



^{TI} **MEMBERS' NEWS UPDATE**

April 2023

FROM THE CHAIR

Yes, Lent is now over, and you can 'indulge again!' and if U3a was one of the things you left aside – its time to get active again. Our membership Secretary is desperately watching the renewal figures which are a little behind so please, please make her Easter a good one and bring your membership up to date – better still, introduce a friend too.

One sad note in recent days, Barrie Bullimore, our Group Coordinator suffered a nasty fall but the good news is that he's already making a good recovery despite his many bruises. I also took a call on Sunday with news that regular U3a attender Jean Lee had passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. Our sympathies go to Jean's daughter and family.

Barrie confirms that he will still be chairing the planned Group Leaders meeting at Gosport Methodist Church on Friday 21st April at 2 pm. Leaders are asked to let Barrie have any agenda items that you wish to have discussed directly to him.

As you can see, too, we still have a vacancy for an 'update editor' for this newsletter, so if you are computer literate with a little time to spare, I'd love to hear from you (Please!).

It may not have escaped your notice that our next meeting on May 3rd comes just as we start to celebrate our new King's Coronation – so we are pushing the boat out and the team are preparing for us all to toast His Majesty in the appropriate style (there'll be a non-alcoholic alternative if you are driving!).

Meanwhile, have a lovely Easter and good fun and fellowship with your U3a activity.

George Cantrill, Chairman

WELFARE OFFICER

Hello everyone, I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the summer. The next new members coffee morning was due to be held on Monday 8th May, but as this is now a bank holiday due to the Kings coronation, the next meeting will be on Monday May 15th. As usual, this will be at 10:30 in the Discovery Centre / Library. *Regards, Sheena, Welfare Officer*

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members and thank you to all who have renewed your membership for the 2023/24 year.

For any members who have yet to renew their membership the committee have granted a grace period until 21 April after which non-renewals will be recorded as lapsed and will not be entitled to attend groups or general meetings.

Lapsed members will still be able to renew their membership but will have to reapply to attend a group.

Due to other commitments, I will be unavailable for a short time. However, any membership matters will be dealt with before 21 April. Urgent queries can be directed to another committee member.

Best wishes, *Linda Clachan, Membership Secretary*

GENERAL MEETINGS AT THORNGATE -

What a treat we had this month with Pam Marsden's recollections of her early years in broadcasting with the BBC. Pam took us from the days of Pirate Radio when pop music was transmitted very literally 'over the waves' to her gaining a foothold in the 'then' premier broadcasting world of the BBC. From lowly beginnings to 'prime time' presenting, Pam's story was laced with humorous anecdotes that portrayed the importance of maintaining a very sober output despite ridiculously chaotic 'behind the scenes' mayhem! Pam has prepared other talks so we'll have her back again 'up front' – and you'll be pleased to know that she's recently enrolled as a member too. Next month we have the return of another old friend, Bill Harris, who as a construction engineer worked on the building of the Channel Tunnel. We look forward to his talk.

George Cantrill

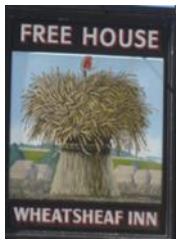
GROUP REPORTS AND NEWS FROM GROUP LEADERS

All Group Leaders can be contacted via the blue bird link on the relevant page on the website.

CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP

Our last meeting with our Climate Change group took place on 13th March and Brian Coles gave an interesting talk on his visit to India showing us videos and telling us about the family he visited and spent time with. Because our next two meetings fall on Bank Holiday Mondays (Easter and Coronation) the next meeting will be on Monday 12th June at 10.15 a.m. when Ian Marriott from Gosport Council will be giving us a talk on recycling. *Pauline Potter.*

BUS, BEER AND BANTER



There isn't a lot in Shedfield. With a population of nearly 4,000 Shedfield boasts a lovely Gothic church, on which work began in 1875; a Village Hall; a Nursery; an Equestrian Centre & a couple of pubs but best of all is 'The Wheatsheaf' an excellent award-winning pub where the **Bus, Beer & Banter Group** enjoyed a lovely lunch on our March outing. Serving four locally brewed beers directly from the casks behind the

bar this traditional friendly pub is a gem.

After lunch we caught the bus into Wickham, home of England's biggest & oldest horse fair & the Wickham Music Festival where we visited The King's Head & The Square Cow where they have a life sized diorama above the bar.

