PROGRAMME October 2026 – March 2027

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 28 October 2026

The Bayeux Tapestry

Speaker: Gary Fisher

The Bayeux Tapestry – *A Play in Three Acts,* looks at the physical history of the object itself and the real-life events that led to it being commissioned, before taking a journey along the whole length of the tapestry describing and annotating the individual scenes depicted.



Wednesday 25 November 2026

PC Yvonne Fletcher & the Libyan Embassy Siege

Speaker: Paul Barwick

We recall the 1984 murder of Yvonne fletcher, a young Police Constable, killed by gunmen acting on the orders of Colonel Gaddafi as she policed a demonstration outside the Libyan Peoples Bureau in St James Square, London. We examine the tragic incident that day, the events leading up to her death and the aftermath that reverberated around the world.

We salute the decades long fight for justice by Yvonne's colleagues who fulfilled a promise to bring the killer to justice. Finally, we confront the uncomfortable truth of our government's role and highlight the reasons Yvonne became a victim of one of Britain's worst Policing tragedies.

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 27 January 2027

From Primordial Soup to Primates in Suits: *the evolution of all life on Earth*

Speaker: David Jones

Life evolved more than 3.5 billion years ago, and today humans share the planet with around 12 million other species. The speaker has set himself the difficult challenge of telling the story of the evolution of all life on earth in 1 hour. Can he explain the origins of life in the oceans, the evolution of millions of species, the extinction of millions more, and the rise to dominance of Homo sapiens, in just 60 minutes? No he can't but it's still a good talk.



Wednesday 24 February 2027

Life on the Home Front

Speaker: Karen and Bret Wiles

What happened on the Home Front during WW2 and how did men, women and children keep the country going? Some very surprising facts, first hand memories, music and hundreds of photos.

Wednesday 24 March 2027

Windsor and the Nazis – *Dupe or Traitor*

Speaker: Tony Eaton

The Duke of Windsor's wartime dealings with the Nazis is one of the Royal Family's most closely guarded secrets. Sensitive records remain embargoed - protected by the 100-year non-disclosure rule accorded, uniquely, to the Royal Archives. However, declassified German files strongly suggest that when his country was facing its greatest crisis, the Duke was pursuing personal and political agendas that were totally at odds with Britain's war objectives. Was this deliberate or was he being manipulated - a pawn caught up in a much wider game? The speaker assesses the facts and the rumours surrounding this hidden part of British history.