



Before the year starts we decide on a central theme and each member selects a topic of interest to themselves – and (we hope!) of interest to the rest of the group. A paper on that topic is then presented on an arranged date and a general discussion follows. The overall theme for 2017 will be ‘The Involvement of Oxford in British Historical Events’ with topics ranging from ‘Oxford in the Anglo-Danish Wars’ through to ‘The Oxford Group (Moral Rearmament)’.

## **LATIN**

**Rosemary Burton**

Details: Time – 2.15–4pm on alternate Wednesdays.

This is a group for people who have done some Latin in the past, at school or elsewhere, and would like to refresh their knowledge. We are using Jones and Sidwell’s ‘Reading Latin’, which is designed for adult beginners and aims to get you reading real Latin authors as early as possible.

## **LITERATURE**

**Irene Lusted**

Details: Time – 10–12am, second Friday of the month.

Discussion of novels, poetry, and plays – usually a common theme for each term. Currently we are reading Nordic/Scandinavian books but will soon be deciding our theme from September onwards.

## **LUNCH CLUB**

**Yos Godsave / Cecilia Young**

Details: – Lunch is on the third Tuesday of the month, at a different restaurant.

The Lunch Club provides an opportunity for members to make new friends and get to know other members in a friendly and relaxed environment. All Oxford U3A members are welcome. Details of where and who to contact are available in the monthly emailed update and the newsletter.

## **OPERA**

**Helen May**

Details: Time – 2pm, monthly on Tuesdays at the home of Helen May.

Music by video, DVD or CDs followed by a general discussion.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

**Barbara Topley**

Details: Time – 10am, first Wednesday of each month.

Short presentation by one of the group on a topic in philosophy, decided upon in advance, followed by general discussion in the group led by the chair.

## **POETRY READING**

**Ann Edmunds**

Details: Time – 2pm, at members' houses in turn on the third Tuesday of the month, except July, August and December.

Each member reads own choice of poem on a theme or from a poet chosen in turn.

### **READING FOR PLEASURE      Elizabeth Bremner**

Details: Time – 2.15pm, fourth Tuesday of the month at a member's house.

Discussion on the book of the month chosen by members in turn. No meetings in July, August and December.

### **SPANISH CONVERSATION      Elizabeth Bremner**

Details: Time – 10am, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Three members act as hosts in turn.

The aim of the group, which consists of people with experience in Spanish, is to learn to speak and write the language with particular emphasis on good grammar.

### **SUNDAY CLUB      Margaret Lipscomb**

Details: Meeting on the second Sunday of the month – time and place to be arranged in advance.

An informal group meeting once a month (usually from mid-day or 2pm onwards) for various outings and activities in company with other members to share conversation and companionship. Excursions include visiting gardens, galleries or museums, taking a river trip, attending music recitals, going for a stroll, having lunch or tea together, going to the theatre or cinema, etc., depending on the time of year and opportunities available. New members and ideas for activities always welcome.

### **WALKING FOR PLEASURE      Jean Robert / Wendy Thomas**

We aim to walk fairly regularly throughout the year, thus providing an opportunity for like-minded people to keep in touch and, perhaps, polish their map-reading skills! Most of our walks are in areas around Oxford itself or start in nearby towns and villages which are readily reached by public transport. If there is sufficient interest and some walkers with cars, we shall envisage exploring a few of those places not too far afield which are not easily reached by public transport but which offer fine walking opportunities. You don't need to be a seasoned walker, just somebody with a pair of stout shoes who likes the open air and is able to walk up to about four miles at a leisurely pace. We risk being labelled as fine-weather walkers as we will postpone a walk if the weather is awful.

Maybe you have a favourite walk you would like to share with us (we certainly will need more leaders if we are to continue long-term) or maybe there is somewhere you would like us to take you on a walk e.g. somewhere noted for particular flowers or birds or butterflies: you will find us very willing to listen to your ideas. New members always welcome.

**If you are interested in joining one of these groups, or you have an idea for a new group and would like to set one up, please contact the SIGs Coordinator, Margaret Lipscomb: [sigscordinator@u3aoxford.org.uk](mailto:sigscordinator@u3aoxford.org.uk)**