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OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is my final report to you, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members who have joined our u3a since last year. I hope you have found a group that interests you and have been able to join it. If you have any problems reaching a group leader, please contact Jenny Schofield, our Groups Co-ordinator, and she will help. Our membership now stands at just over 1,000 and we have over 75 interest groups with new groups being suggested.

Unfortunately, under our new Constitution - which was adopted at last year's AGM - we have lost valued members of the Committee who had served for their allotted nine years: Val Perrin, who served as our Membership Secretary for a very long time; John Laycock, our former Treasurer; and of course, Bob and Nora Charters. Bob was Chair until 2023, and Nora was Secretary until 2023. Also leaving the Committee during my tenure as Chair were Graham Rain (Webmaster), Chris Mingo-West (Welfare), Sylvia Claridge (Public Relations), and Rosie Evans (Cashier). Bob and Nora are still a presence at practically every Coffee Morning, barring occasional holidays, with Nora organising the rotas for table setup and servers.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the members who have served on the Committee for their hard work and service to the u3a, and to extend a warm welcome to all the new Committee members who have taken up the baton.

Thank you, too, to everyone who has organised day trips and holidays over the years; there are far too many to name, and I would hate to miss out anyone.

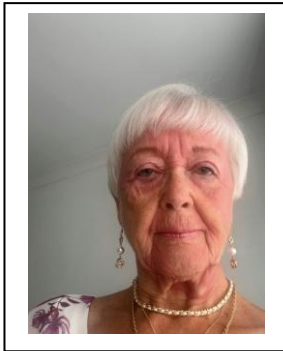
Finally, I mustn't forget all the Group Leaders who work tirelessly, and the volunteers who help at the Coffee Mornings. It doesn't just happen without all your help.

I send a big thank you to everyone for your help in the past and in the future and I wish the new Chair, Maureen, the Committee and all members of Weston-super-Mare u3a all the best in the future.

Regards

Ian Ludbrook

INCOMING CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION



Hi - I am Maureen Chambers, your newly elected CHAIR as from 3rd October 2025.

I would like to thank all our members who attended the recent AGM – despite the terrible weather. There were approximately 140 people there and it is good to report that we currently have over 1,000 members in our local group.

We also have a newly elected Committee for the forthcoming year and hopefully we will continue to encourage and receive new members.

Here are some Future Dates for your Calendar - the first of which is the u3a Annual Christmas Carol Service which will be held on 9th December at All Saints' Church in Weston-super-Mare - starting at 2.00pm.

The last Tuesday Coffee morning of the year will be held on 16th December and these Coffee mornings will resume on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Lastly, a big thank you to Ian who has served the u3a as Chair for 3 years and will be missed.

Maureen

Please submit any typed newsletter items for the next edition
BY FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2026 - (or sooner if possible) to:

newsletter@u3a.weston.org.uk.

PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

AS NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED

REPORT OF THE 2025 Annual General Meeting

The 2025 Annual General Meeting of Weston-super-Mare u3a took place on Friday 3rd October in URC. Despite the dreadful weather approximately 140 members turned up to take part. As one of the largest u3a groups in the country our quorate number at AGM's needs to be 99 people (10% of membership).

In addition to that 60+ people had returned their proxy voting forms - so we were quorate!

The past 12 months has seen many changes. The new Constitution was accepted at the 2024 AGM and this excludes any Officer (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer), who had served for three years in such a position AND also any Committee Member who had been on the committee in any position for nine years - from standing for re-election. This meant that apart from Ian Ludbrook (in his third year as Chairman), every other committee member was new and we were all learning together as the year progressed.

Although it was a new Committee, it was a very friendly and highly supportive committee and all wished to continue on it. Maureen Chambers (last year's Vice-Chair) will now step up as Chair. June Tatch, who became acting secretary when the previous secretary became very ill early in the year, did not wish to continue in that role, although she wished to stay on the committee. A new volunteer for that post is Sue Purkis and she and June will work closely together slowly transferring the secretarial work from one to the other.

Three new people were elected to this Committee and Paul March will also take on the role of Vice Chairman.

