

WARSASH NEWS

JULY 2025

GENERAL NEWS AND UPDATES

QUIZ TEAMS

It has been suggested that members may like to make up teams and attend quiz nights at various venues and nights, I have several members interested and when a generic email goes out there may be more, However I need two members to lead the group, would you be interested? if you are interested in leading the group or joining, please let me know via email christinematcham2000@yahoo.co.uk.

FINE DINING

Fine dining is now suspended until October after the college returns in September, I have several dates booked and when I receive the menu I will be in contact.

CRIB

Crib is restarting, running alongside on canasta, on alternate Tuesday afternoons, starting on June 24 at Victory Hall 2-5pm, cost £2 and please bring a mug,
CHRIS MATCHAM

GROUPS NEWS

BUS GROUP

Our next trip, on Wednesday 23 July, will include a walking tour of Southampton's Old Town and Vaults. We will uncover Southampton's hidden past with this walking tour around and under the Old Town, exploring stories of merchants, mayhem and murder along the way! Also visiting St. Michael the Archangel Church, the oldest building still in use in the city of Southampton. We will have lunch at the Duke of Wellington, itself housed in a stunning 12th Century half-timbered building!
ROSEMARY SCOTT

CRAFT GROUP

The group used their skills on Glass Painting in June. Everyone is welcome to come and join our next meeting on 9 July. (picture on next page.) **JENNY HAMER**

GOLF GROUP

I'm very happy to report that due to the lovely weather we have been getting five golfers coming along to East Horton Golf Club to play the Par 3 Marwell Course on Tuesday mornings. It's been great fun, some of the golf has been good too!

Not sure about you but June seems to have gone in a flash. The June monthly meeting went well. Our speaker, Jenny Mallin gave a wonderful insight of a working life at the BBC. As ever I would like to thank those *behind the scene* members who ensure everything runs smoothly every month. Did you think the fairies magic up the chairs set up and tea for everyone, sign you in or take your money? I must confess when I first came to meetings I didn't think about the work to get everything ready. Warsash u3a thrives because of its members. The group leaders ensure there is a wealth of social and learning opportunities for all.

CHAIR'S CHAT

To those who ensure all is ready for our members-a big thank you is well deserved. By the time you read this the Warsash Fair will have come and gone. Again a great big thank you to those who responded to the appeal to man the u3a stand. Our community involvement is increasing and if you wish to support the food bank this month we are collecting cleaning items and toiletries.

Why not bring a friend to one of our monthly meetings? They will receive a warm and friendly welcome. Best wishes **CATHERINE**

Any more golfers or ex-golfers wanting to keep their swing going, please come and join us. We tee off at 11 a.m. Be nice to see you. Please give me a ring on 07716879685 just to let me know you are coming.
HILARY LEE

GARDENING GROUP

Fifteen members of the Group enjoyed a brilliant day exploring Queen Victoria's and Prince Albert's decadent retreat on the Isle of Wight. An early start got us to the 10.00 Red Funnel ferry, arriving in East Cowes by 11.00. Only five minutes up the hill, we started our exploration of the grand house which is built in an Italianate style. Every room is sumptuously decorated and we felt very much at home.

The high temperatures kept us looking for shade in the garden to enjoy our midday picnic, followed by a long downhill saunter to the beach. Back uphill at a slow pace through a wooded area to the lovely Swiss Cottage, gardens and museum, built to entertain and teach the royal children.

We caught the 17:30 ferry back to Southampton and enjoyed a grandstand view of the

IN MEMORY

Our condolences go to the families and friends of these members who sadly died recently. We will remember them with love and affection.
Denis Jones
Steve Gange
Steve Clark

Solent taking the sun on the upper deck. All in all a super day out. (pictures on the next page.)

ROBERT HUGHES

MEDIUM WALK GROUP

For the June walk the U3A members went to West Meon and had a very pleasant walk there of about 3.5 miles, with a stop at the *Cuppachino* Tea Shop in the village. Our next walk is on Monday 21st July at Lower Upham.
LAURIE PAGE

THE SHEPHERD SINGERS

We have been happily singing and meeting during school term-times each Tuesday afternoon at St. Johns Church Hall. We finish for the School Holidays on 22nd July and start again on 16th September from 13.30 to 15.00.

The group, both ladies and gentlemen, are an enthusiastic and friendly group, led by our talented Musical Director, Chris Mahy. At the end of term we will be singing for the Stroke Club in Titchfield Road, a popular venue for us, where their members always join in!! We are pleased to welcome new members - come along and see if this will appeal to you. (Picture on the next page.) **MAGGS COLLIER**

TEN PIN BOWLING

Twenty members enjoyed a bowling session at Fareham Bowl in June. The next bowling day is on Friday 18 July.

LAURIE PAGE

SHORT WALK GROUP

Lynn Anderson in 1977 sang *I Never promised you a rose garden* I had high hopes that our

Next Meeting Friday 11 July

Our speaker will be Ann Gardner talking about Hampshire Canals.

short walk around Titchfield Abbey Meadows might allow us to enjoy the rose garden by the Great Barn and it came up trumps. So many of the roses had wonderful scents. We caught them just at the right time. **CATHERINE HALLAM**

THEATRE GROUP

We still struggle on. Over 100 members for the group and yet we only have the faithful few each time I make a suggestion. The more tickets we sell the cheaper they become and for what you get they are ridiculously cheap.

The Barn which is a fabulous venue is used in the summer months as too are the Oak and Acorn Theatres. Unfortunately I think the Arden may have to close - thanks to the actions of the Council. I am sure the differences could have been sorted out with some give and take saving TFTs and council tax payers money. Only six of us are going to see Macbeth in the Barn and only Jennifer and myself to see 6-teen edition. Perhaps you all prefer to go to the Mayflower or Chichester and pay their ticket prices.

Do not forget the three concerts in the Abbey grounds at the end of August. You will have pay direct for these concerts. Ideal to join with friends with a picnic. Please let me know if you do not want the group to continue in its present format.

DAVID KNIGHT

WEEKENDERS CHILL AND CHAT

Fourteen members attended the Chill and Chat at Abbey Stewart Garden Centre on Saturday, 21st June. Although very hot inside the restaurant, we all enjoyed each others company. A few members stayed to have lunch in the cool of the garden and others to wander round looking at the various plants. (picture on the next page.)

LORRAINE SEXTON

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GROUPS PICTURE PAGE



The Shepperd Singers (above) do an enthusiastic Mexican wave at one of their joyful meetings . The Craft group (below) discovered that glass is the ideal medium for their creativity but, a gentle reminder, none of it is dishwasher friendly. Chill and Chat folk (right) have a long table discussion about the Abbey Stewart Garden Centre drinks and portion options.



The trip to the Island to stroll round Queen Victoria's and Prince Albert's decadent retreat was enjoyed by the group but two decided that a sea knees up was a fitting end to their lovely day.

