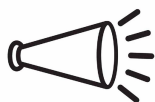


## April 2024 Newsletter

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Firstly, our thoughts must go out any members affected by the flooding overnight 8<sup>th</sup> April, I hope that recovery plans are in hand.

Secondly, the new electric buses, built in Ballymenna, are starting to hit the road. Keep an eye out for any official information from First Bus regarding possible route or timetable changes that may affect the X buses and avoid any speculation. Finally, as this is my final Newsletter I'd like to thank the committee for their support, and thank the Group Contacts for their hard work keeping Locks Heath U3a a thriving community. Please offer help when asked, after all, it's our u3a, it belongs to all of us.

It's been an interesting and rewarding year as your Chairman and I'm going to miss hosting the Friday meetings. I will remain an active member of the Jazz and Walking groups, see you at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 26<sup>th</sup> April which will be followed by a speaker.

**Terry Hammond, Chairman**

### MEET AND GREET



We are here to assist you – if you need any help or information please ask one of the Meet and Greet Team who will be in the Grove Room and Hall and happy to help.

**Judy Barrett**

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING

This month's meeting is on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April when we have our Annual General Meeting, which will be followed by a presentation by Tony Privett, Honorary President, Hampshire Search and Rescue (HANTSAR).

### GENERAL NOTICES

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

The committee agreed that we should have a Locks Heath u3a Facebook page to connect more effectively with the local community and to hopefully broaden and extend the membership.

On behalf of the committee, I have set up a 'Locks Heath u3a' Facebook page. The postings are carefully controlled and monitored and focus particularly on publicising our monthly meetings. Future postings will also celebrate our interest group activities.

To ensure that we reach a wider audience these same postings will be copied within Facebook onto the 'Locks Heath Area Community Group' and the 'Voice for Whiteley and Locks Heath' group.

A good way to understand how this works is to regard our Locks Heath u3a page as a 'poster'. When we put this 'poster' on the two local community group pages it is akin to putting it on a community notice board where many more people will be able to see it.

**Graham Sheppard**

## TEA AND BISCUIT TEAM

We have one new member on the team, welcome, and we can always take more willing hands. It is half an hour before, to set up and half an hour after to clear, making Tea and serving to fellow members at the general meeting on last Friday of each month. Contact Lois 07530 729105 or say Hello at the meeting. **Lois White**

## TEA FOR TONY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Just a gentle reminder that I would appreciate knowing if you plan to attend the memorial tea for Tony at Sarisbury Community Centre. All welcome. Time 2:30 to 4:30 approx. To be confirmed. My email address is [rosemaryannwest@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryannwest@gmail.com). Tel. 01489 574400

**Rosemary Baylis**

## INTEREST GROUP NEWS

### SKITTLES



We continue to meet at the Kings Head Wickham on the first Monday of the Month. 1pm for 1:30pm. Our numbers are increasing but we usually manage to play one game of Skittles and one game of Killer. Cost is £3 to cover the hire of the Skittle Alley and refreshments. **Judy Barrett**

### BOOK FRIENDS



We will be meeting again on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at our usual time of 2:00 pm. This month we shall be discussing the novel "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham. I look forward to seeing my members then. **Margaret White**

### GARDEN GROUP



Our next meeting will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May when we will have a presentation from Hampshire Hedgehog Rescue. To cover the cost of hiring the Grove Room please bring £2. If you have any spare plants or seeds to swap bring those along too.

**Marguerite Boulter**

### LUNCHEON GROUP



Our next lunch will be at Yaprak, Turkish Restaurant, Locks Heath Centre on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 for 12:30pm, for the lunch menu of starter and main course for £12.95. A pre-ordered menu is required.

If you would like to join us, please see me at the Annual General Meeting on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April or contact me either by email [rachelblundell@btinternet.com](mailto:rachelblundell@btinternet.com)

or telephone 01489 577027 by 9<sup>th</sup> May at the latest

Thank you, **Rachel Blundell**

## ALL THAT JAZZ



Our meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March was attended by five members..

Our theme was "cities and countries" and seventeen tracks were played from all around the world.

Warners Jazz Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February.

David Clorley, David Badcock and friends attended the above Jazz Weekend.

Live jazz was played for most of each day featuring the following bands:-

Southern Revival New Orleans Jazz Band, Savannah Jazz Band, Gambit Jazz Band, John Maddox Jazzmen, Sarah Spencer's Transatlantic Band,

Julie Titus performed a tribute to the late great jazz singer Bessie Smith.

Jazz at Huddersfield 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March

David Badcock, went to a jazz gig at the Head of Steam pub, whilst visiting friends. Good jazz played weekly, and the beer is cheap.

Sound of Spitfire interview 18<sup>th</sup> March.

John Petters, drummer and presenter interviewed Bill Cornell, a former drummer and bandleader from the Essex area. Bill, now 95, led the Golden Era Jazz Band over many years, encouraging new musicians and promoting jazz at every opportunity. He possesses a wide knowledge of the subject, and with his wife is still active in arranging gigs in the Home Counties. Long may it continue!

We next meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. At the time of writing the theme has not been finalised.

**David Badcock**

## WALKING GROUP –



The walks planned for the end of April and May are:-

24<sup>th</sup> April: Meet at Holly Hill Woodland Park and walk to the River Hamble. Refreshments at Universal Boat Yard. About 4 miles. Maureen is the walk Leader (07899 890028).

8<sup>th</sup> May: Meet at Stokes Bay Bayside Cabin and walk to the Lifeboat station. About 3 miles. Refreshments at the shoreline. John is the walk Leader (07909 627104).

22<sup>nd</sup> May: Meet at Cams Mill. Circular walk around Cams Hall and the Golf Course. About 4 – 5 miles. Refreshments at Cams Mill. Marion is the walk Leader (01489 578629).

