

U3AC Africa Forum Sessions from Autumn 2013.

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Spring Term 2024

Date	Title and Speaker	Links
19th January	Members' News. 'Algeria' - Penny Hayman 'Benin Bronzes' - Frances Klein	Presentations Penny's Notes Frances' Notes
26th January	'The Maasai tribe, some anthropological angles and personal and modern perspectives' - Peter Wiles: 'My first hand experience with the Maasai' - Alan Bird	Slides Notes Pictures Notes
2nd February	'Uganda Then and Now' - Barbara Walden	Presentation
9th February	'For Love of Africa' - John Tyson	
16th February	'Bring an African Object' - All	Pictures Notes on the Kora
23rd February	'China in Africa' - Roy Doyon	Presentation
1st March	'Identifying important sites for biodiversity in Africa:: the Key Biodiversity Area Programme' - Andy Plumptre, Head Key Biodiversity Area Secretariat	Presentation KBA Website
8th March	'The African Collections Futures Project' - Dr, Eva Namusoke, Senior Curator, African Collections Futures, The Fitzwilliam Museum.	Eva's Blog
15th March	'Has Mining Helped Economic Development in Africa?' - Richard Lewney, Chair, Cambridge Econometrics	Presentation
22th March	Social Event (in Social Area on second floor at U3A)	

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Date	Title and Speaker	Links
13th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	

20th October	Members' News Items	Presentations
27th October	'Key issues and agenda for Africa in Emergency Preparedness and Response in Africa for Africa' - Dr. Martin Muita, Senior Public Health Advisor, Lead in Africa CDC, UK HSA IHR Programme	Presentation
3rd November	'Remembering Dick Grove' - Alan Bird. Obituary . Film Review - 'Banel & Adama' Migration, Rwanda Entrepreneurship and Mo Ibrahim	Alan's Notes Trailer Interview Members' Presentations
10th November	'Scripture and the Theology of Apartheid' - Revd. Andrew Day	Presentation
17th November	'On a medical boat on Lake Victoria with the Vine Trust' - Dr. Kath Shore. Synopsis; a general account of healthcare on the islands of Lake Victoria volunteering with the Vine Trust charity.	Photographs
24th November	'Margaret Trowell and the Foundation of the Arts School at Makerere University, Uganda' - Margaret Bray with contributions from Prof. Amanda Tumusiime and Prof, Angelo Kakande	Presentation
1st December	'Buganda and the Baganda' - Peter Woodsford. Abstract	Presentation
8th December	Remembering Valerie Holt . 'South-Southwest Madagascar' - Robin Farbridge. Abstract	Presentation
15th December	Social Event - Second Floor, U3AC, Bridge Street	

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20th January	'The Rainbow Nation': The Peopling and Peoples of South Africa. - Revd. Andrew Day, Vicar, St, Clements, Cambridge. A sequel to his talk on ' Reshaping South Africa ' Abstract .	Presentation
27th January	'Experiences of Headship, educational consultancy and travel in the East African Community.' - Peter Wiles. Abstract	Slides
3rd February	'African Jazz' - Alan Bird	Playlist
10th February	'Teberah Inquai and Ethiopian Children in Need' - Peter Woodsford and Chris Wagner. Abstract	Presentation

17th February	‘A journey through Africa - Cycling from Cairo to Capetown ’ - Paul Bullen-Smith, U3AC member.	Presentation
24th February	Members’ News Items	Items
3rd March	‘African Memoir, Memory, and the Power of Family Stories’ - Bronwen Everill, Director, Centre for African Studies, University of Cambridge	Reading List
10th March	‘Gorilla Conservation in Uganda’ - Jane Rose and Peter Woodsford	2022 - Jane 1994 - Peter
17th March	‘Why airfreight is important to Kenyan flowers and why it has a smaller carbon footprint than other options’ -Chris Bishop. Abstract	Presentation
24th March	Social Event (in Social Area on second floor at U3A)	

