



Welcome to your u3a Newsletter which gives you an opportunity both to catch up and to find out what is planned for the next few months.

Round-up of Monthly Talks

Our Monthly Talks are always well attended and over recent months we have heard about the art of cheesemaking, the history of piers and the history of magic. We were given sage advice on estate and inheritance planning, and finished the year with a miscellany of Christmas poems and prose, accompanied by a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie (or two!)

Meetings are free to members and also open to non-members for a nominal admission fee. If you know anyone who is interested in joining u3a, please encourage them to come to a monthly talk.

Future Monthly Talks

2024 begins with a fascinating, fully illustrated look back by Jeff Evans at 60 years of music on television from the 1950s onwards which is sure to invoke some wonderful memories. Join us on **17 January!**

In **February** Andrew Negus will present us with a unique guided tour illustrating the history and influences behind the formation of Winchester's Cathedral.

Joining us in **March** will be successful actor and crime writer Linda Regan, who has appeared in over a hundred TV shows, films and commercials, and her talk will include anecdotes of those she has worked with during her career.

In **April's** "My Parents at War", David Bickerton will share with us an amazing chronicle of his parents' wartime experiences gleaned from nearly 150 letters written by them between 1942 and 1945.

Popular presenter Tony Harris joins us once again in **May**; this time to give us an insight - in his own inimitable style! - into Henry VIII.

Delving into history again in **June**, Fran Sandham will describe the extraordinary journey 15th-century Portuguese explorers made to reach the East.

Upcoming Events

Do you want a work-out for those brain cells? We're putting together a quiz, which will be on **Thursday 22 February** at 2pm, at St Mary's Hall.

We hope that the winning team will be keen and available to represent us at the Regional u3a Quiz!

This should be a fun event, bring a team or come and join one!

Also arranged for **Monday 18 March at 2pm** is a visit to the Whitchurch Silk Mill. This is a group visit arranged for u3a members and we will be the only visitors that day. The tour takes around an hour and will be followed by an Afternoon Cream Tea. *(Please note this is a members-only visit.)*

Tickets are on sale now, priced at £18.50, and will be available at the January and February Talks, or you can purchase by bank transfer to Overton & District U3A, Sort Code: 40-09-26 Account: 11746693 putting your name as the reference.

Reports on Events and Outings

Our Summer Outing during **July** saw members setting off to Southsea near Portsmouth.



Group admission was arranged for members to visit the D-Day Museum or if they preferred to simply take advantage of the wonderful location to enjoy the gardens and seafront.



August saw our first Barn Dance which was a success – forty of us had a great time. We were



led through the moves by Tim Walker and his brilliant band, The Banter.

And that isn't just what the Committee think! Following are a selection of many of the comments following the event.

"The barn dance on 16 August was a tremendous success. Everyone was smiling and laughing, whether dancing or watching - it was a real fun evening. The band Banter were terrific, even playing for us during a break from the dancing. Hope it can be repeated another year!" (Maureen)



"Incredibly fun and entertaining evening thanks to the three excellent musicians and helpful instructions before every dance--even if some of the time someone went off in the wrong direction and/or wasn't able to execute every "dosey doe" to perfection!" (Brigitte)

"The band were really good with a nice mix of different types of dances. Everyone joined in to make it an evening full of fun and laughter" (Pauline Shead)

"Thank you to all the committee that arranged the Barn Dance a very fun and enjoyable evening was had by all who attended, looking at the smiling faces. I hope we have more enjoyable evenings in the future. Well done the committee for doing something different." (Christine and Sue)

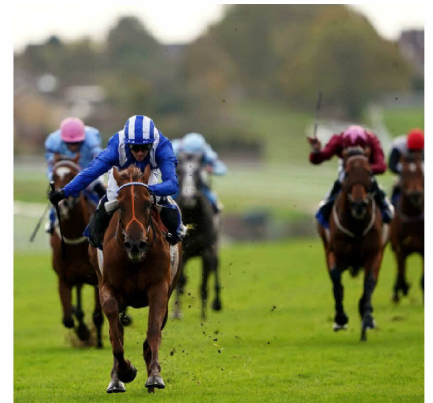


"Best night out for ages. Full of fun and laughter. The band were brilliant musicians and the caller was so skilled at giving instructions that everyone could follow. Plus a few jokes thrown in for good measure. Great balance between dancing and a chance to sit and chat to other U3A folk" (Julie Thompson)

September saw another first for u3a Overton, a visit to the races for the Dubai Duty Free International Weekend.

This proved to be a most entertaining afternoon for the thirty of us who benefited from the helpful, charming and informative Newbury Racecourse staff. Some of us also did very well in picking winners!

We plan to repeat this outing next September; further details will be provided nearer the time but if you're interested, make a note of the date now - **Friday 20th!**





Groups Information

We have a new German Conversation group! If you are interested in joining them, please contact Diana Churchill:

dianacchurchill@gmail.com

We are looking at organising a Book Group, where we will read and discuss both new releases and old classics. Meeting day is still be arranged; please contact Teresa Reynolds for more information in the first instance:

treynolds9@me.com

Do you have an idea for forming a new Group?

We would like to hear from members if there they feel there is a gap in the schedule.

For example, many other u3a districts run a Ukulele Group. While we would need to find out if anyone has this skill in order to run and tutor it, do we have anyone interested in attending?

Also, while we keep waiting list for any groups which are full at present, if there are enough people waiting we could look at creating a second, or even third or fourth group. Let us know if this is the case!

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