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u3a Newsletter

News From u3a Guernsey

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Membership - 1031

Dear << Test First Name >>

We have a record number of members this month, no doubt all looking forward to this term's u3a activities, now that Summer is over. There are lots of them - and new groups, too. You can now learn the guitar or find out more about theoretical physics. There is also a new Sunday lunch group.

Coming up this Autumn, we have negotiated an exclusive hour for u3a members to view the Renoir 1883 Exhibition and a Tennerfest cocktail event at Mojito. See below for how to book.

Here at the u3a Newsletter, we love to see reports of all these activities, so please keep the updates and photos coming in.

Message from the Chair

Our Show Case event on 19th September was a great success. About 250 members attended and enjoyed lovely home-made cakes - a big thank you to all the cooks who spent valuable time baking them.

There were some wonderful songs to listen to from the u3a Choir and the Ukes Group got us tapping our feet and singing along. Then our talented Boxing Group gave a demonstration of moves they do in the ring, under the guidance of the local Boxing Development Officer, Mandy, plus an exhibition of moves to improve stomach, leg and arm strength. The marquee looked splendid with wonderful displays of creative work from our talented members and loads of information about walks, Chess, Bridge, German, and Le Roc dancing, to name but a few. Thanks to all who worked hard to make this event such a success. His Excellency and his wife, Louise opened the event with a few words and delighted members by chatting with them. He remarked on leaving, "I thoroughly enjoyed myself and wish I could have stayed for the Boxing!". A big well done to everyone involved.

Have you booked your tickets for the Le Roc Dance Christmas Party advertised in my newsflash? This is open to all members on Saturday 9th December at KGV. It promises to be a fun evening with a quiz, music from the 60s and 70s - so some great music to dance to - and food. Great value at just £20 per person. If you are interested, contact Carol Sheppard by email carolmutiara@gmail.com or mobile 07781 111783.

Another date for your diaries is the Drama Group's pantomime, Ali Baba and the ??? Thieves, on 4th December. The performance starts at 10.15am at the Vale Church Hall and all are welcome for lots of fun and laughter. As usual, refreshments will be served, so please do pop along to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a cuppa with a few friends.

Please keep an eye on your emails as Gill and Mary have been busy organising a few events: art exhibitions, Christmas lights tour, cocktails and ghosts. If you book a place, then find you are unable to attend please, PLEASE do cancel your place to give someone else a chance of going.

Thank you to the 154 members who participated in our most recent questionnaire. This was our second one, sent to help the committee identify improvements and check what we are offering is appropriate. The results are detailed below:

**How do you find out what is happening within u3a
Guernsey?**

newsletter 65%
newsflash 61%
website 33%
word of mouth 30%
coffee morning 12%
Facebook 6%

Do you get enough information about activities?

about right 93%
too little 6%
too much 1%

Please describe your experience using Eventbrite:

never used, but might do in future 33%
straightforward 31%
okay 20%
not interested in using 11%
difficult to understand 5%

**How likely are you to continue with your u3a
membership in 2024?**

likely to very likely 96.7%

Are you artistic and wanting to help the organisation? I would like someone to design a card which we can get printed which I can send to members to thank them for taking the role of convenor etc. Please do send me an email at 1991pearson@gmail.com if you think you can

help.

A big thank you to my fellow swimmers: Nick, Sylvia, Olly, Colin, Simon, Martin and our captain Sue who gave their all for the Swimathon. An impressive 53 laps were completed and over £600 raised for charity. Particular thanks to Sue for organising the team and to all those who sponsored us for this worthwhile event. We certainly hope to repeat it next year.

New members, don't forget the drop-in session at KGV in the Community Cafe on the 17th October.

We will be there from 10-11.30am to answer questions and help you access groups. If you are a member with a query or simply want to bring something to our attention then please pop along and have a coffee with us.

Looking for a worthwhile cause to support and have a few hours free? Rotary Guernesiais are once again organising their shoe box appeal, this time to Eastern Europe. In the past, u3a Guernsey has supported them by packing and sorting boxes. If you have time and would be happy to help between Saturday October 28th and Saturday November 4th, then please email Hannah Laidlow

- hannahlaidlow@gmail.com

Jane
Chair u3a Guernsey

Live, Laugh and Learn!

Next drop-in session

Tuesday 17th October

KGV Community Cafe, 10.00-12.30.

This is to provide time for new members to speak to other members about our groups and get help with any difficulties they are experiencing. In fact, any members are welcome to pop along, if they have any questions or wish to speak to an executive committee member about the running of our u3a.