Autumn Term 2022

Date	Title and Speaker	Links
14th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	Remembering Guinevere Ventress
21st October	Members’ News Items	News Items
28th October	Reviews of 2022 Cambridge Africa Day Presentations	Presentations
4th November	Wrapup of Cambridge Africa Day ‘Liberia and Sierra Leone’ by Terry Allsop	
11th November	‘Lemurs of the Lost World’ by Jane Wilson-Howarth, physician, lecturer and author . Abstract	Presentation
18th November	‘Training the next generation of tropical ecologists (without zoom)’ - Rosie Trevelyan, CEO Tropical Biology Association Abstract	
25th November	‘Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Control in Uganda’ – James Whitehorn, Addenbrookes Global Partnerships. Abstract	Presentation
2nd December	‘Education in Africa’ - Jason Pennells. Abstract	Remembering Bill Kirkman Presentation

9th December	'East African Attitudes to Disability and the Work of Ekisa ' - Michael English, Abstract	Presentation Notes
16th December	Social Event - Second Floor, U3AC, Bridge Street	

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Date	Title and Speaker	Links
21st January	'The Transatlantic Slave Trade: An introduction to The Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, David Eltis and David Richardson, 2010' - Roy Doyon	Presentation
28th January	'""My Life is But A Weaving"" - an Autobiography by Rhoda Kalema. https://rhodakalema.org/	
4th February	'West African Music' - Alan Bird	Slide Show Commentary Playlist
11th February	'110 Years of a School in Uganda' - Peter Woodsford. Abstract Sad News - Death of Teberah Inquai	Presentation
18th February	'Filming for Social Change' - Dominique Chadwick, http://socialfilms.org/ .N.B. to view film clips in the presentation you may need to set up a Vimeo account (this is free).	Presentation
25th February	'COP26 and Africa' - Sheila Brookes and Chris Wagner	COP Outcomes Climate, Conflict & Demographics
4th March	'COP26 and Africa' - continued	
11th March	'Reshaping South Africa': A Cartographical Journey through South African History - Andrew Day (Priest in charge of St Clement's, Cambridge). Abstract .	Presentation
18th March	'Faraway Finds – bringing African bird sculptures to the UK' - Lucio Cicolecchia and Dr. Oliver Hill. - farawayfinds.co.uk/ - POSTPONED Replacement - 'News Items' from Members	Presentations Valerie Holt's Story
25th March	Social (arranged by Ricky) - 3pm on First Floor at Middleton's (next door to U3AC, former Cafe Rouge, go straight there)	

Autumn Term 2021

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15th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	Remembering Madge Quinn
22nd October	Members' News Items	Presentations
29th October	'Africa - an Overview in Photographs' - Alan Bird	
5th November	The 2021 Africa Together Conference of the African Society of Cambridge University (ASCU) - reviews. - PART ONE	Presentations Avy's Notes
12th November	The 2021 Africa Together Conference of the African Society of Cambridge University (ASCU) - reviews. - PART TWO	Presentations Anne's Notes
19th November	'BirdLife South Africa and the Kruger Challenge' - Andrew Dobson. Abstract	
26th November	'Born in Bechuanaland' - Tim Cook. Biographical Note	Slide Show Commentary
3rd December	'From Muyayi to Minister: The Rise of Bobi Wine and the Politics of Music in Contemporary Uganda'- Dr. Krystal Klingenberg , Curator, Division of Cultural and Community Life, Smithsonian Museum, Washington DC, USA	Summary
10th December	'Hoveraid in Madagascar' - Andy Mayo ,Chief Development and Technical Officer, Hoveraid UK	Presentation
17th December	Social Event - at Bridge Street	

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Date	Title and Speaker	Links
15th January	Sharing News of Africa - All	Notes
22nd January	Tim Ewbank - 'The Rhodesian Bush War 1965 - 1979' Abstract	Presentation

