



CHESHUNT u3a

Registered Charity No. 1150779

MEETING THURSDAY 23rd April 2026

Today's speaker will be Tony Tutton on *My Life in Music, Coronation to Coronation*. Tony takes us on a trip from his first performance at age 6 for the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation concert to the King Charles III Coronation.

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Next month's meeting will be on **Thursday 28th May 2026**, when the speaker will be Steve Dimmer on *Only Fools and Horses*. Steve takes us through the meteoric rise of the popular series, including scenes we have not seen, with video and stills.



Challenger Riders at Pole Hill

CHESHUNT u3a MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings will usually be held on the **fourth Thursday** of each month at **1.30pm** at the LAURA TROTT CENTRE, Grundy Park, 44 Windmill Lane, Cheshunt EN8 9AJ.

Please note the doors to the big sports hall for the u3a meeting will not open until 1.30pm for registration and perusing the group tables, books and jigsaw puzzle stalls and refreshments.

New style card   from April 2026.

Please bring your membership card to register at the entrance.
Meeting commences at 2.30pm.

😊 VISITORS

A Temporary Membership Fee of £2.00 is charged to visitors and a dated receipt will be given. This confers all the advantages of Cheshunt u3a membership, including insurance for that month only, during which time a group activity can be joined if there is room, on production of the receipt and payment of any group attendance fee.

Ⓟ PARKING PERMITS - LAURA TROTT LEISURE CENTRE - MONTHLY MEETINGS - 23rd April 2026 - 31st March 2027

Permits for April 2026 to 31st March 2027 are available for collection at various tables at the regular monthly meetings, **excluding the December meeting.**

RAFFLE

Splash your cash on our monthly raffle. You have to be present at the meeting to claim your prize.



REFRESHMENTS TABLE

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available until **2.00pm** during the main monthly meeting.




SAFETY NOTICE

We would remind members to be careful when carrying hot drinks and be aware of those using mobility aids when moving around the hall.

Get Your Groove On!

SUMMER 60s & 70s DANCE



◆ *Live Music* ◆ *Halsey Hall* ◆

18 July ◆ **Doors Open 7:00pm**

◆ **£15 Per Ticket** ◆ **Paying Bar** ◆

TICKET ONLY EVENT

Tickets at May Meeting

Tickets available for purchase at our May Meeting - Cash only

*** Cheshunt u3a AGM this Afternoon ***

Itinerary for today's Meeting

	Opens	Closes
Refreshments Bar	Start of Meeting	2:00pm
Raffle Sales Table	Start of Meeting	2:00pm
Book and Puzzle Stalls	Start of Meeting	2:00pm
All Group Tables	Start of Meeting	2:00pm
Membership: New & Renewal Tables *	Start of Meeting	2:00pm
AGM	* and After Speaker 2:15 pm Promptly	Close -
Raffle	After AGM	-
Guest Speaker	After Raffle	-

* Will resume after the Speaker finishes

See page 20 for the AGM Agenda.

GARDENING GROUP COACH TRIP

The group will be visiting RHS Wisley by coach on **4th June 2026**.

Cost £16 including entry.

There are a few places still available.
Please enquire at the gardening group table today.

GROUP LEADERS

PROGRAMME ENTRIES

May's Programme Copy is required by
Close of Play on **Tuesday 19th May 2026**.

Please email entries to:

cheshuntu3aprogram@hotmail.com

Cheshunt u3a Groups 2026

NOTICE

As some of our groups have limited membership capacity, this is a gentle reminder that if you would like to join a group, please, out of courtesy, contact the group leader first to check availability.

NEW MEMBERS' GROUP

Jan Speller 07856 956945

If you are thinking of joining us, you can meet a welcoming face in the Laura Trott Café from **12.45pm on the fourth Thursday of the month** prior to our main meeting, except the December meeting.

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Our aim is to aid new members to find, through the various special interest groups, fulfilling and enjoyable experiences and also explore how your own life experiences and interests can contribute to the u3a. Please visit us at our table for more information.

? **AFTERNOON QUIZ**

Mary Hanney 01992 426341

Well done to all the 60 members who attended the April Quiz, for a change, it wasn't raining this month. No quiz in May, details of the **June quiz at the May meeting**.

🌸 **ALMOST LOOSE WOMEN**

Carol Farren and Ann Powell

We meet on the second Thursday of each month and discuss all sorts of topics, both serious and light-hearted. With this being a very popular group, we are unable to accept any new members at this time.