Jenny Schofield, our main organiser for trips and holidays spoke about organising the trips. Due to the 9 year rule, she cannot actually be on the committee but still continues in this role. All normal AGM business was conducted, not making the most interesting of meetings, but one which is so important for any organisation.

Trustees/Committee for 2025-2026

Chair: Maureen Chambers, Vice-chair: Paul March,
Acting Secretary: Sue Purkis, Treasurer: Pauline McAllister,
Welfare Officer: Laura Woodard, Membership Secretary: Simon Pratt,
Social Treasurer: Sheena Harris, Lectures Co-ordinator: Shirley Harvey,
EDI: June Tatch, Members without Portfolio: June March and Maureen Tracy.

June Tatch

Membership Subscriptions Update

At our first full Committee meeting following the AGM, we reviewed the cost of Membership Subscriptions. We're pleased to confirm that there will be no increase in membership fees for 2026 for members who receive the Newsletter and AGM papers by email.

Each printed Newsletter costs around £1 to produce, and second-class postage is now 87p. With three Newsletters each year, plus the AGM papers, the cost of printing and postage together accounts for over half of the current £12 annual subscription. In addition, our u3a pays a £4.00 capitation fee per member to the national u3a, and the u3a Matters magazine costs a further £4.00 per year.

We understand that not all members have access to email or the internet, but we also feel it's unfair for members who use email to subsidise those who don't. Currently, only about 70 members out of just over 1,000 do not have an email address. To ensure everyone can take part in the AGM, AGM papers will continue to be posted to all members without email. The Newsletter will also continue to be printed in limited quantities, available for any member - whether or not they use email - to collect at a Coffee Morning.

However, members who choose to receive a printed Newsletter by post will be asked to pay a slightly higher membership rate to cover printing and postage costs. The exact amount is still being decided but will be kept as low as possible.

Details of any changes to the subscription rates will be announced in the Spring edition of the Newsletter.

Simon Pratt,
Membership Secretary

MONTHLY LECTURES - (Shirley Harvey, Lecture Co-ordinator)

Talks are held on the second Friday of each month (except August) in the United Reformed Church Hall in Waterloo Street, W-s-M. Talks start at 2.15pm and the doors open from 1.50pm. Admission is £3.00. Non-members are very welcome.


Recent speakers have included: in July, Neil Smart about Medical Detection dogs - training of special dogs to detect illness in humans. Aug: no lecture
In September, Dr Adrian Webb, historian, gave a lecture on historical Somerset maps which was very interesting, learning about the history of Somerset.

On 10th October, Cllr John Crockford-Hawley gave a talk on Holidays in Weston; he illustrated Weston's history both ancient and modern with humour. This proved to be most entertaining.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES

14th November **Legacy Fortune for Generations**
by Poppy from silvertimelegal.co.uk
securing your assets and protecting your loved ones.

12th December **The Greatest Story ever Told**
by Tim Lewis and Sheila Furneaux
an illustrated musical based on the Nativity as told by St Matthew and St Luke.

This should invoke the Christmas spirit & Mince pies will be served. 

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9th January **Issues of Science & Faith – two alternative truths?'**
by Terry Bailee - more information to follow.

13th February **Around the world in 80 Days**
a geographical musical entertainment
by Tim Lewis and Sheila Furneaux

13th March **'Scams' Scam Awareness Workshop**
by Rao Khan, Managing Director,
Home Instead, W-s-M, Clevedon & Burnham-on-Sea.

Please check the u3a website and monthly Bulletin for updates.
Thank you to all members who help out with setting up and refreshments.

Looking forward to seeing you there. - **Shirley**

U3a Annual Christmas Carol Service

As the new Chair mentioned the Annual Carol Service will take place on **Tuesday, 9th December** at the new venue (from last year) of All Saints' Church on All Saints' Road. – at the corner of Queens Road. For those of you who weren't able to attend last year – it is a really impressive and welcoming church with the added bonus of comfortable seating. There is parking on the roads around the church as well as two or three spaces for cars with mobility badges.

