

### GROUPS NEWS

#### CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group on 10 April was led by Dianne who demonstrated the art of Ikebana flower arranging. Everyone had fun using their artistic talents with just a few flowers, leaves and twigs, transforming them into beautiful arrangements. Thank you Dianne.  
**JENNY HAMER**

#### NEW GROUP

##### CRIBBAGE

This group meets in the Hook Room of the Victory Hall 1.30pm to 4pm. Regular meetings are scheduled for the 1, 3, 4 and some 5 Fridays in the month. All members are welcome. However, there is a waiting list at the moment as the Hook Room can accommodate only so many. Nevertheless, send Ross an email and your name will be added to the register of interested *cribbers*, there should not be too long a wait for you to join in.

The aim of the group is to have fun playing this most enjoyable card game - it's good for the old brain cells and you make new friends into the bargain! Email Ross, see the Cribbage Group on page two. **ROSS**

#### FASHION ... THEN AND NOW

Unfortunately the meeting on May 7 is postponed, (due to unavoidable personal reasons) until 28 May, many apologies for

### VICE CHAIR'S CHAT

Our April meeting was another very successful meeting with an excellent speaker in Andrew Negus. He's so good with facts and figures interspersed with plenty of humour. And you met the Committee. A very good Committee with diverse talents to offer us.

What a delight to see the gardens bursting into life. Have you noticed how prolific the bluebells are this year? My hellebores have been beautiful this year, much to the delight of my lovely black and white cat, Elsie, hiding amongst them to pounce on the bees.

Back to u3a matters. The new space set-up is working very well; so much easier to view the sign-up sheets for the many and varied groups we have. Also better for meeting new and prospective new members.

Hopefully, the weather will warm up soon and, if and when it does, enjoy sitting in the garden with a cuppa and a slice of something delicious!  
**DIANNE HAMMERSLEY VICE-CHAIR**

any inconvenience. At this meeting we'll be considering the representation of women and men in fashion - an interesting subject for us to look at! Further details of our trip to the Fashion Museum at Blandford will also be given.  
**ANTIGONE**

#### 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 just back from a five day Craft / Sport and Spa break at the Manor in Okehampton.

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

We have booked the following Angela Holidays one night *Murder Mystery Break*, stopping at Henley-on-Thames on the way and Oxford on the way back, £189pp.

Majestic Tours five day *Turkey and Tinsel* coach trip to Llandudno (full excursion and entertainment programme) November 25 this year, £329.99pp - deposit £50.

Sorry, only doubles/twins left at these two.

If you are interested in finding out more email Rosemary or Chris, see the Breakaway Group on page two.

**ROSEMARY AND CHRIS**

#### BUS TRIP GROUP

Our April trip on Tuesday 30 April is a Guided Tour 'in a magnificent blossom filled Winchester', with Andrew Negus - who you may have heard at the last monthly meeting, is a very knowledgeable and humorous local historian with his own inimitable style. Winchester is a pretty compact city, full of history, so it promises to be very interesting; for those of you who joined the tour last year, this is Andrew's *Winchester 2* tour. We will be eating at Zizzi, which occupies the old Jacob and Johnson building, dating back to the 17th Century and from 1788 until 2004 was the home of the Hampshire Chronicle.

Our May bus trip on Wednesday May 15 will be a *17th Century Living History Experience* at the village of Little Woodham in the Alver Valley.

If you are interested in joining the waiting list for either of these trips or just joining the Bus Trip Group - we are a friendly bunch and all trips use local buses, email Rosemary or Linda, see the Bus group on page two.

**ROSEMARY AND LINDA**

## YOUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY 10 MAY

The Speaker for the next monthly meeting on Friday 10 May will be Dr James Taylor whose talk will be *Grace Darling and the Fine Art of Saving Lives at Sea*.

Dr Taylor will tell us about Grace Darling's daring rescue of steamship passengers off the Northumberland coast in 1833 that brought her international fame.

Grace became the poster *girl* for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution who celebrate their bicentenary in 2024.



**Having a break - away.** It looks like the Breakaway Group enjoyed their five day visit to the Manor at Okehampton.