



A GENERAL MEETING Of **u3a** Horsham

WILL BE HELD

2.15PM TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023

AT THE HOLBROOK CLUB NORTH HEATH LANE HORSHAM RH12 5PJ

A TALK BY CANINE PARTNERS 'ASSISTANCE DOGS'

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CHAIR'S LETTER



Dear Member,

Urgent: Time is of the Essence

Horsham U3A is managed by a board of trustees responsible for ensuring that the Charity is properly managed within the provisions of its constitution and charity law generally.

The constitution of Horsham U3A provides that, within the board of trustees, there must be four officers: a chair, a vice chair, a secretary, and a treasurer. Without these officers the charity would be unable to operate properly and would have to cease operations. In this event, the Charity Commission would wind up the charity and distribute its assets to another similar charity.

Some months ago, I learned that there was a danger of this scenario arising as there was an unfilled vacancy for the role of chair. To prevent this, I offered my services on a short-term basis (I am 87) until a suitable candidate as chair could be identified.

The roles of vice chair and treasurer are both now shortly also to become vacant. A volunteer for the role of treasurer is in place. However, we now urgently need volunteers for the roles of vice chair and chair (to replace me).

There is ample guidance and assistance available to help operate these roles both from other local U3As and from the central U3A charity.

PLEASE consider volunteering yourself or help persuade some other suitable person to volunteer.

Should you feel able to assist please give me a call on 01293 851574.

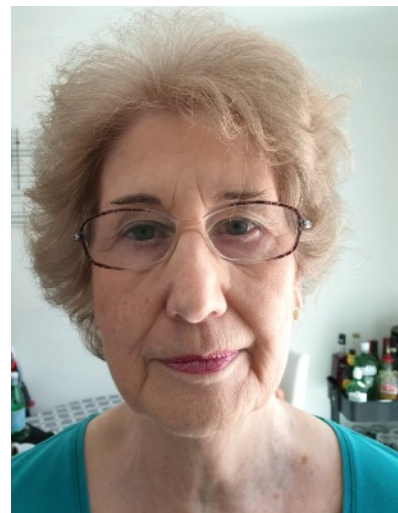
If no volunteers are in place by 30th September, the Charity Commission will have to be informed.

Sincerely

George Stringer

Chair, Horsham u3a

SECRETARY'S NOTES



Isn't television wonderful? The month of May brought us in full colour and spectacle, King Charles III's Coronation (not my first!), the Eurovision Song Contest and the Chelsea Flower Show; something for everyone to enjoy and marvel at. For Horsham u3a, May also saw the return of our Open Event, which was held on the 16th and attracted a fair number of visitors and members. There were nearly 30 groups represented and seven new members were signed up there and then with others taking away membership application forms to consider. Both the cake and book stalls did extremely well. Photos of the event are in this newsletter.

Talking about the newsletter, have you signed up yet for the FREE national newsletter which comes to your inbox once a month? If not, here's how. Go to the Horsham u3a website, on the right hand side press the u3a tab to link you to the Third Age Trust website. Once there, do not log in, but scroll down to the bottom of the page where it says 'sign up to our national newsletter'. Fill in the details, our region is South East. Press 'Subscribe' and that's it!

Pam and Mike Brakes, who are so much a part of our General Meetings running the book stall are, through one thing and another, finding it increasingly difficult to attend on a regular basis. If you are a couple and could be available to stand in, perhaps at short notice, and might be interested in taking over in the future, then please contact Pam for a chat on 01403 267319.

With the issues of the Newsletter becoming quarterly instead of bi-monthly, the next issue will be in September covering October and November, and after that, December covering January and February.

Kind regards

Shiela Campbell

Secretary



The committee wish to WELCOME all these first-time members who have joined us recently:

**Teresa and Vincent Barker
Alice Chambers
Scilla Daniell
Julie Griffiths
Diane Gurling**

**Pam and Simon Hill
Anne Prodger
Trish Starks
Pam Thomas
Susie Tichband**

FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS

Dates for your diary:

- 19 September:** 45 Years Flying and Frightened of Heights (Part II)
Peter Griffiths
- 21 November:** Grace Darling, Saving Lives at Sea -
Dr James Taylor



Please continue to send in your articles.
I would be pleased to hear any suggestions for changes you would like to see to improve your newsletter. Thank you, Anne.
spideranne@live.co.uk



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YOUR NEWSLETTER IS CHANGING

Subsequent newsletter issues will be quarterly, starting from the **Autumn edition in September.**

Please keep this in mind when you are planning to contribute or share stories and news about your group.