29<sup>th</sup> May: Meet at the car park adjacent to Porchester Crematorium and walk to Fort Nelson. About 4 – 5 miles. Refreshments at Fort Nelson. Maureen is the walk Leader (07899 890028).

All walks start at 10:30am. Please confirm your attendance with the relevant Walk Leader.

**Marion Wilkinson and the Editor**

## SCRABBLE – CHANGE OF VANUE



In May the Scrabble Group will meet at 4, Bramble Lane, Sarisbury Green, SO31 7BE at the usual time. Thank you to Jean for hosting. Any queries please let me know.

**Rosemary Baylis.**

## CANASTA



We are very pleased to welcome a couple of new members to our group. Canasta is a fun card game, fairly easy to learn and is enjoyed by all our members. If you have never played before – no problem – we are happy to teach you at your own pace. In fact, most of our group had never played

before they joined and are now playing like "old hands"!! We meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Victory Hall in Warsash, 2pm – 4pm.

**Liz Kennedy and Pauline Bower**

**CINEMA GROUP** – Contact: Kathy Kanji, Solent u3a.



After our Easter break, we have the Amy Winehouse biopic, "Back to Black", as our film for May.

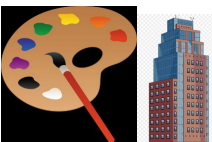
For the benefit of new members wishing to join the group, our local u3as have a private showing at Fareham's Reel cinema at 10:30 on the second Thursday of each month. The cost is £3.50, and u3a membership cards need be shown

to gain entry. Drop me an email via our website if you wish to join.

As usual, Kathy will advise those members on email when she is taking bookings and members not on email should book via me on 01489 601684.

**Celia Creedon**

## ART AND ARCHITECTURE



At our April meeting John Stych gave a well illustrated presentation about the great Victorian William Morris. Although a writer and poet, he and his wife are best remembered for their association with various pre-Raphaelite artists who influenced their exquisite designs for textiles and even stained-glass windows.

They were major contributors to the revival of traditional British textile art and methods of production. Many of which are still in use today.

In May we begin our summer visits, and it is not too late to sign up.

14<sup>th</sup> May Osborne House, Isle of Wight. Shared car ferry transport available. Organiser David Lee.

11<sup>th</sup> June Sandham Memorial Chapel. National Trust entry plus guided tour. Organiser Ann Gardner.

11<sup>th</sup> July Winchester College. Guided tour. Organiser Pauline Bower.

**Andrew Kennedy and Ray Gardner**

## CREATIVE WRITING



We still have room for one new member willing to commit their fantastic ideas to paper. Or at least rise to the challenge of writing a short piece of creative writing to a theme suggested by another member. This week's theme was 'Messages!' Temporary Group Leader – **Adrian Martienssen**

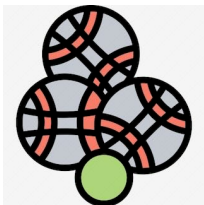
## HERITAGE AND CULTURES



We had a record number of members attending the talk by Ann Gardner this month – 24 people; so many that we were allowed to move to the Grove Room where there was more space. This might well become our new venue as our group becomes more popular. Ann's illustrated talk was about Hampshire's canals, parts of which still exist. These included the Titchfield Canal and the Portsmouth to Chichester Canal. The talk also covered the culture of living on narrow boats and making a living on canals, a fascinating subject in itself. Ann has organised a trip on a boat navigating the Chichester Canal in June, which is now full.

In the meantime, Dilys Lillywhite has arranged a guided tour of Bishops Waltham Palace next month, including a look around the museum, which is normally closed during the week. Other visits have been planned during the Summer months to Netley Victoria Country Park and Old Portsmouth. You can see why we are becoming such a popular group! **David Lee**

## PETANQUE



Dates for May.

We meet on 1st and 3rd Friday each month. I.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Venue as usual Fareham NW Community Centre, Henry Cort Drive. Fareham PO15 6PH

Plenty of Parking. Wear stout shoes or trainers. No sandals please. We have spare boules to borrow. £1 to play. Spectators welcome.

Contact **Lois White** 07530 729105 or just turn up at 10:00 am.

## KNITTING YARNS



The next meeting of this little group is on: Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May from 1.45pm – 3:45pm at my house. Tel: 01489 57454:

The group normally meets on the FIRST Wednesday of the month. You can bring knitting, embroidery, crochet or whatever you enjoy creating.

**Rosie Robertson**

## The Third Age Trust Newsletter links –

If you would like to view the most recent newsletters issued by The Third Age Trust at national level, please click on the following links. If you have not already done so you can subscribe to these Newsletters yourself and they will be emailed direct to you when they are published.

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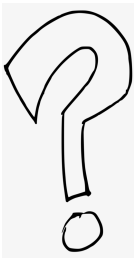
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**FACTOIDS** – You may find interesting:



- Having friendly neighbours reduces your chances of a heart attack by up to 70%.
- In 1996, 2 neighbours in Devon spent a year hooting at owls, unaware they were actually hooting at each other!
- Children in Hungary are told that eating carrots will help them whistle.
- A supplement made from mussels can reduce the pain in your muscles.
- There are half as many giraffes as there were 15 years ago.
- In Germany, it is illegal to wear a mask or take a pillow to a demonstration.
- Divorce was illegal in Ireland until 1997.
- Winston Churchill's doctor prescribed 8 double shots of alcohol per day.
- Churchill was a US citizen.
- 12% of Americans think USB is a country in Europe.
- The largest university in Texas allows handguns on campus, but not water pistols.
- After arms and drugs, the third most smuggled commodity is animals.

**Note from the Editor:**

Thank you all for your contributions to this month's Newsletter.