



## December 2025 Issue 322

### Chairman's Report



Are we in the festive spirit yet?

As I write this in the middle of November it still feels unusually warm and although we seem to have had lots of wet days recently the river levels are still extremely low and the height of the Coln at Fairford is still only 0.43 meters, described as 'typical low'.

So, the nights have drawn in and it's time to settle by the fire and plan Christmas. Speaking of which, I was very sorry to learn that so few members wanted to join us for a small festive buffet before the December meeting. However, don't fret – we will still celebrate the approach of Christmas with Mince Pies and Wine before the meeting.

May I apologise to anyone who attended the November meeting and experienced difficulty in hearing. We tried to turn the volume up but were plagued by feedback. Having looked into the problem it seems it might have been caused by some hearing assistance equipment and we believe we now know how to fix it. Incidentally for those who use hearing aids and switch to the loop system I have just made some adjustments to increase the volume from the loop.

I am sure that you will be pleased to learn that we have found a volunteer to consider the role of Membership Secretary. Joanna Petty has expressed interest and so we have co-opted her onto the committee so that there could be a smooth handover from Sue, assuming that Joanna gets elected.

Joanna has also suggested that we could soon see the start of a new group looking at the implications and opportunities arising from the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Watch this space... there could be more about it elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, to return to the Christmas theme, we are delighted to assist Mervyn and Amanda Cully by spreading the awareness that they will be once again making a Christmas Lunch available to those who would be otherwise alone at Christmas. Full details are to be found in here. It only remains for me to wish you all a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

John Lang

## Palmer Hall, London Road, Fairford at 2.30pm

### SPEAKER FOR TUESDAY 2 December

Our speaker for December is Nigel Thompson who will tell us about the Rock and Roll Years 1957 to 1960.

Nigel was born in Manchester and was a member of three different bands. In 1966 he emigrated to Canada and on his return in 1970 he worked in Sales and Marketing. Nigel is a member of Twyning Probus Club and has been writing and giving talks about his love of music since 2017.



Sue Martin

### Teas at General Meetings



- December - Committee
- January 26 - Book Circle 2
- February - Bridge Improvers
- March - Computer
- April - Creative Writing

Please send items for the  
**January Issue**  
by **14 December**  
to  
[editor@fairfordu3a.org.uk](mailto:editor@fairfordu3a.org.uk)



Welcome to our new members:

Lih-Mei Liao  
Ray Cocks  
Sandra Keen

### Editor's apology

The reports from the two Solos groups were accidentally omitted from the original version of the November newsletter. This will have affected the printed copies and any copies downloaded before November 6th. Sincere apologies to all those affected by the omission, especially the writers of the reports

Maureen Partington

### Would you like to join our u3a?

Full details of how to join can be found on the website at <https://fairfordu3a.uk/join-us/>

Editor this month — Sarah Bottomley  
Editor next month — Jocelyn Wishart



## Fairford and District u3a November Meeting Report

### The Light and Life of John Singer Sargent

At our meeting on Tuesday 4th November, Cate Luck from the Cirencester u3a Arts Appreciation Group shared some insights on the artist John Singer Sargent, sharing the story of his life and showing us some of his most memorable paintings.

John Singer Sargent (1856–1925) was born in Florence to American parents and spent much of his early life travelling in Europe, where he developed his artistic talent. He trained in Paris under the portrait painter Carolus-Duran, whose teaching encouraged Sargent's bold, confident brushwork and his remarkable ability to capture light and character.

In 1879 Sargent travelled to Spain and the Netherlands to study the great masters Velázquez and Frans Hals. His painting *El Jaleo* (1882) reflects his admiration for Spanish art and depicts a dramatic flamenco dance full of movement and energy. His reputation grew further with the striking *Madame X* (1884), though the sitter's exposed shoulder scandalised Paris and prompted Sargent to move to London.

In England he soon became one of the most sought-after portrait painters of his age. Among his notable works are *Viscountess Agnew* and the famous actress *Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth*, both admired for their elegance and vitality. He also created the enchanting *Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose*, showing two young girls lighting lanterns among glowing flowers at dusk. Later, during the First World War, Sargent painted *Gassed*, a powerful image of blinded soldiers helping one another after a gas attack — a deeply moving contrast to his earlier society portraits.

#### Time in Fairford

Between 1892 and 1894 Sargent spent time at Morgan Hall, Fairford, painting rural scenes such as *Cottage at Fairford*, Gloucestershire. These peaceful watercolours reveal a gentler side of the artist, inspired by the light and quiet beauty of the English countryside.