The service will start **at 2.00pm** and afterwards tea, coffee, biscuits, and mulled wine along with mince pies will be served. If you are willing to help with the refreshments, please get in touch with Maureen or Laura. Donations will be split between All Saints' Church and the Weston Hospice and it is hoped that the church will be full. ALL ARE WELCOME

Maureen

In Case of Emergency Details

We have always collected 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) details for members going on trips at the start of the trip and they have been deleted immediately after the trip but now we have the facility to record them for all members within the secure Beacon database. Our Privacy Policy has been amended to reflect this. In future, at the start of a trip you will be asked for your 'In Case of Emergency' details and they will be added to your member record unless you notify the trip organiser that you wish to opt out.

As a u3a member you can access the [Beacon Members Portal](#), where you can view and update your membership record, including 'In Case of Emergency' details.

(The first time that you access the Portal you will need to register for an account. This is a one-off requirement - thereafter signing in to the Members Portal is by entering your email address and a password only. The process is fairly self-explanatory but if you want more guidance follow this [link](#) to read how to register in the Beacon User Guide (*go to section b - Registering to use the Portal*). Click this link [Register for a membership account and password](#) to open the portal registration page.)

Simon Pratt,
Membership Secretary

U3a OPEN DAY

The Annual Open Day was held on Wednesday, 17th September at the United Reformed Church, from 11am until 3pm.

We currently have over 75 active groups and more than 50 of them were represented – thank you to the Group Leader, or their representative. Thank you also to Shirley Harvey who took on the job of advertising the event – not an easy job and always criticised for not enough publicity (although she did put posters up in many, many locations!)

It is always difficult to know how successful these events are – we did enrol some new members, current members came and enjoyed meeting friends, and it is a sociable time for Group Leaders to meet up and chat. However, many people give up several hours to be there and to set up and clear away - we need to plan carefully how to improve for next year. We need to change the timing, running over lunchtime was a mistake, and we do not need 4 hours.

We are always open to suggestions (and help) on how we can make things better. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

Jenny Schofield (Groups Co-ordinator)

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE! TO Mike Barclay



One of our members deserves a round of applause for walking several miles and raising the phenomenal amount of over £1,000 which he is going to donate to Dementia UK.

Mike is a member of our German group and is a person who always thinks about others – giving generously to the Food Bank etc.

CONGRATULATIONS on the completion of a well deserved Challenge!!

u3a DRAMA GROUP'S PRODUCTION

The Drama Group produced their annual production on Saturday 4th October and this year it was entitled 'Dastardly Deeds and Dirty Doings' which was set in Victorian Times and the cast wore appropriate Victorian costumes. It was produced by Patricia Main and was met by thunderous applause by an audience of nearly 100 members.

The Group Leader reports that they all had a great time acting out this performance – particularly as the audience joined in with the fun on stage. To all who attended a big thank you was sent - and the enthusiasm of the audience made our day. We hope to see you all once again at our next production in 2026 – watch this space for the date.

The Drama Group meets every Wednesday morning from January to October at Milton Scout Hut between 10 and 12 noon and would welcome anyone who is interested in either performing or taking a supportive role backstage and no experience is necessary.

Maureen Tracy

The full cast at their Finale



The Chorus – who narrated the Play

TRIP REPORTS

Visit to Usk Open Gardens – Sunday 29th June

The day started a bit dull and damp but everybody was in good spirits and looking forward to the day ahead. We had a very pleasant journey to the town of Usk which is in Monmouthshire. By the time we arrived the sun started to show its face and the temperature kept going up, it was a beautiful day. The Cubs and Scouts were there serving tea, coffee and cakes at the beginning which was rather nice.

The gardens belong to the residents of Usk and each year they open them up for charity and allow people to come and visit. The majority of the gardens are big, but so beautiful in the glorious surroundings of some rather grand homes. What made it so interesting was that the owners of the gardens were on hand to give out useful information of how they grow a lot of the more 'unique' plants.

Too quickly, the day started to come to an end and everybody thought ah! a drink before we go home so a lot of us accidentally met in the pub and slowly made our way back to the coaches, tired and weary, but after having a good day out.

