

Thornbury U3A 2020

Welcome, at the dawn of this New Year, indeed to a new decade, to all current and prospective members of the Thornbury University of the Third Age (TU3A). In November 2019, Alison Makepeace, our Chairman, stood down after three years at the helm and I would like to thank her for her excellent stewardship of the organisation over that period. I hope I can do as well.

This Handbook of TU3A contains details of the organisation and summary details of its interest Groups. It is issued annually to all members and is provided to all new ones when they join. The information, supplied by the Committee and Leaders of the interest Groups, is correct at the time of printing.



Introduction

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is an international self-help organisation for people no longer in full time employment and provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. The U3A approach is “learning for pleasure” by members, for members; there are no entry conditions, no assessments and no qualifications to be gained.

In the UK, there are over 1000 local U3As, each of which is a charity in its own right. Local U3As are learning cooperatives, run entirely by volunteers, which draw upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest Groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. There is minimal bought-in lecturing; the teachers learn and the learners teach. The TU3A is a registered Charity No 1080095.

Background and general way of working

TU3A was founded in 1998 and we currently have over 1,860 members with nearly 90 active interest Groups making us one of the larger U3As for our size of town.

All U3As are affiliated to the “Third Age Trust”, which provides a forum for sharing best-practice. The National Office of the Third Age Trust acts as a central clearing house for all enquiries and is responsible for the day to day administration of The Trust. The national Website is www.u3a.org.uk. The Third Age Trust produces a magazine called ‘Third Age Matters’ (TAM) which is supplied to each of Thornbury’s U3A Groups, the cost being covered centrally.

The vast majority of activities are run by self-managing “interest Groups” who draw from the TU3A membership. Meetings are held mainly during the daytime, on weekdays, often in halls but also in members’ homes. There is also a myriad of outdoor activities and visits to places near and far. A Summary of Group activities is shown at the end of this Handbook, which is correct at the time of printing. Further detailed and specific information is available on our TU3A Website: www.thornburyu3a.org.uk.

Membership

You must be a current member of TU3A to participate in any of its activities, in order for us to comply with our insurance conditions. Prospective members may however attend two meetings, as guests, before committing to U3A membership. Members can join as many interest Groups as they wish.

The U3A membership system ‘Beacon’ is used for our membership management and is accessible by Group Leaders and Committee Members for the purpose of administration and communication to their members. **Therefore, it is essential that all new members have an email address, or access to one, that can be entered on Beacon when they join.** Alternative arrangements will be considered for new members without computer access. Beacon has been developed by U3A members and is supported nationally and meets the requirement of the current GDPR/data protection regulations.

Annual membership subscriptions are due by 1st January each year. Renewal notices are sent by email, via Beacon, a few weeks prior to 1st January. Currently renewal notices are sent by post to existing members not on email. Subscriptions can now be paid online and we encourage members to renew in this way to help reduce administration costs. Members are also encouraged to Gift Aid the payment. The subscription this year is £6 per

person. This fee covers U3A costs and personal liability insurance whenever undertaking U3A activities. No U3A member receives any payment for their work.

Communications

The TU3A Handbook, Newsletters, Website and Beacon system are our main platforms of communication and membership information management. The Handbook contains information on each of our Groups. It details the nature of the Group, when and where the activity is held and who to contact to find out more information. The TU3A Website then contains all the dynamic information on a Group – the programme of activities, the cost of attending and any ancillary costs. It also reflects whether there are any current vacancies or not.

We also distribute a Quarterly Newsletter containing current news and activities within the TU3A and its Groups. This is sent by email to all members who have an email address. Currently we also send out copies of both Handbook and Newsletters to non-email members although this is both very time consuming and very expensive (costing approximately £3,200 last year). To keep our annual subscription charges small we wish to increase our use of the email addresses on Beacon for our Quarterly Newsletters and other communications. To add your email to your personal details, send an email with your membership number to the Membership Secretary - membership@thornburyu3a.org.uk. If you change your email address please remember to either logon the TU3A Website via the members' portal and change your details or notify the Membership Secretary of the change. Also please add communications@thornburyu3a.org.uk to your email address book or contact list to reduce the chance of our emails being incorrectly blocked.

Website

TU3A Website www.thornburyU3A.org, continues to expand and is now a focal point for information. We are moving towards all Group Leaders, or their representatives, using the Website to inform their Group members of what is happening within the Group. The Website enables them to promote all the Events taking place and for others to see what is happening. Whilst this information is useful to our members it is also a showcase of what is on offer to anyone interested in joining us. The Website should also reflect the costs involved in taking part in the Group activity and whether there are vacancies or not. If this information is not available on the Website, anyone interested in joining the Group should contact the Group Leader directly. Also on the Website is a Table of when and where each Group activity takes place in order of each day of the week.

Help is on hand from our Webmaster, webmaster@thornburyu3a.org.uk, for those needing guidance and he will even update pages, if requested to do so.

Beacon

The Beacon Membership Management system has proved a very successful and an essential tool for membership management and communicating with members. We are moving towards all Group Leaders using the system to communicate with their Group members. The system also allows Group Leaders to check whether individuals are paid up members of TU3A.

All U3A members are encouraged to logon to the TU3A Website and check, or amend if necessary, their personal details, **particularly their email address**. Where you hold a joint membership, you can now have both your email addresses included in Beacon so that you each get notifications of meeting and events. Anyone needing assistance should contact the Beacon Administrator, beacon@thornburyu3a.org.uk.

Newsletters

At present Newsletters are issued in January, April, July and October each year. The Newsletter contains updates to the Handbook, news, reports on Group activities and details of forthcoming events that are relevant to the whole membership, and contributions should be sent to newsletter@thornburyu3a.org.uk. The Newsletters are emailed to those members who have provided an email address, and are currently posted to the remainder.

Equipment

TU3A owns equipment for use by the interest Groups. The current list of equipment and who holds it is available on the Website. Members are reminded that our insurance does not cover accidental damage to their own personal equipment (e.g. laptops) when being used at Group meetings. Any requests for new equipment should be discussed with Group Leaders, who will then contact the Equipment Coordinator - equipment@thornburyu3a.org.uk.

Health & Safety

Health and Safety (H&S) is the responsibility of all of us. The vast majority of the application of H&S legislation is common sense. Specific guidelines have been provided to Committee Members and Group Leaders; but all members should:

- Act responsibly and take note of Safety Briefings. In the event of an emergency act in accordance with directions from the meeting organisers and in particular the Emergency Services.
- Report any potential hazards to the Group Leader.
- Remain at the Emergency Evacuation Place to await further instructions.
- Report any Accidents to - healthandsafety@thornburyu3a.org.uk.