🔭 **ASTRONOMY**

Denis O'Shea 07528 278173

If you are interested in astronomy, at basic or advanced levels, come along to our meetings. We will cover the universe, from planets to the stars. The night sky, how to navigate, and show you free software to enhance your interest and knowledge.

There will be a monthly presentation on a particular subject: what is in the night sky for the coming month. Bring your curiosity on the subject with you. We will look at astrophotography. You don't need a telescope; a pair of binoculars will suffice to get a view of

Andromeda, our nearest and merging galaxy neighbour. Do you know which star is Polaris? Find out in the first presentation.

Dates and monthly charges are to be confirmed. Venue will depend on members numbers interested.

 **BACKGAMMON & SCRABBLE** Frank Sluter 07704 730421

Play Scrabble, or come and learn how to play the exciting game of Backgammon. We meet in Tesco's community room at Brookfield on the third Thursday at **10.00am. Next meeting 21st May**

 **BADMINTON/TABLE TENNIS** Stewart Wagstaff 07594 475051

This is a popular group, with limited resources at Goffs Churchgate Academy. We have now reached capacity in the group, so we reluctantly have to say that we are full. We have set up a waiting list, so please get in touch if you wish to be added. If you feel you would like to lead another group, combining both sports or indeed just one, please get in touch; we would be happy and eager to give you every assistance.

 **BASIC FRENCH** Jackie West 07857 693546

The French group is still going very well and everyone seems to enjoy the get togethers. We had another member join us who saw the group meeting advertised on the board outside of the community room in Tesco. She then joined us for a lesson and decided she would become a member of the u3a to continue. We were also able to give Lynne another £50+ for her charity. This was collected from the members, donating £1 for the tea and coffee provided, consumed this term.

We meet in the Tesco community room **every Monday** during term time, from **12.15-1.45pm**.

 **BASIC SPANISH** Paul Lee 07888 748399

This group runs **every other Monday** in the Tesco Community Room, Brookfield Centre.

If there is anyone out there who speaks a good level of Spanish and can assist in taking the group forward, would they kindly make themselves known to the group leader?

 **BIRDWATCHING GROUP** Brian Fitzjohn 07709 455991

The Bird watching group meets on the second Monday of the month, so the next meeting will be on **11th May** at Panshanger Park. We are a relaxed and friendly group, meeting in the morning and

spending a couple of hours visiting hides, and on a gentle stroll, watching birds as we go. Contact is Brian Fitzjohn 07709 455991.



Beligerant Blackheaded Gull / Photo by Phillip Thornton

❖ **BOLIVIA** Sylvia Lyons 07851 055346

Dates for Bolivia: **every Monday at 2.00pm**. New members are always welcome for a light-hearted afternoon of cards. Bolivia is a derivation of Canasta, played with three packs of cards. If anyone would like to play or learn how to play, please come along and enjoy a very sociable afternoon.

St. Clement's Church, Cheshunt Wash, EN8 0LU, opposite Hillview Gardens.

📖 **BOOK CLUB** Fiona Hill 07870 383625

We meet approximately once a month on a **Wednesday at 1.30pm** in the cafe at the Laura Trott Sports Centre. We take it in turns to choose which book to read. We read different types of books. This month, we are reading an autobiography, *The Moon's A Balloon*, by David Niven. We are a friendly group and would welcome new members. For more information, please contact Fiona Hill on 07870 383625.



COACH TRIPS

Heather Douglas 07984 791184

Ilfracombe holiday - please collect luggage labels at the meeting or call me to arrange pick-up.

Clacton trip payment is due at this meeting.



COUNTRY DANCING

Valerie Foster 07704 848363

We are a very friendly and social group who meet twice a month, the **first and third Thursdays, 2.00pm-4.00pm**, at Bollescroft (next to the Spotlight car park.)

No previous experience is necessary and you don't have to worry about a partner as we ensure everyone enjoys the dancing. We have a caller who walks us through the dances before we attempt them to music and continues to call out the movements throughout the whole dance. It's a great way to enjoy some gentle exercise.

The cost is £4 per session, which includes a cold drink. Your first visit is free, so please come along and give us a try.