Watch this space for next year, it is already in the diary!

Nora Charters



Beautiful flowers in the Square at Usk



Weston u3a Holiday to Kent

On one of the hottest weeks of the year we set off for Kent and the southeast coast. After a stopover in Newbury - a pleasant surprise with its civic buildings, industrial history and canals, we arrived at our Marriott hotel near Maidstone.

The next day we visited Canterbury, a truly stunning cathedral with what must be one of the tallest naves in the UK. We saw the tombstone of Thomas a Becket as well as viewing details of the restoration work on the stained glass. There is a chapel dedicated to the Royal East Kent Regiment, commonly known as the Buffs (of whom more than 5,000 Buffs died during WW1). At 11.00am we witnessed the daily ceremony of striking the bell and a page being turned in the Book of Life by members of the Buffs regimental association. Later on, we explored the streets and buildings and finished up with a relaxing and amusing canal trip.

Next day we went to Rye with its cobbled lanes, medieval half-timbered buildings, lovely church and its very old castle. It became a Cinque Port in the 14th century. Originally formed for naval defence and trade, the town was granted significant privileges in exchange for providing ships and men to the English Crown.

Day 3 was the Hythe and Dymchurch railway trip to Dungeness. What a surprise it was to find this heritage train comprised one-third full size carriages pulled by an equally small steam train. It was a lovely ride through the countryside and we were able to view the famous nuclear power station. During a short stop we had good views of the power station, the shingle landscape and the old 18th century lighthouse. We also managed to spot the former home of the late filmmaker, Derek Jarman, who created a garden among the shingles using native plants.

On our last day we visited Chartwell, the beautiful home of Winston Churchill, in its stunning setting. The artefacts at the property gave us a rounded view of this complex man who, in addition to his roles in WWII and politics, was both a family man and accomplished artist and writer.

Many thanks to Jenny Schofield for organising this memorable holiday - and I'm looking forward eagerly to next year!

Carolyn Eason

Holiday to Kent – July 2025

Leaving Locking Road car park on the Monday morning, we stopped in Newbury for a few hours, giving us enough time to have a look round and have some lunch. Some of us even dined at a canal side Pub when a barge was sailing past. Once back on board the coach we made our way to Maidstone, Kent, where we stayed in a lovely Marriott hotel in Bearsted, Maidstone. The hotel is a very picturesque country club, with immaculate gardens which some of us had time to explore before dinner.

The next day we were taken to Canterbury, where we had free time to sightsee the city. Some went to the cathedral and others did a river trip.

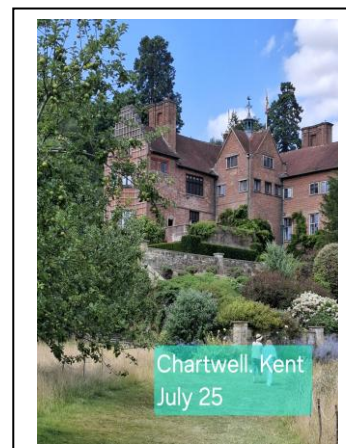
Wednesday, we had a trip on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch railway. This miniature railway is very interesting and although the engine is kept immaculate the comfort of the carriages left something to be desired! Those of us who were seated in the correct position even saw the White Cliffs of Dover.

Thursday, we went to Chartwell, the family home of Winston Churchill, where we visited both the house and the gardens. We visited the studio where a lot of Churchill's paintings were exhibited. Later that afternoon we went to Royal Tunbridge Wells for a brief stop.

On Friday we made our way home, stopping at a garden centre in Hungerford. We had beautiful weather all week, a lovely trip & good company.

Laura

Woodard



Trip to Sidmouth - 3rd August 2025

This is one of our popular annual day trips. After slight confusion in Locking Road Car Park - due to loading of three coaches - one of which belonged to the Weston Ukulele Group! - we set off for the south coast. In total there were almost 150 people heading to the Sidmouth Folk Festival.