Committee

TU3A is governed by a Committee elected annually from its membership. The Committee are the Charity's Trustees. The Committee's activities are to:

- a) Support current and prospective members and Groups;
- b) Provide a communications network across the membership;
- c) Maintain a stock of equipment for general use.

The current committee is:

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Catering Co-ordinator	Vacant	-	

Thanks also to our many other valuable volunteers. In order for us to continue it is vital that people volunteer to do a little more, whether running Groups or joining the Committee. Please give serious consideration to offering your time to ensure the future of our branch of U3A. Further information can be obtained by emailing the chairman - chairman@thornburyu3a.org.uk.

Thornbury U3A Groups

Interest Groups are formed when a number of members establish a desire to pursue a particular interest. There are currently 86 interest groups running but this number can change as new Groups form and some, unfortunately, close. In order to accommodate large numbers, there is sometimes more than one Group addressing the same subject or activity. Groups vary in size from those small enough to meet in a member's home to Groups large enough to fill the larger public rooms in the area. All Groups charge a small amount to cover the cost of Hall Hire, Teas, Coffee and other expenses. Some Groups also require a joining fee, but all are open to a "taster" visit to determine if the Group meets one's interests. These details are held on the Group's webpage on the TU3A website.

Sometimes Groups with vacancies are mentioned in the Newsletters and on the Website: these are not exhaustive lists but are Groups which are actively looking for additional members. Most Groups have vacancies and it is worth contacting the Leader to express interest. Members can refer to the 'Summary/Timetable of Groups' (included at the end of the Handbook) to help identify which Groups are available and when.

All Groups would welcome members with various types of disabilities. Anyone with a disability should contact the Group Leader to discuss whether the venue is suitable for their attendance, e.g. are stairs involved or is there a "induction loop" for those with hearing problems.

Suggestions for new Groups are welcomed; either where an interest is not catered for or when current Groups have reached capacity. Ideas are advertised to try to attract sufficient members to call a planning meeting to get a Group established. Members wishing to form a new Group should contact the Groups' Coordinator. There is also a Flowchart on our Website describing how a member may "Set up a new Group". A list of proposed and newly established Groups is given in the Newsletter and on the Website; giving them your support will help them to prosper. Should a new Group Leader need help with the purchase of materials to get a Group started, the Committee will consider requests for funds.

The ethos of the U3A movement is that all members are encouraged to participate actively in the Group(s) they attend; by contributing to discussions or to the running of the Group. A very helpful and detailed handbook, "Guidelines for Group Leaders", can be downloaded from our Website. The Guidelines give lots of helpful information and still more is available from our national organisation The Third Age Trust. There are named National Advisers who can help with information for specific interest Groups, covering a wide range of subjects. The Trust also has a huge resource library of loan materials available for hire by Group Leaders.

Open Talks 2020 - Armstrong Hall or Cossham Hall, Thornbury

A series of "Open Talks", covering a variety of subjects, which are open to all members of TU3A, will be held in the Armstrong or Cossham Halls during 2020. Further details will be posted in Newsletters and on our Website.

Contact: Alison Makepeace 415019 talks@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Open Visits 2020

Occasional trips/visits are arranged which are open to all members of TU3A. Details of these visits, can be found on the TU3A website and in the Quarterly Newsletters. Applications are drawn at random 'out of a hat' if a visit is oversubscribed. Applicants who were unsuccessful will be put on a waiting list in the order that their names were drawn out and will be contacted if cancellations occur. All visits will be organised by Sue James and Judith Austin, one of whom will be present on the visit. Ideas are welcomed for future trips.

Contact: Sue James 885452 visits@thornburyu3a.org.uk
Judith Austin 411069
Quentin Killey 281372

Monday Art Group

Monday weekly **9.30am** **St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury**

We aim to have a different demonstrator for one session in the month and then follow with our own work based on the demonstrator's work. We have covered acrylics, watercolour, pen and ink drawing and designing cards for printing. Our Group has a range of abilities from experienced people to beginners but we help each other and share ideas. We try to keep in touch with art demonstrations and events happening locally. We would be happy to see you if you just want to have a look before deciding if you want to join.

Sue Punton *776271* *artmondaygroup1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Watercolour Painting Group

Monday weekly **2pm** **Methodist Hall, Thornbury**

This is a self-help Group who meet on most Monday afternoons during the year. We try to encourage and help each other according to our various abilities, even if you have not done much painting before, or even none at all, you would still be very welcome. Our medium is generally watercolour but anyone is welcome to paint in any other medium. For further information, including the cost of each session, please see the TU3A website or contact the Leader below.

Janice Jackson *418921* *watercolourpainting@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Thursday Art Group

Thursday weekly in term time **9.15am** **St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury**

We are a very friendly bunch of self-supporting amateur artists who use a range of mediums including watercolour, pastels, acrylic, gouache, coloured pencils and ink. For further information, including the cost of each session, please see the TU3A website or contact the Leader below.

Ann Jones *413875* *artthursday@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Aspects of the 19th Century

1st Monday monthly **2pm** **Methodist Church Hall, Alveston**

This is an open Group with speakers talking about any subject of the 19th century. The programme for 2020 is on our TU3A Website.

John Smith *415667* *aspectsof19c@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Astronomy

1st Monday monthly **10.30am** **Buckingham Room, The Chantry, Thornbury**

The meetings start informally around 10am with coffee, biscuits and chat, and we sit down for the more formal proceedings at 10.30am. We are mainly a talks and discussions Group but also have a few members who are telescope-owning observers. We cover astronomy in the widest sense: observations, cosmology, space missions, history, and so on. Please consult our Astronomy pages on the TU3A website. The Group welcomes new members.

Peter Jackson *418050* *astronomy@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Birdwatching

2nd Monday monthly **9.30am** **Thornbury, Leisure Centre top car park, Thornbury**

We are a friendly, mixed Group of experienced birdwatchers and those who are gradually learning to identify the different species. We enjoy monthly walks in the countryside, going to different habitats, so that we see a variety of species. At the same time, we can enjoy trees, flowers, butterflies, fungi and all of nature. At our meeting place we arrange to share cars and proceed to our destination. We also have occasional evening meetings and a longer trip either by coach or car sharing.

