

# WARSASH u3a NEWS

JANUARY 2025

## GROUPS NEWS

### BREAKAWAY GROUP

Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside..... in Llandudno, in November! twenty members of the Breakaway Group enjoyed their Turkey & Tinsel Break (pictures on next page) so much that we have already reserved places for next year – this time a Turkey & Tinsel in the Cotswolds with excursions to Warwick Castle, Birmingham Christmas Market and Cheltenham.

**ROSEMARY SCOTT**  
AND **CHRIS MATCHAM**

### MEDIUM WALKING GROUP

The group enjoyed a three mile stroll at Southsea in December, all stopping after the walk at the Southsea Tennis Club Cafe for coffee and cake.

**Laurie Page**

### BUS TRIP GROUP

We were all set for a bit of a social with our last Bus Trip of the year to Titchfield; coffee in Stewarts, a visit to the Great Barn Christmas Fayre or Titchfield Abbey and lunch at the Fishermans Rest. Only to find the buses were on STRIKE!! Not a problem for our lovely

I can't believe that the end of 2024 is almost here. It doesn't seem long since the millennium, yet it's a quarter of a century ago. We have seen so many changes happen in those twenty-five years, both worldwide and personally.

### CHAIR'S CHAT

Warsash u3a now approaches its ninth birthday. What a long way we have come. It was started because Locks Heath u3a was full and some local people decided to start another branch of this amazing organisation. From a handful of enthusiastic members, we have grown to 335, with others looking forward to joining in January, when our new club year starts. This year we have managed to keep the membership fee down to £17. This is because some members have signed up to Gift Aid. When you renew, if you are entitled to sign up to Gift Aid, please fill in the appropriate section on the form, as this will help us to keep our fees down in the future.

We again have a wide range of speakers booked for next year. In January, one of our own members will be presenting a talk for you. Unfortunately, I will miss this meeting, as I will be in South Africa, but Dianne and Catherine will make sure the meeting runs smoothly.

A very big thank you to our group leaders and to those who help set out chairs etc and serve refreshments at the monthly meetings. Without these volunteers, we couldn't have such a successful u3a. I must also thank you all for your support throughout the year and for helping Warsash u3a have such a good reputation for being welcoming.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope to see you in 2025.

Best wishes **JUDITH**

## NEXT MONTHLY MEETING FRIDAY 10 JANUARY

Our speaker will be Laurie Page presenting his general talk on *Roads and Rights of Way*.

## SUBS TIME

2025 subs are due on 1 January 2025. The price will be £17. You can bring your payment to the January meeting or pay by BACS, but please do not make payment before 1st January. Membership Forms will be available at the next meeting or you can download one from our website.

group as they rallied round with offers of lifts. Our Bus Trip on Wednesday 22 January will be a tour of Winchester College. Please email me if you'd like to

add your name to the waiting list.

**ROSEMARY SCOTT**

### ART GROUP

Our December workshop was

Christmas Scenes (below) drawn with pastels. Our 13 January session will be a still life creation titled *New Year's Resolution*.

**KEN BERRIDGE**



### TEN PIN BOWLING GROUP

Twenty-three of us were present at the Fareham Bowl for the Christmas Pairs tournament which was won by Donna Taylor and Hugh McMahon (pictured left) with a combined score of 231. Runners up were Shirley Manley and Chris Routledge (pictured right).

**Laurie Page**

So many photos were sent in for this issue we had enough for another members photo page like last month. It could be a regular page so please send in your Group's activity pictures. Try and avoid taking posed photos with every one looking at the cameras, try to capture what the members are doing at their meeting.

**Robin**

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**BREAKAWAY  
GROUP'S  
LLANDUDNO TRIP**



The group ((above) with glasses raised get ready to have a good time. The coach and group (left) pose for a snap before taking in the sea and sights of Llandudno and maybe find out that the town is named after Saint Tudno with Llan meaning church or enclosure. Did they stroll along the pier? It's the longest in Wales at 2,295 feet.

John (below) got a special treat from a secret Santa and the boys (below left) will drink to that.

It seems that everybody had such a good time that they want to join the 2025 Turkey & Tinsel trip to the Cotswolds.

