

WARSASH u3a NEWS

DECEMBER 2025

As I look back over the past year as Chair of Warsash u3a, I'm reminded how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated committee, This **CHAIR'S CHAT** makes the role hugely rewarding and this has shaped another successful and fulfilling year

for our u3a. We are fortunate in having a vibrant, welcoming membership: The warmth, humour, and generosity of our members bring energy to everything we do. Your willingness to try new activities and support events and our wider community is a constant source of joy.

There is the other side of the coin though. Even with support, the Chair inevitably carries the final responsibility for ensuring everything runs smoothly. Last-minute hiccups can bring challenges at the least convenient moments. So many emails - you answer three and five more appear. It's like administrative whack-a-mole. Technology troubles: projectors that refuse to turn on, microphones that only work for people

who don't need them.

Balancing time with home commitments can be tricky and with such a plethora of groups it's not always possible to connect with every member with the attention I would like. There have been emotional moments this year. Saying goodbye to members who have passed away or stepped back due to health changes is always difficult and reminds us we have a very close-knit community. Their presence enriched our community, and they remain very much in our thoughts.

Looking ahead, we have much to be excited about as we prepare for our 10th anniversary year in 2026—a milestone that reflects the strength, spirit, and longevity of Warsash u3a. Check your emails for information and a ticket to our January celebration. With the continued support of our fantastic committee and members, I'm confident the coming years will be just as rewarding.

CATHERINE

Beginners quickly discover the game structure makes it deeply intuitive.

With practice, players gain confidence in bidding, play, and partnership communication, and the game becomes both intellectually and socially satisfying.

Bridge is not just a pastime, for many it is a lifelong companion. Whether played socially over coffee or competitively.

We play as a social group (with no postmortems) in each other house on a fortnightly rotation usually on a Wednesday morning.

We are looking for four more people to join our friendly group.

You must be willing to take your turn in hosting the game and be a regular player.

To join the Bridge Group contact George Hamilton-Fletcher email:

ghamiltonfletcher@gmail.com

GEORGE HAMILTON-FLETCHER

CINEMA GROUP

Please note that there is no film in December and that the next film will be *The Choral* on Thursday, 8th January next year.

KATHY KANJI JAN SLAWSON

MEDIUM WALKING GROUP

The Medium Walking Group undertook a lovely walk at Finchdean on the edge of the South Downs on Monday 17 November. (photos on the next page).

The walk was quite challenging as there were some steep up-and-down hills but the views were magnificent. Lunch and drinks were in the village pub, The George at the finish.

Laurie Page

TITCHFIELD THEATRE GROUP

I'm sorry to be an old moaner but I feel I should emphasise the procedure for TFT tickets.

When I suggest a given date for a performance those requests are locked in until that date at which time I can order the required number of tickets. Once ordered I will be advised of the ticket price which is dependent on the number of tickets sold. Obviously at that point I will notify all those who have asked for tickets to pay. If anyone at that stage changes their mind this of course could change the ticket price - too late!

DAVID KNIGHT
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

This is a reminder to all members that our new bank charges are now in place, and every cheque I pay in will cost us 42p (if scanned via app) or 50p (if paid in). Cash paid in will cost 75p per £100. So please pay by BACS whenever possible, and if you do not do online banking, cash is king for payments under £20! So, when it comes to your membership renewals in January, I hope to receive mainly online payments and the rest in cash if possible.

KUMI

GROUPS NEWS

BREAKAWAY GROUP

STOP PRESS - Would you like to join the Breakaway trip to Warners Bembridge, Monday 26th - Friday 30 January?

SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE - cancellation due to ill health. Cost only £252.10.

Please contact Rosemary Scott or Chris Matcham.

ROSEMARY SCOTT

NEW GROUPS

UNDERSTANDING AI

A friendly introduction via Zoom. Are you curious about Artificial Intelligence, but not sure where to start?

Join me for a relaxed and engaging online course designed especially for you, exploring what AI really is, how

it's changing daily life, and how we can use it safely and wisely.

This is what we'll cover What *Artificial Intelligence* actually means, in plain English! Everyday examples of AI, from voice assistants to healthcare. How tools like ChatGPT work behind the scenes, Practical tips for using AI for learning, hobbies, and creativity. Ethics, privacy, and how to stay in control of technology

Format Four weekly sessions on Zoom, no prior tech experience needed. Friendly discussions, demonstrations, and time for questions. Simple optional exercises between sessions.

Who it's for Anyone who wants to understand AI, no maths, coding, or jargon required!

When You decide. The aim is January 2026.

Where Online via Zoom. To register email: nickofwarsash@gmail.com

NICK HAMMOND

MAYFLOWER THEATRE GROUP

This new group has generated a lot of interest. I have chosen matinee

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

Mulled wine and mince pies await you at our meeting on 12th December. Wear a Christmas jumper or hat and join in the festive songs with Sign4Fun.

performances for all the shows selected so far, as I know many don't like travelling at night.

More than forty members will be going to see *Miss Saigon* in February. The list for this show, is now closed. In April we are going to see *Top Hat*. There are still places available for this production. In October, we plan to see *Moulin Rouge*.

Tickets sell quickly and have to be booked and paid for well in advance, so if you are interested in any of these shows you must sign up quickly.

Later in the year, we hope to see *Six* and *Blood Brothers*. If you notice any other productions, you think a group may wish to see, please contact me.

JUDITH SIMS

ART GROUP

Our next meeting on Monday 8 December will be a seasonal topic, Holly, Ivy and a little Mistletoe. Our November meeting was a rather messy but entertaining challenge of glassware images in charcoal using a putty rubber to create the shading. (Pictures on the next page).

KEN BERRIDGE

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE GROUP

We are a friendly group of ladies and gentlemen looking for more members to join us on a regular basis. Bridge is a rewarding game which combines team work, probability, psychology and strategy.

**GROUPS
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The Medium Walking Group and their mascot pooch had a great day for a meander at Finchdean on the edge of the South Downs. *The George* pub provided a fine meal at the end.



Right This November The Breakaway folk enjoyed their *Tinsel and Turkey* visit to the Cotswold which included a visit to a Christmas market, *Left* The Art Group experiment with charcoal to create some pictures of glass.



An unusual photo of singer Dawn at the November meeting inspiring members to have a sing-along, and a wave.