

PROGRAMME May – September 2026

Monthly meetings of Chorleywood u3a take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Memorial Hall, starting promptly at 2.30pm (doors open at 2pm)

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Wednesday 27 May 2026

(*held at The Bridge at St. Andrews Church)

Sentinels of the Sea

– The Amazing History of Lighthouses

Speaker: Mark Lewis

A general introduction to “pharology” – the study of lighthouses and other navigational aids, giving an outline from the prototype – the Pharos of Alexandria, through the evolving history of their construction, methods of illumination, operation and maintenance, including the extraordinary heroic stories associated with them.



Wednesday 24 June 2026

The Best Exotic Hotel

– Growing Old Disgracefully

Speaker: Deborah Moggach

Deborah will talk about how the film of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* came about – how our attitude to ageing has changed, helped by the film, and what it was like to go on set in India and meet the stars. And how Deborah’s stories reflect her own life.

She will also share how her dating experiences as an older woman, both online and in real life, and how this led to Deborah writing ‘*The Black Dress*’.

Interested?

Prospective members are welcome to attend two of our monthly meetings to hear an interesting speaker, enjoy tea or coffee and meet members, just turn up and give your name at the door.



Wednesday 22 July 2026

Behind the Cameras at the Movies

Speaker: Judy Karbitz

How was Clark Gable persuaded to take on the role of Rhett Butler? Who was discovered upside down in a toilet? Secrets revealed about the making of *Wizard of Oz*, *Gone With The Wind*, *Singin’ in the Rain*, *The Sound of Music* and many other favourites. Our speaker will cover these and many other interesting stories from the movies.



Wednesday 26 August 2026

Aerial Thrills and Spills at Northolt Airport

Speaker: Colin Richards

This is a not-too-serious look at the history of Hillingdon’s other airport, including two World Wars and on-site TV & filming. Post-war, there were some air disasters and some lucky escapes. The talk includes some archive videos and even a clip from a James Bond film.



Wednesday 23 September 2026

Ruislip Lido

Speaker: David Ray

Marilyn Monroe, Cliff Richard, Sid James, Adam Faith, Arthur Askey, Dr Christian Barnard, Benny Hill, Donald Campbell, Kenneth More, The Goodies, The Titanic, The Loch Ness Monster, Punch and Judy and probably you too have been here! The Ruislip Reservoir and Lido have been a significant part of the local recreational scene for over 200 years. David, one of the Ruislip Lido Railway members and train driver, will talk through the colourful history of the Lido from 1791 to the present.