Our next dates are: **7th and 21st May, 4th and 18th June.**



CURRY CLUB

Mary Hanney 01992 426341

Our next meal Mai Thai Restaurant, High Street, Cheshunt. **Wednesday 20th May, time 7pm.** Please register your interest at my table.



CYCLE GROUP

Stewart Wagstaff 07594 475051

We have 59 members in the group cycling **every Wednesday** and some Mondays. We have six sub-groups meeting at various locations. Most groups aim to stay off-road on decent tracks within the Lea Valley, venturing further afield at times on quiet roads and cycle lanes. All rides end at Cheshunt YHA for coffee and a chat.



EXERCISE GROUP KEEPING FIT

Mary Hanney 01992 426341

Every Thursday at the Laura Trott Leisure Centre. Registration is at **9.30am**. The class will commence at 9.40am, costing £4.00. These sessions are run by fully qualified instructors, whose aim is to make sure we have an enjoyable time whilst trying to stay fit.

EXPLORING LONDON 1

Sheila Barton 01992 636783

Pat Smith 01992 623448

For the month of March, we had a “Loo Tour” with a very enthusiastic and entertaining guide called Rachel, who originally hailed from California.

We started our tour just outside the public conveniences, of course at Water-loo Station, opposite platform 18, where we found our Guide holding her plunger proudly aloft in the air for all to see!

We followed that plunger through the streets of London for the next hour and a half, absorbing all the information thrown at us. For example, did you know that if one went to the toilet at the top of the Shard and the waste pipes went in a straight vertical line, by the time it reached the ground it would feel more like a ton of bricks so, to counteract this we have u bends!

We finished our tour in Covent Garden by the Dutch-owned shop come public convenience “2theloo”, the most expensive in London at a eye-watering £1.50 but if you buy something from the shop after spending your £1.50 you will get a discount!

The weather was glorious and only added to our enjoyment of the day.

Future events

20th May : Guided walk around the Barbican

27th June : Gangster Bus tour

Future events to be arranged

Next meeting is **1st May at 10.15am** in the Parsons Room in Halsey Hall. Just to remind you, try not to be late, as we cannot keep the door open.

EXPLORING LONDON 2

Rosemary Trundell 01992 621155

No trips to report on at the time of going to press.

Our forthcoming trips are as follows:-

Monday 27th April - Tour of Trinity House

Wednesday 20th May - Queen Elizabeth II - Her life in style

We meet on the **third Friday** of the month at the Beaumont Centre. Our next meeting will be on **Friday 15th May at 11.00am**.



Soho Mural / Photo by Brian Peel

At the end of March, the group enjoyed a guided walk around the narrow streets of Soho. The interest was such that two walks were arranged for both the morning and the afternoon. We heard how the area changed from a Royal hunting ground into a fashionable suburb for the aristocracy, then later became home for artists, writers and migrant communities.

Next trips:

Monday 27th April – Ramses and the Pharaohs Gold Exhibition at Battersea Power Station. We have two spare tickets for this trip, costing £21 each. **Please ask at our table at today's meeting.**

Thursday 7th May – Regents Canal Boat – this trip is now full.

Tuesday 16th June – The Wallace Collection – trip to the national museum housing paintings, sculpture, furniture, arms and armour and porcelain. Register interest to the table today.

Our next planning meeting is **Wednesday 6th May at 11.00am**, St. Clements Church Hall, Turnford.

The next planning meeting will be on **Wednesday 20th May 2026**, from **11.00am** at St. Clements Church Hall.

In March we visited the Ramses and the Pharaohs' Gold Exhibition. There is now a purpose-built extension to the Northern

Line, so it was a short stroll from the Battersea Power Station terminus to the NEON Exhibition facility. This is next to the Power Station itself.

The exhibition includes many artefacts on temporary loan from Egypt until the end of this year. It starts with an audio-visual introduction to the extraordinary legacy of Ramses II (Ramses the Great).

Progressing through the exhibition, we saw gold masks, jewellery, and silver coffins from royal tombs at Tanis. We admired colossal statues and sculptures of Ramses II and his queens. For the first time in the UK, it was possible to see the original coffin of the legendary pharaoh.

Among the things that Ramses II is best remembered for are his exploits at the Battle of Kadesh, where he fought the Hittites and narrowly escaped death. There was an interesting visual display of this battle. Also significant is the Egyptian architecture that flourished under his rule. Ramses erected more colossal statues of himself than any other pharaoh.

