

REPORT ON THE SOUTH CENTRAL NETWORK WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH

On 20 March 2018, Portsdown U3A hosted and facilitated this successful event, which was supported by a grant from the Third Age Trust.

Twenty participants from our Network heard an inspiring keynote address by Dr Nick Barratt. Nick is uniquely qualified to talk about research. His academic background is in Medieval History and, more recently, he has made the transition to public history projects, including the BBC programme *Who Do You Think You Are?* For more information, see www.nickbarratt.co.uk

The rest of the session was devoted to explorations of the U3A Research Database and Research Guide, followed by a talk on Portsdown U3A's research project: *The Impact on the People of Portsmouth of the Battle of Jutland*. Possible sources of funding were also discussed. Finally, participants were reminded about the ongoing Shared Learning Project that is taking place in partnership with Royal Holloway, University of London: *Citizens: 800 Years in the Making* – an exploration of reform, protest and the fight for liberty since Magna Carta.

As is generally the case at U3A functions, opportunities for networking and the sharing of information were also plentiful.

If any members would like further information on, or help with, research, please contact me: Carole Chapman, Business Secretary, Portsdown U3A and U3A Research Ambassador – carolecpc99999@googlemail.com