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Here is our new Home Page

www.stalbansu3a.org.uk

Without logging in you can find out information about our organisation and activities.

Just click on one of the menu items at the top



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LOGIN

You will be able explore the site by clicking on the appropriate tabs but you need to login to use all the features. To login for the first time you will need to set a password so follow these steps:

- enter your **User Name** in the first space below - this is your first name (as registered in our database) followed by your membership number e.g. Bertie3165
- click on 'Forgot Password' at the bottom of the screen
- After clicking 'Forgot Password', and then 'Reset Password' you will shortly receive an email at the address we hold for you with a once only link to set or reset your password.
- Click on the link in the email and follow the instructions.

Passwords need to have at least 8 characters including at least one uppercase letter, one number and one special character: ! % # @ etc. (e.g. Peston8!).

Once you have set your password you will be able to log in using just your User Name and password. When you have logged in successfully you will be able to view all the website and send messages to Group and Event Organisers.

If you have a problem with the process please contact the [Membership Secretary](#)

[Forgot Password](#)

But to gain full advantage of using the site you should login.

To Login follow the instructions on Login Page.

Once you have Logged in once you should be able to save the password you created. So you only need to do this once.



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Let's look at what is happening in Groups and maybe find some with vacancies



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Information about Groups that are in the process of forming and Groups that are actively seeking new members can be found on the [Groups News](#) page.

Group Details

Summary By Category

Summary By Day

Groups With Vacancies

GROUP NAME	WEEK IN MONTH	DAY	TIME	VACANCIES
Antiques and Collectables	First	Friday	PM	
Architecture 1	Various	Various	AM	
Architecture 2	Various	Various	AM	
Architecture 3	Various	Various	AM	
Art Appreciation 1	Last	Friday	AM	
Art Appreciation 2	Various	Various	AM	
Art Appreciation 3	Third	Thursday	AM	
Art Appreciation 4	Various	Various	AM	
Badminton 1	Weekly	Monday	AM	
Badminton 2	Weekly	Thursday	AM	
Badminton 3	Weekly	Wednesday	AM	

By clicking on Groups and then on Groups List a list of all groups appears.

The “tabs” allow you to look by Category or Day of the week.

To look at all vacancies click on “Groups with Vacancies” tab.



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Badminton 3	Weekly	Wednesday	AM	
Bowls (Apr-Sept)	Weekly	Tuesday	PM	
Bridge 1	Weekly	Monday	AM	
Bridge for Intermediate Players	Weekly	Wednesday	PM	
Bridge Improvers	Weekly	Thursday	PM	
Bus Pass	Various	Various	AM	
Creative Writing 2	First - Fourth	Wednesday	AM	

This now shows only Groups with vacancies.

I am interested in Badminton and I am free on Wednesdays so I would like some more information.

I click on Badminton 3



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Badminton 3



Time	- 10:00
Week	- Weekly
Day	- Wednesday
Group Organiser(s)	- Mary Pilbery
Venue	- Herts University Sports Village
Vacancies	- 5

New members of all abilities very welcome.

Cost - between £2.50 and £3 for a 2 hour session depending on numbers.

I can now see the time, the venue and who the leader is and also some more information.

Clicking on this icon sends an automated email to the group leader requesting to join the group

Alternately clicking on the envelope icon allows you to send an email instead.



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Garden Visits 1



Time	- Various
Week	- Various
Day	- Various
Venue	- Outings
Vacancies	- Waiting List

We are an enthusiastic group who share an interest in visiting beautiful and interesting gardens (and if they are attached to an equally interesting building, so much the better). We meet at least once a month, varying the day to allow as many people as possible to join in at least some of the visits. Members of the group take it in turns to organise visits and we try to keep these within a reasonable driving distance i.e. a journey that would take under an hour and a half. In most instances we arrange to car share, but occasionally we have booked a coach. Lunch in the middle of a visit and tea and cakes before we leave for home is the norm.

As well as visiting various gardens throughout the year, we arrange some indoor activities in the winter months, e.g. a demonstration of Christmas decorations followed by a 'bring and share' lunch, a quiz, a slide show, Christmas Lunch, etc.

Programme for 2018

Sat Feb 24 12noon - 5pm	Snowdrop Festival, Waterend House, Waterend Lane Wheathampstead
Thurs Mar 22	Walkern Hall

Here are some examples of other Groups Pages.