29th January	Peter Woodsford - 'Africa Seen Through its Banknotes' Abstract	Presentation
5th February	Steve Hurd - 'Community Impact of Rural Schools in Uganda' Abstract Uganda Humanist Schools Trust Website	Presentation
12th February	Ian Aikman - 'The Jonglei Canal Project through the Sudd'. Abstract	Presentation Secrets of Sudd film
19th February	Ed Cross - 'My Journey into African Contemporary Art' Abstract	
26th February	Robin Farbridge - 'A Goldmine in Tanzania'	Presentation
5th March	Dr. Shadia Taha - 'A community connected to sea: Suakin, Sudan', Abstract Trowelblazers citation	Presentation
12th March	Fortunat RAJAONA and Sophie RANDRIAMAHEFASOA - 'Our Experiences in Madagascar before and after Studying Abroad' Abstract	
19th March	Andrew Milbourn - 'Development in Africa' Abstract	Presentation

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9th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	Life of former member Anne Phillips
16th October	Sharing News of Africa - All	Summary Notes Children singing
23rd October	'South Africa's response to CoVid-19'- Toni Beardon. Abstract ..	Presentation
30th October	'A Radio Station in Teso, Uganda'- Hugh Mason	Presentation Notes on Q+A session
6th November	'Southern African Rock Art' - Dr, Sam Challis, Head, Rock Art Research Institute, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa and joint author of ' Deciphering Ancient Minds '	
13th November	Discussion of films seen at Film Africa 2020	Guide to Remote Events
20th November	'The Umoja Centre, delivering youth education in Tanzania' - Emma Wagner (Joint Founder) and Michael Gombe (Outplacement Coordinator)	www.umojatanzania.org Presentation
27th November	Mike Gibbs and Julia Hasler - 'Zimbabwean Art – the Cyrene Collection and the Weya Group'	Cyrene Presentation Weya Presentation
4th December	Anne Lonsdale – 'CARA - Council for At-Risk Academics' Abstract Accounts Website	Presentation
11th December	Social Event	

Spring Term 2020

Date	Title and Speaker	Links
17th January	Diane Milan with Lorna Atwell - 'Kagera, Tanzania - 25 years of a Link Project'	Presentation
24th January	Clare Polet - 'Conservation as a moving target in Gabon and the Democratic Republic of Congo'	Presentation
31st January	Mike Gibbs - 'Namibia at Independence: A School for Returning Refugees'	Presentation
7th February	Simon Bransfield-Garth, CEO, Azuri Technologies Ltd - 'Affordable Solar Power for Africa'. Sign-up for News Updates .	Similar Talk
14th February	Ian and Christine Chamberlain - 'SOS Children's Villages in Africa and the Nyumbani AIDS orphan project in the Kibera slum, Nairobi'	Zambia Presentation Chipata Nyumbani
21st February	Dr. Shadia Taha- 'The Heritage of Frankincense: From Pre-Kerma to the present'	Presentation
28th February	Amy Brookman (Chair of the Trustees) and Jeremy Brookman, "Sierra Leone and the Friends of Freetown "	Presentation
6th March	Jane Hollingworth - "The Blues comes from Nigeria"	Presentation
13th March	Tim Cook, 'Bechuanaland' - POSTPONED, U3AC CLOSED	
20th March	3pm, Discuss next year's Programme at U3AC, POSTPONED U3AC CLOSED	

1th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	
18th October	Alan Bird - 'Africa - a Thematic Overview'	
25th October	Reports on African Film Festival	Notes on discussions
1st November	Peter Woodsford - 'Modern African Primatology and Louis Leakey's "Trimates"'	Presentation Conference Report Jonathan Kingdon
8th November	"Early Experiences of Africa in Kenya, Chris Wagner 1966-68, Jane Rose 1973-76, Gill Davidson 1980-82"	Chris Wagner Gill Davidson
15th November	Gill Kelly - ' The Christian Blind Mission (CBM) and its Work in Africa' Christain - ' Cambridge Global Heath Partnerships ' in Africa	CBM Presentation CGHP Presentation
22nd November	Lachlan Forbes - 'Artisanal Mining in Northern Kenya'	
29th November	Richard Synge - 'Peace-Keeping in Africa'	Presentation
6th December	Tim Ewbank, - 'Rhodes and the Founding of Rhodesia'	Presentation
13th December	Social (in U3AC Room 1)	