The coaches reached the seafront at Sidmouth at about 11am and the Ukulele group immediately set up and started entertaining the crowds, along with numerous teams of Morris Dancers and Clog dancers who were already there. Some of our members enjoyed joining in with both singing and dancing.

Sidmouth has a lovely pebble beach (not as good as our lovely sand) but has the advantage that the sea is never very far away from the sea wall- there were a lot of people enjoying swimming in the sea or just enjoying being in the water.

U3a members spread around the town, meeting up in the main streets (great shopping place), the coffee shops, fish and chip shop, ice cream parlours or just enjoying the free entertainment.

We were due to leave at 5pm, and many of us were back at our meeting point soon after 4pm – we knew the Ukulele group would be there, and some of us were feeling weary (age does catch up on us even if we don't want to admit it!)

What a day, we had enjoyed good company, the weather had been kind to us, and there had been music and folk dancing to entertain us!

If you are interested, put a note in your diary for Sunday August 26th, 2026, same time, same place
It will be advertised about 8 weeks before.

Jenny Schofield



Sidmouth - B --- Yes, it was a lovely day starting on the promenade where the Weston s Mare Ukulele band were playing – they were excellent and lively to listen to. We then saw an enormous show of Morris Dancers with various dancing some of which had jingly bells, sticks and a pounding drum. There was also an exciting display by a Sword Dancer. All of these groups showed their wonderful variety of colourful costumes.

Our day ended listening to the Weston Ukulele band again - where some of our u3a members joined in performing line dances to their tunes – before boarding the coach for home at four pm. The weather was in the main very kind, we ate well, loved the sea and being with friends.

An excellent day - Many thanks. **Beverley**

GROUPS ROUND-UP

Armchair Travel 2

Our group meets on Friday mornings for 80 minutes about twice a month on Zoom. This allows you to be able to enjoy visits to places all over the world from the comfort of your own armchair. If you would like to join us, please contact me.

For anyone unfamiliar with zoom we can arrange to guide you through using it, it is very simple once you have been shown.

Earlier this year we have been focussing our attention closer to home with a visit to the wonderful city of Liverpool before taking a cruise to Iceland and the Faroe Islands. Then on our return we stopped off in the Cotswolds on our way back to WsM. We looked at over 1400 photos and a number of videos shown to really bring these places to life, enabling us to explore their culture and traditions as well as their histories. The scenery and architecture also played a major role as we tried to immerse ourselves in these fascinating places.

More recently we visited The Middle East for a totally different experience seeing the sights of Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar and Bahrain whilst cruising between the destinations.

We will soon be off to Paris to see the sights including Easter ceremonies in The Sacre Coeur and the newly refurbished Notre Dame as well as a tour of the 2025 Hockney Exhibition - you are welcome to join us. 2026 is going to be a very varied year as we are planning to visit Asia, Australia, Scandinavia, Northumberland and Europe from our armchairs.

Chris Gardner (Group Leader)

u3a ECO Group

This group is just completing its fifth year as one of the registered groups in Weston-super-Mare u3a. It holds monthly meetings always on the last Wednesday of each month (except August and December). Our meeting venue is THE OTHER PLACE in Meadow Street, a comfortable and warm meeting room close to the junction with Alfred Street. Tea and Coffee and bikkies are available for each meeting at 2.30pm with the actual meeting commencing at 3.00pm.

The format of a meeting usually means a speaker and/or a film and over the years very many subjects have been covered. The last one in October 2025 was Kelly Bray with a professional presentation from the AVON WILDLIFE TRUST, with particular reference to their latest project at Ebdon Farm.

For our November meeting we have a minibus to take us to the RSPB at Ham Wall, near Glastonbury. There are still some places available on this minibus. Anyone who would like to join us, please contact our Group Leader, Pauline Cook via the group's page on the website.

We will start back in 2026 at The Other Place on 28th January and would welcome you there. - Pauline Cook

Eco Group - Warriors or Worriers?

Walking along the seafront for my first attendance at a meeting of the Eco Group, I was curious to see whether I would be meeting any strident road blocking eco-warriors or just ordinary people worried about the environment.