*Morgan Hall, Fairford, Gloucester. East Front*

In this rural setting, Sargent allowed himself to experiment more freely with outdoor studies, watercolours of vernacular buildings, trees, cottages and countryside light. The Fairford period illustrates his versatility; even as a celebrated society portraitist, he remained deeply engaged with painting for pleasure and exploration in more relaxed, rural environments.



Sargent died unexpectedly in London in 1925. He is buried at Brookwood Cemetery in Surrey, and a memorial to him can be found in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral, London, commemorating his remarkable contribution to art.

## Membership Renewals for 2026-27

This is advance notice that membership renewal for next year will commence in January and further details will be available in the New Year by email and in the next newsletter. As our bank is about to start charging us for every cheque that we pay in, we would be grateful if you could avoid paying by cheque and use our online payment portal or bank transfer (Faster Payments/BACS) if you are able to do so.

Sue Snell (Membership Secretary)

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) - What's It All About?

### Launching a new 'AI Explorers Fairford Group'

AI: it's not just for sci-fi movies anymore. It's popping up on your phone, helping you shop, plan trips, and maybe even giving your doctor a digital nudge. But what is this elusive thing, and will it finally figure out how to fold laundry? (A girl can dream.)

If you find yourself nodding vaguely whenever someone mentions "algorithms" or "machine learning," you're in the right place. We're starting a friendly, non-technical u3a group to unravel AI together! Think of it as dipping your toes into the future... without needing to assemble a robot in your shed.

What we'll be doing:

Clear explanations: We'll ditch the jargon.

Easy & fun tools: We'll try out AI that's actually useful (or maybe one that just writes silly poems).

Share the wisdom: Bring your ideas and your questions.

The Bigger Picture: We'll chat about the ethics, the opportunities, and how AI might impact society. (Will robots steal our biscuits? We need to know!)

Your guides are Joanna and Ray Petty. Let's be clear: we're interested amateurs, not computer wizards. We're here to learn with you. If something goes wrong... at least we can all laugh together.

No tech background is needed. Just curiosity and a willingness to say, "Let's have a go!" We're aiming to meet on a monthly basis in the Community Centre. Our first session is:

 **Thursday 8th January 2026**

 **10:30am - 11:30am**

 **Fairford Community Centre, Baker Room.**

Please call or drop us an email to book your place, as space will be limited.

 [jlpetty@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jlpetty@hotmail.co.uk)

 **07523 185319**

## Fairford Christmas Day Lunch

The well-established Fairford Christmas Day Lunch will again be held in The Community Centre in Fairford.

As a reminder, the Lunch is for individuals and couples who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day and would like to spend some time in company. It is open to residents in Fairford and surrounding villages, plus Lechlade, and will take the same format as before.

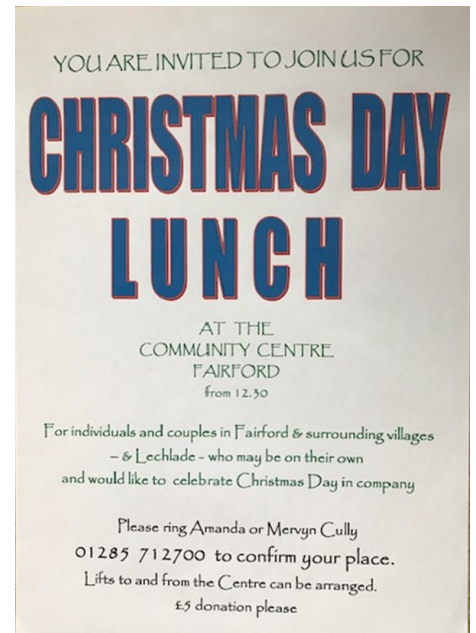
The Lunch starts at 12.30 and finishes after the King's Speech at around 15.30.

Our contact details are below and are also on the posters which are displayed in the area, so please do let us know if you can come - or contact anyone who you think might be interested.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the preparation and cooking of the meal, drivers to collect and return less-mobile guests to and from home, and others to act as hosts/hostesses during the day.

Don't be shy; Please apply!

Amanda or Mervyn Cully. Tel: 01285 712700  
Mobiles: Amanda 07960 485946 Mervyn 07773 557846  
Email: [cully.amanda@gmail.com](mailto:cully.amanda@gmail.com)



## Creative Writing

Dear Mr Claus,

Application for Assistant Santa 2026

With regard to your advertisement in the Santa Newsletter for an Assistant Santa, I would like to make an application.

