

MEMBERS' NEWS UPDATE

APRIL 2022



A message from our Chair

This year u3a celebrate its 40TH Anniversary, and we have arranged to hold a picnic for all members at Stokes Bay, on Wednesday August 3rd from 12.00-15.00hrs. Details to follow.

Kathy Parker has kindly been representing our u3a on the Gosport Cultural Consortium Committee and I will be arranging a Group Leaders meeting in May for Kathy and Wendy Redman to talk to you all regarding how our u3a can actively be involved. They have some interesting events that they would like us to join in.

Thanks are due to all group leaders for the hard work they put into their groups organising and running them every month. In this month's update you will read two groups are looking for members to come forward to keep their groups running. It doesn't have to be one person leading a group, it can be a shared role. I have put myself as



contact for members who are interested in keeping these groups running but I will not lead them.

It is nice to see the evenings are getting lighter and the weather is becoming warmer. The photo is of Jim and me at an enjoyable French themed Evening in Winterborne Whitechurch old School Room that we attended last weekend.

Pat Luke, Chair

Chichester Summer School 2023 - This is a message from Southeast Forum U3a to all U3a members

Meet interesting people and enjoy working with a great team! The Summer School is looking for volunteers to join the team and help organizing this popular and long running event. Very few skills are required, just basic computer skills, for listing classes and attendees, and zoom meetings. And enthusiasm of course!

Note, team members live all over the Southeast region and talk over the phone during the year. They meet in Chichester in June. Contact David Ashton via the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/southeastu3aforum/home> on the Contact page.

WELFARE OFFICER

A very warm welcome to our new members, and a reminder that the next New Members coffee morning is Tuesday 3rd May at 10.30 am in the Discovery Centre. If I can be of any assistance in my dual roles of New Members Mentor and Welfare Officer, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes, stay safe and well. *Sheena Bone, Welfare Officer*

MEMBERSHIP Welcome to our new members. For those members still to renew their membership, subscriptions for 2022/23 are now overdue. The membership fee for 2022-2023 is £28. By cheque. Cheques should be made payable to **U3A Gosport**. Please print your name and/or current membership number on the back of the cheque. Please post to Linda Clachan, 77 Grove Road, Gosport, PO12 4JJ. By Bank Transfer bank account **U3A Gosport Sort Code 30-93-56 Acc No 02123229**. Reference payment with your name and current membership number. As all BACS payments are now processed promptly, I will record any members whose subscriptions I have not received by 8th April as lapsed. Lapsed members will not be eligible to attend Interest Groups. Membership can be reinstated upon payment of subscription. Reinstated members will need to make a request to interest group leaders to join/rejoin a group

Linda Clachan, Membership Secretary

BEACON USERS – PLEASE NOTE: The Beacon Team have again reminded us that essential maintenance on this program is carried out from 10.30 am to 1 pm on the First Tuesday of each month. If you make any changes during this period, your unsaved work will be lost.

U3a Gigglebox – Boom (boom) time!

A retired musician now volunteers to entertain patients in care homes and hospitals. He visited one local hospital and brought along his portable keyboard.

After telling jokes and singing songs at patients' bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you soon get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you do, too."

Did you hear about the grandpa that every time he put his car in reverse said to his family "that takes me back..." Boom boom

Heard about the village where everyone wears their jumpers two sizes too small? It's a very close-knit community!

(Editor's note – Many thanks to readers for your contributions to this month's silly humour section. Any of your favourite jokes or cartoons for possible inclusion in Gigglebox for future editions of Update when space permits are very welcome—newsupdateeditor@gosportu3a.org.uk)

GENERAL MEETINGS AT THORNGATE -

The speaker on May 4th is Dr Frances Hurd, with a talk is entitled "Secrets and Lies".