I was immediately made welcome by smiles from a friendly group of people and an interesting pre-meeting chat with one member. The talk was about fast fashion and the global impact on our environment. It far exceeded my expectations with an interesting and professionally slick PowerPoint presentation by Warren Parker-Mills, who has worked in brand management for some huge names in the fashion industry. It was interesting and amusing, albeit some of the information provided was worrying and provocative. It really made me think about how throw-away our society is.

The speaker talked knowledgeably about the likely technical changes to the industry in the future and provided a positive slant on what we may see happen in the next decade.

It was a really nice way to spend a couple of hours on a midweek afternoon, and I came away really pleased that I had attended. I immediately put the future dates for the group meetings into my diary.

Sue Sumner

Spanish Conversation Group

The Spanish Conversation Group is now well settled with a core of 7 u3a members and 2 ladies, Jan and Caryl, who have lived in Spain and have volunteered to advise us not only on grammar and syntax, but also Spanish culture and general colloquialism of the language.

Initially we were led by Bernada and Alan and we owe them a great debt for getting us started and creating an enthusiasm within us to proceed further as a group. At first, we met fortnightly in the Quaker Meeting House but decided to spread our wings. Now we meet in a pre-defined establishment in the town most Wednesday mornings for an hour or more. As members of the group have other lives, not everyone could make each fortnightly meetings, meaning they would not attend a meeting for 4 weeks or more; so, it was decided to be flexible and offer the opportunity for weekly meetings if enough people are interested.

We have a WhatsApp group by which we can agree dates and content of meetings. In short, the group is developing well, as is our Spanish. Information about the group can be found via the u3a Website.

John Sach

U3a Art Group

The u3a Weston Art Group has about 25 members and meets on Wednesday mornings at Worle Community Centre.

The group is led by Brenda Pope who is a retired art teacher and provides the group members with guidance and inspiration based on her many years experience.

On 1st October the group held a sale of donated art supplies in aid of their chosen charity Macmillan Cancer Support. This charity is particularly close to Brenda as she very recently lost her sister, Sarah Gray, to cancer.

The sale raised the very creditable sum of £170 which will be donated to Macmillan in memory of Sarah.

Nick Deakin

Riviera Travel Affinity Scheme

If you're booking a holiday through Riviera Travel please remember when booking to mention our u3a, so that once the holiday is taken the u3a will receive a donation from the company.

Please Note: The commission payment is not payable on bookings made through a travel agent or a third party booking site.

Weston-super-Mare u3a is not endorsing Riviera Travel as a supplier of holidays.

No Weston-super-Mare u3a committee member / trustee has or will receive any benefit or incentive from Riviera Travel.

Donations from this scheme are paid solely to Weston-super-Mare u3a. They are not payable to the individual who made the booking.

For more details see [Riviera Travel Affinity Scheme](#) on the Riviera Travel website – www.rivieratravel.co.uk/

GROUPS TABLE

Weston u3a Groups – October 2025				
Armchair travel 1	Mon	PM	3rd Monthly	John Montacute
Armchair travel 2	Fri	AM	Various	Chris Gardner
Art Appreciation	Thu	AM	3rd Monthly	Val Marsh
Art group	Wed	AM	Weekly	Brenda Pope Jo Webster
Astronomy	Tue	PM	3rd Monthly	Sean Hopkins
Badminton	Mon	PM	Weekly	Doug Beasley
Bird watching	Mon	All day	Last Monthly	Malcolm Taylor
Bobbin lace	Fri	AM	Weekly	Susan Brooks
Book club 1	Thu	PM	3rd Monthly	Corinne Edbrooke
Book club 2	Wed	AM	1st Monthly	Laura Woodard
Book club 3	Mon	AM	3rd Monthly	Val Perrin
Book club 4	Thu	PM	3rd Monthly	Dot Agassiz
Canasta & card games	Mon	PM	Weekly	Sue Purkis
Card making	Wed	AM	1st & 4th Monthly	Nora Charters
Chess	Wed	AM	1st Monthly	Philip Dinham
Computer Confidence	Tue	AM	Even Weeks	Peter Morgan Jill Tolley
Computer Confidence 2	Wed	AM	Weekly	Gordon Grice
Computers Group 1	Fri	PM	Odd Weeks	Laura Woodard
Contract Bridge	Thu	PM	Weekly	Roger Thompson