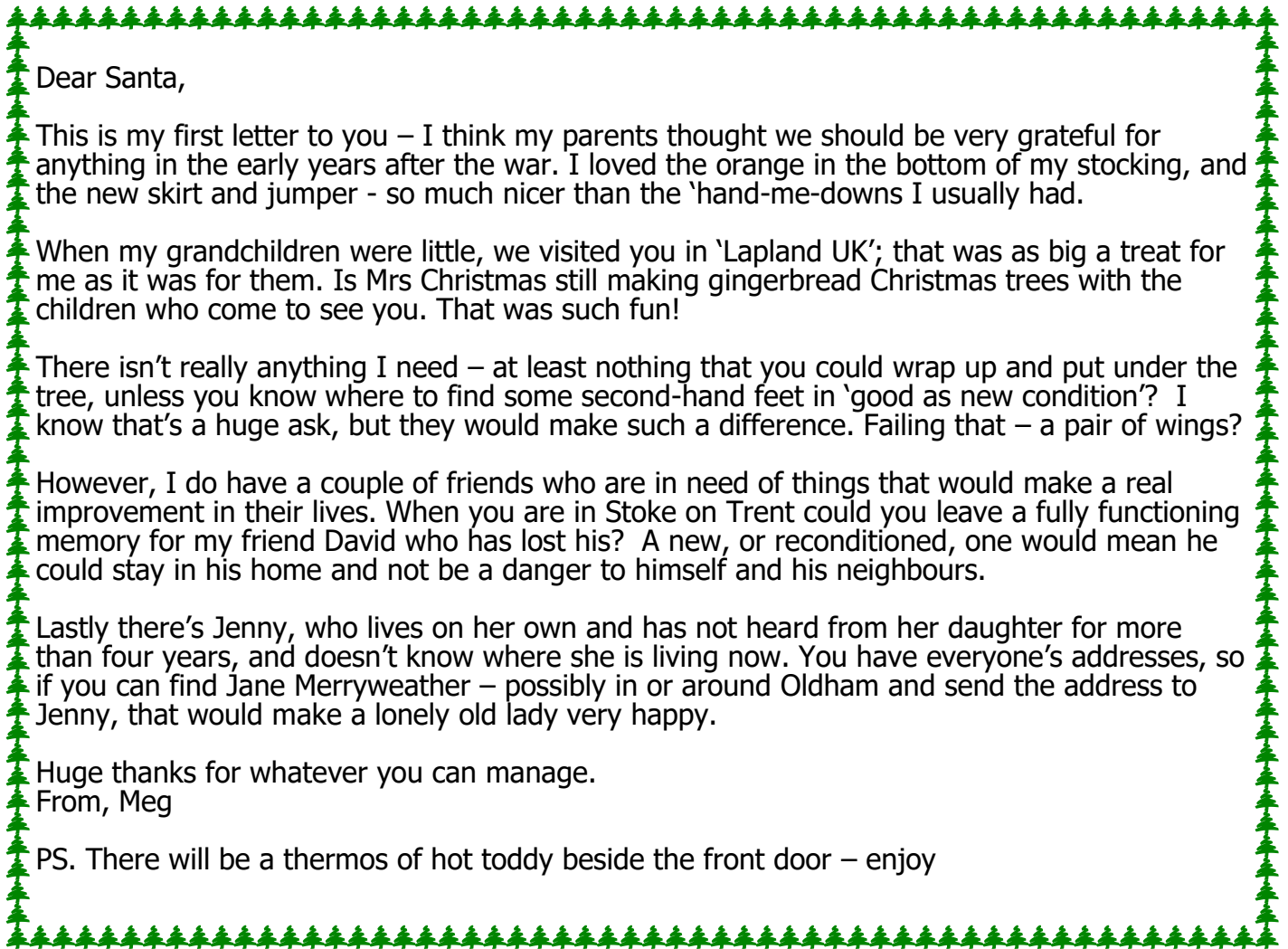
The job description in your advert requires a supervisor, to oversee the quality control, and delivery of your products, not only for children, but also the adults who write to you. The post requires the successful applicant to be able to work with elves for 364 days of the year, and then, on one day a year, to be able to control a heavily laden sleigh pulled by reindeer. My career as a management consultant means I am ideally suited to the post. I may, however, require some tuition regarding handling a sleigh.

Whilst not wishing to criticise your efforts in the past, I do believe there are areas for improvement. From my own experience, and now my children's, the toys that you give are seldom on the lists that are written to you. To make matter worse, the stockings left are sometimes mixed up. For example, this year my ten year old daughter was given a set of boxing gloves, which she demonstrated to good effect on her seven year old brother. He, on the other hand, was given a Tutu ballerina outfit.