From your **u3a** committee.

Please continue to send your articles to Anne at:
spideranne@live.co.uk



VISIT TO BLETCHLEY PARK

Following the request for support in the last newsletter, Horsham u3a will run a visit to Bletchley Park on **Tuesday 15 August**, leaving Hop Oast park and ride at 9 am. Initial support did not seem to warrant a 50 seater coach so I have scaled down the visit to 35 members on a smaller coach. The amended cost will be £42.00 a head. This includes admission to Bletchley Park and the driver's gratuity.



To apply please send your cheque for £42.00 made out to '**Horsham U3A Social**' and a stamped self addressed envelope to:-

David Bowyer. 30 Millfield, Southwater, West Sussex. RH13 9HS.

All applications will be allocated in the order received.

Should the applications reach 50, I have the option for a larger coach in which case a small refund per head will be made on the day.

David Bowyer, Social Secretary Horsham u3a

GROUP NEWS

TOWNS AND VILLAGES 6

Leader: Veronica Cackett – 01403 738103

Our visit in March was to Arundel Cathedral organised by Jenny and David Haynes. We met in the pub next door, the St. Mary's Gate Inn. We were met by our very knowledgeable guide who gathered us around the font and spoke about the history of the building of the cathedral followed by a walk around with his very interesting commentary.

We were surprised to learn that the cathedral is not as old as it looks. The land was purchased in 1864 and the cathedral dedicated in 1873 (this in spite of striking stonemasons!). Built to mark his coming of age, it was the brainchild of the then 21 year old Henry Fitzalan-Howard, 15th Duke of Norfolk and his architect Joseph Aloysius Hansom who specialised in church building, who also designed Birmingham Town Hall but is better known for his design of the Hansom cab.

The building is of Bath stone which would have travelled by river to Bristol, and by sea from Bristol to Arundel, which was then a busy port.

The organ, which was originally intended for a church in Islington, was acquired by Duke Henry and, after some a small reduction in size, now sits comfortably below the beautiful circular stained glass window. In 1965 the Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton was established, and Arundel was chosen as the diocesan cathedral covering the large area of Surrey and East and West Sussex. The Bishop's residence is at Pease Pottage.

In 1877 Henry Fitzalan-Howard saw a carpet of flowers in a small Italian village church which celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi. This inspired him to introduce it to the Cathedral at Arundel. It was originally created by the employees of the estate of the Duke of Norfolk, but for many years now has been the creation of members of the congregation. For 2023 the dates are 7th and 8th June. They have only missed two years, one during World War I and the other during the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Julie Mitchell



GROUP NEWS

TOWNS AND VILLAGES 6 **Leader Veronica Cackett –** **01403 738103**

In April we visited the Watts Gallery at Compton near Guildford. After arriving at 10.30, we were welcomed by Celia Hodges (site manager) who had arranged coffee and biscuits for us in the Old Kiln dining room.

Celia told us about the gallery, chapel and Limmerslea House (originally home of the Watts family.)

