

**We hope to see you all at our next u3a meeting on Wednesday February 14
2.30pm at Lyndhurst Community Centre.**

The sun is shining, the heavy winds and rain have ceased, and it does not get dark so early. Snowdrops, daffodils, camelia and crocuses are all in flower in gardens.

Our next u3a meeting is on Wednesday February 14, St Valentine's Day. The speaker will be Steve Timms, one of our members. Having had an illustrious career in the Royal Navy, including serving in nuclear-powered submarines during the Cold War, Steve is now in demand as a guest speaker on cruise ships. His talk will be on Naval Submarines and their 250 years of development for underwater warfare from a wooden barrel to today's nuclear-powered leviathans.

We are looking at improving ways of publicising our activities. Interest Groups are encouraged to display details of their groups ideally with photographs or images at the back of the Community Centre Hall at meetings. We are always keen to hear ideas for new groups and leaders, particularly for reviving Days Out. If you have any suggestions or would like to help please contact the committee. It has been suggested contributions should be donated to buy cakes and refreshments rather than requesting cake donors. What do you think?

Please look at the website Jim New has been updating. If you have any comments, ideas or photos that could be used please contact Jim. Please remember photos require the permission of those pictured. Jim has also proposed a photo competition later in the year. Thank you, Jim, for your enthusiasm and expertise.

The u3a AGM will be coming up in May. More volunteers will be needed! Please take the next couple of months thinking about what you can do to help. Meanwhile, I do need to let members know that Paul Miller and I will both be standing down from our roles as Treasurer and Chairman respectively.

Don't forget that your membership needs renewing in March. I'm afraid there is likely to be a small increase in the subscription rates, resulting from increased speaker costs. Please ensure that you provide your emergency contact details too. We like to be prepared!

Angela Trend
Chairman

**Remember - u3a is a self-help organisation.
Things only happen when members make them happen.**