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News From U3A Guernsey

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Membership - 1011

Dear Ian

I've just arranged an appointment for the latest booster, we live in hope that another is not going to be needed but I suspect it will become a regular affair like the annual flu vaccination. Groups are in full swing again now that summer is officially over. I'd love to take part in more activities but never seem to have the time, either that or everything I'd like to do happens on the same day!! Ah well, it's good to be busy. Have you thought about submitting a short report and a photo for a future publication? It could be a useful way of acquiring new members for your group.

A thought from the Committee, anyone with a suggestion as to how we could make being a u3a member a better experience, please share your idea by emailing: u3aguernsey.suggestionbox@gmail.com

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

Live, Laugh and Learn.

Ian Jowitt,
Newsletter Editor

Welcome to u3a Guernsey

There is a new welcome message and positioning statement on the website. You can read them Welcome Page on the Website. Click on the link below to view.

[Guernsey U3A: About Us \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

Message from the Chair

Well a frustrating afternoon as I have just lost all of what I had written for the newsletter for this month so this will be a shorter bit from me.

I hope you have managed to book for an afternoon tea, lunch or you are looking forward to the disco. It is a real privilege to be offering members a subsidy and in return I ask that you continue to support us as u3a Guernsey grows. Our organisation relies on volunteers and if we are to support an increasing number of members we will need more activities, more talks, more groups. Please do consider carefully what you can do to help. Maybe you and a friend could organise a meal or a theatre experience or a visit to somewhere. We do have a member on the Executive Committee who can offer support but it becomes unmanageable if we have to organise every single event. Please do come talk to the Executive Committee and offer your help if you can.

We won't be having a Christmas lunch until February next year but we do have an annual pantomime for you to enjoy. This year we will be enjoying 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. It takes place on Monday 5th December starting at 10.15 at the Vale Church Hall and its free entry. Please do support the Drama Group, the script is finished and the group promise me that they are working hard rehearsing. I hope to see you there.

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 download from the u3a website.

Instructions can be found on our website by clicking on this link:

https://mcusercontent.com/78a3ae6f48fcb731309468ff0/files/27e83b4d-b9d6-6238-980d-897593530b11/Eventbrite_Booking_Guide_2022_Sep_.pdf

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.

Talk by Commander Colin Ferbrache OBE

La Villette Hotel

Wednesday 9th November 2pm -4pm

Tickets £8

Commander Colin Ferbrache OBE has seen a lot of action in his life, which he will be sharing with u3a members over a cup of tea and scones.

He served for 25 years in the Royal Navy specializing as a helicopter pilot. In addition, he commanded the fishery protection vessel HMS Guernsey and the type 21 Frigate HMS Alcarity.

On returning to Guernsey in 1993 he joined the Air Search becoming Chief Officer from 2008 until 2015.

To book please use this link to the Eventbrite booking system:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talk-bv-commander-colin-ferbrache-obe-with->



Did you see u3a Guernsey on ITV News last week?

To break the recent spell of depressing news, ITV Channel News decided that their audience needed cheering up. So, why not a profile of u3a Guernsey and how good life is for our members in their retirement!

The Sew & Create Group showed off their stuff and were asked what it's like to be "elderly"?! As you can imagine the e-word caused lots of merriment amongst our members who thought that only people of 100+ Years of age could be considered "elderly", and even then it often doesn't apply.

The social aspect of being a u3a member was emphasised by our Chair, Jane Pearson, who was also a bit miffed that her screen caption used the u-word, which we dropped years ago for just "u3a". But, you can't expect the youngsters at ITV to get it right all of the time; they'll learn as they get older and retire, like us, and look back and laugh (especially if they become u3a members)!

Ian Daish



Celebration of 1,000 u3a Members

Special Events (Update No 3)

We still have places available for some of our events for members with a £10 subsidy.

In addition, we are now able to take bookings for members who have already booked one event, who would like to book a second or even a third event at the normal, full price.

Below is the current availability of places and the booking deadlines for each event (as we have to let the venue have our final orders approximately a week before the event).

Afternoon Tea at Les Rocquettes Hotel

Tuesday 25th October

2 spaces left at subsidised price of £5.95

Bookings close at 1pm on Tuesday 18th October

Wednesday 26th October

Fully booked

Thursday 27th October

17 spaces left at subsidised price of £5.95

20 spaces available at full price of £15.95

Bookings close at 1pm on Thursday 20th October

To book this event for Tuesday 25th October please use this link to our Eventbrite

To book this event for Tuesday 20th October, please use this link to our Eventbrite booking website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1000-members-event-afternoon-tea-at-les-rocquettes-hotel-2-tickets-414666938977>

Thursday 13th October

Fully Booked

Thursday 20th October

Fully Booked

Disco at the Wayside Cheer Hotel

Friday 21st October

41 spaces left at subsidised price of £5

20 spaces available at full price of £15

Bookings close at 1pm on Monday 17th October

To book this event for Friday 21st October, please use this link to our Eventbrite booking website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1000-members-event-disco-at-the-wayside-cheer-hotel-tickets-412266228387>

Sculpture from Scrap Metal





The U3A Metalwork Group has grown yet again, with the nine members now stretching the skills four “experts” led by Ian Daish, the group convenor.