Another aspect regarding improvement, concerns the existing service shown for adults. Should you answer their letters and provide any requests, then I think children would continue to believe in Santa Claus throughout their lives, as I do. I look forward to receiving your reply in due course,

Yours, Mr A.M.I. Strange (aka John C)





Dear Santa,

This is my first letter to you – I think my parents thought we should be very grateful for anything in the early years after the war. I loved the orange in the bottom of my stocking, and the new skirt and jumper - so much nicer than the 'hand-me-downs I usually had.

When my grandchildren were little, we visited you in 'Lapland UK'; that was as big a treat for me as it was for them. Is Mrs Christmas still making gingerbread Christmas trees with the children who come to see you. That was such fun!

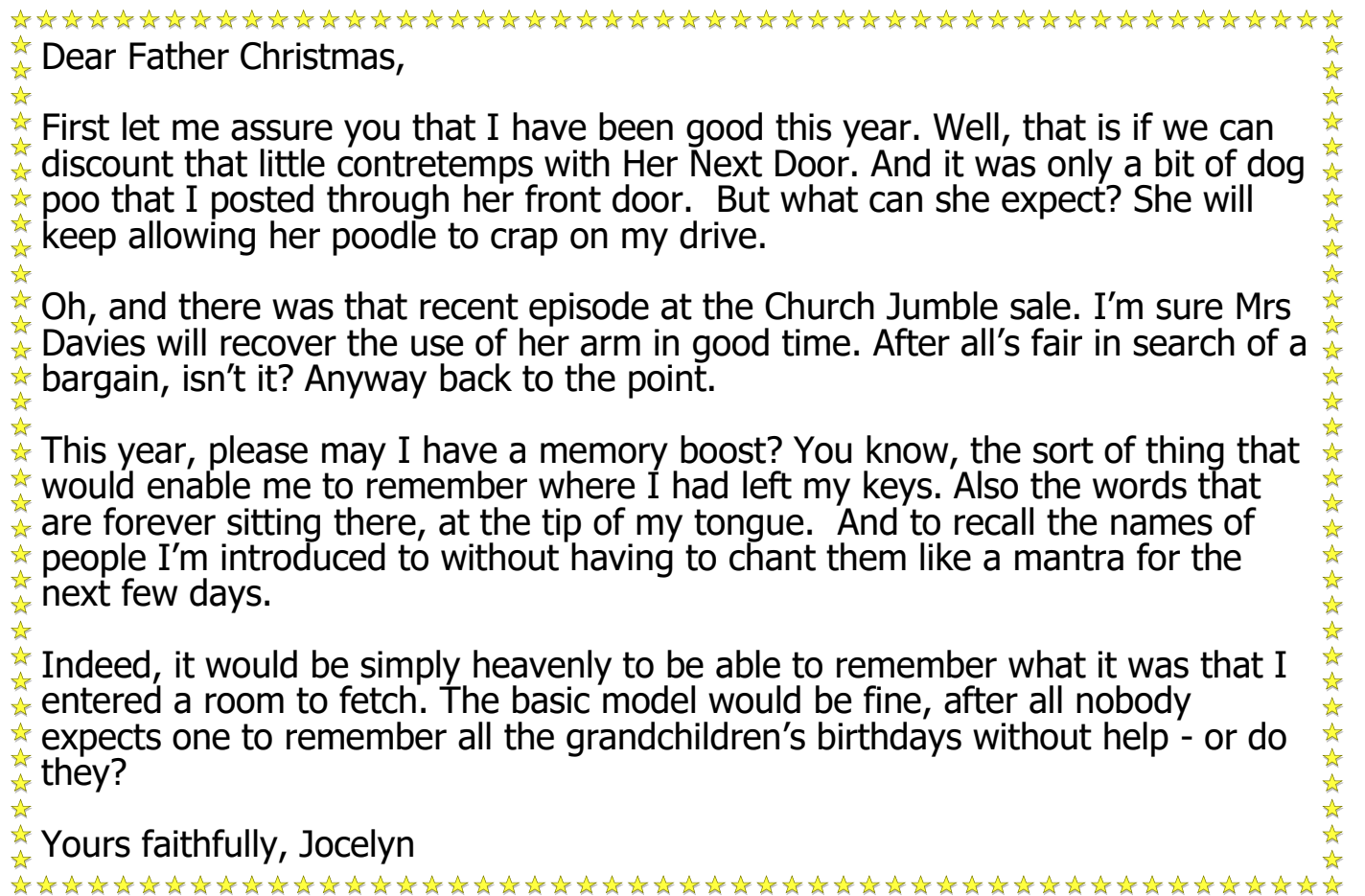
There isn't really anything I need – at least nothing that you could wrap up and put under the tree, unless you know where to find some second-hand feet in 'good as new condition'? I know that's a huge ask, but they would make such a difference. Failing that – a pair of wings?