Ramses reign saw a great number of architectural achievements, and the building and reconstruction of many temples, monuments, and structures. These included the gigantic temples of Abu Simbel, a rock monument to himself and his queen Nefertari and the Ramesseum, his mortuary temple. Both temples featured giant statues of Ramses himself. The exhibition included visuals and models of these.

Finally, we explored animal mummies and sacred amulets that uncover ancient spiritual beliefs and funerary practices. Some members took the opportunity to make their visit even more immersive with the VR experience, bringing Ramses' temples to life, although at £15 extra this was quite expensive.

After the exhibition, many members explored the Power Station with its shops and other attractions or took a ride on the little train around the massive structure with added commentary. Finally, a number of us took the Thames Clipper back to Embankment pier.

Future events:

Wednesday 6th May – Queen Elizabeth II – Her Life in Style and permanent collection at the King's Gallery, Buckingham Palace. Fully booked with reserves only.

Saturday 6th June – Train Daysave excursion from London to Chichester and Littlehampton

Monday 6th July – Tower Bridge Exhibition followed by Afternoon Tea at The Dixon.

Thursday 6th August – Boat trip from Westminster to Hampton Court (single, roughly 3.5 hours) – return by train.

All Group 4 trips involve the cost of train travel into and out of London. Possible bus use, but no coach!

 **EXPLORING LONDON 5** John Durrant 07515 971162

Future visits:

Monday 11th May - Camfield Place

Thursday 4th June - Shuttleworth Collection

Our next planning meeting is on **Tuesday 12th May 2026**, at **10.00am** at the Beaumont Centre.

 **FAMILY HISTORY** Rena King 07870 567684

Our family history group meets once a month and welcomes beginners or experienced family history researchers. Our next group meeting will be on **Monday 18th May** from **2.00pm-4.00pm** at the Tesco Community Room, Brookfield Centre, Cheshunt.

Look forward to seeing you; all you need is a pencil and paper and any family documents you may wish to show us.

 **GARDENING GROUP** Carole Malcolm 07810 571606

The group will be visiting RHS Wisley by coach on **4th June**. Cost £16 including entry. There are a few places still available. Please enquire at the gardening table today.

Our next planning meeting will be on **Friday 8th May at 10.30am** in the community room at Tesco Brookfield Centre, Cheshunt.

 **HOLIDAY with Cheshunt u3a** Mary Hanney 01992 426341

Warners **Monday 27th July 2026**: 5 days and 4 nights at Lakeside, Hayling Island. If anyone is interested, there are still two twin/double rooms available.

Balance of £440 now due, please make cheques payable to Cheshunt u3a.

Potters, Hopton on Sea, Norfolk. All-inclusive **Friday 11th September - Monday 14th September**, £429 per person.

Potters have a number of double rooms available on the above holiday (sorry currently no singles are available). I have investigated the possibility of minibuss/coach hire for this holiday; however, it would increase the cost considerably. On this holiday, the most

cost-effective way to travel would be by car/public transport. If still interested, please see me for details of deposit payments.

Warners Studley Castle Warwickshire.

Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December: 5 days - 4 nights cost £579 per person.

This holiday is in conjunction with the Hertford branch of the National Trust. We have now joined them on several holidays and have always had a splendid break. The cost includes 3 excursions. Cost of entry to *Christmas at Warwick Castle* with the Light Trail is included in the price of the holiday. If interested, please see me at my table for further details.

 **LINE DANCING for beginners** Jenny McKenzie 07948 380543

Meeting **10.00am-12.00 noon Tuesdays weekly** at Cheshunt Sea Cadets Hall, Flamstead End, Albermarle Avenue, Cheshunt EN8 0EY. Tuition for an hour and a half at £7 including refreshments. Parking available.

The group is about learning to dance, making new friends and having fun. It's not too late for you to join the group, as we are all beginners. Please feel free to phone the leader (number above) if you want more information, or just turn up to a class.

 **MODEL-MAKING** Jack Snary 01992 638046

Our group meets on the **first Wednesday** of the month at **2.00pm** in the Crocodile Pub, College Road, Cheshunt EN8 9NQ. Members' interests cover plastic kits, dollshouses, aircraft, trains, boats, wargaming figures, fairground rides and vehicles.

Wednesday 6th May: Getting Started.

Wednesday 3rd June: That finishing touch.

Wednesday 1st July: Born on the 4th July?

