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# u3a Newsletter

**News From U3A Guernsey**

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**September 2022**

**Membership - 995**

## Dear Ian

Hi, another month has past and I'm guessing that as the nights draw in and it begins to get a little cooler that we will be looking forward to activity groups resuming that have been closed over the summer starting up again.

Please send in reports and photographs to grace the Newsletter it's great to see what you are all up to. It doesn't have to be a long report, a short paragraph is often something to let us know what's happening and maybe inspire one or two of us to try something new.

Live, Laugh and Learn.

Ian Jowitt,  
Newsletter Editor

## Message from the Chair

This month has certainly turned out to be out of the ordinary and I hope you are managing to support each other. We are all different and will deal with grief in

various ways as I mentioned in my recent message to you all. What ever you choose will be right for you.

Obviously, we will join the nation in cancelling activities on the day of the Queen's funeral as a mark of respect to the Queen and her life dedicated to service to others.

We will also begin each of our subsidised events in October with a minute's silence as a sign of respect. Queen Elizabeth II has since 1952 served as reigning monarch of the United Kingdom and certainly would have approved of the work of the Third Age Trust.

It is quite understandable that some of you have been restrained from booking for our special events but the generous subsidy is open to all members to celebrate u3a Guernsey reaching 1000 members. Our growth is actually going against the trend in the UK, as lockdown resulted in many u3a's losing numbers rather than gaining as we have done in Guernsey. The social events take place during October 2022. An additional Afternoon tea and lunch have been added and numbers are looking good for the disco but please don't delay in making bookings for each of the events. If you do struggle with sourcing tickets do please make contact with a member of the Committee for help. I'm sure there is an event to tempt you all.

Some members have mentioned that perhaps we should be giving the funds to another worthwhile charity but we are not allowed to do that according to our Constitution. There is nothing stopping you, however, from attending one of the events, receive the subsidy and then donate the £10 to a charity of your own choice.

Many of the groups are back in business following the glorious summer and perhaps you are considering something new. Look out in the newsflashes for new groups starting up or you might consider volunteering. There are loads of opportunities in Guernsey and I know from personal experience that they really do appreciate our efforts. Recently in the news there have been requests for mini-bus drivers for Guernsey Voluntary Service and Citizens Advice are relocating their charity shop to bigger premises in Mont Arrive and so they need more volunteers. Just get in touch with them or any other worthwhile charity if you have a few hours to spare.

Best wishes everyone, take care and be kind to each other as we come to terms with the world around us.

Best wishes.

Live, Laugh and Learn,

Jane

## **Booking Events**

Now that we have 1,000 members, booking events has become a huge task to undertake manually using sheets of paper & pen, and handling cash & cheques and credit card payments, etc, especially as most people now want to pay by credit/debit card. Having researched various options for an on-line booking system, we have chosen to use Eventbrite, which is used extensively by many organisations for events e.g. St James Concert Hall, Guernsey Chamber of Commerce, La Société Guernesiaise. Whilst the booking process through Eventbrite is relatively simple, we have prepared a simple step by step guide to assist members with the process, which you can read below or download from the u3a website.

### **Simple Step by Step Guide to Booking Tickets on Eventbrite**

Activity: Single member with a credit/debit card and an email account

Process:

- Click on your chosen event link to Eventbrite from our u3a newsflash email sent out to you. This first page shows the general information about the event
- Click on the Tickets button (in orange) to get to the next page
- The default number of tickets to be booked is 0 (zero). Change this to 1 (one).
- Click on the Checkout button (in orange) to get to the next page
- Type in your first name & your last name, and then your email address (the information is required to identify who is paying for the booking)
- Under the sub-heading Ticket 1 type in again your first name & your last name, as well as your email address (this information is to identify who the ticket is for and who is choosing the menu options, as well as to whom the confirmation email for the booking will be sent to)
- Move down the page to enter your food menu choices (if applicable)
- Move down the page to enter your credit/debit card details
- Click on the box accepting Eventbrite's terms of service, etc (The system will NOT let you proceed unless this box is clicked)
- Finally, click on the Place Order button (in orange).