Enthusiasm is the most important requisite followed by binoculars, warm clothes and a packed lunch. Do come and join us - we are all very friendly.

Cilla Farquhar *413055* *birdwatching@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Book Groups

Group 1

3rd Friday monthly **Morning** **Member's home**

Book Group 1 reads 'modern novels' written from the early 20th century to the present day. We have recently enjoyed novels written by Irish authors, including Joh McGahern, Anna Burns and Trevor Williams. Now we are reading a selection of prize-winning novels starting with Rachel Kushner's novel The Mars Room. For further information, including whether there are vacancies and the cost of each session, please see the TU3A website or contact the Leader below.

Lesley Thomas *613508* *bookgroup1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Chris Perry (Leader)

Group 2

1st Monday monthly **2pm** **The Vestibule, Methodist Church, Thornbury**

We have had another varied and fascinating year's read. We tackled a selection of biographies, some factual, some more fanciful and had mixed reactions from members. This leads to stimulating discussion which leads us into even more intriguing avenues. This year we have a mixed selection of both fact and fiction. So, if you fancy a good read, come and join us.

Barbara Day *852015* *bookgroup2@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Bridge Groups

Group 1

Tuesday weekly **9.30am** **Methodist Hall, Olveston**

We would welcome new players who are familiar with Duplicate Bridge and preferably can come with a partner. We have been going for 19 years so why not give us a try?

Mike Farquhar *413055* *bridgegroup1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 2

Tuesday weekly **2pm** **Methodist Hall, Olveston**

We are able to accept a few more members, all interested members would be made to feel very much at home by a particularly friendly bunch of players. Coming with a partner would be especially welcome.

Linda Cooper *414762* *bridgegroup2@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 3

Friday weekly **2pm** **Methodist Hall, Olveston**

Bridge 3 gives U3A members the opportunity to enjoy Duplicate Bridge. We still have room, at the moment, to welcome new members to the Group.

It is necessary to have, at least, a rudimentary knowledge of Duplicate Bridge, in order to play and we expect newcomers to have attended some form of beginner's instruction. We are a very friendly Group, well versed in the requirements of rule seventy four. It is not necessary to join with a partner, no-one is ever turned away without playing.

Richard Harrop *416927* *bridgegroup3@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Canasta

2nd & 4th Tuesday monthly **1.30pm** **The Royal George, Thornbury**

Canasta Group has been running for some time now and is very successful. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below:

Val Curtis *850981* *canasta@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Card Making

1st Monday, Tuesday & Thursday monthly **2pm** **Leader's home**

A separate Group meeting is held on each of the three days shown above. Each Group activity lasts for two hours starting at 2pm.

To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact the Group Leader below:

Sue Kitson *418543* *cardmaking@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Church Visits Groups

Group 1

3rd Tuesday monthly March to October except August **All day** **Coach trip**

We are a Group of people interested in the architecture and place in society of churches. No previous knowledge is required as we all learn as we go along – partly from one another but also from people we meet during our visits. During the past season we have had an average attendance of 51 members on each trip. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below.

Sandra Body *415250* *churchvisits1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 2

2nd Thursday monthly March to October **All day** **Coach trip**

Church Visits Group 2 is a super, friendly group of people. We now have 70 members, but we are still happy for more to join us. In 2019 we visited churches selected to showcase Symbols in Christian Worship, and visits were very well attended. We had some superb guided tours, and learned a great deal. Each visit is fascinating and teaches us something new. We have our annual social meeting and introduction to the year's visits in February. If you are interested, do get in touch.

Janet McBride *416569* *churchvisits2@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Cinema

1st and 3rd Friday monthly **1.30pm** **Parish Hall, Tockington**

We show a wide selection of genre, both feature films and those with an educational content. The afternoon begins with tea, coffee and biscuits, which gives you time to choose your seat and socialise with friends. The committee is always looking for members to help us with the equipment and would like to thank all our regular members who help in the Hall.

Pam Dawe *614843* *cinema@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Classical Studies

2nd Wednesday monthly **10.30am** **Phone to confirm Venue**

This small but loyal group meet in the Leader's house. This enables us to use documentaries and audio-visual clips to help our studies in greater comfort.

We have spent several years looking at Greek Art, culture, drama and philosophy and intend to return to studying the Rise of the Roman Empire from the earliest beginnings to its spread throughout the then known world. There is no set course but we will attempt to follow this chronologically, picking up on various topics which are of interest to the Group as we progress. This will be with the help of documentaries, relevant drama and poetry. We will also look at archaeology which illustrates the everyday lives of the times.

Rosie Bailey *419977* *classicalstudies@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Ann Lewis *415675*

Computer Group

1st Friday monthly
September to May **10.30am** **Buckingham Room, The Chantry, Thornbury**

We try to cover technical matters as well as the fun side of using computers. Our meetings regularly take the form of short talks each followed by a discussion, with contributions welcome from experts and beginners alike. At our regular help sessions, individual assistance is offered by the more experienced members - just bring in your laptop or tablet, ask what you need to know and we will help if we can. WiFi is available.

All TU3A members are welcome to come to the meetings, but you can also ask for help by e-mail.

Brian Brown & Andy Pearson *416321* *computerclub@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Concerts

Two planning meetings **Schedule varies** **Coach trip**

The Concerts Group organises visits to classical concerts in Bristol and Cardiff, travelling by coach from Thornbury with pickups en route. The concert season runs from September to June and we have already booked for 2020. There is a choice of seat location and price and the charge for each concert is the seat price plus the coach cost. We meet twice yearly to discuss the concerts to be offered. The next meeting will be in May 2020.

Phil Holland *413897* *concerts@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Country Dancing

Tuesday fortnightly **2pm** **Methodist Church Hall, Thornbury**

We have approximately 20 regular members but we always have room for more. The Leaders teach us a variety of English country dances from 1650 through to dances written in the 20th century. There are different styles and

speeds so you can dance at your own pace or have rests and just watch. You may already recognise some of the dances if you have been to barn dances or ceilidhs.

You don't need to bring a partner as the more experienced dancers help any newcomers and the dances often mix people up! Each dance is walked through and called every time so you do not need any prior knowledge. At the moment we use music on CDs but we have had live music in the past. If you play an instrument then bring it along to try playing some dances. (Music notation is available.)

We are always pleased to see new faces and it doesn't matter if you have never danced before, are on your own, have two left feet or are a bit shy, as we are a friendly bunch and the afternoon is full of enjoyment.