 **MORNING WALKS** Rob Scott 01992 445288

First things first - I notice there are two members who have yet to renew their £15.00 annual membership fee; therefore, please pay asap.

Wow, weren't we lucky on our April walk, seeing the herd of roe deer (I think) along the old Roman Road - so close in fact that Panny was almost hit by one. Such a wonderful day as well.

Our next walk will be on **Tuesday 5th May**, starting at **10.00am** from the Five Horseshoes, Little Berkhamsted, Hertford. SG13 8LY. It will be a 5-mile circular ramble, with a coffee stop at Hertfordshire's Stone Circle - how's that for something different?

The pub will open for us at 9.30am so we can pre-order our lunches as usual.

Future Walk:

Tuesday 2nd June - The White Horse, Hertingfordbury and through Panshanger Park.



M.O.T.O.W.N.

Lesley Casson 07749 868305

M.O.T.O.W.N stands for 'Members On Their Own WhatsApp Network' and is open to anyone who is single, widowed or divorced and would like to meet and socialise with people in the same position.

We don't have regular meetings on set days. Instead, all members are able to issue invitations for a social activity, such as coffee, lunch, walks or whatever they like to do, on any day of the week or at the weekend.

All the arrangements are made using our WhatsApp group, so anyone wishing to join needs to be familiar with using this app.

Please send me a message on WhatsApp if you wish to join.



MUSICIANS UNITED

Peter Harris 07941 551102

We meet **weekly on Mondays at 10.00am**. To date we have 7 members: saxophonists, clarinettists, keyboards, bass guitar, rhythm guitar and percussion. Playing mainly jazz. Please come along. The standard varies greatly.

Venue – Currently seeking a new venue; however, if you are interested, please phone Peter.



MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON Bernie Broomhead 07890 124852

Current dates are **Friday, 24th April, 8th and 22nd May at 2.00pm**. Bring along a CD of **your** choice. Anything goes, pop, classical, jazz even Heavy Metal.

Venue - Tesco Community Room, Brookfield Centre, EN8.



OUTINGS BY COACH

Steve Sell 07572 078511

The May programme will include a report on the visit to Waddesdon Manor.

Upcoming trip:

Wednesday 24th June - Visit to Harrow School

Cost includes a guided tour of this historic private boarding school, which was established in 1572 under a royal charter of Queen Elizabeth I. Notable alumni include many prime ministers (Peel, Baldwin & Churchill) and royals.

Cost £40 for the coach, guided tour and Afternoon Tea with finger sandwiches, cake and scones. A couple of places are still available, followed by a reserve list.

Friday 21st August - Coach to Brighton. Cost £24 the coach will park at the seafront near the pier.

 **OUT TO LUNCH GROUP** Mary Hanney 01992 426341

Our next meal will be at Reyna Restaurant, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt. **Tuesday 12th May at 1.00pm**, two courses £13.90. 3 courses £17.50 please see me for menu choices; a £5 deposit is required at the time of booking.

 **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** Stewart Walter 07881 703928

Our next meeting will be in the Community Room at Tesco Brookfield on **Wednesday 13th May at 2.15pm** (note the later time due to a booking overlap). This will be an opportunity to review your photos from the photo shoot in Ware in April, so please bring your photos on a memory stick. Anyone who didn't make it should please bring some images on a stick, preferably with a "spring" theme.

There will also be a discussion on possible future photo outings during summer. If you want to join our friendly group of amateur photographers, please visit our table at the main meeting.

 **PICKLEBALL** Stewart Walter 07881 703928

Pickleball is a fast-growing sport played on a badminton court with a low, tennis-type net and solid bats similar to table tennis and with a plastic tennis-sized ball. It is an active sport requiring reasonable hand-eye coordination but suitable for older players.

We currently run two sessions at the Laura Trott Leisure Centre: **Mondays** from **4.00-6.00pm**. **Wednesdays** from **5.00-7.00pm**. Unfortunately, both sessions are now fully subscribed, but I am starting a waiting list, so if anyone is interested please contact me for more details.

 **PLAY THE HARMONICA** Steve Beach 07504 601942

The *Play the Harmonica* group is thriving, with enthusiastic teaching and committed learners making good progress. Most members can now perform basic techniques, with some playing short, well-known tunes. The group meets every **two weeks on Thursdays**; the next session is at **4.00pm on 23rd April** in the Tesco Community Room, Brookfield Centre. New members are very welcome. Text Steve (mob 07504 601942) for details.



