

This Month's meeting is on Monday 12th October (2nd Monday of the month)

Information Sheet

Monthly meetings take place on the 2nd Monday at Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church in South Street.
Doors open at 1:45pm for socialising and signing up to groups & trips, speaker starts at 2.30pm.
No need to book a place, just turn up on the day, but remember to bring your membership card.

Future Meeting Dates

2026>> 09/11 : 14/12

2027>> 11/01 : 08/02 : 08/03 : 12/04 : 10/05 : 14/06 : 12/07 : 09/08 : 13/09 : 11/10 : 08/11 : 13/12

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Speakers

This Month	Met Police Detective Inspector: The Life of a Counter Terrorist
Next Month	Mike James: History of Castle Mound
Future	Gary Matthews: The History of Easton Lodge – The Countess & Her Gardens

Planned Events & Trips

Date Contact

Please don't be late for coach pickups.

The Coach will leave the pickup point's 10 minutes after pickup time, with / without you

Please pay for trips by Cheque or BACS only ['NOT' cash]

Check Diary on next page for Contact phone / email address

19 th Nov: Lesley Outings/Events	Thursford Christmas Spectacular £71
11 th Dec: Lesley Outings/Events	Christmas Lunch @ Great Hadham Golf Club £39
2027	
14 th Apr: cfitzgerald9@icloud.com	Coach Trip: Highgate Cem/Borough Mkt £39

Events & Trips for future Groups Listings should be sent to: Outings/Events at trips@bsu3a.org.uk

"When booking tickets for trips please provide full names of all participants, their mobile numbers & state preferred pick-up point. Information and payment options also available at monthly meetings or from trips@bsu3a.org.uk."

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Send your content to the email above.

Groups/Committee Messages. Email details to Chris Morris at diary@bsu3a.org.uk **One liner 's if possible!**

Committee Vacancies

Vice Chair, Publicity Officer

Your u3a needs "You"



Any member is welcome to attend the Monthly Committee Meeting.

Held on the 1st Tue of each month. Contact the Chair or Secretary to arrange.

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All data in the Groups List is extracted from Beacon, the BS.u3a Membership & Groups Management System

All information is maintained by the Group Leader(s) for each Group using Beacon.

If you are the leader(s) for a group that has incorrect information, please update using Beacon.