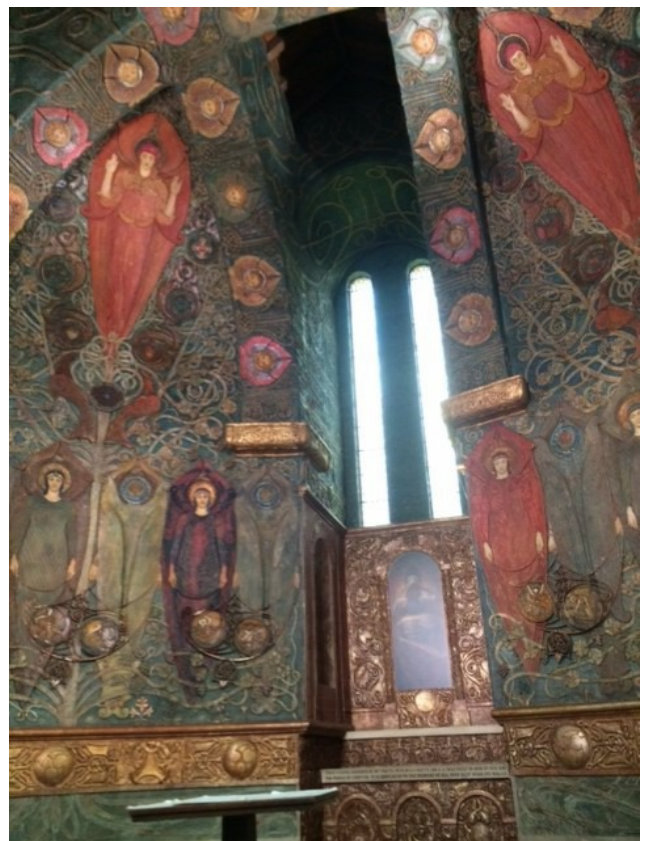
We did not need a guide as all paintings, sculptures and other items of interest are clearly marked and described in detail.

Everyone went their own way until 12.30 when we met back up at the Old Kiln room for lunch. As we were a group of 20, we were given the place to ourselves which was a nice touch.

Some people had visited the gallery and the chapel, others had been to Limmerslea after the gallery. The chapel is on a steep hill, so a few of us missed out on it. A great shame as, although small, it is extremely interesting and a very unusual building.

All agreed the trip was well worth while and, although the cost was £11 each for entry (payable in advance), it was worth every penny of it.

The lunch menu was quite restrictive, but food was plentiful and good. For real foodies, you may wish to consider a local pub or restaurant!



Derrick Wright

Picture of Chapel ceiling

GROUP NEWS



Purpose: to share travel experiences, tips, stories etc. etc.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS POSSIBLE GROUP?

if so, contact Jill & Adrian Lovett - lovettjill@icloud.com or 07557 413078

If viable, the group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3.30 - 5.00 p.m.

OUT WITH YOUR CAMERA!

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR FUN!

**It doesn't matter if you take photos on a DSLR, a MIRRORLESS, COMPACT, etc., etc....
- or if you just prefer your PHONE!**

ENJOYABLE PHOTO SHOOTS - USUALLY LOCAL

ABSOLUTELY NO PRINTING OUT!

NOT TECHNICAL - NO DEMANDS FOR HIGH STANDARDS

MUTUAL HELP & ENCOURAGEMENT

PHOTO-SHARING IN A CLOSED ONLINE GROUP!



WHEN WILL IT BE?
(allow all day in case we go further afield)

2nd Friday of the month

Jill and Adrian Lovett

GROUP NEWS

WRITING FOR PLEASURE

We normally meet on the first Wednesday of every month in members' homes. We are the local Horsham group of a wider national U3A association of writers with whom we are in contact from time to time.

Our programme is flexible and topical, which means we write stories and articles about every subject under the sun! Though topical events like the recent Coronation can provide a subject for a monthly composition.

Each month we variously contribute a piece of writing around a stimulus topic or subject. These vary, normally from between 750 to 1500 words, but are sometimes shorter or longer according to any individual's interpretations of the starting title. And some members also write poetry!

At our monthly meetings we discuss such pieces; but we also try out writing challenges and exercises at the meeting, and we enjoy yards and yards of lively conversation within the group.



Some of our recent monthly writing topics have been as follows:

A Hospital Visit; I am marooned on a Desert Island; at my bus stop I met a fairy; on the other side of the door; the pearl necklace and the key; family memories of World War 2; over the wall; a message in a bottle; a film I would recommend and why; it was on Saturday morning that the trunk arrived; I'm writing from a far-off country; poor George; my big lottery win; the cat.

The above have provided wonderfully stimulating starting topics over the past two or three years; but what is especially remarkable is that the compositions written in response to each topic are so varied; all indicative of the diversity of the creativity and imagination of which the human intellect is capable of!

