

Spotlight on Artificial Intelligence: Essex U3A Network Event Recap

On Friday 4th July, six Chelmsford U3A members (including myself) joined the Essex U3A Network event at Stanway Village Hall, where Artificial Intelligence took centre stage. While a few members were sadly unable to attend—perhaps deterred by the sweltering weather—it was an eye-opening and inspiring session for those who could make it.

Ian Hawker's presentation, "*Artificial Intelligence Everywhere*", explored the sweeping impact of AI across education, healthcare, climate change, and more. He shared how generative tools like ChatGPT are revolutionising content creation and personal interaction, while non-generative AI is reshaping industries behind the scenes.

Don Mobley added a fascinating perspective with "*AI in Aviation*", highlighting how intelligent systems are enhancing decision-making, safety, and innovation in the skies.

For anyone interested in catching up, you can view Ian and Don's presentations and explore broader U3A AI resources at the [AI for Everyone page](#)—a treasure trove of information, guides, and upcoming events. Just scroll down below the AI Team Contacts to the list of Past Presentations and under April you will see the East of England Roadshow listed with the two presentations highlighted.

Curious? Inspired? Don't hesitate to join the conversation—we're at the very start of an exciting journey.

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