Spring Term 2019

Date	Title and Speaker	Links
18th January	Kerstin Hacker, Course Leader BA and MA photography, Cambridge School of Art, Anglia Ruskin University. - "Generation Z, photographs from Zambia". Jointly with the U3AC Photography Forum.	Website
25th January	Follow up to last week. Bring an African Photograph.	Photos
1st February	Richard Bauckham, Emeritus Professor of New Testament Studies, St. Andrew's University - "The Ethiopian Orthodox Church"	Presentation
8th February	John Tyson - "A Hospital in Ghana and an update from Zambia"	Presentation Note from AB re Zambezi
15th February	Mike Gibbs - "Mali"	Presentation
22nd February	Ralph Lee - "Christianity without Colonisation - Ethiopia".	Slides Paper Handout Video of Service
1st March	Colin Reeves - "Africa's Mineral Resources: Curse or cure all?"	Presentation
8th March	Simon Shore and Neville Tait (photographers) - "Namibia – a desert full of wildlife".	Presentation
15th March	Dina Negm - "Droplets from the Nile "	Presentation
22nd March	3pm, Discuss next year's Programme at U3AC, 3.30pm Social at Café Rouge, arranged by Ricky Selwyn.	

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12th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	
19th October	Alan Bird - 'Africa - a Thematic Overview'	
26th October	Mike Gibbs - 'My Family in Africa' Lachlan Forbes - 'East Africa' Peter Woodsford - 'Uganda, the Bobbi Wine Phenomenon'	Presentation Presentation
2nd November	Reports on the Cambridge African Film Festival Possible Discussion - 'Scouts in the CAR'	The Mad Man's Truth , Super Modo , High Fantasy , Ouaga Girls , Rafiki Scouts in the CAR
9th November	William Davison and Chris Wagner - 'Ethiopia - an Update, esp on Grand Renaissance Dam'	Presentation Ethiopia Insight website
16th November	Robin Farbridge - 'Railways in East Africa'	Presentation
23rd November	Chris Wagner - '150th anniversary of British Expedition ("Invasion") of Abyssinia in 1868, at Magdala, leading to start of "Scramble for Africa"'	Presentation
30th November	Shadia Taha - 'Ancient Sudan. The lesser known civilisation'	Presentation
7th December	Evelyn Brealey, Director, Cambridge Global Health Partnerships and Malcolm Kerr-Muir - 'Addenbrookes' Work in Africa'	Presentation
14th December	Social at Wildwood Restaurant (below U3A), organised by Ricky Selwyn	

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19th January	"Experiences with DFID (the British Department for International Development) in Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia" by Judith Herbertson	Presentation
26th January	"Wildlife Management in Bechuanaland" by Douglas Williamson	Presentation
2nd February	"The Colonial Officer's Wife in Africa " by Kate Armstrong	Presentation
9th February	"Crossing the Sahara" by Alan Bird	Presentation
16th February	"Zimbabwe" by Julia Hasler and Dr. Tinashe Nymunda.	
23rd February	"Into the darkness: the first Europeans into the interior of Africa" by Tim Ewbank	Presentation
2nd March	"East Africa" by Lachlan Forbes	
9th March	"Darfur, Sudan" by Brendan Bromwich	Presentation East African Studies paper
16th March	"Jebel Barkal: Cultural Continuity in a Nubian Centre" by Jacke Phillips (Archaeologist),	UNESCO TV clip
23rd March	Social Café Rouge, arranged by Ricky Selwyn. Informal talk by Paul Mukasa Ssali on his work with the United Nations - African Union Peace-Keeping Mission in Darfur (UNAMID)	Photo 1 Photo 2

