

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Sophie Hannah  
Agatha Christie's  
Hercule Poirot World**

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Gary Powell  
A Coppers Guide to the Dark Secrets  
of London's Squares**

## **NOTICES**

Last month the committee were pleased that so many of you came to listen to Ajay Tegala's talk on his experiences as a wild life ranger and environmentalist. His presentation was truly inspiring. It was also good to see that you were not put off by the earlier start. Please could you let any members know of the new meeting times who may not aware of the change.

A polite note that mobile phones should be switched off or muted during the meetings – thank you.

**Monthly Meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> March – doors open 12.40pm, meeting to start promptly at 1.30pm**

You will be aware by now that membership subscriptions are due for payment and this month we will be opening the doors at **12.40pm** to take payment.

**Unfortunately, our card payment machine is not available at present due to circumstances beyond our control. This month we are only able to take monies by cheque, made payable to March u3a, or cash.**

However, you can pay by Bank Transfer, account details as follows:

Account Number: **86632337**, Sort Code **53-81-42**, please remember to use **your name and membership number as reference**, as per the message sent by our Membership Secretary.

Paula and Marion are organising our quarterly raffle and would be grateful for donations of suitable raffle prizes. There will be time to buy your tickets before the start of the meeting.



At 1.45pm Sophie Hannah, who is a published author and writes contemporary thrillers and, at the request of Agatha Christie's family and estate, the new series of Hercule Poirot Novels.

She has won numerous awards including the Crime Writers Association's Dagger in the Library Award for her body of work. Sophie is also a poet and her poetry is studied at GCSE, A Level and degree level across the UK.

**Monthly Meeting - 8<sup>th</sup> April - doors open 12.40pm, meeting to start promptly at 1.30pm**

There will be another opportunity to pay for your membership fee before the start of this meeting and membership cards will have been printed for collection.

Gary Powell is returning this year. You may remember his talk from July last year on a gruesome murder from the 1870's. He is a retired detective, having served in the police force for thirty-three years, mainly involved in crime investigation from murder to terrorism. He is passionate about history especially in true crime. This time he will speak about the darker side of the iconic London squares. You will learn a little about the origins of the squares and about those, good or evil, who left their mark on the city of London. Murder, mayhem, innovation and terrorism feature.



**New Members**

Over the past few months we have increased our membership and we welcome new members to our u3a. Please ensure that you make them welcome. If any new member has any queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the committee via the website <https://march-cambis.u3asite.uk/>

**Lunch Group**

Many of us enjoyed the lunches arranged by Dorothy Hughes over the past few years, thank you Dorothy. At present the group is inactive as Dorothy is having a well earned rest. Would any member or members like to lead this group? If so, please contact Sharon Smith, Group Coordinator or any member of the committee. Remember a group can have more than one leader, which makes life easier.

**Learn to Move**

This is a fun, age and dementia friendly seated movement programme to music. Physical, emotional and cognitive benefits designed to keep you moving more and having fun. Sessions are on Tuesdays, from 11 am to 12.30 pm at the Braza Club, Elm Road, March, PE15 8NZ. Hot drink and social at the end of the sessions. Each session cost £5.00 per person joining in. If carers are needed, then they are required to stay for the session but are welcome to join in and have a cuppa too. Please bring the correct cash on the day. No booking required. For more details either phone 07880 543821 or contact Kathleen via email [kathenderson888@gmail.com](mailto:kathenderson888@gmail.com)

***The deadline for submission to Janet Hoskyn for contributions for the next issue of Monthly Notices is Friday, 03/04/2026.***

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