	Group Name	: Venue	When	Contact
1	Antiques and Collectables	: Markwell Studio	Monthly 2nd Friday PM	Patricia 07870 374356
2	Art : Painting & Drawing	: Markwell Studio	Monthly 1st & 4th Fri PM	Derek 01279 832580
3	Backgammon	: South Mill Arts	Mondays not 2nd Mondays PM	stuartmasters5@gmail.com
4	Book Group 4 : Members Home		Monthly 1st Monday PM	Ruth 01279 831213
5	Book Group 5 : Members Home		Monthly 1st Tuesday PM	Sheila 01279 722166
6	Book Group 6 : Members Home		Monthly 1st Friday PM	Sue 01279 659009
7	Book Group 8 : South Mill Arts		Monthly 4th Wednesday PM	jackiebennison@hotmail.com
8	Book Group 9 : Members Home		Monthly 4th Monday PM	gill@bobandgilldean.me.uk
9	Bridge 2 : South Mill Arts		Weekly on Friday PM	David 07799722940
10	Cards & Crochet	: South Mill Arts	Monthly 3rd Wed AM	bs.u3a.raa@gmail.com
11	Christmas Lunch	: Great Hadham Golf Country Club	Friday 11 December AM	NULL
12	Computing and Digital	: Bishops Stortford Social Club	Monthly 3rd Tue PM	ken.wheatley@bsu3a.org.uk
13	Creative Writing	: Members Home	Monthly 3rd Tuesday PM	Peter 01279 507294
14	Discussion & Debating	: Havers Community Centre	Monthly 1st Thursday PM	janecowley51@gmail.com
15	Family Tree / History	: Parsonage Community Hall	Monthly Last Wednesday AM	Denise 01279 831316
16	Fitness with Fun	: Baptist Church	Weekly on Tuesday PM	bs.u3a.raa@gmail.com
17	French Conversation	: South Mill Arts	Weekly Monday PM	alice.dain@bsu3a.org.uk
18	French Improvers	: Members Home	Weekly on Wednesday PM	Richard 01279 659521
19	Fun Craft	: Members Home	Monthly 2nd Tuesdsay AM	Denise 01279 831316
20	Gardening Plants and Gardens	: Baptist Church	Monthly 4th Monday PM	debbiemonhouse22@gmail.com
21	German	: Members Home	Weekly on Wednesdays AM	Bob 654407
22	German Beginners	: Terrace Cafe	Monday fortnightly AM	07871320783
23	Greek Beginners	: South Mill Arts	Weekly Wednesdays PM	lesleypamphlett06@gmail.com
24	History	: Baptist Church	Monthly Last Friday AM	bs.u3a.raa@gmail.com
25	Italian Beginners 1	: South Mill Arts	Weekly on Tuesday AM AM	robw.cann@gmail.com
26	Italian Beginners 2	: South Mill Arts	Weekly on Tuesday AM AM	Lindsay 07484 220382
27	Italian Intermediate	: Members Home	Weekly on Friday AM	Malcolm 01279 723948
28	Keep Moving	: Hub Church	Weekly on Friday AM	Kath 01279 722399
29	KeepFit for the less Energetic	: Markwell Studio	Weekly on Friday AM	Vera 01279 658428
30	Lunch Club 2 : Local Area		Monthly 3rd Thursday PM	Gwenda 07941 085072
31	Lunch Club International 1 : Local Area		Monthly 1st Thursday PM	Sylvia 01279 832189
32	Lunch Club International 2 : Local Area		Monthly Last Thursday PM	beechlands45@yahoo.com
33	Making Miniatures	: Members Home	Monthly 1st Monday PM	Wendy 01279 656350
34	Pickleball	: Herts and Essex Sports Hall	Fridays 15.00 to 16.00 PM	robw.cann@gmail.com
35	Pilates 1	: Swifts Football Hall	Weekly on Tuesday AM	Kath 01279 722399
36	Rummikub	: South Mill Arts	Monthly 1st Wednesday AM	sharon.graham203@gmail.com
37	Science & Technology 2	: Members Home	Monthly 3rd Monday AM	beechlands45@yahoo.com
38	Scrabble	: South Mill Arts	Weekly on Mondays AM	Hilary 07929 387010
39	Sewing	: The Emmaus Centre	1st Tuesday in the month AM	Tracey 07981 681158
40	Sign Language	: Caffein	Monday morning AM	Virginia 07526 905307
41	Social History	: Members Home	1st Wednesday in the month AM	Judith 07759 278754
42	Spanish Conversation	: Various	Weekly AM	beechlands45@yahoo.com
43	Table Tennis	: Baptist Church	Weekly Fri Except last AM	Beverley 07740 358955
44	Tai Chi	: Markwell Studio	Weekly on Thursday PM	Sue 01279 843887
45	Ten Pin Bowling Braintree	: Namco Funscape Braintree	Weekly on Wed AM	bs.u3a.ctm@gmail.com
46	Tennis – sort of OK standard!	: Castle Park Tennis Courts	TBC AM	Simon 07545 562528
47	Trip – Thursford	: Coach Trip	Thu 19th November 2026 AM	Lesley 07729 403900
48	Trip: Highgate Cem/Borough Mkt	: Coach Trip	14th April 2027 AM	Chris cfitzgerald9@icloud.com
49	Walks: Brisk Walk	: Local Area	Monthly 1st Friday AM	Michelle 654984
50	Walks: Capital Wanderers	: London	Mar, May, Jul, Sep on a Tue AM	keithbmcdowall@gmail.com
51	Walks: City Explorers	: London	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct on a Thu AM	Christine 07759 440036
52	Walks: Fortnightly Footers	: Various	Fortnightly 2nd/4th Thu AM	maggyrapley4@gmail.com
53	Walks: London Explorers	: London	Ad-Hoc: 4xYear AM	Derek 01279 832580
54	Walks: London Rovers	: London	Ad-Hoc: 5x a year, every 2 months approx AM	beechlands45@yahoo.com
55	Walks: Strollers	: Local Area	Monthly 1st Tue AM	Peggy 655706
56	Walks: Weekly Walking	: Silver Leys	Weekly Wednesday AM	jim_paterson@ntlworld.com
57	Yoga	: St Michael's Mead Community Centre	Weekly Wed AM	Jackie 07496 402235
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	u3a Shared Groups			
	Stansted Seminars		Quarterly	stanstedseminars@gmail.com
	Spanish Conversation shared & run by BS u3a		Weekly AM	beechlands45@yahoo.com
	Photography Group shared & run by Thorley u3a		Contact: Nick 07941 636028	nicholasambrose1@gmail.com