Krystyna Hollis (Group Leader)
krystynahollis@hotmail.co.uk

GROUP NEWS

BRIDGE FOR FUN

Bridge for Fun started out with the title Bridge for Beginners but fun fits the bill nicely. Not only is it for complete beginners but also those who have already played and know the rules.

The emphasis is more on enjoyment than winning.

Further members are welcome, so long as I can fit them on a table of four. Otherwise somebody would have to start out being a spectator.



Suzie Kidd

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DIE CUTTING DESIGNS

I am pleased to announce that, following my post in the last Newsletter, a new group for Die Cutting Designs will commence on the 6th July.

The group will meet at The Warnham Comrades Club, Hollands Way, Warnham, RH12 3RH on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 2pm – 4pm. We will learn many techniques including how to die cut, mat and layering, embossing folders, using pigment and alcohol inks to create all types of greeting cards.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact me by email:

carol.dabbs1@gmail.com or phone me on 01403 252961. **Thank you, Carol**



GROUP NEWS

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Leader: Janet Wilkins

At our May meeting we went on an outing to Denne Road Cemetary, Horsham where we met Vee Willis and her husband Malcolm of the Horsham History Society.

There were 10 members armed with stout shoes, and umbrellas, just in case, on a lovely May morning. There had been a lot of rain the previous evening, so some of the paths were very muddy and slippery. The Horsham Green Group had been into the graveyard recently and had hacked a lot of the growth around tombs and headstones making things much easier than previously.

The graveyard was opened in the 1850s because St. Mary's Churchyard was full, and was operational for about 50 years. Another piece of land was purchased and when this became full in the 1900s, Hills Cemetary became the one to use.

At the time, Horsham had a population of around 6,000 and was a very small town with no sewers and no water supply, but we had just got a railway line so it soon grew. The last public hanging took place around this time. Some well-off families lived here, in Park House, Wimblehurst Lodge, Hills Place and several others. When Denne Road Cemetary was closed, the population had risen to 20,000 and the facilities had improved.

The names listed are the tombs we looked at. Some had huge vaults underneath. The biggest we saw was Robert Hurst's

One of the tombs we looked at was of William Pirie of Piries Place and he was the head of Colliers at this time at the



very young age of 20. He was not happy in his first marriage and after that was dissolved, married his second wife who was some 20 years younger than him, and with whom he had children. One son is named on this tombstone.

James King of the brewing business is buried here. The business still exists today as a micro-brewery. Many of us can remember the smell of hops and brewing activities. His 10th child was called Decimus

Thomas Oliver owned Tanbridge House. Thomas was a railway builder and engineer. His magnificent tomb also contains his wife Caroline and eldest son. He built Tanbridge House, a fine Victorian mansion, on the site of an earlier house off Worthing Road. After Thomas' death, it became Horsham High School for Girls and his billiard room became the school's assembly hall.

Alfred Allen (Alan) was a Maltster who was a fraudster and had to pay the Crown £100,000 and scarpered to America. The case was the greatest tax fraud ever! He had a cellar in which he stored beer and did not declare it to the tax authorities thereby escaping tax until caught.

Henry Michell financed 380 children to visit London to see the Great Exhibition. They went by train to London Bridge, then he escorted them to the Exhibition. At 4 pm each child was given a 1d bun and returned on the train. Just imagine keeping an eye on all those children; today's teachers would blanch at the thought.

Robert Hurst of Park house. His son Robert junior was a magistrate and a good landlord. He started the Art School in Hurst Road. He died in 1905. His funeral was a huge affair and the town and all the shops were closed and everyone attended.

Cont....

GROUP NEWS

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There was only one war grave, that of **Ralph Russell who died of trench fever in 1918**. He was given a full military funeral.

The Charman Family Grave. The grave of John James Charman 1885-1912 was there. He was a gardener before he joined the navy and was a cabin steward on the Titanic. Son of Solomon who died in 1899 and Mary who died in 1935 aged 93. Their son John James lost his life on the Titanic 15 April 1912. He wrote to his mother something along the lines 'Don't worry mum, you'll be OK. I will make some money on this trip'. Not a happy prophecy.