RUMMIKUB

Jenny Christian 07788 676170

Current dates are **Friday 24th April, 8th and 22nd May at 10.00am.** Based at St. Clement's Church, Cheshunt Wash, EN8 0LU, opposite Hillview Gardens.



SAILING

Nick Law 07973 111462

We sail **every Tuesday** at Broxbourne Sailing Club as part of the Hertford and District u3a Sailing Group. The group is currently looking for a few more members. If interested, please contact Nick for further information.



SEW KNIT & CHAT

Marion Castro 01992 626240

We are a friendly bunch who meet at St Clements Church Hall every **first and third Thursday** of the month from **2.00-4.00pm**. Bring along your sewing, knitting, cross-stitching, or crochet. Want to learn a new craft or have a problem with your own work? Come along and someone will be willing to help. Tea and coffee are provided. Our next meeting will be on **21st May 2026**, as the hall is being used for the elections on **7th May**.



SHORT MAT BOWLS

Jo Ware jojocware@outlook.com

However you roll,
However you stroll,
Come along and have some fun,
with a game of Short Mat Bowls.

This is a friendly, social morning. Join us for some relaxed, light exercise and a friendly chat. Beginners welcome (bowls are provided).

Car parking is free for players (car registration upon arrival in reception). **Every Friday: 10.15am-12.30pm** at the Laura Trott leisure centre. Cost: £4.60 per session, or £4.30 with a 'Friend of Spotlight'.



SHORT WALKS

Frank Sluter 07704 730421

We meet on the **fourth Friday** of the month at **10.00am**. For the walk on the **24th April** we are catching the **10:29am** train from Cheshunt station platform 3 to Turkey Street, taking in Middleton House for coffee and refreshments.

The **May** walk will be on the **22nd** (the fourth Friday in May will be the week before the Monthly Meeting) and we will meet at Turnford Brook Lee Valley car park.



SINGING FOR FUN

Janet 07709 980019

Barry 07840 965423

The singing for fun group meets at the Royal British Legion hall in Crossbrooke Street, Cheshunt. We meet on **Mondays** from **2.00-3.30pm**.

We sing all types of songs from the 60s, Country, and music from the shows. Music is streamed from Apple Music and all lyrics are sent to a large screen.

The fee is £3 per session and tea or coffee and biscuits are included in the fee. We are a very friendly group, so come and give us a try, as singing is very good for you. Doesn't matter if you can't sing just come along and listen to the music. We can play any song you want and will try to sing it. It's just a fun afternoon.



SPANISH

Christine Dawson 07958 557448

We usually meet **weekly** on **Wednesday afternoons**. The group has been running for some time now and is not suitable for beginners. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me.



THEATRE GROUP

Jackie Yeardey 07939 149997

Our last trip was to see Sunny Afternoon at Milton Keynes. Many of us visited the all you can-eat buffet, which offers excellent value and a discount for those with a theatre ticket.

The Devil Wears Prada - 13th May Dominion Theatre - London - £58.

The list is currently full, with a short reserve list.

N.B. Pick up is **o/s Papa John's at 11.15am** - this is a change from our normal time. Please make a note of this time.

Teresa Joanne - 22nd July 2026 - London Docks - £64.

This trip is fully subscribed with a reserve list

N.B. - Payment is due at the April Meeting

Faulty Towers Dining Experience - 11th October 2026 - £76

This is Sunday Lunch - 3 course meal served by "Basil & Co". Full details at our table. I have reserved five tables - each table seats 10 people.

Restaurant requires payment by the **May Meeting**. Please come to our table to confirm your place.

N.B. - Once again, if paying by cash, **please put the money in an envelope** with your name, etc. on the envelope. Ours is a very busy table and it takes so much time to sort out random cash payments.

Also, whilst we always try our best to resell tickets where possible - we can no longer accept cancellations with less than 48 hours notice.

 **WALKING FOOTBALL** John Durrant 07515 971162

We play at Broxbourne Sports Club. We meet on **Fridays 1.30-3.00pm**, the cost is £4.00 per head. The rules are simple and the aim is for the games to be both sociable and fun. If interested, please make contact by phone or at the monthly meetings.

 **WALKING NETBALL** Jacky Williams 07956 319073

Come and join Walking Netball **every Wednesday at 2.00pm** (term-time only). We meet at the Laura Trott Centre.

