

WARSASH u3a NEWS

JUNE 2024

It was wonderful to see so many of you at May's monthly meeting on such a beautiful day. It's been lovely to have some blue skies and sunshine after so long, but unfortunately it didn't last and the rain came again.

Warsash u3a continues to grow, with 300 members and the number of interest groups increasing month by month. We are so lucky to have enthusiastic members, both originals and newcomers, who want to share their skills.

CHAIR'S CHAT

Tony is organising a visit to The RNLI in July, and we have the Cruise on the Waverley Paddle boat Steamer in September, which Simon is organising. The Waverley is the last remaining Paddle Boat Steamer in operation, so this is quite a unique opportunity.

By our next monthly meeting in June, we will have celebrated the D Day eightieth anniversary. There will be lots happening in Warsash, as it played such a significant part in 1944. I hope that you will be able to enjoy some of the events planned.

I hope we have some more warm and sunny days in the next few weeks and that you are able to enjoy our ever expanding list of activities and events.

JUDITH

COMING EVENTS

Trip on the Waverley paddle steamer in September. You will have received Judith's email with possible dates for this trip. Please let Judith know if you are interested.

GROUPS NEWS

NEW GROUP GOLF

Starting on Tuesday 28 May at 11.30am, this new group is meeting at East Horton Golf Club in Fair Oak and is not for beginners, cost is £7.50, if you are interested please contact Hilary Lee (email address on next page).

NEW GROUP WARSASH U3A IT SUPPORT TEAM

Several of our own members with knowledge in IT related areas have come together to create a team which can offer support to members in solving their IT problems. Examples include: Help with fault finding (*when things simply don't work as they should*) computer, lap-

top, printer, internet, email...Advice on buying of IT ware and software

Assistance with installation of IT hardware and software

Guidance in use of software like Word, spreadsheets, Open Office, BEACON.

Where a solution is beyond the Team's capability - they will let you know, but will still offer advice. The Team will be happy to discuss any IT problem you may have - they will be in attendance at the IT Support Desk during monthly meetings (2nd Friday) and at the WU3A's monthly Café (last Monday). Alternatively, you can email WU3Aita

ROSS

BREAKAWAY GROUP

All members of the Warsash u3a are welcome to join the breakaway group; the group is especially beneficial to single travellers, offering the safety and enjoyment of being within a group of like-minded travellers.

We are currently booking a Shearings five day tour to the Dutch Bulbfields 14 April 2025 - a full day at Keukenhof Park also visiting Amsterdam, the Hague and Delft. Price: £539pp. Single Room Sup. £169.00

If you are interested in finding out more about this trip and others we have booked, email Rosemary (email address on next page)

FASHION GROUP

Please note this group has now been temporarily suspended due to family commitments. Hopefully it may be restarted sometime in the future.

ANTIGONE

ART GROUP

Monday 10 June. Meet in Marianne's Garden at 10am for some floral Art. **KEN BERRIDGE**

MEDIUM WALKING GROUP

As local footpaths are still muddy in places, the walk at the beginning of May utilised the many different paths that exist between different housing developments in Locks Heath to wind our way from Locks Heath Centre to Kites Croft. We discovered some pretty green areas and local streams along the way. We used different paths to return to the centre and only caught one shower towards the end of our walk.

KUMI

SHORT WALK GROUP

A bright sunny day greeted the Ambling group when we assembled at Lee on the Solent. We enjoyed walking by the sea but not brave enough to venture in-

to the water. Unlike the free swimmers we applauded! We were intrigued by the wooden caravan (*pictured*) and astonished to find you can dial a number, pay for a code and book a sauna!

There was lots of chat as we strolled along and most of the group went for a coffee and cake! after our walk before a browse round the shops. A most enjoyable morning. **CATHERINE**

FINE DINING

The next fine dining experience is in June, menu to follow, then we will have to wait until September to restart, Fareham College is still maintaining its high standards and interesting menus.

CHRIS

DISCOVERING WINES

The next wine tasting will be on Friday 7 June at 7pm when Malcolm and Hazel will present us with some of their favourite wines. There are only a few spaces left, so if you are interested in coming, please email me at kumicoul@aol.com. Cost £4 payable in advance. **KUMI**

BUS TRIP GROUP

Our June trip on Saturday 22 June is to God's House Tower, one of the most important historic monuments in Southampton Old Town, housing *Stories Behind the Stones* where each floor of takes you on a journey through time, shining a light on GHT's dark past; lunch will be at the Duke of Wellington, housed in a stunning 12th Century half-timbered building.

Our trip on Wednesday 24

July will be a return trip to Park Place Pastoral Centre, set in eighteen acres of beautiful and peaceful grounds on the edge of Wickham. Park Place is a fine old Georgian house, home to a small community of Indian Roman Catholic Franciscan nuns. We will take a guided tour round the house and grounds and have afternoon tea provided by The Friends of Park Place.

If you are interested in the Bus Trip Group - we are a friendly bunch and all trips use local buses - contact Rosemary or Linda (email address on next page).



Book here for a hot time

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING FRIDAY 14 JUNE

Our speaker will be *Paul Manning - A 1,000 years of Falconry in South Hampshire and the New Forest.*

The presentation covers the rich history of falconry, from its origins in the mists of time through the golden age of falconry, its demise and resurgence in recent times.

The unique contribution that the sport has made to our history, language, art and culture and its special 1000 year history in the New Forest. Paul is Lord Montague's Falconer, and has practised the ancient art of falconry for over thirty years. There will be a collection of falconry birds illustrated on the gloved fist during the afternoon but no flying!