If you decide to join a group, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let your convenor know if you decide not to attend after all, so that your place can be offered to another member. This is especially important when groups have waiting lists. Thank you.

Guernsey u3a showcase a great success

On September 19th, we all greatly enjoyed showing Lt. Governor Lt. General Richard Cripwell, his wife Louise

and u3a members the multitude of activities and skills
our groups offer to members.



NEW groups

New Guitar Group

Starting in **early November**

This group will be for keen guitarists who might like to get together and enjoy jamming with a few chords and perhaps singing along. At present, this group will **not** be suitable for absolute beginners.

If you are interested, please contact Marion by email

- merichards@cwgsy.net



New Theoretical Physics Group

(has evolved from Theoretical Minimum)

This group aims to study various topics in

theoretical physics such as classical mechanics, quantum mechanics, relativity, statistical mechanics and non-linear dynamics. We will soon be starting a new course, this time on quantum mechanics, so this would be a good time to join the group if you are interested. We would be pleased to see new members.

More information can be gained by checking out the website or contacting Peter by email

: pmlang@cwgsy.net

New Sunday Lunch Group

Anyone interested in joining, who doesn't already belong to one of the other groups, please come to the next coffee morning at **KGV 10.30 on Tuesday 3rd October**. If you can't make it, email me.

Group news

Girls' Breakfast

This group had a break over the summer months and will start again on

Tuesday 31st October

KGV 9.30am.

If you would like to join us, please contact Rachel

Hockey at: sunshinepreschool@cwgsy.net or

phone [07781 154927](tel:07781154927)



Boys' Breakfast

The next u3a Boys' Breakfast is on

Thursday 5th October

Saumarez Park Tea Rooms 9.30am.

Just turn up, for a hearty breakfast and a good
natter with fellow members.

New members always welcome.



Table Tennis Group

Hougue du Pommier Centre, Castel

Mondays 10.00-12.00, £5.

If people choose to play on a Saturday as well you
could pay an annual fee that works out cheaper per
session.

For further information, click on the pigeon on the website.

Board Games Group

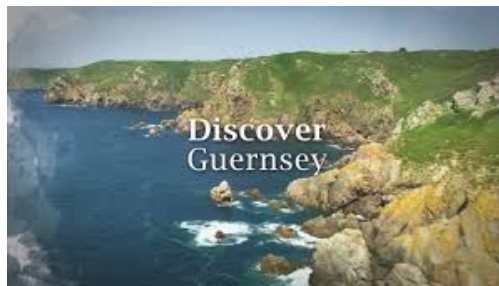
New members are welcome to join this group, meeting at a member's house.

Please contact Jenny via the website or email:jenny@taskeronline.com

Walks Group

Why not check out our list of walks and enjoy the sights around Guernsey? We cater for all abilities, from easy gentle walks to those for the more energetic.

New members are welcome but please contact Jos via the website to ensure you are included on the lists.



Creative Writing Group

This is open to anyone wishing to try their hand at writing. No experience is necessary.

Please contact Margaret via the website.

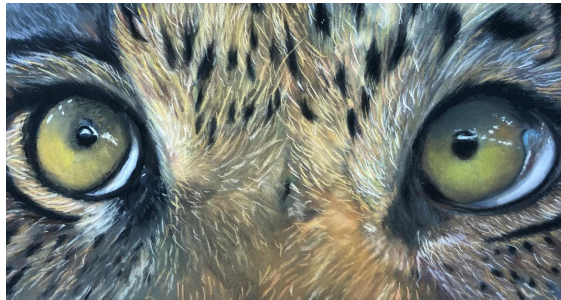
Drawing Group

St Saviour's Community Centre
Wednesdays 10.00am-12.00noon

New members are encouraged to pop along to this friendly group.

Support from fellow enthusiasts will help you complete your own drawings in a relaxed atmosphere.

Contact us via the pigeon on the website if you would like to know more.



By Dave Ford

Modern Art Group

David is hoping to get the members who have shown an interest together very soon.

If you might be keen to join, or would like more information, please contact David via email: davidpimonimports@gmail.com

Ukes Group

Please note this group has changed time and is now meeting from

2.30-3.30pm on Thursdays

Patchwork, Quilting and Appliqué Group

Due to cancellations, two spaces have become
available,
starting 5th September and fortnightly thereafter
from **2.00-4.00pm**

Please contact : lmlem@cwgsy.net



German Group
Mill Street Community Cafe
Tuesdays 2pm.

We welcome new members.
If you would like further information, please check
out the website.