GROUP REPORTS AND CHANGES from Group Leaders

ARCHEOLOGY GROUP

This month's topic was 'Tudor Finds - The Mary Rose'

It was decided that the group would all meet at the ferry and then go over to the 'Mary Rose' exhibition in the Historic Dockyard, to look at the findings brought to the surface after years of being preserved in the silt in the wreck of the Mary Rose. We all had a fantastic morning wandering around, looking at the artifacts and talking to the very informative volunteers who were willing to pass on their knowledge to us. The morning was concluded with a very welcome coffee in the cafe, sitting in the sunshine, sharing our thoughts .A great time was had by all

Contact Julie Bennetts

ART APPRECIATION GROUP

The Art Appreciation group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, and we discuss various art forms including ceramics, jewelry, glass etc. The subject for our last meeting was Miniatures, this covered the history, the works of Penelope Ross, Rosa De Jong who produces works of art in test tubes, works produced as love tokens by Isaac Oliver and the zany world of Chewing Gum artist who paints on gum found on the pavements! In contrast the work of Tatsuya Tanaka uses up to date technology to produce a miniature work every day of the year featuring everyday items and tiny dolls he collected as a hobby. We always welcome new members to the group. *contact Maggie Gavin*

CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP

The group had a good discussion on Space Travel at the last meeting on 14th March. Our next meeting on 11th April we will be discussing "Collective Responsibility". All being well we hope to have a speaker at the following meeting on 9th May. Details will follow later about that. All new members to this group would be most welcome. *Pauline Potter*

50's and 60's GROUP

1950s & 60s Music Evening

Tickets priced at £3 are now on sale for the 50s and 60s evening at HEDCA on 14th May. Geoff Piper will be playing classic music from the 1950s & 60s, so join us for an evening of fun and nostalgia.

You may bring food for your **own** consumption, however due to HEDCA's alcohol licence you may only purchase drinks from their bar.

We would also be grateful for any unwanted gifts that could be donated for raffle prizes. Please contact Geoff Piper 02393 113127 or Tricia Stevenson 0736 7063141 to reserve your ticket(s). *Contact Geoff Piper for further information. No 02393 113127*

DRAMA AND MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP

The Drama and Musical Theatre group had its first meeting on Tuesday 29/3. 7 attended with 2 apologies. We discussed various local shows. We are hoping to arrange a visit to Vue Portsmouth, to see Henry 5 streamed live from the National Theatre and a possible evening performance to Titchfield Theatre at the end of April. For further info contact Neena. nvadra@yahoo.com

GET BY IN FRENCH GROUP

Richard Lovett has agreed to take over as leader. The group meet by 'Google Meet' every Thursday from 1030 – 11.30 but on the 2nd Thursday of each month this meet is at a member's home with other members joining by Google Meet (similar to Zoom but easier to use). **Contact –** richardf.lovett@gmail.com

GENEALOGY -

We held a successful Inaugural Meeting in the Discovery Centre on 18th March attended by seven members, with some apologies. We decided to hold future meetings on the Third Friday of the month. However, the third Friday in April is good Friday, when the Discovery Centre is closed. In April we shall meet on the 22nd April between 2 and 4 pm, and thereafter on the third Friday. **Contact:** **David Atkins 02392 553198**

HISTORY GROUP

This month we had a very interesting meeting looking at "The Lives of Musicians and Artists". Topics chosen by members to look into included: Johan Strauss Jnr., musician/composer; Heldegard of Bingen, composer; Lavinia Fontana, artist; Eric Ravilious, artist; Vivaldi, musician/composer; Buddy Holly, musician; Mozart, composer and Thomas Gainsborough, artist. The variety of the topics lead to a lot of discussion. The topic for the next meeting is "Saints and Martyrs"

The group are also planning a trip to the Diving Museum on Monday 27th June.

