

Monthly Meeting Presentation

Our speaker in September was Philip Caine, a very experienced public speaker, with over 700 previous speaking engagements. Philip spoke with humour about his experiences across a varied career from 1966, when he left school with few qualifications, to 2015 when he formally retired.

Philip's professional career ranged from chef/catering, hotel management, oil drilling and oil services which saw him working in Cumbria, Yorkshire, Cheshire, London, Paris, North Sea, Algeria, Kazakhstan, Russia, Baghdad, and Dubai.

Philip spoke with fondness of his almost 30 years working in the catering and hospitality world, mainly away from home, but occasionally supported by the presence of his wife Sandra. He left this world as a member of BP's Management Team.

Following this, Philip developed a career in oil management services with contracts taking him to Africa and the Middle East, where he had dealings with the KGB, and inadvertently becoming the manager of a nightclub.

In 2015 he retired and being unable to just relax he embarked on a Creative Writing Course, which resulted in him becoming a published author. He has written 7 fictional adventures and 2 crime thrillers.

Members listened with interest and enjoyed Philip's amusing anecdotes.

Next Meeting

Come and join us at the next meeting on 15 October 2025 at 2pm in Owley Wood Recreation Club, Weaverham, when we will be entertained by Rob Mason a northern folk singer/songwriter.

U3a Network Link: Autumn Event.

The Network Link Team invite you to The Network Link Autumn event, to be held via Zoom, on Thursday, October 9th, 2025, 10.00am to 12.30pm.

Sessions include:-

- Liz Drury on progress towards the 500K resolution adopted at the 2023 AGM
- Allan Walmsley on how the work on updating the u3a Movement's "Strategy" and how the new Council is providing input to that process
- Margaret Fiddes on the u3a Festival in York next year
- Liz Ervine one of the Council Reps for Scotland and Gail Donaldson chair of the u3a in Scotland network will talk about the recent successful Jamboree held in Scotland and how the network supported the Council Reps in organising the event.

Attendance is free, and open to all u3a members. If you cannot attend, please do encourage someone else to go along in your place.

Registration is via TicketSource – please click on this link

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/u3a-thames-valley-network/t-xmplqrj>

and follow the instructions to register.

If you have any problems with registration, please contact Avis Furness at u3anetworklinkmeeting@gmail.com

The Zoom link will be sent out nearer the time to all who have registered.

U3a/Riviera Travel Affinity Scheme

Northwich u3a has recently benefitted from kind donations from 2 members under the Affinity Scheme mentioned above.

U3a has a partnership with Riviera Travel to benefit local u3a groups when members book holidays. When a member books a holiday directly with Riviera Travel, and mentions their u3a group, Riviera Travel will donate 10% of the basic holiday cost to the third age trust.

The trust then passes the donation to the nominated group. The Affinity Scheme works for River Cruise, Escorted Tour, City Break and Long Haul holidays.

Group News

Invitation to Sing

Can you sing? Are you free on the 2nd and/or 4th Thursday of the month from 11.15am to 12.45pm? If so, why not go along to Hartford Methodist Hall and sing with the ukulele group? For more information, please see the ukulele page on the Northwich u3a website, and contact the group leader.

Message for Group Leaders

Would Group Leaders please let the Newsletter Secretary know their plans for the Xmas/New Year period, in order for the December and January Calendars to reflect arrangements.

Please send information to

Karenb666@yahoo.com

Notice from Hartford Civic Society

The Hartford Civic Society Cinema Season recommences on 13 October. The Programme is attached below, for information.

FILMS IN HARTFORD

All at the Grange Theatre Hartford

Doors Open 7.00pm for 7.30pm
start. Tickets £5

On Sale at Hartford Dry Cleaners,
Kismet Boutique, Hartford &
Greenbank PO and the Acupuncture
Clinic.

2025/26 Programme

Monday

13 October

**'the ENGLISHMAN
who went up a hill and
came down a
mountain'** *Hugh Grant*
Cert P

A village's prized local
mountain is declared a hill
by visiting cartographers and
the length the villages go
behind their backs to add the
extra few inches. Based on a
true story. Hilarious!