However, I do have a couple of friends who are in need of things that would make a real improvement in their lives. When you are in Stoke on Trent could you leave a fully functioning memory for my friend David who has lost his? A new, or reconditioned, one would mean he could stay in his home and not be a danger to himself and his neighbours.

Lastly there's Jenny, who lives on her own and has not heard from her daughter for more than four years, and doesn't know where she is living now. You have everyone's addresses, so if you can find Jane Merryweather – possibly in or around Oldham and send the address to Jenny, that would make a lonely old lady very happy.

Huge thanks for whatever you can manage.  
From, Meg

PS. There will be a thermos of hot toddy beside the front door – enjoy



Dear Father Christmas,

First let me assure you that I have been good this year. Well, that is if we can discount that little contretemps with Her Next Door. And it was only a bit of dog poo that I posted through her front door. But what can she expect? She will keep allowing her poodle to crap on my drive.

Oh, and there was that recent episode at the Church Jumble sale. I'm sure Mrs Davies will recover the use of her arm in good time. After all's fair in search of a bargain, isn't it? Anyway back to the point.

This year, please may I have a memory boost? You know, the sort of thing that would enable me to remember where I had left my keys. Also the words that are forever sitting there, at the tip of my tongue. And to recall the names of people I'm introduced to without having to chant them like a mantra for the next few days.

Indeed, it would be simply heavenly to be able to remember what it was that I entered a room to fetch. The basic model would be fine, after all nobody expects one to remember all the grandchildren's birthdays without help - or do they?

Yours faithfully, Jocelyn

Dear Father Christmas,

It's a long time since I last wrote to you. When I was little I always asked you for an umbrella and a doll that could walk and talk but you never brought them. Who can blame me for stopping believing in you? When I grew up and could provide things for myself, I never felt I needed you. Now I've realised there are limits to what I can provide so I'm giving you one last chance.

At the age I am now I don't need stuff. That just clutters the house and needs dusting. However, there are a couple of things I would find useful. I would love to know how you slow down time so that you get everything you need to do done in a day, but I don't suppose you would tell me. That's your secret and I understand it has to stay that way.

The thing I would really like you to give me is an extra six inches in height. I should stress that's height, not width as I have plenty of that. I've always been short but recently I seem to have got even shorter. I feel dwarfed by my children, I have to take a cushion to the theatre, and I'm tired of not being able to reach things on the top shelf without a step ladder. Six inches would make all the difference. And I would be really grateful if you could put most of the extra height in my top half. That would make it so much easier to put my socks on.

Please don't let me down again. I am really looking forward to Christmas this year!

Yours hopefully, Maureen

Dear Santa

I think you should stop chasing all over the night skies on Christmas Eve or 6th December (it varies I know from country to country) giving every good child a present. In these days of the affluent West, most children have much more than they need. What you should do instead, is to take medical supplies and water, bedding and food to all the children in war torn zones. Forget the over indulged children in stable countries. They have more than enough.

You and your reindeer would have to dodge the drones and bombs but that should not be too difficult because I have heard your sleigh does not show up on radar or GPS. This would also save you squeezing down chimneys (which I have heard you are finding particularly difficult these days owing in part to increased girth). There are very few if any chimneys at all in Gaza, Syria, Ukraine etc. where your visits would mostly be this year so that would be a relief for you.

I know that the International Red Cross would welcome your assistance. They have been having great trouble getting such supplies through. They would be happy to give you stocks of stuff to take because I know your elves do not know one end of an aspirin from an antibiotic and haven't exactly geared up to the distribution of blankets and warm clothing.

I hope you will oblige us this year and stop prancing about with needless toys.

Kind regards, Orwell Doogood (aka Judith)

## Group Reports

### Birds, Botany and Bugs

#### October 17 Oldbury Power Station and WWT Slimbridge, mild and overcast!

Well, what a day! We started the day at Oldbury power station in search of wintering black redstart, a scarce bird in the chat family. Well it wasn't long before we found at least four black redstarts on the perimeter fence, with many goldfinches in attendance and also, in the nearby bushes, green and great spotted woodpeckers, a stonechat, the first redwings of the autumn, a dozen song thrushes, a few chiffchaff, goldcrest, bullfinch and some very close long-tailed tits.

