

# **MEMBERS' NEWS UPDATE**

## **October 2022**



### **A message from our Chair**

*Hello Everyone,*

Autumn is here but what a lovely summer we had weatherwise. Jim and I enjoyed our lovely dog walks along Stokes Bay, and we were lucky to see the HMS Prince Of Wales anchored in the Solent for repair a few weeks ago.



On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we have our AGM at Thorngate Hall from 10.30-11.00hrs followed by our speaker Elena Fry. We need to have an idea of numbers attending on that day so please can you let me know if you are planning to join us, as Elena will be bringing some wine for those of you who wish to sample some. (Free coffee afterwards).

Also, on a more important note, we still need more volunteers to help on the committee from November. If you would like further information on what is required of a committee member, I will be happy to talk to you and a nomination form is attached to this update for those of you who are interested.

*Best wishes, Pat.*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our U3A, I can be contacted through the website. I am always happy to answer any membership queries and provide information to potential members.

Best wishes, *Linda Clachan, Membership Secretary*

### **WELFARE OFFICER**

Hi everyone, I do hope that you are all keeping fit and well. The new members coffee mornings continue to run well. The next one will be on Monday November 7th, 10:30 at the Discovery Centre, which I will be running with the help of Linda Dorset, our secretary.

I look forward to meeting our new members over a complimentary tea or coffee.

*Regards, Sheena Bone, Welfare Officer*

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Maggie Gavin is organising the annual Christmas Lunch at the Castle Tavern Gosport on 2nd December 12:30 for 1pm **but needs to know asap numbers and menu choices to complete the booking.** The cost is £22 per head (including gratuities).

Make your choice from the following:

<b>Starters</b>	<i>Prawn Cocktail</i>	<i>Castle Pate with Melba Toast</i>	<i>Garlic Mushrooms</i>	<i>Vegetable Soup</i>	
<b>Mains</b>	<i>Roast Crown of Turkey</i>	<i>Tavern Salmon Fillet</i>	<i>Home Roasted Gammon</i>	<i>Homemade Pork and Apple Pie</i>	<i>Breaded Vegetable Cakes</i>
<b>Desserts</b>	<i>Xmas Pudding</i>	<i>Hot Chocolate Sponge</i>	<i>Lemon Meringue Pie</i>	<i>Vanilla Ice Cream Sundae.</i>	

Please contact Maggie with your request certainly no later than the next U3a meeting on November 8th but you may make your payment directly to the U3a bank transfer – details on the website - otherwise she'll need a cheque.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS AT THORNGATE** -

At our October meeting we were treated to a fascinating – as well as ‘theatrical’ – talk on how we came to be a nation of ‘tea drinkers’ all based on an imaginary tea afternoon with the landed gentry in the 1950’s. Our guide was Jane Glennie –are you milk first or last? One shows you up as common! Next month is our AGM and as you will have read in Chair’s report it’s all about wine too! Nomination form for anyone interested in joining the committee is on Page 6 of this update.

## **GROUP REPORTS AND CHANGES**

**from Group Leaders**

### **BUS, BEER AND BANTER GROUP**



The **Bus, Beer & Banter Group** meet for daytime visits to pubs, breweries & beer festivals in Gosport & further afield to enjoy beer, good company & a chat. Never had craft beer or real ale? Here’s your chance to give them a try, there is a huge range so you should find something to your taste.

Don’t like beer? No problem, join us for the drink of your choice and a chat. Have lunch or a snack and explore the local area if you wish.

Here are a few of us enjoying a drink at the Solent Inn, Ryde on our way back from our September 2022 trip to Newport, Isle of Wight.

**Cheers – Tricia Stevenson**

## **DANCE GROUP**

The Dance group are meeting at Hedca on Tuesday 25th October 2-4 pm. We will have a Halloween theme and there will be a prize for best fancy dress... (However, fancy dress optional.) Will be doing swing jive strolls, and Barrie will lead our Folk dancing in the second half of the session. Anyone welcome even if you just want to sit and enjoy the music. **Pat Luke**

## **FINE DINING GROUP –**

As previously reported, Fareham College has recently changed the restaurant opening days and we now meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month (dates can be found on u3aGosport website). The cost of the meals has risen slightly but the college still offers a wonderful Fine Dining lunch experience at £12.95 for 2 course or £15.95 for 3 courses which includes tea/coffee at the end and for those who enjoy a glass of wine with their meal there is also a small bar available (which is also reasonably priced).

*We do still have a couple more spaces at the moment for anyone wishing to join us and if you are interested, please contact either: Jan on [finedine@gmail.com](mailto:finedine@gmail.com) or Wendie on 07925 256023*

## **FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP**

Libby McKay will continue the French Conversational group on Zoom for the time being.

