



REDBOURN

Registered Charity 1156462

Notes and Information from the Chair

March General Meeting

Wednesday 18th March at Redbourn Village Hall

Our talk

It was unfortunate and disappointing that on the morning of our meeting, we were told that Len Little was unable to attend to speak to us about Specialist Search Dogs, due to illness. On hearing this news, Maggie knew just where to find a substitute at short notice and turned to husband Trev who 'volunteered' to adapt one of his history group talks that he had prepared earlier! So, we were thoroughly entertained by his account of the history of fireworks, with particular reference to Brocks, whose factory was based in Woodhall Farm, Hemel Hempstead until the early 1970's. We are indebted to Trev for his kindness in filling the void at a moment's notice.

We hope to re-schedule Len's talk as soon as we can.

Membership Renewal

We are very pleased that around 300 members promptly paid their £10 subs within 18 days of asking! Well, who can resist a bargain?!! Don't worry if you are still to pay, but if you can do so in the next fortnight that would be much appreciated.

You may renew via BACS direct to our bank account, '**Redbourn u3a**', sort code **20-53-33**, account no. **33292940**, citing your membership number, plus surname & initial. This is our preferred method as it will save a great deal of volunteer time and we recommend it to you.

You may also renew by sending a cheque payable to '**Redbourn u3a**' to:- Austin Prall, Redbourn u3a, 13 Meadow View, Redbourn, Herts, AL3 7QQ. Please cite your membership number.

Theatre and Social events

Annette is busy preparing social events throughout 2026. See 2026 Diary dates below. So, lots of entertainment for you to look out for and enjoy!

Please contact Annette via annette.cotter@icloud.com with your suggestions on what events you might like her to consider.

Link to Redbourn Common Round

Members, whether living in the village or elsewhere, might like to know that this local monthly publication provides a useful reference for most events taking place in

Redbourn throughout the year. Just click on the link below and enter your email address – and that's it! Nothing to pay unless you chose to make a small donation or request delivery of a hard copy.

<https://redbourncommonround.org/>

Interest Groups – Currently we have 52 groups, with quite a few more in the pipeline, so there is lots of choice. Most groups are able to welcome new members, but if you wish to join a group that is advertised as being currently full, please contact the group leader direct, or our groups coordinator, Val Brown, via vabrown50@gmail.com or 01582 793174

Diary Dates for 2026

21st April – Hampton Court Tulip Festival (sold out)

21st May – 'To Kill a Mockingbird' MK Theatre (sold out)

1st July – Coach outing to Sandringham, House and Garden (50 tickets went on sale Monday and most were snapped up in 48 hours! So, there may still be a few left to be bagged if you hurry) Please contact Annette via annette.cotter@icloud.com

12th September – Coach outing to Duxford 'Battle of Britain Weekend'

(50 tickets to be published mid to late June)

5th November – 'Sinatra the Musical' (35 tickets published late August)

26th November or 3rd December – Coach outing to Canterbury Christmas Market (50 tickets published early September)

24th October – The BIG Quiz

Wed 20th May

Gareth Williams & The Body in the Bag - Paul Barwick

Gareth Williams, an MI6 spy, was found naked, locked inside a sports bag in his bath. Paul will be tracing Gareth's life and introduce us to the murky world of espionage and confront the various possibilities as to his demise.

Finally – if you have any issues or are unsure who to contact, please reach out to me.

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