



REDBOURN

Registered Charity 1156462

Notes and Information from the Chair

April General Meeting

Wednesday 15th April at Redbourn Village Hall

Our talk was titled – 'History of Great British Public Parks' - Paul Rabitts

Paul is Chairman of the Parks Management Association and has long had a passion for all things park related . . . the history and evolution of parks, bandstands, the need for public parks and their Victorian heyday. His talk shared his park passions with us and, I am given to understand, he presented very well as one of our best speakers.

Membership Renewal

Around 11 members have still to renew or let us know if it is their intention to 'retire'. So, unless you have recently received a reminder, then don't worry, you have already renewed for another year, thank you, and we don't want you to pay again!

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.

A plea for new Committee Members.

Every organisation needs frequent change of Committee Members bringing new ideas and momentum. Three of our members are overdue for replacement; Secretary, Anne 13 years; Groups Coordinator, Val B 5 years; Chair, 4 years. Any member is eligible to

apply, so, if you are interested in any of these roles, please have a word with me or any Committee Member. Change would take effect from August (AGM) but candidates are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings to see how it all works. We are a friendly bunch and easy to work with, so come and give it a try!.

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.



Staying connected with *u3a Friends*

The *u3a Friends* newsletter brings the best of u3a straight to your inbox –

make sure you are not missing out! Each edition features exclusive member stories, national u3a events, new learning opportunities and the latest news

from across the movement. By signing up, you will be the first to hear about upcoming events, like the *u3a Festival*, and ways to get creative with our national competitions. Members of Redbourn u3a are encouraged to sign up

via the [u3a website](#).

Interest Groups – Currently we have over 50 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 (just one ticket left at £69.50) at time of going to press! 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)

24th October – The BIG Quiz

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)

Diary Dates for 2027

14th January – Matthew Bourne's 'Cinderella', Sadlers Wells matinee – (30 tickets published early October)

Wed 20th May – our next talk will be

Gareth Williams & The Body in the Bag - Paul Barwick

Gareth Williams, an MI6 spy, was found naked, locked inside a sports bag in a 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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