A scan of the estuary produced dozens of oystercatchers and a totally unexpected female common scoter (a type of sea duck)! We then went to Slimbridge for lunch, after which we managed to get around all the reserve, including a walk to middle point on the Severn estuary.

Ross's and barnacle geese, shelduck, wigeon, gadwall, teal, shoveler, pochard, tufted duck, cormorant, cattle (seen on Shepherd's Patch whilst leaving), little and great egret's, spoonbill, marsh harrier, buzzard, ringed plover, lapwing, sanderling, dunlin, ruff, snipe, black-tailed godwit, curlew, spotted and common redshank, green sandpiper, common and great black-backed gulls, meadow pipits, pied wagtails, Cetti's warbler, linnets all added to the list. A grey squirrel carrying one of its kits was something not seen before!

But the real star moment of the day was from the Zeiss hide, for the entire group, after many years of frustrating brief half views, finally being given excellent views of the very secretive Eurasian bittern! What a day's wildlife watching.



Mick Jones

### Book Circle 2

This month's book was *The Ghost Ship* by Kate Mosse. A swashbuckling story of piracy and intrigue. An epic love story of adventure, love and revenge on the high seas. The commander of the Ghost ship hides a big secret, if caught he would be hanged for alleged crimes. We all enjoyed this book.



Jean Moulden



## Group Reports

### Postcards group

The theme for the November meeting was postcards with the letter 'E' plus as it was November 11th postcards to do with war and remembrance.

Places we visited in this country were Eton, Essex, Isle of Man (Ellan Vannin), and we popped across the Channel to see the Eiffel Tower. Other topics were King Edward's Crown, Elizabeth I, Evelyn Laye and Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

The postcards from World War 1 and 2 led on to interesting discussions about the World War 1 postal service and what an efficient and important operation that must have been. It was seen to be necessary to keep up the morale of the fighting forces staying in contact with home. Up to twelve million letters were delivered to soldiers each week and a similar number returned over the Channel. We also discussed that we do not learn from history. WW1 postcards over 100 years ago showing the destruction of Arras and at Ypres were very comparable to present scenes in Gaza and Ukraine.

Other contributions were postcards sent back from relatives who had fought in both world wars and sent from 'prisoner of war camps' saying not much, but reassuring relatives they were still alive. There were also charming, embroidered French greeting cards, postcards showing flags of the Allies and flowers, usually with a slogan.

This was a most thought-provoking meeting with interesting topics raised.

The next meeting is on January 20th when the choice letter is 'F' but not including Fairford to give us more of a challenge.

Alison Hobson



## Group Reports

### Solos

*(This report appeared in the November Newsletter online, but not in the printed version)*

For our October meeting we had a fascinating afternoon showing lots of pictures of our activities over the last 13 years. Of course we were all 13 years younger and could do things we can't do now. It was interesting seeing people who have moved away, sadly passed on and the ones that are left. However, we all enjoyed going down memory lane seeing the things we used to do including celebrating the 10-year u3a party by the Lakes, going on 2 jazz cruises in different years along the Oxford Canal, visiting Slimbridge and many Turkey and Tinsel holidays.

We have eaten out a lot, we found the best places in the area, in fact at one time various u3a groups used our reports to choose places to dine. Now we are sadly closing our group down at the end of January 2026 as most of us are getting too old to go out very far and have various handicaps. We have four in their nineties, the oldest 94 and a lot in their late eighties including me. It's been a great friendly group, and I shall be sad to see it finish, but we can't go on forever.

Mike Johnson

### Solo2

Our November meeting was on Saturday 8th November. 14 attended the meeting 7 of whom stayed for lunch at Colosseo which was delicious.

On Wednesday 19th November we visited Aston Potteries and later visited Bampton Garden centre.

Sunday 23rd November, lunch we were at The Railway Fairford

Jennie and Jackie

A small group of us went to Aston Potteries. It was very good, very Christmasy. I dare anyone to spend a few hours there and not buy anything! There were decorated Christmas trees, various presents ranging from £3.99 to however much you had in your bank account. Things you could put into a pocket or bag, or get delivered.