Linda Dorsett

LUNCH CLUB – Many thanks are due to Joy Barham for her dedication in finding so many interesting pubs and eateries for members to meet over recent years. However, Joy has now decided to retire as leader so if any other member would like to step in then do 'step forward. **Contact Pat Luke**

QUIZ GROUP – The next meeting of the Quiz Group will be in the Carisbrooke Arms PO13 0QY on Tuesday April 12th, 2022, at 7pm when Jean Plummer will be our Quizmaster. We play in teams with members picked from 'a hat' on the night so that folk are not always in the same team & new members are welcome.

For more information see the [Quiz Group webpage](#) on the u3a Gosport website.

Contact Tricia Stevenson

World Vegetarian Food Group - The World Vegetarian Food Group met in March for a vegetarian Indian meal at the Spice Lounge on Stoke Road, Gosport. An enjoyable time was had. Good food and good company. Contact Neena. nvadra@yahoo.com

PLAY READING –

Thank you to the play readers who attended the group on 16 March 2022. We could do with one or two more men to read with us. As I don't know how many people will be attending, it is quite hard to know how many players to look for when choosing the play. Some had to double up this month as only 5 people attended the group, but I enjoy myself no matter how many people come.

The new temporary search room was interesting. It was quite surreal reading the play to the accompaniment of seagulls squawking in the High Street outside. I think if we can cope with that, we LUVVIES can cope with anything. Look forward to seeing you on 3rd Thursday in April 2-4pm

Contact Colleen Wright, 02393 110709.

PSYCHOLOGY GROUP

This group has not met for a while, but Alan Bohling would love to hear from any members who'd like to see it resume. **Contact Pat Luke**

GOSPORT WALKERS Fancy a walk? Anne Sandall would be happy to see new members to join the walking group for one of the two walks that she organizes each month – one short and one a bit longer. See the website for more info or phone Ann directly. **07856 291118**

HOW GROUP - The How? Group is an all-encompassing Discussion Group where members can pass on knowledge gained from hobbies & interests, tackle humorous topics & discuss more serious matters. Topics are chosen by the group members. We usually meet on the Third Wednesday of each month bar August & December from 2pm until 3.30pm. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 20th 2022 in the temporary venue at 124 High Street, next door to Ladbrokes when we will be discussing "**How should we cope with the mass worldwide migration caused by war, famine, economics & climate change?**" New members are welcome. For more information see our page on the Gosport u3a website <https://u3asites.org.uk/gosport/page/112946>

Contact Tricia Stevenson

DAY TRIPS

Friday 27th May to the Russell Cotes House Art gallery and museum Bournemouth start time 09.15 from Bridgemary, then to Bus Station and War Mem Hospital. Admission £5.90 plus coach travel and tip for driver means a total cost of around £25 per head dependent on numbers and a full coach. I will need to confirm orders for tea and coffee etc at a later date

contact Maggie Gavin

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Wed 4 th May 10.30 am Speaker – Dr Frances Hurd – Secrets and Lies.	General Meeting –	Thorngate Halls	Pat Luke 07752 596893
Tues May 3 rd 10.30 am	New member coffee morning	Discovery Centre	Sheena Bone 02392 602427

2021-22 COMMITTEE ROLES AND CONTACTS

SOME COMMITTEE ROLES AND CONTACTS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE MEMBER BROCHURE

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NON-COMMITTEE ROLES

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Non-U3a local entertainment which may be of interest to our members –

Holy Trinity Church, Gosport – Free Concerts

<i>ENTRANCE FREE: retiring collection. all proceeds help us to maintain our important, historic, 'Handel' organ!</i>		
Monday 25th April 1.00 – 1.30pm	Organ Recital.	Ewan Murray RBC
May 2022		
Sunday 1st 3.30pm	Speranza Quartet	Cathy Matthews
Monday 16th 1.00 – 1.30pm	Organ Recital.	Anthony Burns-Cox

Mikado Performance at St Mary's Alverstoke

Saturday 30th April at 4pm you are welcome to join Paul Pilot, Louise Helyer and Friends for a FREE concert performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado. Audience participation is actively encouraged!

Bring a score if you have one.

Retiring collection in aid of Music at St. Mary's.