We always have room for new members so why not come and join us. Dates for 2020 are available on the Country Dancing Group page of the TU3A website.

Sue Lowman *411936* *countrydancing1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Creative Writing

Last Friday monthly **10am** **The Lounge, The Chantry, Thornbury**

We meet to exchange short stories which are written for self, and hopefully, Group enjoyment. Topics range from the improbable to the factual and there's always time near the end for a fun 'On the spot exercise'. Each month there is a different Leader for this session, which allows the range of titles to extend and different wit, drama, verse and originality to show itself. There is no tutor, but the exchange of ideas and suggestions, acts as a stimulus. Literary perfection - perhaps not. Pleasure and sociability - most definitely. To see if we have vacancies in the Group contact below.

Doug Easthope *07794 705656* *creativewriting@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Cribbage

2nd and 4th Wednesday monthly **2pm** **United Reform Church, Thornbury**

The Group had another good year with a number of new members. We still have a small number of vacancies so if you are interested please contact the organizer.

Pam Pass *600772* *cribbage@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Cycling

1st and 3rd Tuesday **2pm** **Thornbury (Tuesdays)**
2nd and 4th Thursday **9.30am** **Various start locations (Thursdays)**

The Cycling Group organises a variety of rides from 15 to 45 miles in length. If you haven't been out on your bike for a while we have our shorter afternoon rides on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. If you have been cycling fairly regularly, we organise longer rides on the second and fourth Thursdays.

We limit the number of riders on each ride to 12 but organise two rides on Thursdays to cater for the size of the Group. Our rides are sociable as well as good for your fitness. We ride at a pace to suit everyone and regularly stop to regroup to ensure no one gets left behind. It's a great way to explore the cycle friendly lanes around Thornbury and beyond.

Don Grundell *412896* *cycling@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Discussions

2nd Tuesday monthly **2pm** **The Lounge, The Chantry, Thornbury**

Do you have views and opinions that you are happy to share? Do you enjoy hearing the views and opinions of others? Then the Discussions Group is made for you. There are no tutors, no votes, no right answers and no formalities. At each meeting, a volunteer introduces the topic and suggests avenues to explore. However, we often stray off the subject, so that even the most serious of topics can be interspersed with light-hearted banter. There are usually about eight to ten of us, so everyone gets a chance to have a say if they wish, and there is room for half a dozen more. At the end of each meeting we choose the topic for the following month; this is then posted in the Events section of the TU3A website. Recent topics have included: false news; how to cure the NHS; who do you trust? and is modern art a con?

So bring your experiences and prejudices and help set the world to right. No need to pre-book, just turn up.

Bob Dale *415345* *discussions@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

DIY

3rd Thursday monthly **2.30pm** **Member's home**

All are welcome at the DIY Group, which is open to new members. The current members are all fairly new to DIY, so we have been starting from the beginning, but we are open to experienced DIYers who want to know more. Alan, our Leader, has been doing DIY for many years, and is a qualified adult teacher. So far we have had a go at drilling holes, fixing to a wall, sawing, filling holes, turning the water off, changing a tap washer and pointing a wall.

We often meet at Alan's house, but go to other members' houses if they have a project to tackle. The topics are suggested by the members, so we are always open to suggestions for future topics.

Alan Pinder *416778* *diy@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Family History

3rd Friday monthly **10.30am** **The Coach Hall, The Chantry, Thornbury**

We undertake a programme of presentations and live research/discussion sessions, the latter using the WiFi facilities in The Coach Hall. The research sessions are held in small groups with an experienced researcher, designed to help individual members with their Family History problems. There are also occasional visits to research centres such as the National Archives at Kew.

The presentations, some from external speakers, some by our own members cover a wide range of subjects and would be of interest to both the beginners and the more experienced researchers. The subjects cover not only the Family History research techniques, useful websites and the best genealogy databases on which to hold your family history data, but also the social history issues surrounding our ancestors. We are now also able to offer advice and help with people considering or using DNA testing to aid their research.

Why not look on the TU3A website to see our programme? All new members are welcome whether beginners or experienced researchers.

Frances Houghton *417048* *familyhistory1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

French Groups

Intermediate Group

1st and 3rd Friday monthly **11am** **Leader's home**

The first session (11am start) consists of basic grammar exercises, reading and conversation. A second session now starts at 12 midday for more advanced French speakers. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below:

Margaret Rowley *413217* *frenchbeginners@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

French Book Club

Monday variable **2pm** **Member's home**

This is a small and informal Group. We meet in our houses on Monday afternoon fixing dates to suit us. We have read a very wide range of books in French including gripping thrillers, classic novels, quirky modern novels and short stories and even an Asterix. We are fortunate to have a native speaker in the Group to interpret some tricky bits of text or give us background information.

Panique pas! Our discussions are in English!

Our aim is to improve our French, to extend our understanding of French life and culture and, above all, to enjoy ourselves. If you are interested in joining this Group, please contact below.

Sue Kessler *414917* *frenchbookclub@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

WD40 French Group

1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly **10am** **The Coach Hall, The Chantry, Thornbury**

WD40 is an informal, intermediate level, French language Group led by a competent and knowledgeable French speaker.

The Group, typically numbering 8 - 12 members, meets for two hours in the Coach Hall. The meeting is divided into two roughly equal parts organized around a break in the middle. Abilities vary, our current membership ranges from those who made it to O-level to those with a degree in French but we all help each other.

Meetings focus on improving our level of French through a variety of comprehension, pronunciation and conversation exercises, with excursions into grammar and more specialized vocabulary as appropriate. In support of this, we each subscribe to "Rendezvous" magazine.

Alan Payne *418749* *frenchwd40@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Garden Visits

March to September **All day** **Coach trip**

Garden Visits Group committee organises visits by coach to about a dozen gardens between March and September. We aim to offer a variety from exclusive openings of smaller gardens to large National Trust properties and include at least one open village event. We are currently planning the programme for this year so it can be sent to paid-up members in early March.

If you are a new U3A member, interested in joining, or an existing member who has not yet renewed for this year, please see our website page on the TU3A for costs and where to send your details (name, address, phone numbers and email), together with a cheque for the appropriate amount to Rosie Bailey, 51 Squires Leaze, Thornbury BS35 1TH **before 28th February**.

