

April 2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE. Due to the resignation of both our Honorary Treasurer and our Bookkeeper we are in Urgent need of someone to step forward as Treasurer. Please contact Roy Scott or any committee member.

Our next main meeting is on April 16th when Steve Bird will give us an insight into industrial relations at Ford motor company in the 1970s and 80s

Important notice regarding personal email and fraud.. Several people in our u3a have been affected recently. The scammers often mention health issues or Amazon. **BE CAREFUL.**

Holidays.

Hidden Gems in the Heart of Wales. This is a 5 day: 4 night holiday from the **4th to the 8th October 2026.** Please note this is a change of date as Greatdays could not accommodate us on the original dates. We shall be staying at The Metropole Hotel in the spa town of Llandrindod Wells and includes ; a Brecon canal cruise, entrance to Brecon Cathedral , a return journey on the Aberystwyth Cliff Railway and much more. See our Website for full details . The cost will be around £760. Eve Dawe at **events@leatherheadu3a.org.uk** will be the contact for this holiday. Sign-up sheets for members who are interested will be out at the monthly meetings.

Social and events committee.

Please note that all enquiries regarding holidays and outings should be addressed to Events Co-ordinator at **events@leatherheadu3a.org.uk**

Groups.

Group Leaders are reminded that they may send group information for publication in the Bulletin anytime. Going anywhere special? Send photos to David Balaam. Craft group...what are you making next month? Book group...what are you reading at the moment...would you recommend it? Sunday lunch group...any recommendations?

If you would like any information about a group, such as spaces available, there is always a sign sheet at the meetings and you will be put in touch with the leader. Alternatively all group details are on our web site www.leatherheadu3a.org.uk or contact Muriel Roberts our groups co-ordinator. We would also welcome any information of past or future events that can be put on the **NOTICE BOARDS.**

Group Leaders Forum. Please the date 8th May 9.15am to 11.15 am at the Fairfield Centre as before. Muriel will be sending out full details asap

Payments to the Leatherhead u3a by BACS

Membership fees only.

Number 1 Account, Name- Leatherhead & District u3a. **Account 26094398 – Sort Code 60-12-36**

Holidays and Outings.

Number 2 Account. Name Leatherhead & District u3a. **Account 33044155- Sort Code 60-12-36.** Always put your name and holiday/outing reference.

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Forthcoming events

Day coach trip to Southend on sea. I have booked a coach for 24th June 2026 to visit the delights of Southend on sea, walk/ride the one mile long pier, enjoy the many other attractions. A day **NOT** to miss. Sign-up sheets are already out so make sure you get your name down, or visit the Events page on the website and pay by Card. I will get some local information to give you a taste on the town nearer the date. Cost for coach only is £20.00 incl. gratuities.

Christmas theatre outing. Roy Scott is organising a coach outing in December to a local theatre. Details to follow.

Other important matters

You are reminded that **guests** can join us at our monthly meetings for **one** visit only, after which they are very welcome to become full members.

Leatherhead u3a Committee

Membership reminder. Your membership fee of £17.00 is due on the 1st April. You would have received an email in early March with renewal instructions and we would appreciate punctual payment.

Web site photos. In order to improve and make the best use of our website we would ask all group leaders to submit photos of any events they have been on, to David Balaam, webmaster on webmaster@leatherheadu3a.org.uk

Facebook - Leatherhead u3a now has its own Facebook page it is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leatherheadu3a>

We welcome comments and photographs from all members.

NOTE. If you **do not** wish to have your photo on either the website or Facebook please let David Balaam or any committee member know.

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Study Days. These are held at the Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon from 10am to 4pm. Registration is 9.30am. Contact Denise Dobbs, Booking Secretary at <https://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/events>.

or Lesley Pearce vicechairman@leatherheadu3a.org.uk The next three months lectures are:

Friday 17th April. Currents threats to UK, Nato and European security

Friday 15th May. Truth, Lies, Risk and Reasoning

Friday 19th June. 300 years of English Theatre

Leatherhead Museum. As part of our cooperation with other Leatherhead groups/activities I have been approached by the management of the museum to ask all our members whether they would be willing spend three hours a month as a steward at the museum. There are currently four time slots ; **namely 1pm to 4pm on a Thursday and**

Friday ;10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm on a Saturday. I personally did this stewarding for a number of years and found it very rewarding. The stewards work in pairs so maybe you could persuade a friend to join as well. If you would like more information please contact me.

Leatherhead and District Lions Club, Donkey Derby and Dog show 25th May 2026. We have been asked again this year to have a stall at the Leatherhead Lions show. As we did last year we shall be running a **BOTTLE TOMBOLA** , which proved very successful and raised much needed extra funds for our u3a. Please keep the date free. I shall be asking for volunteers, nearer the time to help run the stall by giving an hour of your time and the sell tickets.

Please bring your bottles for the Tombola to the April and May meetings

The National u3a have partnered with **utc.travel** a members only club that unlocks trade only prices. It is £29 a year p.p and details can be found on www.membership.utc/membership-terms-conditions.

Lost Property. A large white mug with “Mrs to have and to hold etc.....” written on the outside was left in Fetcham Village at the last meeting.

Any claimants please contact me on speakers@leatherheadu3a.org.uk

Monthly Word Teaser. Over the next few months I shall be asking what certain words could mean. For instance “An ELY is the tiniest inkling that something, somewhere has gone terribly wrong”.. The answer to last month’s word teaser **Pingandy** was “An extremely neat old person . This month word is **PLEVEN**. No prizes; answers to me . “Correct” answer next month. Maybe these teasers are too hard for you as I have had very few answers and no correct ones!!

David Wall 29.03..26

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