10 November

'All Is True' *Judi Dench,
Ian Mcellan. Cert 12*

William Shakespeare, having
worked his way up to become a
renowned playwright, tragedy
strikes when his theatre 'The
Globe' burns to the ground. A
biographical drama.

09 February

'The Penguin Lessons'
Steve Gougan. Cert 12

Based on a memoir of the same
name, a disillusioned teacher
arrives at a boy's boarding
school in Argentina to teach
English and Rugby. It chronicles
his personal and political
awakening after he adopts a
penguin during a period of

10 March

(Tuesday)

13 April

11 May

cataclysmic political upheaval
in Argentinian history. A
poignant and touching film.

'A Real Pain' *Kieran
Culkin. Cert 15*

Mismatched cousins, David and
Benji, reunite for a tour
through Poland to honour their
beloved grandmother. The
adventure takes a turn when
old tensions resurface against
the backdrop of their family
history. A compelling film.

'The Salt Path' *Gillian
Anderson, Jason Isaacs. Cert
12*

The life affirming story of a
couple who have lost
everything in life and find
themselves walking 'The Salt
Path'. The name given to the
South West Coast Path
National Trail running for a
total of 630 miles. A
controversial story line.

'Maria' *Angelina Jolie. Cert
12*

A mesmerising film which
brings to life the extraordinary
journey of the glamorous iconic
opera singer. A career defining
performance by Angelina Jolie.

NORTHWICH

www.u3asites.org.uk/northwich **October 2025**

		Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4	Sunday 5
		10.30 WG6 Walking 14.00 Drama/Script Reading 14.30 Art Appreciation 14.30 Family History	10:15 Art 10.30 Walking Group 4 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11.15 Tai Chi 13.30 Mahjong 1 14.00 Knitting	13:15 Bridge 13.30 Indoor Bowling 14.30 Cinema Group Coffee Meet Up *		
Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12
10:00 WG1 Striders 10.30 Beginners Spanish 11.00 Spanish Conversation 11.00 German 14.00 Latin	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 11.00 Classic Car 13.00 Sociology 14.00 French Conversation 14.30 French 2	14.00 Drama/Script Reading 14.30 French Reading	10.00 Dog Walking 10.00 Cards and Things 10.15 Art 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10.30 WG5 Strollers 11.15 Ukulele 13.00 Current Affairs 14.00 Whist	10.00 Badminton 13.15 Bridge 13:30 Indoor Bowling		
Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19
10:00 WG1 Striders: Mow Cop Walk 10.30 Beginners Spanish 11.00 Spanish Theory 14.00 Scrabble 14.00 Latin	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 11.00 Classic Cars 14.30 Wine Appreciation	10.30 WG6 Walking 10.30 Archaeology 14.00 Drama/Script Reading 14.00 Monthly Meeting	10.15 Art 10.30 WG4 Walkers 10.30 WG5 Strollers 11.15 Tai Chi 13.00 Local and Social History 14.00 Knitting	13.15 Bridge 13.30 Indoor Bowling		
Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26
10:00 WG1 Striders 10.30 Beginners Spanish 11.00 Spanish Conversation 13.30 Canasta 14.00 Latin	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 14.00 Mahjong 2 14.00 French Conversation 14.30 French 2 15.00 IT	14.00 Drama/Script Reading 14.30 French Reading 15.30 Geology	10.00 Dog Walking 1 10.15 Art 10.30 WG4 Walkers 10.30 WG5 Strollers 11.15 Ukulele	10.00 Badminton 13.15 Bridge 13:30 Indoor Bowling	14.00 Tea and Plants	12.30 Singles Lunch

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31		
10.30 WG1 Striders: Formby exchange visit 10.30 Beginners Spanish 11.00 Spanish Theory 13.30 Rummikub 14.00 Latin	10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 11.00 Classic Cars	10.30 WG6 Walking 14.00 Drama/Script Reading	10.15 Art 10.30 WG4 Walkers 10.30 WG5 Strollers 13.30 Tea and Quiz 14.00 Knitting	13.15 Bridge 13.30 Indoor Bowling 14.00 Reading		