the country and endeavoured to persuade family members to join them in America.

Philip showed us a couple of bills regarding an engagement and wedding ring in gold and platinum, dating back to April and July 1939. The couple were keen to be married before joining the Army.

Josephine read an amusing note to us on *The Shape of Things to Come*:

*'The Snappy Nappy Co. Ltd. For a square deal at Bottom Prices, No worry. No fuss, No bother. You have the Baby. We do the Rest. Nappy Pappies swear by Snappy Nappies. No more sore Botts, No more sore Spots. You wet 'Em – We get 'Em! Try the window test! If they stick to the window they want washing! Ring "The Nappies"'*



My letter concerned my Great Uncle: Commander E E Jones OBE, RN (retired). He had served under Sir John Edelsten between 1952 and 1953 and was seeking an appointment as a Probation Officer. His record of service from Seaman Boy to his present rank was remarkable. By force of character, determination and ability he achieved promotion from the lower deck to his present rank. He was a man of practical competence, moral conviction and human understanding.

Elizabeth Berry

## Pétanque

On Wednesday 10th April many members braved the chilly air to begin the first game of the season and we also welcomed a couple of new players. Thanks must be given to Dave, Nick, Pete, Reg and John for putting so much time and effort to ensure the piste was in good playing order. Once again we are very grateful to Paul Freeke for loaning and delivering the machinery necessary to carry out the work.

We are looking forward to another sociable and successful season.

Dave and Heather Baber

## Poetry Circle 1

Our theme for April was *Mystery*; this had been chosen by Donald and he was much in our thoughts as we read. John began with Charles Causley's *The Mystery of St Melor* - a mystery to us all. This Cornish saint would send us all home to *Google*. Scientific mysteries followed with Sue Chad's *Vanishing Point* and Frederick Seidel's *Invisible Dark Matter* chosen by Rosemary and Joyce. Kay read the eerie *Silent is the House* by Emily Brontë. Ken introduced a lighter note with Ogden Nash's *Will you have your tedium rare or medium?* Celia's choice of *Common Sense* by Alan Brownjohn led to much reminiscing about our youthful tangles with Mathematics, a mystery to many of us. Ian's own poem *Miss Terry* emphasised yet again how fortunate we are to have our own resident poet.

Barbara Cottam

## Philosophy

We met at Verna's house and the topic was Written Language, following on from the March meeting, where we had also talked about Language, but confining ourselves then to the spoken word. The discussion was mostly about the characteristics of different languages and, in particular, about the difficulties which some of them posed for foreign learners and children.

There is always a difficulty in recognising the peculiarities of one's own language, which one has learned so informally 'at one's mother's knee', and we were treated to a couple of 'psychologists' parlour games' which gave a glimpse of the fact that we don't always know what is going on in our own minds when reading and that reading and writing are not just a matter of phonic analysis and coding and decoding.

This led on, of course, to some discussion of teaching, accompanied by sympathetic concern for the difficulties faced by Primary School teachers and a feeling that there were some inadequacies in their training.

Susan Greig

## Postcards

Unfortunately, the April meeting had to be cancelled – but we had plenty of food for thought. At a recent Postcard Group meeting, group member Heather Baber introduced us to a branch of collecting that was new to us all – 'PHQ' cards.

What are PHQ cards? They are produced by the Post Office at intervals and show enlarged new special interest postage stamps. Heather's collection reminded us of some of the most memorable issues. These cards are still issued from time to time.

A further twist to the story is that, with the addition of an actual stamp of the same issue stuck to the front of the card, they become what is known as a 'Maximum'. Incidentally, PHQ stands for Post Office Headquarters. Thanks to Heather for giving us a new aspect to collecting modern cards.

John Higgs

## Fairford & District U3A

Wed	1 May	Pétanque, Table Tennis
Thu	2	Model Boats, Latin, Traditional Jazz
Fri	3	Poetry Circles 1 & 2
Mon	6 BH	French, Short Tennis, Solos
Tue	7	Main Meeting, Keep Fit, Computers
Wed	8	Pétanque, Table Tennis, Walking & PL, Geology, Needlework
Thu	9	Model making, Rummikub
Fri	10	Recorders
Mon	13	French, Yoga, Bridge, Short Tennis
Tue	14	Keep Fit, Computers, Spanish, Book Circles 1 & 2
Wed	15	Pétanque, Table Tennis, Five Rhythms, Philosophy, Family History 1 & 2
Thu	16	Model Boats, Straddlers, Garden
Fri	17	Music Listening
Mon	20	French, Yoga, Bridge, Short Tennis
Tue	21	Keep Fit, Computers, Birdwatching, Postcards
Wed	22	Pétanque, Table Tennis, Cycling & PL, Chess, Needlework
Thu	23	Model Boats
Fri	24	Strollers, Recorders
Mon	27 BH	French, Short Tennis
Tue	28	Keep Fit, Computers, Spanish, Striders
Wed	29	Pétanque, Table Tennis
Thu	30	Model Boats
Mon	3 June	French, Yoga, Bridge, Short Tennis, Solos
Tue	4	Main Meeting, Keep Fit, Computers
Wed	5	Pétanque, Table Tennis
Thu	6	Model Boats, Latin, Traditional Jazz
Fri	7	Poetry Circles 1 & 2

### And in conclusion . . . (from the Editor)

We now have a copy date of the **17th** of most months. This may involve thinking and planning up to eight weeks in advance. We really need to have this early date because a bigger team is involved in producing the Newsletter.

Don Cobbett

Please send items for the  
**June issue to**

editor@fairfordu3a.org.uk by

**Friday 17th May**

## Timetable of Group Activities

Needlework Group meets Wednesday afternoons fortnightly; Scottish Reels Wednesday evenings fortnightly September to March. Pétanque and Cycling & PL meet April to October. Industrial Heritage at varied intervals.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
<b>Monday</b>	<b>am</b>	French Yoga	French Yoga	French Yoga
	<b>pm</b>	Bridge Solos Short Tennis	Bridge Short Tennis	Bridge Short Tennis
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>am</b>	Keep Fit Computers	Keep Fit Computers Spanish	Keep Fit Computers Spanish Striders
	<b>pm</b>	Main meeting	Book Circle 1 Book Circle 2	Postcards
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>am</b>	Pétanque	Pétanque Walking & PL	Pétanque Five Rhythms
	<b>pm</b>	Table Tennis	Table Tennis Geology	Table Tennis Philosophy Family History 1 Family History 2
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>am</b>	Model Boats	Model Making	Model Boats Straddlers
	<b>pm</b>	Latin Traditional Jazz	Rummikub	Garden Straddlers
<b>Friday</b>	<b>am</b>			Strollers
	<b>pm</b>	Poetry Circle 1 Poetry Circle 2	Recorders	Music Listening Recorders