Woolly Jumpers Group

This group continues to support the babies of
Ukraine with knitting and crochet. At the moment
they are not taking any hats or mittens, so we are
focussing on blankets and toys.

As you can see, we are still busy and this is the
latest batch to be sent off:



We currently have a good supply of wool so, if you need some and would like to knit from home, please contact Nandra on: 07781 404254

Sew and Create Group

We have gone from thinking about summer holidays to making Christmas goodies.

See our lovely cabin luggage bags and reversible tissue boxes.



Forthcoming Events

MOJITO

A Cocktail Tennerfest
South Esplanade
St Peter Port



You are invited to a **Tennerfest Cocktail Event at MOJITO on Friday 20th October at 4.30pm.**
3 courses - **all drinks** and **NO** food.
£15 per person.

We appear to have 11 people signed up already from the coffee morning and it will be **first come first served** for the rest, making up **20 people, PAYABLE ON THE DAY.**

This means it is **very** important that you either book a place and remember to attend, or cancel in good time so that you don't take a place for someone on the reserve list. You can see the choices for drinks

for each of the three courses on the **tennerfest menu for MOJITO, on line. There is no need to pre-order.**

I chose this time of day as you could enjoy lunch beforehand or go on to have an early evening supper afterwards (or just return home on the bus!)

Please email me, Mary Brogan, if you would like to come along so that I can keep a track of numbers attending on this date: mbrogangsy@gmail.com



Renoir in Guernsey 1883 Exhibition

Tuesday 14th November 12.00-1.00pm

Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery



U3a Guernsey have secured an entire block of 30 tickets for the Renoir in Guernsey, 1883 Exhibition on Tuesday 14th November, for the 12 noon entry time. These are being offered to members at cost, being £10 without the extra booking fee of £1.55 required if making an ordinary booking as a member of the public.



Please arrive at the museum entrance lobby at 11.55am. We will have the exhibition to ourselves for one hour.

The cafe will be open for refreshments before and after our visit.

The closing date for applications is 20th October. A waiting list will be set up for any cancellations.

Please book via Eventbrite by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/renoir-in-guernsey1883-exhibition-with-u3a-tickets-733788480097?aff=odtdtcreator>

Please do not book on Eventbrite if Mary already has your name on her list (e.g. from the coffee morning).

She will email you about payment separately.
For help booking using the Eventbrite system, please
follow our step by step guide which is on our
website - [click on this link](https://u3asites.org.uk/files/g/guernsey/docs/eventbritebookingguide2022sep.pdf), or copy and paste the
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eventbritebookingguide2022sep.pdf](https://u3asites.org.uk/files/g/guernsey/docs/eventbritebookingguide2022sep.pdf)

Ali Baba and the ??????? Thieves

Drama Group

Please add **December 4th** to your diaries for this year's
panto

10.15am at the **Vale Church Hall**.

Everybody is welcome, for what is a great start to the
Christmas festivities, with lots of fun and laughter.

u3a le Roc dance party

le Roc Group

Looking for a fabulous night out to celebrate with
friends or simply to make new friends? This will be a
night to remember, so don't leave it too late to book
your tickets.

Open to all members of u3a and non members.

National Newsletter

Are you receiving your own personal copy of the u3a National Newsletter? If not and you would like to see it then you need to go to this link:

[https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?
u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=3cc1ed5b1c&
e=21dcf0fcf2](https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=3cc1ed5b1c&e=21dcf0fcf2)

A bite-sized version is also posted by Alan on our Facebook page GUERNSEY U3A.

Copies of this newsletter and the National Newsletter can be found on the u3a Guernsey website.

All group activities can also be found on the u3a Guernsey website.

You can browse all the current interest groups on our website's [GROUPS PAGE](#). Click on this link to get there instantly.

Also check out the [EVENTS PAGE](#) to see what's happening. New events are added as soon as they have been organised.

Our website and [NEWS PAGE](#) are regularly updated with the latest information and pictures of group activities.

Please send in photos and news articles from your group to u3aguernsey.news@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you and to display your efforts on our website, newsletter and Facebook pages.

NB To access some of the documents on our website you will need a username and password.

These are common for all members and are the same for any document that is passworded. These are case sensitive and are as follows:

Username: U3aguernsey

Password: Lihounineteen

If you have any problems accessing the newsletter or any other document, please email us at

u3aguernsey.news@gmail.com

If you have any ideas on how to make being a u3a member a better experience, please share them by emailing u3aguernsey.suggestionbox@gmail.com

These will be treated in confidence before being presented to the committee for discussion (anonymously if requested).



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