Then of course their restaurant is very good. Their quiches and salads are great and the cakes !!!!! to die for. It was a lovely day and we could see the clear blue sky outside whilst we were warm and cosy enjoying ourselves in the warm. Next year we must go there before going to any other shops for our Christmas shopping.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.  
Jo Stichbury

## **Information for Upcoming Meetings**

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

### **Birds, Botany and Bugs**

#### **Friday 12 December**

Our last trip of the year will be a week earlier than normal! A trip to Slimbridge for flocks of wild geese and swans, and hopefully huge flocks of golden plover and lapwing with a supporting cast of birds of prey, cranes and egrets. In the event of the reserve being frozen, we will make other arrangements! Meet in the car park for 08:45, to arrange lifts etc. lunch up to the individual, there is a heated hide suitable for packed lunches.

Mick Jones

### **Creative writing**

The Creative Writing Group will be selling this year's anthology, 'A Word for All Seasons', at the December u3a meeting in the Palmer Hall in aid of the Cirencester Food Bank. A thicker book than in previous years, it contains poems and short stories linked to each calendar month and a serialised mystery thriller. We're offering it at £1 off in person, that is £6.99 as opposed to £7.99 from Amazon.

Jocelyn Wishart

### **Garden Group**

No visit has been organised for December.

Beth Dennis

### **Mahjong**

The Mahjong group are looking for more players. New players are very welcome, no experience is required as we can give lessons.

Friendly and fun group that meets twice a month on the second and fourth Thursdays at the Fairford Community Centre, 10 to 12 noon.

Paul Saddington 01367 253220

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### Pétanque

Play continues in December on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10am to 12 noon. Although numbers of players per week have dropped during the winter, there are still 20 or so players to provide good levels of play and competition.

Geoff Dennis 01285 712195

### Solo2

Thursday 27 November. Evening food event. 5-8pm at Hilliers. Please contact Meg. 07709671845.

For info only:

Thursday 27 November Cirencester Christmas lights being switched on.

Saturday 29 November St Mary's Church Fairford concert. Tickets £15.00.

Thursday 4 December Christmas Lunch at The Masons Arms. 12.30 for 13.00. Meeting at Fairford carpark at 12.15.

Friday 12 December-Monday 15th December. Torquay weekend at Belgrave Sands.

No main meeting in December so our next meeting is on Saturday 3rd January 2026 @ 11am possibly followed by lunch at Colosseo.

Saturday 3 January: The Christmas Carol at The Barn Theatre Cirencester 14.30 performance. I've booked Seats T & U rows.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to go.

Jennie and Jackie

PopDance! Remember. Remember!





In the Party Room at the back of the Plough P H - Tuesday 9th December at 2.30pm  
- (the last session before Christmas, so wearing 1960s/70s/80s attire is suggested!)

Familiar old tracks to get us all moving (or just tap our feet and sing along).

Level entrance from the car park at the side and plenty of chairs for those less mobile, or not wanting to stand too long.

Absolutely no pressure - and no apology for this unsophisticated hour of fun!

Come and give it a try.

Your chance to dance!   

Mervyn Cully 07773 557846





## Walking Groups

Walk leaders- please specify the length of the walk in your description.



### Straddlers and Striders Walking Groups

Our boots are hung up; they have been cleaned & dried awaiting the resumption of our walks in February 2026.

Our planning meeting is scheduled for 10.30am Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Colosseo when we divide next year's calendar up to agree who will lead the walks for both groups for 2026.

Tea and coffee will be available as our hosts will be opening early exclusively for us. The meeting should be concluded by midday and those who have pre ordered, will join us for an end of season lunch.

We would like to thank all our walkers for making 2025 such an enjoyable season and wish them fitness and health for 2026.

**Pete & Meriel McHugh**  
**Straddlers and Striders Group Leaders**



### **Strollers**

There will be no walk in December, but it is hoped to have one in January, weather permitting.





**Geoff Dennis**






## GROUP MEETINGS

Here you will find some information about the Interest Groups available to our members. If you are a potential new member, and are interested in joining any of our groups, please contact our committee members on the emails below:




Group-coordinator@fairfordu3a.org.uk  
 MembershipSec@fairfordu3a.org.uk  
 or see our website at [www.fairfordu3a.uk](http://www.fairfordu3a.uk)