Whether you've never played before or haven't picked up a netball in 50 years, everyone is welcome. No experience or skills needed - just come along for a fun, friendly hour, get moving and make some new friends. Stay for tea and coffee after the game and a chat.

It's a great way to stay active, have a laugh, and become part of a welcoming community. Come and give it a try.

 **WATERCOLOUR GROUP** Jack Snary 01992 638046

This group has joined with Broxbourne u3a. The Broxbourne Art Group meets in the Bollescroft Main Hall from **10.30am-1.00pm, Mondays** (Bollescroft is the building in the car park next to the Spotlight). The cost is £5.00 per meeting, including tea, coffee and biscuits – car parking is free.

Next meetings will be:

27th April 2026 - A form of transport.

11th May 2026 - The May Queen

Note - there is only one meeting in May.

Please contact me for a full list of 2026 dates and subjects.

GROUP SHARING

If interested, please use the contact details:

Discussion	Ann Sims	01992 465629
Embroidery	Margaret Cramphorn	01992 441327
Gardening 1	Geraldine Stone	01992 442609
Shakespeare Group	Lee Rayner	07426 447812
Tai Chi	Ann Glover	01992 466808

Gift Aid

A big thank you to the 100 members who have signed up to Gift Aid their membership payment. This will enable Cheshunt u3a to make a claim to HMRC for £375.00.

Gift Aiding your membership will not cost you anything, but it does enable Cheshunt u3a, as a registered charity, to claim 25p in the £1 on your membership payment. Gift Aid is reclaimed from the tax you pay in the current tax year. You therefore **do need to be a taxpayer** to agree to Gift Aid.

If you are a taxpayer, please agree to Gift Aid your membership payment by completing the Gift Aid Declaration form at the Gift Aid table at the main meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The groups listed below are independent and are not operated under the u3a banner.

Please note, due to space restrictions, further Community News has been held over until further notice.

Cheshunt u3a Annual General Meeting

AGENDA for Thursday 23rd April 2026 At the Laura Trott Centre

NB. The meeting will commence at **2:15pm**.
Please take your seat in plenty of time.

Welcome and apologies
Minutes of the previous AGM (April 2025)

Matters Arising
No matters arising from the last AGM

Chair's annual report
No questions were raised
Proposer and seconder for Chair's report

Treasurer's annual report
No questions were raised
Proposer and seconder for Treasurer's report

Election of Committee members
No nominations were received for volunteers
to replace members of the current committee.

Appointment of Independent Examiner
Christine Folland has offered to stand this year.
Proposer and seconder for the Independent Examiner

Any Other Business

*Our next AGM will be held on Thursday 22nd April 2027.
(Subject to confirmation)*



Kingfisher at Rye Meads



Dabchick and Chicks / Photos by Debbie Horwite, Photographic Group

GENERAL NOTICES



JIGSAW PUZZLES AND BOOKS WANTED

If you wish to donate puzzles to help raise funds, please bring them along to the monthly meeting. However, we are unable to take hardback books and paperbacks need to be in a reasonable condition.



TRUSTY TRADER BOOK

The Book is kept on the Information Table to view and is only available at the Monthly Meetings. The tradespeople listed have done work for members who feel they can recommend them. However, Cheshunt u3a offers no guarantees and suggests you use the lists as guidance only and do your own research. The tradespeople listed are not endorsed by the u3a.

OUR PRIVACY POLICY

Cheshunt u3a requires a certain amount of private information from its members to enable effective operation. Our Privacy Policy can be viewed on our website <https://cheshunt.u3asite.uk>.

Alternatively, you can obtain a printed copy by contacting the Membership Secretary by phone or at a monthly meeting. Members' information held by Cheshunt u3a will not be disclosed to any third party.



CESHUNT u3a WEBSITE

Our website address is <https://cheshunt.u3asite.uk>

On mobiles, **tap** on "**Menu**" to view the pages of the website.

On the **Menu** screen, **tap** on **Groups, Monthly Programme, Monthly Meetings** etc. to view the information on our site.

Find this Programme and forthcoming Events on our Website.

Please send any u3a group/activity photographs or content for the website via the email address cheshuntu3aweb@gmail.com or to the Website Co-ordinator via the 'Contact' page on the Website.

This programme is normally available on the website about three days before the monthly meeting.

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