The focus of the group is to construction sculptures out of scrap-metal, which being art can be in any form that takes the fancy of individual members. For instance, Hilary has a fascination for knives and sharp instruments of every description. So, it was no surprise that her very first work of art was “Sharpie the Shag”, which now stands proud on a large granite boulder in her garden well away from any inquisitive humans - see the accompanying photo (NB Hilary had never done any metalwork before doing the group!)

Another new member, Eleanor, has a fascination for flowers of ANY description, as long as they are made of metal! (NB She also insisted on sewing name badges for everyone’s overalls, so that it was easier to remember everyone’s names, especially for new members of the group.)

Whilst we are now at our maximum in the group, spaces for new members do come up from time to time. If you are interested in joining us and would like more information, please contact me at u3aguernsey.metalwork@gmail.com

Ian Daish
Convenor - u3a Guernsey Metalwork Group
Mobile: 07781 430085

NEW GROUPS

Is there anyone interested in playing poker? Email if interested :

1991pearson@gmail.com

LeRoc Dance Group

This group has proved to be very popular since starting on the 15th September. The group meets on Thursdays 1.30pm.

Le Roc is a smooth fusion of jive and latin dance styles which is really easy to learn. It's very social so you will make new friends, have lots of fun and get some great exercise.

Check out the website for further information or contact Carol by email:-
carolmutiara@gmail.com

Skittles, Wednesday, Group

We have had a good few members come forward to join this group but there is space for a few others. The group meets at 10.30am at the skittle alley in the Hampshire Lodge, Rue Maingy. The emphasis is on a social morning with everyone enjoying a game of skittles in a friendly atmosphere. There is no admission fee. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate and bar drinks can be purchased.

Pool/Darts Group

A few people have contacted me, if you would like to join this group please email if interested on: 1991pearson@gmail.com

Board Games Group

Are you interested in playing board games with others? Please email me if you are: 1991pearson@gmail.com

Local History

This new group starts in October and will be visiting local historic sites most of which are repeat visits if you belonged to the group previously. Day and venue to be confirmed. If you are interested please contact Gill via email: gill.slimm@cwgsy.net

Local Heritage Group

This group has started to meet with new experienced accredited guide Andy Walker. The group is for members who are interested in learning more about Guernsey's heritage. Please contact via the pigeon on the website for further information.

Boxing Interest Group

This group has proved very popular and we are now in a position to start a second group, meeting fortnightly. Please email Mary if you are interested as she already has names, so places are limited. Information available on the website.

Email:- marymcdermott2011@yahoo.co.uk

Groups Looking for New Members

Advanced French Conversation

This is a well established group who meet and talk on a range of topics in member's houses. If interested in finding out more, contact John Hodder, the Convenor via the pigeon on the website.

Chess Group

This group continues to grow but new members are most welcome. Simply email Martin via the website or turn up at 10am at Les Rocquettes Hotel on Tuesday 4th October and fortnightly thereafter. Chess is popular for therapy, enjoyment and social interaction. Tuition can be given for less experienced players.

Any chess set donations would be gratefully received.

German Group

This group restarts on Tuesday October 11th at 2pm in the Mill Street Community Cafe. See the website for more information.

Politics Group

This group will restart monthly. The next session is Monday 17th October, 2pm - 4pm, at Les Cotils. The topic will be " utopia ". If anyone is interested could they get in touch: acgallienne@outlook.com The session charge is £4.

Drawing Group

This group is open to all abilities and Dave is willing to provide some support to those who need a little help. Please check out the website for details and see the next newsletter to view more beautiful work by Chris, one of the members of this group.

Save the Date

The Drama Group will be holding their annual pantomime " Goldilocks and the Three Bears" on Monday 5th December 2022 starting at 10.15am at the Vale Church Hall. Please do support the group, the script is finished and the group promise me that they are working hard rehearsing.

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 are showing none of the Covid symptoms. Perhaps do a LFT before coming along to the breakfast.



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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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.

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

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 ; we would love to hear from you and to display your efforts on our website, Newsletter and Facebook pages.



[U3A Guernsey \(Closed\) Facebook Group](#)



[U3A Guernsey Website](#)
