

WARSASH **u3a** NEWS

AUGUST 2025

Did you make it along earlier this month to the Strawberry fields in Warsash? A great big thank you to all for the support we had that Saturday to make our u3a stand at Warsash fair such a success. I

CHAIR'S CHAT

am grateful for all those who were able to give their time to set up our stall, engage with the public and help clear up. Many hands do make light work. It was a great team effort! (pictures on next page)

There was a lot of interest from people wanting to know more about the u3a. They were astonished to check out the activities on offer from our group. It was a great opportunity to focus on our aim of learning for pleasure and enjoyment. Our motto *Learn, Laugh, Live* reflects the u3a ethos of self help learning and the sharing of experiences and knowledge by members no longer in full time education.

We welcomed several new members at our July meeting where they received a warm welcome. Our theme for our community box next month is still items suitable for a family picnic. School holidays are here and food for a picnic from the food bank would be a godsend. Tinned meat or fish, jam, crisps, jelly mix, squash. I am sure you will think of something.

The holiday season is upon us once again. Stay hydrated on these very hot days. Stay safe whilst travelling and if you are here for our August meeting I looking forward to seeing you.

CATHERINE

GENERAL NEWS

The u3a Committee have requested that we explain to prospective members that they can attend two meetings: one monthly meeting plus one group meeting - before joining. Please note that if a prospective member wishes to join a group session on a taster basis, can they please contact the group leader first so the leader can make a note of their contact details before they attend the group. The group leaders names should appear on the sign-up sheets at the meeting.

GROUPS NEWS

QUIZ GROUP NEW GROUP

Do you love a good quiz, enjoy a bit of friendly competition, and like the idea of a relaxed evening out with fellow U3A members? If so, our brand-new U3A Quizzers Group could be just what you're looking for!

We'll be meeting once a month at one of our local pubs for an evening of quizzes, puzzles, and fun trivia—plus plenty of laughs and maybe a drink or two with friends.

Entry is usually just £1-£2, and while there's sometimes a small prize, we mostly play for the glory. If this sounds like your kind of night out, simply contact Sue Snape at smcculloch1909@gmail.com to be added to the group, or sign up at the next monthly meeting.

We'll be in touch soon with the details of our first meet-up—we'd love to see you there!

SUE SNAPE

BUS TRIP GROUP

Eighteen members of the group went to see *By Royal Appointment* at the Mayflower - who would believe Ann Reid, who played the late queen, is ninety years old!

We also went to see the Civil War Re-enactment at Titchfield Abbey. (pictures on next page)

Our August trip on Tuesday 26 August is a guided tour of Old Portsmouth, with Andrew Negus - who, some of you may know from talks and tours at the u3a and other local groups, is a very knowledgeable and humorous

local historian with his own inimitable style.

ROSEMARY SCOTT

CHILL AND CHAT

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, 30 August, at Hillier Garden Centre, Woodhouse Lane, Botley, SO30 2EZ, meeting at 11.00 am in the restaurant.

This is a pleasant way to spend a morning having a coffee and cake, or similar, and enjoying the company of other U3A members. There is also the option to stay for lunch. **LORRAINE SEXTON**

WINE TASTING

Balmy weather had all thirty-five participants of the latest wine tasting evening choosing to sit outdoors, so every available chair and stool in my house was taken out to the back garden. (picture on next page)

The wines were presented by Lesley Wood and Susie Davison who presented a selection of French wines. The evening was enhanced by Lesley's tales of her time spent in France which featured a lot of wine drinking and was most entertaining.

KUMI COULTHARD

GOLF GROUP

If members have played golf in the distant past and would now like to take it up again, why not come along to East Horton golf club and have a go on the range.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING 8 AUGUST

Our speaker will be Trevor Rutter talking about Billy the Kid and other rotters.

You need to bring your own clubs. Even better, have a lesson with the Pro. He does group lessons some times. Then, when you feel you'd like to join us, come along on Tuesday mornings ready to play the 9 hole Par 3 Marwell course at 11a.m. We meet in the club house about 10.45a.m. We do not play if it is raining. I am sure it would soon all come back to you and practice makes perfect. If you'd to join us please contact me on 02380457995.

HILARY LEE

THURSDAY MAH JONG

Group members joined Tony Jackson at the Old Ship at Bursledon to help him celebrate his ninetieth birthday. Tony has been hosting the group for some time now and this was our thank you to him for his kindness. A delicious fruit cake baked by Kate Hamersley was presented to Tony after the meal and enjoyed by all. (pictures on next page). **JUDITH SIMS**



ART GROUP

Our July workshop was at Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve. Outdoor painting is always something of a challenge but eight of us enjoyed the banter and the lakeside scenery and donated £23 to Hampshire IoW Wildlife Trust. Our 11 August outdoor session will be at Bursledon Windmill.

KEN BERRIDGE

GROUPS PICTURE PAGE



Balmy weather allowed fans of crushed grapes to enjoy their latest Wine group tasting in Kumi's back garden.



Four strategically placed bowls of liquorice allsorts helped celebrated Tony Jackson's ninetieth birthday with his friends from the Thursday Maj Jong group.



The Bus Trip group, as well as enjoying a theatre trip (right) also flashed back in time with a visit to a realistic Civil War re-enactment at Titchfield Abbey.



The Bus Trip group swapped bus seats for the more comfortable ones in the Mayflower to enjoy a production of By Royal Appointment.



Our stall at the Warsash Festival created a lot of interest from the visitors and persuaded several that that our group was worth joining.

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