



We have had a busy year at Eastleigh District u3a. Thank you to all of you who support us regularly and who enjoy our various groups. We have been through the horrid storms and come out the other side smiling. As we approach the duller part of winter during January and February please consider coming along to our groups for friendship and to keep "the little grey cells ticking over". You will always be welcome. Maybe you might like to suggest another group which interests you. If you talk to someone about it we could see how to progress. There is nothing like a new year for a new challenge, even baby steps would be a start. If you have a technical sort of brain and feel you could help some of us less "tekies" with our mobile phones and tablets it would prevent our poor grandchildren having to keep bailing us out. We really do need a group to help us. We are also looking for another member to join our committee to help spread the load. If you might be interested, any member of our u3a is permitted to attend a committee meeting at any time.

If you know of any of our members who are not well or are in hospital please let Glenda know so that a card can be sent to cheer them up. My email address is at the top of this page or contact another committee member who will let me know. Thank you Glenda Biggs

Christmas Greetings

on behalf of the Chairman and Committee

and best wishes for a Healthy New Year.



To our new members who have recently joined us.

Phil Abraham, Gerald Cobb, Martin Gapes, Michael Rodaway, Linda Scully, Clive Smith, Barbara Starkiss, Michael Biggs, Michael Doyle, David Chadwick and Janet Anderson

For help or information about membership please contact our Membership Secretary Sue High at

susanjanet25@gmail.com

New Year's Day Viennese Gala

3pm at The Poole Lighthouse

Tickets £84.

for more information please contact
Malcolm High



**Sunday Carvery at Sherwoods Restaurant
Eastleigh Football Club**

**Two course meal-soup and carvery £15.95
Desserts are available at an additional £5.50 each**

Dates for 2024 at 12.30 pm

**28th January, 25th February, 24th March, 28th April,
26th May, 30th June.**

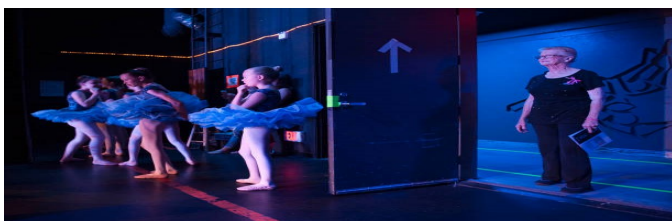


To reserve your place please contact Andy Payne

Speaker for 17th January meeting

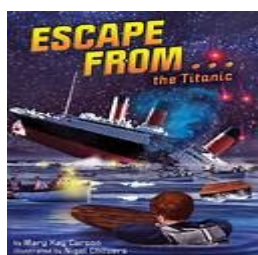
Brian Freeland

The View from the Wings



Speaker for 21st February

Jean Glennie — Violet's Titanic Escape



PING PONG

We play once a month on the first Thursday, at the Pavilion on the Park, in the Woodpecker Hall. From 10am to 12 noon. There are a lot of benefits playing ping pong as well as gentle exercise. It helps with balance and coordination as well as keeping the brain active by keeping score and whose turn is it to serve!

We have a break with tea and coffee. Fun and laughter are to be had in plenty.

We need new players to keep the group playing. Come along and join us. If you are interested please contact Sue Aburrow



We really DO need YOU to keep the group going. Thank you

WINE APPRECIATION

We have decided to run this group at lunch time instead of the evening. We take it in turns to host the group and share the cost of the wine between us all. We usually taste 3 bottles of wine with some cheese and biscuits. We meet on 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 o'clock.

Next meeting TBA. If you are interested in coming along to enjoy a taste of the wine and cheese and to learn something about the wine we are tasting, such as the grapes, the climate, area, the grower and vineyard. Please contact

Sue Aburrow





The Gardening Club

Meetings are on Second Wednesday of the month from 10.30 to 12 noon in the Grace Mears Room, Fair Oak Village Hall. Why not come along and join this fun and vibrant group?