Cecil Martyn was a soldier who served in the Carabiniers and died at the age of 33 in Algiers in 1870. As a memorial, his wife paid for the building and generous endowment of All Saints Church, Roffey, on land she owned, and the Church was consecrated in 1878. Commemorated in a window of St Mary's Church.

Walter Cooper Dendy 1794 to 1871

A surgeon at the London Children's Hospital, descended from a prominent 16th century Horsham family who built the first Baptist Chapel in 1721. Walter was also a writer and artist who wrote 16 books, some medical, also "Wild Hebrides" and "Philosophy of Dreams". He also has a window in St. Mary's Church.

Henry Padwick 1804 to 1879

A corrupt lawyer who was a moneylender who charged 50-500% interest to his clients and was known as 'the spider'. He was a racehorse owner and made £80,000 in betting winnings. He ruined several people including Edward Tredcroft by lending him more than he could afford to repay and received the Causeway Manor House from Edward as part repayment. He married Susan Chasemore. He may have committed suicide.

Thomas Honywood 1819 to 1888

Photographer, pioneer and captain of the volunteer Fire Brigade. He has a whole room in Horsham Museum telling of his exploits as an archaeologist, artist and inventor.

Edward Ingram Bostock 1842 to 1926

Surgeon, Chairman of Horsham UDC, JP from a family of Doctors – lost three sons in the First World War.

This was an informative and fascinating visit and we are grateful to Vee and Malcolm Willis who led us so expertly.

Written by Esme Cloherty and members of the Horsham u3a Family History Group

John James Charman's gravestone





Maggie Cosgrove and
Monica Broom
Wool 'n' Threads



Anne David and
Rosalind Meigh
Discussion Group 1 and 2



Brenda King
Mah Jong 2



Susanna Yau
Rummikub



John Ivatts
Writing for Pleasure



Pam Brakes
Books



Jill and Adrian Lovett
**Coffee and Chat, Local History
And Photography for Fun**