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French for Fluent Speakers



Time	- 19:30
Week	- Second + Fourth
Day	- Thursday
Venue	- Members' Homes
Vacancies	- Waiting List

Our group was formed in April 2013. Members have a range of abilities: we are 'competent' French speakers rather than fully 'fluent'. More or less the whole of each evening is conducted in French, but there is no formal learning or teaching: only what we pick up from each other's knowledge (and mistakes!).

We normally start with a general chat about what we've been doing before moving on to more or less serious stuff. Wine (not necessarily French) is consumed - it helps to lubricate our tongues - and cheese (again not necessarily French) is often served. And we've had the occasional meal either in a restaurant or prepared by the evening's host.

Our sessions have included discussion of French news items, French film, talks around different themes that each of us has prepared (French music and singers, the history and gastronomy of Bordeaux, St Albans' twin town Nevers, French Artist Georges Braque, French Nobel laureates...), games ('Countdown', 'Tabou', 'Twenty Questions', 'Room 101'...), quizzes (French cuisine, customs, symbols, slang, texting...) and more.



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Bowls (Apr-Sept)



Time	- 14:00
Week	- Weekly
Day	- Tuesday
Group Organiser(s)	- Mary Barnard
Venue	- Harperbury Bowls Club
Vacancies	- 5

If you are interested in Lawn Bowls, Harperbury Bowls Club (HBC) offers its facilities free of charge for the first year to U3A members. Beginners are most welcome, as are experienced players. The following are available:

- Bowls (Woods) of various sizes and weights
- Equipment to enable you to play bowls
- Six Rink Green (the most valuable asset of the Club)
- Free coaching by experts in a friendly atmosphere
- Clubhouse – changing rooms, refreshments and bar

Initially, new U3A members need only come with footwear which has smooth flat soles and comfortable clothing.

The Club is located at Kingsley Green, Harper Lane, between London Colney and Radlett (in the grounds of the former Harperbury hospital). HBC's grounds are well maintained and in a very attractive setting. The atmosphere is welcoming and sociable; a pleasant way to spend time outdoors.

The first opportunity for new bowlers to have a go will be the Open Day/Bowls for Fun day in May - date TBA. The day is open to anyone and gives people the chance to come along at any time during the day and try it out. Tea and biscuits provided!

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Talk: Alan Goldsmith. Rock & Roll Produce	17 Apr 2018	14:00	2 hours	Highfield	Meetings/Talks
Quaker history walk in the City of London	18 Apr 2018	10:00	All day	London	Other Events
Leigh-on-Sea. Now fully booked	19 Apr 2018	09:00	All day	See Event	Outings
2018 SuStAinable StAlbans Week	21 Apr 2018	09:00	9 days	See Event	Other Events

This is the full events calendar



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OUTINGS

The Trips Committee is developing a varied programme of trips, outings, visits and social events. A list of **all outings** is shown below. Firm bookings are being taken for some while others are still in the planning stage. If you are logged in you can see more information and contact the Organiser by simply clicking on the item that interests you.

Payment Arrangements

Payments for Trips and Outings **must be by cheque** payable to "St Albans U3A" with the event name on the back.

Cancellation

If you put your names(s) down for any of these events, this will be taken as a **firm booking**. **If you cancel and your ticket(s) cannot be resold, you will be responsible for all payments.** If the event does not take place you will not be charged.

Dealing with "free places"

Some destinations offer free places to groups. Where offered, they will not be taken up by any individual but be used to reduce the cost to members.

Trips Disclaimer

Please note that each member is personally responsible for deciding if they are fit enough to undertake any activity or trip. Please contact the trip organiser if you want further information about any particular trip to enable you to decide.

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	DURATION	LOCATION	CATEGORY
Leigh-on-Sea. <i>Now fully booked</i>	19 Apr 2018	09:00	All day	See Event	Outings
Stamford and Burghley House <i>Now Fully Booked</i>	08 May 2018	00:00	All day	See Event	Outings
Ramster Gardens	24 May 2018	00:00	All day	See Event	Outings
Nayland Open Gardens, Suffolk. <i>Now Fully Booked</i>	10 Jun 2018	09:00	All day	See Event	Outings
'Jazz on the lawn' at Denbies	17 Jun 2018	00:00	All day	See Event	Outings



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HOLIDAYS

The Trips Committee is developing a varied programme of holidays and short breaks. A list of all holidays is shown below. Firm bookings are being taken for some while others are still in the planning stage. If you are logged in you can see more information and contact the Organiser by simply clicking on the item that interests you.