Creative writing 1	Wed	PM	2nd Monthly	Marilyn Edbrooke
Cribbage	Wed	PM	Weekly	Maddy Neighbour
Crochet	Tue	PM	2nd & 4th Monthly	Suzanne Evans
Crochet 2	Wed	PM	Odd Weeks	Laura Woodard
Crochet for beginners	Mon	AM	Weekly	Mary Smith
Cycling	Thu	AM	Monthly (various)	Gill Terrell
Discuss & debate	Thu	AM	Weekly	Ken Hill
Drama	Wed	AM	Weekly	Maureen Tracy
Early Evening Dinners	Var	PM	Various	Sandy Flood
Early Evening Eating Out in Weston	Thu	PM	Last Monthly	Barbara Dawson /Maureen Chambers
Earth Science	Wed	AM	1st Monthly	Conrad Collinge
Eco group	Wed	PM	Last Monthly	Pauline Cook
Family history	Fri	PM	1st Monthly	Anne Lockyer
Folk dancing	Tue	PM	2/ 4th Monthly	Ian Ludbrook
French for Absolute Beginners	Mon	PM	Weekly	Sheila Richards
French Improvers	Fri	PM	Weekly	Sue Marshall
French for Beginners	Wed	PM	Weekly	Pauline Pereira
French	Fri	PM	Weekly	Robert Roscoe
German Conversation	Tue	AM	Weekly	Susanne Zemp
History Book Club	Fri	PM	1st Monthly	Cheryl Laycock

History, Social & Economic	Tue	AM	Fortnightly	Keith Bosworth
Knitting	Mon	PM	Weekly	Ros Trump
Latin	Tue	AM	Weekly	Rikk Earthy
Locking Music Group	Tue	PM	Weekly	Rod Holloway
				Heather Bird
Lunch group	Wed		1st Monthly	Gina Gaskill
Mahjong	Tue	PM	1st & 3rd Monthly	Ian Ludbrook
Mindfulness for Beginners	Tue	PM	1st & 3rd Monthly	Corinne Edbrooke
Monthly lecture	Fri	PM	2nd Monthly	Shirley Harvey
Out & About	Sat	All Day	2nd Monthly	Shirley West
Patchwork and Quilting	Wed	AM	Odd Weeks	Olivia Ready
Patchwork and Quilting	Wed	AM	Even Weeks	Diane Whitfield
Philosophy	Wed	AM	Odd Weeks	Paul Martin
Photography (runs Mar to Oct)	Wed	All Day	Last Monthly	Ian Ludbrook
Pickleball	Thu	PM	Weekly	Ray Thomas
Play Reading	Mon	PM	3 rd Monthly	Corinne Edbrooke
Play Reading	Mon	AM	Odd Weeks	Marlene Flint
Poetry Reading	Mon	PM	Even Weeks	Diana Connolly
Poetry Reading 2	Mon	PM	Odd Weeks	Margaret Stagg
Poetry Reading 3	Mon	PM	2 nd monthly	Tessa Bailey
Quizzing	Mon	PM	2nd Monthly	Cheryl Laycock
Railway Modellers	Wed	PM	1st & 3rd Monthly	Paul March

Recorder Group	Mon	AM	Weekly	Louise Harwood
Rummikub	Tue	PM	Odd weeks	Brenda Wall
Rummikub Mead Vale	Tue	PM	Even Weeks	Iris Bailey
Sci Fi Discussion	Fri	AM	Last monthly	Heather Bird
Sequence dancing	Mon	AM	Weekly	David Lloyd
Shakespeareana	Thu	PM	4th Monthly	Sylvia Montacute
Short tennis	Thu	AM	Weekly	David Toomer
Singalong	Fri	PM	1st Monthly	Bill Stagg
Spanish Conversation	Wed	AM	Odd Weeks	John Sach
Sunday lunch 2	Sun		3rd Monthly	Rosemary Evans
Sunday Lunch 3	Sun		4th Monthly	Jenny Schofield
Table Tennis	Mon	AM	Weekly	Peter Sykes
Theatre Visits	Var		Various	Jenny Schofield
Uno for Fun	Wed	AM	Even Weeks	Heather Bird
Walking Group	Wed	AM	Weekly	Howard Blackman
Wine Appreciation	Tue	PM	3rd Monthly	Diana Connolly
Wine Appreciation with Food	Wed	PM	2nd Monthly	Gina Gaskill
Yoga	Fri	AM	Weekly	Conrad Collinge