Lyn Haigh (Leader) *228637* *gardenvisits@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Rosie Bailey (Membership) *419977*

Gentle Exercise

Thursday weekly **10am** **Methodist Hall, Thornbury**

Gentle Exercise involves low impact exercise with some seated work but with no floor work. It is generally appropriate for those who already have some degree of fitness but we keep it fairly low key. It is not necessary to have done "Keep Fit" before to enjoy the sessions. New members are welcome to "try before you buy" and come for a test session before deciding. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below:

Sally Bradford *419651* *gentleexercise@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Geology

4th Wednesday monthly **10am** **Stuart Room, The Chantry, Thornbury**

This Group is open to anyone with an interest in Earth, what it is made of, how it formed billions of years ago, and how dramatic changes are still taking place in its crust today. In the past year, talks have included *Iceland Geology*, *Rocks of Dartmoor*, *Giants of Geology* and *What the Moon is made of*. We have had a field trip to Sand Point (near Weston-Super-Mare) to see volcanic rocks sandwiched between limestone, and we paid a visit to Charles Lapworth Museum of Geology at Birmingham University. New members are welcome, no prior knowledge of Geology is required.

Les Strong 416045 *geology@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

German (Self Help)

Monday fortnightly **11am** **Member's home**

The German Group is a self-help group that concentrates on conversation. Some of us have lived in Germany in the past and others are simply interested learners, so our standard varies a bit. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us.

Angela Green 615222 *german@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

History Group

1st Wednesday monthly **10.30am** **Coach Hall, The Chantry, Thornbury**

The new Group is now studying many different aspects of History and at present is not confined to one era or topic. The current programme will be available on the Tu3A website.

Alison Makepeace 415019 *history1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Indoor Bowls

Wednesday weekly **11.45am** **Thornbury Leisure Centre, Thornbury**

The Indoor Bowls club has a healthy membership. Some experience is preferred and sometimes Thornbury Leisure Centre runs classes. We are a friendly bunch, dress is informal, and we play varied games according to the numbers that turn up each week.

Pam Benson 419245 *indoorbowls@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Investment Clubs

Group 1

2nd Wednesday monthly **10am** **Variable - Contact Leader below**

Our Group meets monthly to consider World, European and British trends and opportunities relating to Stock Exchange investment. An active portfolio of around 20 investments is maintained. Members are encouraged to promote their views and vote on additions or sales from the portfolio. Meetings last around two hours usually followed by a pub lunch, though this is optional.

Members contribute between £40 and £100 per month and build up a unitised holding. Anybody interested contact as below.

Peter Taylor 418974 *investment1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 2

2nd Tuesday monthly 2pm The Chantry, Thornbury

The Group was formed to meet requests for membership which could not be accommodated by Group 1 reflecting a growing interest in the subject. The Group meets each month to discuss both its existing shares and the selection of new investments. Whilst a light-hearted and social approach is taken there are serious considerations as to both investment into and divestment from our portfolio. Funds are accumulated by means of a one off joining fee and a monthly subscription with individual interests monitored by the use of detailed monthly accounts. Members can withdraw their investment at any time under the rules of the Group.

Currently the Group has vacancies and any prospective members can attend as visitors for two meetings to see how we operate before making any commitment.

Brian Locke 414361 investment2@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Italian

1st and 3rd Thursday monthly 2pm Leaders Home

Our Italian Group continues to meet at Gate Farmhouse to the same schedule. We are a very happy Group that has been full since its inception at the start of TU3A. Please contact the Group Leader to determine if there are any vacancies.

Emma Buckoke 413318 italian@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Jazz Appreciation

3rd Monday monthly 2.30pm Buckingham Room, The Chantry, Thornbury

We enjoy recorded jazz of all eras and styles, via CD, DVD etc. In October we even had a live performance from the Class Act Quartet! Check our page on the TU3A website for upcoming topics. Whether you are a jazz fan already or just curious to know more, you are very welcome to drop in.

Bob Gray 885290 jazz@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Latin

1st and 3rd Friday monthly 2pm Leader's home

This small and friendly Group has been running since February 2016. We have chosen to follow the Cambridge Latin Course as the basic text for study and are now working through Book III, which is based around events in Britain in the first century AD. In each meeting we plan to cover aspects of the Latin language and Roman civilisation. While this Group is no longer suitable for absolute beginners, new members who have a little previous knowledge and those who would like to refresh their language skills would be very welcome. For more information about the Group contact below.

Lorna Minshall 411685 latin@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Line Dancing

Wednesday weekly 2.30pm Upper Hall Methodist Church, Thornbury

If "Learn to Dance" is on your bucket list, you need look no further! You don't even need a partner. Just put on comfortable shoes and join us.

Louise Ingsley 415131 linedancing@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Lunch Clubs

Lunch Club 1

1st Wednesday monthly Lunch Various

Attendance at our monthly meetings is around 15-18, with an overall Group membership of 24. If you would like to come and try us please contact below to check on vacancies for our next meeting. We have tried one or two new businesses in the area but old favourites seem to remain the most popular.

Brian Baskerville 416389 lunchclub1@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Lunch Club 2

2nd Wednesday monthly Lunch Various

A long established Group that meets monthly, mainly in pubs but also at other eateries, all within a reasonable travelling distance of Thornbury. Individual members select their favourite venues, so that there is a good variety of places to visit. Enquiries about membership are welcome.

Gill and Quentin Killey 281372 lunchclub2@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Lunch Club 3

Tuesday monthly Lunch Various

Lunch Club 3 started in May 2017 and is a great success. We mix our venues between local pubs restaurants and hotels within a half hour drive from Thornbury which is working very well. Experiencing different places, enjoying good food and excellent company makes us all look forward to next year.

Gunter Schurrer 07833 634280 lunchclub3@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Mah Jong Groups

“What is Mah Jong?” you may ask, so perhaps a brief explanation might help you decide if this Group is for you. The game of Mah Jong is played with a set of decorative tiles. There are three suits - bamboos, circles and characters- plus winds, dragons, flowers and seasons. The object of the game is to complete an acceptable collection of tiles that make up one of many Mah Jong hands. The game is a good balance of luck and skill and there are similarities with card games such as Rummy. Initially there is quite a lot to take in but it is not a difficult game to learn. Unlike, say Bridge, Mah Jong is played for oneself so there is no worry about letting a partner down.

English Mah Jong

2nd and 4th Monday monthly 2.15pm Gillingstool Baptist Church Rooms, Thornbury

We play by English Mah Jong Association rules. We are a relaxed Group, and new players are always welcome, including beginners. Mah Jong is like a Chinese version of Rummy so quite easy to pick up and the playing tiles are lovely. Do come and give it a try.