Tricia Stevenson



CRAFT GROUP

The Craft group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at the Search Centre 10.30am to 12.30pm. last month the group made amazing figures and flowers from air dry clay. Our next meeting is making crepe flowers for the Coronation display at the next General meeting. One of our members very kindly gave us a big assortment of crepe paper so we thought this would be a good way of using the papers. Future plans include propping- come along and find out what this is!- napkin Decoupage and Embroidery hoop mixed media. We always welcome new members and new ideas for the group.

Maggie and Terry

DANCE GROUP

Just to let members know that, Dance group sessions at Hedca now run for one and a half hour and finish at 3.30 pm .

Best wishes, Pat Luke

GET BY IN FRENCH GROUP

Débrouillez-vous en français

This means "*Get by in French*" but don't be put off if you didn't get the meaning. This is just a posh way of saying "*Easy French for beginners*"

We meet every Tuesday at 1030 by Video Conferencing

Details from Richard Lovett at Richardf.lovett@gmail.com or 023 9258 5194

We are a small friendly sociable group suitable for beginners and also those at intermediate level.

We are currently working our way through a popular bestselling French grammar text book "Living French" by T W Knight 7th edition - available from Amazon for £13,20 (assessed with 4.5 stars out of 5) There is absolutely no obligation to speak French at the meetings so newcomers are welcome to come and just observe to see if they could benefit. We also deal with French culture, places of interest, history, cuisine etc. so Francophiles, this is the group for you. *Richard*

GENEALOGY

We normally meet on the third Friday of the month. However, I will be away on holiday on 21st April. At the March meeting, all those attending agreed to meet on 14th April.

We shall meet on that date at 2 pm in the Discovery Centre. *Regards, David Atkins*

HISTORY GROUP

This month the topic for discussion was Textiles and Clothing from history. Topics brought to the session from members included: A 1774 Wedding Dress; The history of Nylon; Fabric of society; Male and Female 60's fashion; The history of Embroidery; Silk from around the world and Wool. The topics were all totally different and led to a lot of discussion along with memories being stirred. The topic for the next meeting on Monday 24th April is "Kings and Queens", which ties in very nicely with the coronation of King Charles III. New members are always welcome to this interesting and social group. Please contact Linda Dorsett, 07763441602, if you would like to come along and join us. *Linda Dorsett*

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

At our last meeting in February, we discovered how Gosport was defended through the ages - from the Civil War to the building of Palmerston's 'follies'. This month we shall be looking at the world of work in our local area and how that has changed. Members will be able to share their personal experiences! Our group published a booklet called 'Stoke Road 1919 - 2019'. Copies are available for £2.50 each. They will be available to buy at our general meeting in April.

Joy Hammond

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy update, for when we reconvene on June 12th, due to two Bank holiday Mondays, we have changed it to Philosophical questions and topics that are pertinent to our modern lives!

Jackie Martin.

PSYCHOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY, & FORENSICS STUDY GROUP

If you have expressed an interest in joining the **Intro. to Psychology, Criminology & Forensics Study Group** you should have received an email via Beacon on Saturday March 25th 2023. If you did not receive the email, please email me triciatullibody@gmail.com asap.

Thank you, Tricia Stevenson,

PLAY READING GROUP

Members interested in this group please note that the information in the new broadsheet is incorrect. We meet on the third Thursday of the month *not Wednesday as suggested. (our apologies for this oversight – ed)*

QUIZ GROUP

A reminder that the next u3a Gosport **Quiz Group is on Tuesday April 11th** when Pauline Hollis & Thelma Morgan will be our Quizmasters. We will start at 7pm as usual.

Unfortunately, the No. 9A bus has changed its route & now goes via Nobes Avenue & Brewers Lane to serve Nobes Avenue shops. Which means that it no longer stops at Carisbrooke Road shops. The No.9 still stops at Carisbrooke Road shops. **Regards, Jean & Tricia**

SEWING GROUP

Thank you to Judy Foster for being the person responsible for needlework on Beacon. She has been a great asset. I am now taking that place for the time being but if one of the sewing group would like to take it over that would be great - **Jan Almond**

UKELELE GROUP

The ukulele group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at HEDCA. The group is open to everyone, complete beginners, those who want to improve, those who have been playing for years and those who just want to meet with other likeminded people who just like playing music, laughing and having fun. We have a couple of spare ukuleles for beginners to have a try and we all help each other along the way. The next meeting is on Thursday 14th April at 2.00-3.30pm. If you think this is something you would like to give a try please contact Richard Glaysher on 07711556260.

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