In the table some groups are shown as meeting on Even or Odd weeks. This refers to the week number in the year.

Most diaries show the numbered weeks of the year but here is a table to help you.

WEEK NUMBER CALENDAR FOR 2026

Week No		From Monday	To Sunday		Week No		From Monday	To Sunday
Week 1	ODD	30/12/24	- 05/01/25		Week 27	ODD	30/06/25	- 06/07/25
Week 2	EVEN	06/01/25	- 12/01/25		Week 28	EVEN	07/07/25	- 13/07/25
Week 3	ODD	13/01/25	- 19/01/25		Week 29	ODD	14/07/25	- 20/07/25
Week 4	EVEN	20/01/25	- 26/01/25		Week 30	EVEN	21/07/25	- 27/07/25
Week 5	ODD	27/01/25	- 02/02/25		Week 31	ODD	28/07/25	- 03/08/25
Week 6	EVEN	03/02/25	- 09/02/25		Week 32	EVEN	04/08/25	- 10/08/25
Week 7	ODD	10/02/25	- 16/02/25		Week 33	ODD	11/08/25	- 17/08/25
Week 8	EVEN	17/02/25	- 23/02/25		Week 34	EVEN	18/08/25	- 24/08/25
Week 9	ODD	24/02/25	- 02/03/25		Week 35	ODD	25/08/25	- 31/08/25
Week 10	EVEN	03/03/25	- 09/03/25		Week 36	EVEN	01/09/25	- 07/09/25
Week 11	ODD	10/03/25	- 16/03/25		Week 37	ODD	08/09/25	- 14/09/25
Week 12	EVEN	17/03/25	- 23/03/25		Week 38	EVEN	15/09/25	- 21/09/25
Week 13	ODD	24/03/25	- 30/03/25		Week 39	ODD	22/09/25	- 28/09/25
Week 14	EVEN	31/03/25	- 06/04/25		Week 40	EVEN	29/09/25	- 05/10/25
Week 15	ODD	07/04/25	- 13/04/25		Week 41	ODD	06/10/25	- 12/10/25
Week 16	EVEN	14/04/25	- 20/04/25		Week 42	EVEN	13/10/25	- 19/10/25
Week 17	ODD	21/04/25	- 27/04/25		Week 43	ODD	20/10/25	- 26/10/25
Week 18	EVEN	28/04/25	- 04/05/25		Week 44	EVEN	27/10/25	- 02/11/25
Week 19	ODD	05/05/25	- 11/05/25		Week 45	ODD	03/11/25	- 09/11/25
Week 20	EVEN	12/05/25	- 18/05/25		Week 46	EVEN	10/11/25	- 16/11/25
Week 21	ODD	19/05/25	- 25/05/25		Week 47	ODD	17/11/25	- 23/11/25
Week 22	EVEN	26/05/25	- 01/06/25		Week 48	EVEN	24/11/25	- 30/11/25
Week 23	ODD	02/06/25	- 08/06/25		Week 49	ODD	01/12/25	- 07/12/25
Week 24	EVEN	09/06/25	- 15/06/25		Week 50	EVEN	08/12/25	- 14/12/25
Week 25	ODD	16/06/25	- 22/06/25		Week 51	ODD	15/12/25	- 21/12/25
Week 26	EVEN	23/06/25	- 29/06/25		Week 52	EVEN	22/12/25	- 28/12/25
					Week 53	ODD	29/12/25	04/01/26