Dealing with "free places"

Some holiday companies offer free places to holiday Organisers. Where offered, they will not be taken up by any individual but be used to reduce the cost to members.

Payment Arrangements

In order for members to benefit from ATOL / ABTA protection, payment for a holiday or short break should be made direct to the relevant Travel Agent and not to the Trip Organiser or St Albans U3A.

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EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	DURATION	LOCATION	CATEGORY
Activity, Art & Craft and Spa & Beauty break	18 Jun 2018	00:00	5 days	See Event	Holidays
Edinburgh	09 Aug 2018	00:00	4 nights	See Event	Holidays
A Highland Safari. Now fully booked	10 Sep 2018	07:40	7 days	See Event	Holidays
Villas and Gardens of the French Riviera. Book by 22nd March !!	18 Sep 2018	07:00	6 nights	See Event	Holidays

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MEETINGS AND TALKS

We usually meet twice a month except during Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. Meeting dates are shown in the list of events below. If you are logged in you can see more information by simply clicking on the item that interests you

Venues

Tuesday meetings are held at Highfield (YMCA) Sports Centre, Russett Drive, off Hill End Lane, St Albans, AL4 0DB. Turn off Hill End Lane into Russett Drive at the Spar Shop. Bus S1 from and back to town every 40 minutes with a 2-hour break between 11.10 and 13.10. There is car parking at the Sports Centre.

Wednesday meetings are held at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Marlborough Rd, St Albans AL1 3XQ. This [Bus Routes](#) web page allows you to find routes and timetables for buses that stop in St Peter's Street and Victoria Street. There is car parking at the Maltings Public Car Park, adjacent to the church.

At both venues, meetings open for registration at 2:00 pm (in the room adjoining the main hall at Highfield, in the church hall to the right-hand side of the lobby at Marlborough Road). The meetings start at 2:30pm when we sit down for announcements followed by a talk of about 45 minutes by a Guest Speaker. At Marlborough Road, tea and coffee are served in the church hall after the talk. If you could help, please contact [Jean Embleton](#) who organises the refreshments rota.

At each venue, in the registration area, there are stalls with information about Groups, Trips, Events and U3A notices as well as a free Bookstall. At Marlborough Rd the church has a T-Loop system for those who use hearing aids.

Talks

Talks are organised by the [Speaker Secretary](#) who would welcome suggestions for future speakers - including U3A members who would be interested in giving a talk on their 'specialist subject'. Please give feedback after each talk by placing a token in one of the 'ballot' boxes and writing your thoughts in the comments book provided at each meeting - this is important for compiling a list of recommended speakers for the Herts Network of U3As.

Membership Cards

Please remember to bring your membership card with you to the meetings as it saves time at registration. Also, please fill in the reverse with your Emergency Contact and Medical/Allergy details as these could prove useful to a paramedic called to an accident or a person taken ill. For the same reasons, please carry your card when attending every U3A activity

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Spring Exhibition -Cancelled	02 May 2018	14:00	2 hours	Marlborough Rd	Meetings/Talks

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Talk: Alan Goldsmith. Rock & Roll Produce

Event Details

Date: 17 Apr 2018

Duration: 2 hours

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Highfield


Alan Goldsmith. Rock & Roll Producer and Promoter for fifty years and the creator and owner of Mountfitchet Castle and Norman Village of 1066. He is also the owner of the world's largest toy museum: The House on the Hill and a regular contributor on BBC radio and television.

Here is information on today's
Meeting

And there is more

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Initials:

First Name: Test

Last Name: User

Gender: Male Female

Membership

Member No: 9093

User Name: Test9093

Partner:

Information By: Email PostCommunications: Email PostU3a Life: Email Post

Membership Level: Single Membership

Other U3A:

Join Date: 15 Apr 2018

Renewal Date: 01 Aug 2019

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Address 2:

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Postcode: AL4 0TN

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Title: Mr

Initials:

First Name: Test

Last Name: User

Gender: Male Female

Membership

Member No: 9093

User Name: Test9093

Partner:

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Membership Level: Single Membership

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Join Date: 15 Apr 2018


Renewal Date: 01 Aug 2019

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