Jane Climpson 228672 mahjong@thornburyu3a.org.uk

The Western Game of Mah Jong

Tuesday weekly 2pm United Reformed Church Hall, Thornbury

We are a friendly Group and there is always time to socialise between hands and during the tea break. We have space for about two more players and are happy to teach beginners. If you are interested in finding out more please contact as below.

Pat Purssord 501438 mahjong2@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Mixed Craft

2nd Wednesday monthly **2pm** **Village Hall, Rockhampton**

This is a Group made up of many crafts. We do not have a programme of activities, just bring along your project and enjoy an easy-going afternoon of crafting and chat. All crafts welcome. Members are always willing to share their knowledge and skills. New members welcome.

Anne Reed *415849* *mixedcrafts@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Music Groups

Music Making

2nd Friday monthly **10:30am** **Variable - Contact Leader below**

Do you play a musical instrument? If so, this could be the Group for you. We come together on a regular basis to practice playing together and then to present a little concert bi-monthly on a Friday. We are all of different standards, but it is essential to be able to sight read music, and individually to hold a line. So far our members play the piano, recorder, clarinet, bassoon, violin and flute. The more the merrier!!

Helen Roberts *01453 845216* *musicmaking@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Music

2nd Friday monthly
September to June **10.30am** **Methodist Church, Alveston**

The U3A Music Group aim to have eight of the 10 meetings as live performances from soloists and groups drawn from the local area and on occasions wider afield. Programmes are mainly classical with the occasional folk or jazz one included. Alveston Methodist Church is a delightful venue with excellent acoustics so come and give us a try. The June meeting is always in a Desert Island Discs format.

Jos Gregson *411652* *music@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Opera Studies

4th Tuesday monthly **6.45pm**
5th Tuesday in Month **4:30pm** **Methodist Church Hall, Thornbury**

The Opera Study Group puts together a wide and interesting programme for your enjoyment. All the operas are shown using DVDs of prestigious performers on a large screen with English sub titles and an introduction is given by a member of the Group. Doors open at 6.15pm and the programme starts at 6.45pm. There is an interval for free coffee, tea and biscuits and we finish at ~ 9.30pm.

When there is a 5th Tuesday in the month, we show a longer opera and combine it with two breaks for food.

Michael Vooght *414915* *opera@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Recorders Groups 1 & 2

Monday weekly **9.45&10.15am** **Leader's home**

There are two Groups which meet on Monday mornings at the homes of the Leaders. Beginners and non-readers of music meet at 9.45am, others at 10.15am (sometimes, the beginners' session may follow the later one). It's a good way to start the week! The Groups play descant, treble, tenor and bass recorders. Sometimes the two Groups meet together for a workshop. New members are welcome to join whether or not you have played before or are a complete beginner. If you are interested please ring either of the Leaders below for more information.

1: Mandy Clapp *414749* *recorders1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

2: Kate Phillipson-Masters *411253* *recorders2@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Our Living Language

4th Monday monthly 2pm Methodist Church Hall, Alveston

If the origins, meanings, uses and abuses of our fascinating written and spoken tongue are of interest to you, then this is the Group for you. We enjoy lectures, talks and discussions led by ourselves or outside speakers in a friendly, informal setting, on topics covering: historic and modern English; verse and prose; the vernacular and specialist usage.

Bob Dale 415345 ourlivinglanguage@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Photographic

2nd Wednesday monthly 10.30am Coach Hall, The Chantry, Thornbury

The Group has a steady membership and provides for a range of experiences, with basic techniques suitable for beginners interspersed with more advanced techniques for the more experienced. The focus of the Group is Photography for fun. Meetings are arranged in a magazine format, we start with a look at images from a famous photographer followed by a short technical topic and then a selection of members' images.

Our July meeting usually takes the form of a photographic away day. New members or visitors are always welcome.

Alan Jones 883912 photography@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Play Reading

2nd Monday monthly 2pm Methodist Church Hall, Alveston

We continue to meet monthly in the centre room from 2pm to 5pm. We read a varied selection of plays, some funny, some sad, taking turns to read the different parts, but not attempting to do any serious acting. We are always on the lookout for new members, so if you feel like doing something new, come and join us.

Liz Gazzard 614148 playreading@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Poetry Appreciation

3rd Monday monthly 2pm Porch House, Castle St, Thornbury

Sometimes we have a speaker. At other meetings we may take a theme or a poet to discuss, to which all bring contributions. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below.

Ann Birdsall 413949 poetryappreciation@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Practical Gardening Forum

3rd Thursday monthly 2pm Various

We are a small Group with a common interest in all things horticultural. We focus on problem solving and providing advice, getting together once a month to look at a chosen topic of interest, usually meeting in a member's garden, or a small hall. New members are always welcome.

Visits are sometimes made to places that can show us new ideas and broaden our experiences. These are usually by car share with any cost announced at the time. The swapping and sharing of plants is common and a very welcome feature of our meetings.

Nick Roach 618411 practicalgardening@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Railway & Transport

Last Friday monthly 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall, Alveston

The main emphasis of the Railway & Transport Group is on railways both modern traction and historical. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below.

George Hargreaves 414243 railandtransport@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Sailing

Monthly March to October Various Thornbury Sailing Club, Oldbury on Severn

The U3A Sailing Group meets at Thornbury Sailing Club (TSC), Oldbury-on-Severn, where a number of TSC boat owners volunteer to take U3A members out for a sail on the river. These trips will take place during the week, usually in the morning, but dependent on tide times, and last about four hours, sometimes finishing in the Anchor Inn for a social debrief. Twice a year we offer a day trip to Cardiff and back, but only if the weather is benign. Sailing is dependent on availability of boats and appropriate weather. A schedule for sailing will be issued on the TU3A website.

New members are welcome: no experience is necessary, just some enthusiasm for fresh air; send an email or phone for a chat to the Leader below.

John Allen 415261 sailing@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Science & Technology

Last Friday bi-monthly 10.30am Coach Hall, The Chantry, Thornbury

Interested in science and technology pitched at a level for the man or woman in the street? If so, then the Science and Technology Group will be of interest to you. The Group hold six meetings a year on the last Friday of alternate months starting in January. The 2020 programme is not yet finalised, so each talk will be notified to Group members a week prior to the meeting and published on the TU3A website.