## **GENEALOGY –**

The remaining meetings for this year are scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November in the Discovery Centre. **Contact: David Atkins 02392 553198**

## **GERMAN GROUP**



Early in 2020, groups were asked to organize a special event to mark the 25th Anniversary of Gosport U3A. We decided at the time to find a German style restaurant, and found Stein Garten in Southampton, but we were overtaken by COVID and the Lockdowns. A small group (with partners) finally made it on the date of our September meeting.

Over the past year, we have lost a couple of long-standing members for health reasons. So, we have a couple of vacancies in the group. We meet in members' homes on the third Tuesday morning, and some previous knowledge of German is required.

**David Atkins**

## **GET BY IN FRENCH GROUP**

Get by in French" is a friendly group which welcomes beginners. We not only practice the French language, but we discover aspects of the country such as culture, cuisine, history, geography and local customs. We are working from a French grammar-based textbook, *Living French*, which perfectly complements our aims. It has been the learner's choice for 60 years and is now in its revised seventh edition with up-to-date vocabulary and culture topics. (Available from Amazon for £12.40)

*E-mail or phone Richard Lovett for further details. 023 9258 5194 [richardf.lovett@gmail.com](mailto:richardf.lovett@gmail.com)*

## **LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

I hope many of you enjoyed the various events held during Heritage Week in September. Fifteen members of the group are visiting the Town Hall in October to meet the mayor and hear about the Council's history - its centenary year this year. The total cost in obtaining Borough status in 1922 was £487.18s.1d.!!

In November our meeting will be held at SEARCH and the topic is 'Gosport's Royal Connections'. Looking forward to seeing many of the group then.

*Joy Hammond*

## **QUIZ GROUP**

Everyone is very welcome. Come along and enjoy an evening of good fun and quizzing – and no, it's not Brain of Britain! Although....brain of Gosport maybe? Lol

Winter programme –

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Quizmaster, Steph Dobrzanska

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Presentation of Winner's Cup and Annual prizes plus a quiz run by Shirley and Iris.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – No Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Quizmaster, George Cantrill

NB - All group members are invited, if they wish, to take a turn at compiling quizzes & being quizmaster – it all adds to the fun and variety. Members can pair up for this if they prefer. Just have a chat with Jean or Tricia

## **And afore you go – just a giggle.... Boom! Boom!**

1. What do you call bears with no ears? B.
2. What's a foot long and slippery? A slipper!
3. Why do French people eat snails? They don't like fast food!
4. What's red and moves up and down? A tomato in an elevator!

## 2021-22 COMMITTEE ROLES AND CONTACTS

**SOME COMMITTEE ROLES AND CONTACTS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE MEMBER BROCHURE**

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	Eve Thurston		07912207047

### NON-COMMITTEE ROLES

Beacon Administrator	Pat Luke	<a href="mailto:BeaconAdmin@gosportu3a.org.uk">BeaconAdmin@gosportu3a.org.uk</a>	07752 596893
Website Administrator	Jennifer Bellamy	<a href="mailto:WebAdmin@gosportu3a.org.uk">WebAdmin@gosportu3a.org.uk</a>	07765 500053
Speakers' Secretary	Pat Luke	<a href="mailto:speakers@gosportu3a.org.uk">speakers@gosportu3a.org.uk</a>	02392 501505

***Committee members and other members with a [gosportu3a.org.uk](mailto:gosportu3a.org.uk) email address for their role will usually check their emails at least once a week. As part of their role many committee members check their emails more frequently. If members need an urgent reply or do not get a response to emails, they should ring at a reasonable time or contact another committee member.***

## Non-U3a local news which may be of interest to our members

### Changes are afoot at Titchfield Haven –

The proposals aim to prioritise resources on the NNR, including delivering our statutory obligations, in both a more financially and environmentally sustainable way.

The proposed changes for Titchfield Haven are to: Sell two buildings: Haven House and Haven Cottage. Both buildings are ageing and requiring significant investment to maintain:

Haven House (Visitor Centre) This would include the closure of the current reception, café, and shop. Toilet facilities and an information point for visitors would be retained at the entrance to the East Reserve.

Haven Cottage This is a vacant residential building, Grade II listed, with no public access.

**U3A GOSPORT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**NOMINATION FORM**



Being a member of U3A Gosport Committee requires taking an active role including regular attendance at committee meetings; taking on a committee responsibility; and participating in committee activities throughout the year.

<b>NOMINEE Name</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Daytime tel number</b>	
<b>Membership Number</b>	

<b>PROPOSER Name</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Daytime tel number</b>	
<b>Membership Number</b>	<b>Signed</b>

<b>SECONDER Name</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Daytime tel number</b>	
<b>Membership Number</b>	<b>Signed</b>

**If you require any assistance completing this nomination form please contact the Chairperson on 02392 580807**

***Please return the nomination form to the U3A Gosport Chairperson 1st November 2022***