

Newsletter

Saffron Walden u3a

March 2026

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Important Notice regarding our Monday Open Meetings

Dear Saffron Walden u3a member,

The Bowls Club in Abbey Lane is a popular venue for us, where we hold several events including our monthly Open Meetings. Like every other venue, the Bowls Club has Fire Regulations that have to be followed. These Fire Regulations stipulate that the maximum capacity is 100 people.

Should we, in the future, ever reach 100 members at any Bowls Club u3a Meeting, we would have to refuse any further entry. Now we don't really want to turn anyone away, but we have to comply with Fire Regulations for the safety of all our members for which we, the Committee, are responsible - I am sure you understand. For your interest, the attendance at our February Open Meeting with David Caulfield was 92.

Regarding our Open Meetings, doors will still be opened at 1:45 pm as usual so there is no need to arrive any earlier. Should we find that we exceed 100 people on a regular basis then we would consider seeking a larger, alternative venue.

Thank you for your understanding.

Saffron Walden u3a Committee

u3a Christmas Lunch

This year we will be upgrading our Christmas celebrations with a Christmas Lunch at the Eight Bells. We have booked two dates, Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December with the option to cancel one date should there not be enough takers.

The menu will not be available until October or November when you can make your food choices - but for now we just need to know how many of you will be interested. The approximate cost for 2 courses is £28, and for 3 courses £35.

If you could please respond by the end of April to Jim Dwyer at jim_dwyer@btinternet.com or telephone 07531 115160 - for now we just need you to say that you are definitely interested.

Jigsaw Challenge

On Friday 5th June, we are holding a Jigsaw Challenge at the Bowls Club in Abbey Lane. There will be teams of 4 people hoping to complete a 500-piece Jigsaw in the fastest time. All the jigsaws will be the same so you're playing on an even playing field!

There's an entry fee of £10 which includes a Ploughman's lunch and will help towards the cost of hiring the hall. Starting at 11:30 am you'll have an hour of jig-sawing, then an hour for lunch and the final hour trying to complete. There'll be prizes for the winning team.

Please respond to Sue Matthews at sue662@yahoo.com or telephone 07426 802232 to express an interest.

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Film Club

Next showing in October 2026
Bowls Club in Abbey Lane.



FREE ENTRY

Our **Film Club** is taking a summer break and will be returning in October (date to be confirmed).

If you have an idea of which film you'd like to see - please respond to John Trueman on joandjohnt@btinternet.com or telephone 01799 541288.



April's Open Meeting is an intriguing one. Derek Adams will be talking about Lee Miller, born in 1907 who became a photographer, fashion model and a war correspondent - don't miss it.



Our next **Open Meeting**

Monday 20th April 2026

Derek Adams presents:

'Lee Miller: 20th Century Woman'

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Lee Miller was an American photographer, a New York fashion model, a WW2 war photographer and correspondent

Bowls Club, Abbey Lane

Doors open 1:45 pm for a 2:30 pm start