Activity	Leader	Information
Ancient Greek	Peter Hewes	Weekly Wednesdays from 2.30pm. Meet in leader's home. Need some prior knowledge. Contact leader if a beginner.
Art Appreciation	Brian Etheridge	Towards the end of each month; as advised on email.
Birds, Botany and Bugs 	Mick Jones	Third Friday of the month.
Boccia 	Ann Wightman Jackie Ephgrave	Weekly Thursdays 1.30pm to 3pm in Fairford Community Centre. Winter Group only.
Book Circle 1	Jo Stichbury	Second Tuesday 2pm to 4pm. Meet in members' homes.
Book Circle 2	Jane Pugh	Second Tuesday 2pm to 4pm. Meet in members' homes.
Bridge Improvers 	Margaret Bishop	Mondays 2pm to 4pm (except Bank Holidays and August) - Farmor Room at Fairford Community Centre. Cost £2 per session including refreshments: Anyone who plays bridge and would like to improve is welcome, partners provided.
Computer	Nick Humphris	Weekly on a Tuesday from 10am. Meet in leader's home.
Creative Writing	Jocelyn Wishart	Weekly on a Wednesday 10am to 11.30am on Zoom for 3 weeks then in members' homes once a month. New members welcome.
Cycling 	Pete McHugh	Thursdays. Meeting as pre-arranged. Distance varies from 25 to 40 miles.

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Activity	Leader	Information
Five Rhythms Dance	Jane Davies Meriel McHugh	Third Tuesday of the month, at 10.30am to 11.30am in the Palmer Hall. New members welcome.
French Conversation 1	Sandra Hoaksey	First (or second if its a Bank Holiday) and third Monday from 11am to 12noon in the Barker Room at the Community Centre.
French Conversation 2	Julie Whittering	Weekly on a Monday. 11am to 12noon. Meeting in members' homes.
French Conversation 3	Alison Wilson	Weekly on a Monday. 11am to 12noon. Meeting in members' homes.
Garden Group 	Beth Dennis	Fourth Thursday in the month. Meet in Fairford Car park. Time variable (see notices).
Geology	Clive Watson	First Wednesday from 2.30pm in the Chapel, Milton Street.
Italian	Zehra Ipek Williamson	Weekly on a Monday at 2pm in the leaders home. Will move to the Community Centre if numbers increase. New members welcome.
Italian for Beginners	Bea Bostock	Weekly on Monday at 2.15pm at the leaders house. Currently has free spaces.
Latin 1 & 2	Peter Hewes	First Wednesday or Thursday from 2.30pm in leader's home. Contact the Group leader to discuss which group to attend.
Mah Jong	Paul Saddington	Second and fourth Thursdays from 10am to 12noon in Fairford Community Centre.
Listening to Music	Sylvia Jones	Meets in a member's home on the third Friday of the month at 2pm during winter and at 2.30pm during summer.
Model Club	Graham Hall	Weekly Thursday 10am at Horcott Lake.
Pétanque 1 and 2 	Geoff Dennis	10.00—12.00 Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Cricket Club in Park Street.
PopDance 	Mervyn Cully	Monthly - 2nd Tuesday at 2.30 pm. Party room at the back of Plough PH.
Postcards	Alison Hobson	Third Tuesday at 2.30pm every two months in members' homes.
Recorders	Sue Snell and Peter Stephenson	Second and fourth Friday from 2pm. Fairford Community Centre , Farmor Room.

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Rummikub	Sally White	Held in the Heritage room on the third Thursday in the month from 2pm to 4pm. The cost is £2 per session. We would welcome a few new members no experience necessary.
Scottish Reels	Carol Thompson	Wednesdays 8pm to 10pm in Poulton Village Hall during Winter. The next season begins Sept 17th New members welcome but must contact group leader in advance.
Short Tennis	Mike Middleton	Weekly. Monday from 3pm to 5pm in the Palmer Hall
Solos	Mike Johnson	Meet in Beaumont on the first Monday each month at 2.30pm to discuss activities.
Solos2	Jennie Sanford	Various outings each month i.e. visits, shops, theatre/cinema or places of interest. Monthly Sunday lunch, or just somewhere for coffee, all months variable
Stitching and Knitting	Jan Mills	First Wednesday from 12.45pm to 2.15pm in Fairford Community Centre, Heritage Room.
Straddlers	Pete and Meriel McHugh	Fourth Tuesday. See the Walking Groups page for more information
Striders 	Pete and Meriel McHugh	Third Thursday. See the Walking Groups page for more information
Strollers	Geoff and Beth Dennis	Fourth Friday. See the Walking Groups page for more information
Table Tennis 1 and 2 	Alan Topham	Weekly Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Weekly Friday 10.30am to 11.30am. In Fairford Community Centre. Groups currently full.
Table Tennis 3	Jo Stichbury	Weekly Friday 11.45am to 12.45pm in the Community Centre
Yoga 	Liz Stuart	1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays in Fairford Community Centre. 10.30am to 11.30am.

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