Malcolm Butson and Phil Barrett
Ukulele



Gillian and Alan Rantell,
Don Hope and Dave Roberts
Intermediate Bridge



Helen Ward and
Sandra Newbon
Short Walks



**Towns and Villages -
(Display)**



Lynne Standing, Tim Whittle, Margaret Bailey
Towns and Villages



Anne Hossack and Robin Coppard
Cake Stall



Julia Derry and Isobel Bogucki
Being Curious



Yvonne McCartney
Die Cutting Designs



Christine Moore
Enjoying Art



Elizabeth Ghinn
Herbs and Gardens



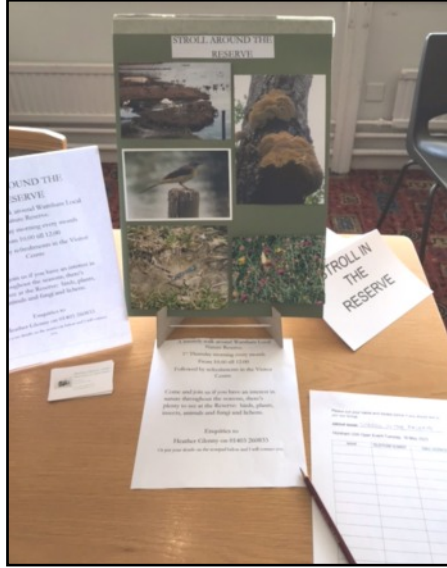
Hillary Harding
Painting



Heather Glenny
Painting



Jean and John Hammonds
Family History



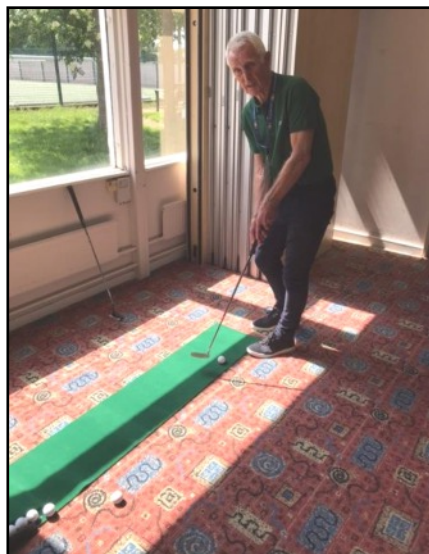
Stroll in the Reserve



Frank and Barbara Chard
Jazz and Big Band



Chris Mason and
Norah Campbell
Short Mat Bowls



Malcolm Smith
Golf



Tim Hossock and Paul Juniper
Cycling

OPEN EVENT 16 May 2023



Paul Davies
Short Mat Bowls



Derek Reynolds
Science and Technology



James Thomas
Science and Technology



Photos From
Heather Glenny.
Art Group



The Committee hope you enjoyed these photographs from THE OPEN EVENT 16 May 2023

Horsham U3A has finally completed its exit from the pandemic lockdown. The groups are running, the Tuesday speaker meetings are well attended – and we have had our Open Event. On 16 May 2023 we welcomed members and friends to Holbrook to see what many of our groups are doing. Over half of our 60 existing groups were represented, as well as several prospective new groups. I was particularly encouraged to hear from a few group leaders that, while they could not make the date (we all have other lives, after all) some of their group members would come and raise the flag.

Many of the tables had a list of names of people interested in joining their group, but recruitment was not the only purpose. How often do the group leaders chat to each other? How often do folk who have been stalwart members of one group get the chance to find out what else might be on offer? People have reported that it was an interesting and friendly event that they enjoyed. And I have to mention the cakes – thank you bakers! I could not have asked for more.

It was my first major event as events coordinator and I could not have done it without the advice and support of Shiela Campbell, the rest of the committee and other volunteers, as well as the ever-helpful staff at Holbrook, and thanks to Chris Duffy for taking the photos.

Brenda Large Events Coordinator.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR U3A NEWSLETTER READERS

From **Shiela Campbell**

Age UK Advice Line	01403 260560
Citizens Advice Horsham	0808 278 7969
Community Link Personal Alarms	01403 215230
Horsham Area Community Car Scheme	01403 250202
Horsham & Crawley Counselling Group	01403 217900
Horsham District Council (General)	01403 215100
Horsham Hospital	01403 227000
Horsham Library	01403 224353
Silver Line Helpline	0800 470 8090



ARE YOU GETTING MORE SCAM CALLS AGAIN?

This is a good site to check/report the numbers.

<https://who-called.co.uk>

Contributed by **Isobel**



I KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN...

Gary Cooper holds the list of local contractors and workers who have been recommended by other u3a members.

If you are in need of having anything done, give **Gary a ring on:**

01403 241620.

He would also be interested in hearing from you with any recommendations.



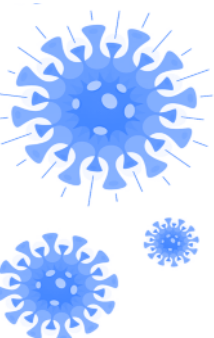
MESSAGE FROM THE HORSHAM U3A COMMITTEE

COVID 19, flu and other viruses are with us and although some may display mild symptoms, it may be more severe for others.

Therefore, the Horsham u3a committee asks you to please not attend meetings and events if you feel unwell or have cold/flu symptoms.

We trust you will use your judgement to keep each other safe.

Thank you, *George Stringer* Chair, Horsham u3a.



Meet Your Committee for 2023/2024

Officers/Trustees



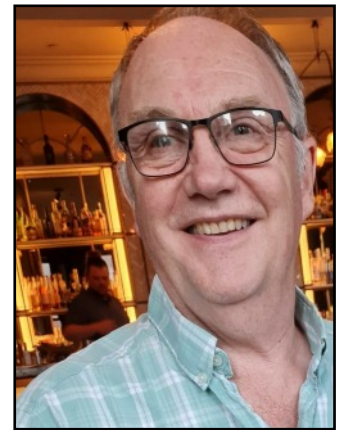
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THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE COMMITTEE FOR A WEBMASTER

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Tony is leaving shortly, anyone interested in being Website Manager, please contact Tony or Mike



Obituaries

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of the following
Horsham U3A members:

Pam Prince

Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this sad time.

If you have any news, views, comments or contributions,
THE FINAL DATE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
Monday 21 August 2023

Please send articles for the newsletter to Anne: spideranne@live.co.uk



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