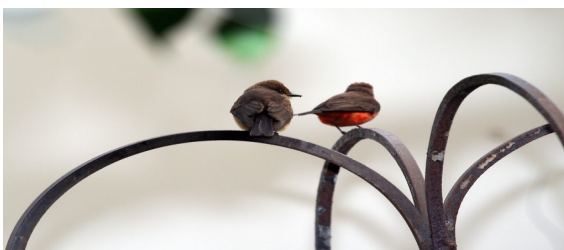
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Slow and steady walking group We meet 1st Wednesday of each month at 10.15 am in various locations. This group is for those members who prefer gentle, mostly level walk for 1 to 1.5 hours. Ann Beeching

The photogroup continues to meet once a month to share our photos which are all on the same topic. Lively debate often produces learning points that we all benefit from.

We don't meet in December and our 4th Thursday of the month is occasionally moved so please contact me if you would like to join us. The topic for January is "patterns in Nature". I look forward to hearing from you. Elizabeth Mabb



College Lunches

at Eastleigh College, The Avenue Restaurant. The meals are cooked by the students and only cost £16. for a 3 course meal with 4 choices per course. Lunches are at mid day and payable to Sue White in cash beforehand
Dates for 2024

January 18th (Burns), February 22nd , March 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th

For bookings please see Sue White at Open Meetings.



Christmas Social

17TH December

Photo Competition



If you would like to enter, please submit your favourite photograph taken this year. No larger than A4 and on a cardboard mount, available from Hobbycraft. Please do not put your name on it. Hand your entries to our Membership Secretary Sue High on 17th December, who will hand you a raffle ticket and the other half of the ticket will be stuck on the back of the mount. A prize will be awarded to the winner.
Happy snapping. Good luck.

Cribbage Group

We play this traditional game at the New Clock Inn in Fair Oak on the first Friday of the month. Some of us meet for lunch at 12 noon and we start playing at 1pm. Everyone is welcome, both beginners and experienced players. Please contact Sue High if you would like to join us.



Terry Holmes pub lunch group

We meet once a month on the Friday following the Open Meeting. We visit local pubs using local bus services or by car. Lifts can be arranged.

Please contact Terry at the open meeting



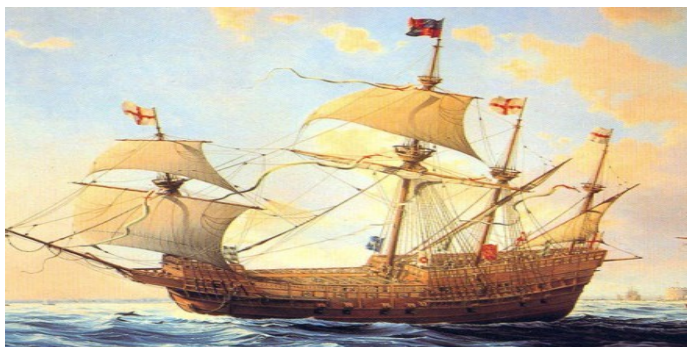
Mary Rose Museum Portsmouth

Tuesday 27th February 2024

We are looking to visit The Mary Rose Museum next year.

The cost for entrance to the museum and the coach is £40.00. You can pay by cash, cheque made payable to Eastleigh District u3a or by BACS using the reference of MR followed by your membership number.

Contact Sue Aburrow



Classical Music Group

This group is for lovers of classical music who prefer to go to concerts with a group rather than alone. We also have monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of the month at 10.30—12.00 in the Fair Oak Village Hall where we can socialise and learn about composers and pieces of music will be seeing at our next concert. We are a friendly group and would love to welcome new members. For further information please contact Mal High



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The National u3a website advertises some very interesting online events, including talks, workshops and courses which are free to u3a members. These events are led by members with a passion or talent to share or specialist guest speakers. Visit u3a.org/events to check out what is available at no cost.

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Please visit the Eastleigh u3a website for any further information. We look forward to hearing from you. Please note this site is for members only use.