Alan Heath 419053 scienceandtech@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Scrabble Groups

Group 1

1st and 3rd Monday monthly 2pm Baptist Church Hall, Thornbury

We are small but friendly Group which is able to welcome new members. There is no pressure to be a brilliant player as we all have different skill levels. For further information contact below.

Janet Mills 430713 scrabble@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Group 2

1st and 3rd Wednesday monthly 2pm Christ the King Church Hall, Thornbury

The Group is at a pleasant venue and offers congenial company. There is no stress, you can use dictionaries to check spellings and the meaning of words, if you wish, and tea and biscuits are provided.

This is mainly a leisure and social activity but of course, you will hopefully improve your game or, if you are a novice, learn a new one so that you can play with friends and family. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below.

Josie Bloxsidge 01179 692555 scrabble2@thornburyu3a.org.uk

Shakespeare Studies

3rd Wednesday monthly **2pm** **Vestibule, Methodist Church, Thornbury**
October to July

The aim of the Group is to foster a love of Shakespeare's works, life and times through his plays. Members are encouraged, but not expected to introduce a favourite play for general discussion which presents an opportunity for a reading of relevant parts for contextual purposes. Plays are usually studied over two sessions. New members welcome.

Alan Brown *884851* *shakespeare@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Table Tennis Groups

Group 1

Wednesday weekly **1.30pm** **Methodist Church, Alveston**

We are an enthusiastic, thriving and fun loving social Group playing competitive table tennis to a good standard. We play mixed, ladies' and men's doubles. If you would like to attend please see our page on the TU3A website or contact below.

Graham Bancroft *07514 086277* *tabletennis1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 2

Wednesday weekly **1:45pm** **Jubilee Hall, Alveston**

This small Group meets for mixed doubles and old rules and enjoyment. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below.

Joan Flower *228584* *tabletennis2@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 3

Monday weekly **9am** **Thornbury Leisure Centre, Thornbury**

To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below.

Jay Cooper *414762* *tabletennis3@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 4

Thursday weekly **3pm** **Thornbury Leisure Centre, Thornbury**

Do you want to play Table Tennis with a friendly Group and can give the other members a good game? TT4 is a relaxed though mildly competitive Group that plays TT at an intermediate level. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below.

Ray Pioli *0117 3706403* *tabletennis4@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 5

Friday weekly **10am** **Methodist Church, Alveston**

To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below.

Pat Light *412260* *tabletennis5@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Tai Chi

Thursday weekly **11.15am** **Methodist Church Hall, Thornbury**

This well-established Group has a teacher who comes once a fortnight and on the alternate weeks, the class runs itself. We spend the first half hour doing exercises then the second practising The Form. Members pay for half a

Whist

**1st and 3rd Wednesday
monthly** **2pm** **Methodist Church Hall, Thornbury**

The Whist Group is nearing capacity, so please consult the TU3A website or telephone to check that a vacancy exists before turning up.

Reg King *418962* *whist@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Wine Groups

Group 1

3rd Friday bi-monthly **6.30pm** **St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury**

Our 'objective' is 'education in appreciation of wines, usually in a social environment', so we meet for bi-monthly tastings. In the intervening months there is usually a 'wine related activity', such as visiting a vineyard, a meal out, summer BBQ and also occasional coach trips to wine areas. The Group has been harvesting the grapes at Thornbury Castle for some years but since 2014 a sub-Group has been in charge of all the vineyard work; an excellent learning experience.

To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below:

Rex Sackett *416940* *winegroup1@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 2

4th Thursday monthly **7pm** **St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury**

Our aims are to broaden our knowledge and appreciation of wines from around the world in a friendly, social environment, encouraging Member participation. Occasional presentations are arranged with Wine Producers/Merchants and normally we hold two outside wine related social events during the year. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below:

Peter Burney *417900* *winegroup2@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 3

1st Friday bi-monthly **7.30pm** **St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury**

As with Wine Groups 1 and 2 we also appreciate, or are learning to appreciate, a variety of wines from different parts of the world in a friendly and informative atmosphere. We have talks from members guiding us through a particular area of wine, occasional visits from wine merchants and a summer visit to a vineyard as well as having the opportunity to participate in other wine-related activities. To see if we have vacancies in the Group, please consult the TU3A website or contact below:

Alison Makepeace *415019* *winegroup3@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Group 4

Last Friday bi-monthly **7.30pm** **St Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury**

Most drinkers can tell the difference between red, white and rosé wines, but do you know your Malbecs from your Merlots? Your Sauvignon Blancs from your Chardonnays? Your 'New World' from your 'Old World'?

It doesn't matter, as long as you know what you enjoy drinking! However, if you have a 'thirst' for knowledge and good company, come and join us for our social and informative gatherings – 'Imbibe with friends'.

Contact the Group Leader for further info - remember, you either love wine or you're wrong!

Colin Ballantyne *07082 838241* *winegroup4@thornburyu3a.org.uk*

Summary/Timetable of Groups

	Group	Leader	Tel: (01454 -)	Frequency	Day/Time
1	Open Talks	Alison Makepeace	415019	Various	
2	Open Visits	Sue James	885452	Various	
3	American Civil War	Mark Walker	411974	Bi-Monthly	4 th Tues 10am & 2pm
4	Ancient Cultures & Civilisations	Barbara Day	852015	Monthly	1 st Fri 10.30am
5	Archaeology	Jackie Carpenter	294561	Monthly	4 th Tues 2pm
6	Architecture	Helen Roberts	01453 845216	Monthly	1 st Tues 10.30am
7	Art Appreciation	Vacant		Monthly	3 rd Thurs 1:30pm
8	Art Monday Group	Sue Punton	776271	Weekly	Mon 9.30am
9	Art Thursday Group	Ann Jones	416799	Weekly	Thurs 9.15am
10	Watercolour Painting	Janice Jackson	418921	Weekly	Mon 2pm
11	Aspects of the 19 th Century	John Smith	412140	Monthly	1 st Mon 2pm
12	Astronomy	Peter Jackson	418050	Monthly	1 st Mon 10.30am
13	Bird Watching	Cilla Farquhar	413055	Monthly	2 nd Mon 9.30am
14	Book Group 1	Lesley Thomas	613508	Monthly	3 rd Fri am
15	Book Group 2	Barbara Day	852015	Monthly	1 st Mon 2pm
16	Bridge Group 1	Mike Farquhar	413055	Weekly	Tues 9.30am
17	Bridge Group 2	Linda Cooper	414762	Weekly	Tues 2pm
18	Bridge Group 3	Richard Harrop	416927	Weekly	Fri 2pm
19	Canasta	Val Curtis	850981	Fortnightly	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 1.30pm
20	Card Making	Sue Kitson	418543	Monthly	1 st Mon, Tues & Thurs 2pm
21	Church Visits 1	Sandra Body	415250	Monthly	3 rd Tues all day
22	Church Visits 2	Janet McBride	416569	Monthly	2 nd Thurs all day
23	Cinema	Pam Dawe	614843	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Fri 1:30pm
24	Classical Studies	Rosie Bailey Ann Lewis	419977 415675	Monthly	2 nd Weds 10.30am
25	Computer Club	Brian Brown Andy Pearson	617156 / 416321	Monthly	1 st Fri 10.30am
26	Concerts	Phil Holland	413897	Various	
27	Country Dancing	Sue Lowman	411936	Fortnightly	Tues Fortnightly 2pm
28	Creative Writing	Doug Easthope	07794 705656	Monthly	Last Fri 10am
29	Cribbage	Pam Pass	600772	Fortnightly	2 nd & 4 th Wed 2pm
30	Cycling (Short)	Don Grundell	412896	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Tues 2pm