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13th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	-
20th October	"An Overview of the Continent" - Alan Bird	-
27th October	Report back to the Group on the 16th Cambridge African Film Festival, 6 films in 5 days from Kenya, Senegal, South Africa and Rwanda	Trailers of Kata Kati, Felicite, Vaya, The Faces We Lost
3rd November	Recent Press Coverage of Africa, Bill Kirkman and Will Davison (Julia's son) and group.	-
10th November	"Survivors of Conflict and Post-Conflict Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Torture in the Great Lakes Region of Africa: A Holistic Model of Care" - Dr Helen Lieblich, Coventry University, School of Psychological, Social and Behavioural Sciences	Presentation
17th November	"A comparison of education systems in South Africa, Tanzania, Ghana and Rwanda." - Dr. Toni Beardon.	Presentation
24th November	New members' Africa stories - Janet Parsons	Video Presentation
1st December	"China in Africa" - Peter Woodsford	Presentation
8th December	"Militaries, Slavery and Military Slavery: Wartime economies in South Sudan" - Dr Nicki Kindersley, Guggenheim Research Fellow, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge.	Presentation
15th December	Social at Cafe Rouge, Ricky Selwyn to arrange	-

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13th January	"An Introduction to African Music" - Alan Bird	Notes
20th January	"African Music - Part Two" - Alan Bird	Notes
27th January	Bring, Show and Tell an African Object.	Photo
3rd February	"Ethiopia 2017 (or 2010EC)" - Chris Wagner	Presentation
10th February	"The Portuguese in Africa" - Tim Ewbank	Presentation
17th February	"Every tree counts, native plant species of Madagascar and their use in amenity landscape" - Blaise Cook (biography)	Presentation Website
24th February	"Work and Play in Africa" Tropical Medicine in Tanzania and Uganda and photographs from Ethiopia. - Kath and Simon Shore.	
3rd March	"The Comoros" - Martin Bennett	Presentation
10th March	"Nigeria" - Anne Phillips	
17th March	Social at nearby café, Ricky Selwyn to arrange	

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14th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	
21st October	'An Overview of Africa', Alan Bird	
28th October	Report on the Cambridge African Film Festival and A Brilliant Genocide - 20 th -27 th October 2016	Trailer
4th November	Conservation Through Public Health, Uganda: Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, Founder and CEO. Website	Presentation
11th November	2016 Cambridge-Africa Day : Peter Woodsford and Chris Wagner	Presentation Recordings
18th November	The Groundnut Scheme - a Boy's Eye View: Chris Wright	Presentation
25th November	The Politics of Irrigation Development in Turkana Country, northwest Kenya: Gregory Akall, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge	Local Newspaper founded by Gregory
2nd December	Makonde Art: Diane Milan and Chris Wagner	Presentation
9th December	Ghana: Kobina Opoku and David Rooney	Photo Gallery
16th December	Social at nearby cafe: Ricky Selwyn to arrange	

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15th January	'Northern Cameroon water supply study 1987 and the role of <i>Aid</i> ' Alan Bird	
22nd January	'The Legacy of European Colonialism in Africa', Bill Kirkman	
29th January	'Lake Chad', Dick Grove	
5th February	'Botswana', Alan Bird and Chris Wagner	Presentation
12th February	'Namibia', Michael Brunt	Presentation
19th February	'Ghana and Colonialism', David Rooney	
26th February	'Ethiopia', Julia Davison and Andy Jackson	Andy's Presentation Andy's Notes
4th March	'Historical Maps, Photographs and Newsreels of Africa', Peter Woodsford	Presentation
11th March	'Camfed' by Sarah Winfield	Website
15th April	Tim Ewbank - 'Great Zimbabwe'.	Presentation

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9th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	
16th October	'An Overview of Africa', Alan Bird	
23rd October	'What to do with Poo?' by Dr. John Mullett of Sustainable OneWorld Technologies C.I.C.	Presentation
30th October	Review of the 14th Cambridge African Film Festival	Closing Party Pictures
6th November	'Return to Somalia', Alan Bird	
13th November	The Kenyan Film 'The Rugged Priest', Colin Simpson.	Watch the Film (>2 hrs) IMDB entry
20th November	'The 2015 Cambridge-Africa Day', Pauline Essah, Julia Hasler and Peter Woodsford	Presentation
27th November	'Smart Villages', Brian Heap	Presentation Website
4th December	'Bob Hepple', Peter Woodsford with Athee Pillay	Presentation Athee's Experiences On Bob Hepple
11th December	Christmas social event at Café Rouge and draw up the programme for the Spring Term	