This will then result in a booking confirmation on your screen, as well as an email being sent by Eventbrite to your mail address.

However, before that your bank may request that you confirm the credit/debit card payment. This will entail the bank sending a "One Time Code" (or similar code) to your mobile phone number, which you then have to enter in a pop-up box on your screen. Only after that has been done successfully will you get a confirmation from

Eventbrite of your booking.

**Activity:**

Two members "John Smith" and "Pat Smith" want two tickets for the lunch; John has an email address, but Pat does not. John has a debit card in his name. Process - Same as for Single member, but amended as follows:

- Change the number of tickets to be booked from the default 0 (zero) to 2 (two).
- Click on the Checkout button (in orange) to get to the next page
- Enter John's first & last name and John's email address as the person paying for the tickets
- Then re-enter John's first & last name and his email address again for Ticket 1, together with John's choice of food (if applicable)
- Then enter Pat's first & last name and John's email address (again) for Ticket 2, together with Pat's choice of food (if applicable)
- Finally, enter John's debit card details
- After doing a final check on all of the information, click on the box accepting Eventbrite's terms of service, etc. and then hit the Place Order button. The system will subsequently issue two tickets to John's email address confirming the booking and also showing their menu choices.

NB If Pat does have an email address, then this can be used instead of John's against Pat's Ticket 2 details, in which case she will receive her own email from Eventibrite with her booking & menu choice confirmation.

Prepared by Ian Daish, September 2022

Please only attend interest groups or u3a events if you are feeling well. Hopefully you are all regularly testing for Covid with a LFT and showing none of the symptoms.





Photographs of work from the Sew and Create Group



### **New for September**

#### **LeRoc Dance Group**

Starting on Thursdays in September 1.30pm weekly, costing £3.00 per session.

LeRoc is a smooth fusion of Jive and Latin dance styles which is really easy to learn. Carol our fully qualified and experienced Dance teacher says, "You'll be dancing after your first session. It's very social so you will make new friends, have lots of fun and get some great exercise." You don't need a partner just pop along and be ready to enjoy yourself.

Check out the website for further information or contact Carol by email:-

[carol@leroc.co.uk](mailto:carol@leroc.co.uk)





## Coffee Morning

St Pierre Park Hotel

Please join us for our Coffee Mornings  
Watch out for Date and time News Flash  
St Pierre Park Hotel.

Please only attend if you are feeling well. Hopefully you are all regularly testing for  
Covid with a LFT and showing none of the symptoms.

We look forward to seeing you all.





## Boys' Breakfast

No date for monthly Boy's Breakfast so please watch out for the Newsflash at the beginning of the month.

Please join us, as always, for a delicious, great value, cooked breakfast.

Please only attend if you have been double jabbed and are regularly testing for Covid with a LFT and showing none of the Covid symptoms. Perhaps do a LFT before coming along to the breakfast.



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## **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.

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Anyone with a suggestion how we could make being a member a better experience, please share your idea by emailing

[u3aguernsey.suggestionbox@gmail.com](mailto:u3aguernsey.suggestionbox@gmail.com)

These will be treated in confidence and anonymised if requested before being presented to the committee for discussion.

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Links to this newsletter and copies of this and the National Newsletter can be found on the u3a Guernsey website. All group activities can also be found on the u3a Guernsey website.

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You can also read or download our Newsletter directly from the Documents section of our [website](#). To do this you will need to use a username and password, which are common for all members and are the same for any document that is passworded on our website. 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](mailto:u3aguernsey.news@gmail.com)

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**You can browse all of 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 going - 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](mailto:u3aguernsey.news@gmail.com) ; we would love to hear from you and



to display your efforts on our website, Newsletter and Facebook pages.

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