	Group	Leader	Tel: (01454 unless stated)	Frequency	Day/Time
31	Cycling (Long)	Don Grundell	412896	Fortnightly	2 nd & 4 th Thurs 9:30am
32	Discussions	Bob Dale	415345	Monthly	2 nd Tues 2pm
33	DIY	Alan Pinder	416778	Monthly	3 rd Thurs 2.30pm
34	Family History	Frances Houghton	417048	Monthly	3 rd Fri 10.30am
35	French Intermediate	Margaret Rowley	413217	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Fri 11am
36	French Book Group	Sue Kessler	414917	Variable	Mon 2pm
37	French WD40 Group	Alan Payne	418749	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Tues 10am
38	Garden Visits	Lyn Haigh	228637	Mar - Sept	Various
39	Gentle Exercise	Sally Bradford	419651	Weekly	Thurs 10am
40	Geology	Les Strong	416045	Monthly	4 th Wed 10am
41	German Self Help	Angela Green	615222	Fortnightly	Mon 11am
42	History	Alison Makepeace	415019	Monthly	Weds 10.30am
43	Indoor Bowls	Pam Benson	419245	Weekly	Weds 11.45am
44	Investment Club 1	Peter Taylor	418974	Monthly	2 nd Weds 10am
45	Investment Club 2	Brian Locke	414361	Monthly	2 nd Tues 2pm
46	Italian	Emma Buckoke	413318	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Thurs 2pm
47	Jazz Appreciation	Bob Gray	885290	Monthly	3 rd Mon 2.30pm
48	Latin	Lorna Minshall	411685	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Fri 2pm
49	Line Dancing	Louise Ingsley	415131	Weekly	Weds 2.30pm
50	Lunch Club 1	Brian Baskerville	416389	Monthly	1 st Weds
51	Lunch Club 2	Gill & Quentin Killey	281372	Monthly	2 nd Weds
52	Lunch Club 3	Gunter Schurrer	07833 634280	Monthly	Tues Monthly
53	Mah Jong - English	Jane Climpson	228672	Fortnightly	2 nd & 4 th Mon 2.15pm
54	Mah Jong - Western Game	Pat Purssord	501438	Weekly	Tues 2pm
55	Mixed Craft	Anne Reed	415849	Monthly	2 nd Wed 2pm
56	Music	Jos Gregson	411652	Monthly	2 nd Fri 10.30am
57	Music Making	Helen Roberts	01453 845216	Monthly	2 nd Fri 10.30am
58	Opera Studies	Michael Vooght	414915	Monthly	4 th Tues 6.45pm
59	Our Living Language	Bob Dale	415345	Monthly	4 th Mon 2pm
60	Photographic	Alan Jones	883912	Monthly	2 nd Weds 10.30am
61	Play Reading	Liz Gazzard	614148	Monthly	2 nd Mon 2pm
62	Poetry Appreciation	Ann Birdsall	413949	Monthly	3 rd Mon 2pm
63	Practical Gardening Forum	Nick Roach	618411	Monthly	3 rd Thurs 2pm

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64	Railway & Transport	George Hargreaves	414243	Monthly	Last Fri 7.30pm
65	Recorders 1	Mandy Clapp	414749	Weekly	Mon 9.45am
66	Recorders 2	Kate Phillipson-Masters	411253	Weekly	Mon 10.15am
67	Sailing	John Allen	415261	Various	Various
68	Science & Technology	Alan Heath	419053	Bi-monthly	Last Fri 10.30
69	Scrabble 1	Janet Mills	430713	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Mon 2pm
70	Scrabble 2	Josie Bloxside	01179 692555	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Wed 2pm
71	Shakespeare Studies	Alan Brown	884851	Monthly	3 rd Wed 2pm
72	Table Tennis 1	Graham Bancroft	07514 086277	Weekly	Wed 1.30pm
73	Table Tennis 2	Joan Flower	228584	Weekly	Wed 1:45pm
74	Table Tennis 3	Jay Cooper	414762	Weekly	Mon 9am
75	Table Tennis 4	Ray Pioli	0117 3706403	Weekly	Thurs 3pm
76	Table Tennis 5	Pat Light	412260	Weekly	Fri 10am
77	Tai Chi	Joan Flower	228584	Weekly	Thurs 11.15
78	Theatre Group	Pam Dawe	614843	Various	Various
79	Travel & Tourism	Alan Jones	883912	Monthly	2 nd Fri 2pm
80	Walking Group Short Slow Strolls	Pat Poole	414611	Monthly	Various
81	Walking Group	Adrian Jones	417378	Fortnightly	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Thurs
82	Whist	Reg King	418962	Fortnightly	1 st & 3 rd Wed 2pm
83	Wine Group 1	Rex Sackett	416940	Bi-Monthly	3 rd Fri 6.30pm
84	Wine Group 2	Peter Burney	417900	Monthly	4 th Thurs 7pm
85	Wine Group 3	Alison Makepeace	415019	Bi-Monthly	1 st Fri 7.30pm
86	Wine Group 4	Colin Ballantyne	07802 838241	Bi-Monthly	Last Friday 7.30pm



The Beautiful Quilt made by the Mixed Craft Group

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