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16th January	Somalia 1975-1977, Alan Bird	Text
23rd January	"Krobo archaeology in Ghana, the work of the late Thurstan Shaw", Chris Wagner	Presentation Krobo Dipo Ceremony
30th January	"Three Decades of Forest Cover Change Within and Outside Protected Areas in Western Uganda – evidence from remote sensing and local knowledge" Ronald Twongirwe, PhD Student, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge	Presentation
6th February	Zambia, Tony Schur	Presentation
13th February	Indirect Rule in Africa, Diane Milan and David Rooney	Presentation
20th February	"The Political Ecology of Human-Elephant Conflict in Kenya", Prof Bill Adams (Head of Department, School of Geography, Cambridge University).	
27th February	"The Malawi Education Trust", Gil Hunter	
6th March	"West African Bird Migration", Samuel Temidayo Osinubi, Birdlife International	Presentation
13th March	"The Role of the Church in Uganda", Eva Namusoke PhD Student, University of Cambridge	Presentation
20th March	End of Term Social Event at Cafe Rouge..	

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10th October	Introductions and programme for the term.	
17th October	An Overview of Africa, Alan Bird	
24th October	Sierra Leone, David and Johanna Potter (refused permission to present by the UK Ministry of Defence. Replaced by a session on military medical work in Afghanistan)	Presentation
31st October	"How far has the church in Kenya been the voice and instrument of change between 1963 and 2013", John Shabaya a church minister from Kenya	Presentation
7th November	The Life and Work of Thurstan Shaw, the Father of West African Archaeology, Chris Wagner, Peter Woodsford and Rosanne Gough.	Presentation Film of Celebration
14th November	Lesotho, Mena Singh	Presentation
21st November	The 2014 Cambridge- Africa Day, Rovincer Najjuma, Julia Hasler and Peter Woodsford.	Presentations
28th November	Information Technology in Africa, Mike Brunt	Presentation
5th December	Sister Pat (St Lawrence's Catholic Church). Nurse and midwife with refugees in Africa (8 countries)	Presentation
12th December	Christmas social event at a nearby café and draw up the programme for the Spring Term	

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17 Jan	Julia Ajayi from the Christian Blind Mission	Disability in Africa	Presentation
24 Jan	Alan Bird	Egypt 1995	
31 Jan	Robin Farbridge	The Limpopo Railway	Presentation
7 Feb	Dr. Robin Church	Rwanda Re-visited	Presentation
14 Feb	Clare Polet	Conservation in Gabon	Presentation
21 Feb	Andy Jackson	Senegal	Presentation Notes
28 Feb	David Rooney	The Germans in East Africa up until 1918	Presentation Map 1 Map 2
7 March	Madge Quinn and Pat Holder	Uganda Update	Presentation
14 March	Philip Lewis	Governance in Africa	
21 March	All	Social event and forward look	

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11 Oct	All	Introductions	
18 Oct	Alan Bird	Africa - an Overview	
25 Oct	Peter Woodsford	Rwenzori - the Mountains of the Moon.	Presentation
1 Nov	Ian Sanderson	Afrinspire	Website
8 Nov	Bill Kirkman	A 50 Year Perspective on the Wind of Change	Notes
15 Nov	Diane Milan	Health services in Tanzania	Presentation
22 Nov	Andy Jackson	Togo	Presentation
29 Nov	Julia Hassler	Zimbabwe	Presentation
6 Dec	Alan Bird	Music of Central and Southern Africa	Playlist
13 Dec	All	Social	Meet at U3A

Peter Woodsford, Updated 21st September 2023