

WATERLOOVILLE



Friendship & Fun through Lifelong Learning

Membership Information



Registered Charity No: 1116807

Welcome

As the Chairman of Waterloo University of the Third Age (U3A) I would like to thank you for your interest in us and welcome you as a prospective member. I certainly hope I will soon have the pleasure of enrolling you in our U3A and of meeting you before too long.

We are a very friendly non-political, non-religious group which started in 2006 and now has well over 300 members. A registered charity in our own right we are a part of the international University of the Third Age movement, which originated in France in 1972 and has now spread to many countries of the world. In Great Britain there are now over 800 U3As with a total membership of over 270,000 with this number rapidly growing. Although U3As are autonomous in their operation they are affiliated to The Third Age Trust whose National Office is situated in London.

U3A membership is not related to a specific age but to a period in one's life (the third age) after the second age of full-time employment and parental responsibility. We are devoted to the concept of encouraging people, who are usually retired from full-time employment, to pursue their interest in a wide range of academic and leisure activities. Don't be misled by the word "University". This word is used in its original sense of a group of people with a desire to learn. No qualifications are required or given; it simply involves learning for pleasure.

Anybody in their third age can join U3A and this includes people who are working part time. Although group activities may involve learning they are not necessarily academic, with no qualifications required or given. The emphasis is on self-development and enjoyment.

The key aims of Waterloo University of the Third Age are:

1. To encourage and enable older people no longer in full-time paid employment to help each other to share their knowledge, skills, interests and experience.
2. To explore the pleasure of learning and socialising throughout life.
3. To celebrate the capabilities and potential of older people and their value to society

What does Waterlooville U3A offer?

- **An opportunity for life-long learning, friendship and some fun.**
- **Monthly Meetings.** Held on fourth Wednesday of the month (except Aug and Dec) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7SR. We invite guest speakers to talk on a variety of subjects. A welcoming and friendly, the meetings close with a cup of tea and biscuits giving the chance to socialise and meet new friends.

2011/12 Programme

Date	Subject	Speaker
Friday 28 Oct 2011	An Update from Westminster	David Willetts MP, Minister of State for Universities & Science
Wed 23 Nov	Dreaming of a White Christmas - the season in popular music	Dave Allen
Wed 25 Jan 12	Forecastle to Footlights	Dave Allport MBE
Wed 22 Feb	TBA	TBA
Wed 21 Mar	Visit an English Garden	Brian Kidd
Wed 25 Apr	Walter Sickert & the Camden Town Group	Bernard Allen
Wed 23 May	AGM followed by talk on Festivals of Japan	Neil Hook
Wed 27 Jun	The Portsmouth to London Road	Jennifer Goldsmith

- **Some 30 different interest groups,** Our groups vary in size and they determine their own course of study. Leaders who coordinate the group activities are just members with a passion for a subject which they are prepared to share. While there are no formal lectures and members are encouraged to share in a joint process of learning and discovery, groups are able to bring in professional expertise should it be required which they fund themselves

The smaller groups use members' homes to host Group meetings and this adds to the friendly informal atmosphere. Some of the larger groups use a variety of venues in the Waterlooville area. The emphasis is very much on the participation of group members, learning together.

- **Summer Schools** to study a variety of topics which can be residential or non-residential (fees involved). Recently these have been held at Chichester, Cirencester and London although there are other venues around the country.
- **U3A On-line tutored and untutored courses** cover a variety of subjects from creative writing to the art history. A small fee is charged.
- **Access to U3A Resource Centre** that has slides, videos, cassettes, DVDs and CD ROMs available in a wide range of subjects that can be borrowed free of charge except for the cost of return postage.
- **"Sources" is a free U3A education bulletin** distributed free to U3A members who request it three times a year. Either write to: The Third Age Trust, Old Municipal Buildings, 19 East Street, Bromley, BR1 1QE, telephone: 020 8466 6139. They can also be viewed on line at: www.u3a.org.uk. Themes of recent issues include Literature & Drama, Languages, Family History, Life Stories, Local History and Health & Well-being
- **A quarterly Waterlooville U3A Newsletter** is produced to keep members in touch with national and local U3A events, dates and times of group meetings etc. (currently suspended but we hope to restart this soon)
- **An on-line monthly Waterlooville U3A news bulletin** to keep members up-to-date with immediate information and programme changes
- **'U3A News'** is a national magazine, issued four times a year, containing news of the U3A's nationwide activities.
- All U3A activities are covered by **Public Liability Insurance**

How are we organised?

The management of Waterlooville U3A is vested in a Committee, elected by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting, whose duty and responsibility is to carry out the general policy and to provide for the administration,

management and control of the affairs and property of the U3A. This committee meets on a monthly basis.

Current Executive Committee contact details are as follows:

Function	Name	Contact Number
Chairman	Frances Halliday	023 9223 0942
Vice Chairman	Currently vacant	
Business Secretary	Graham Woodbridge	023 9225 9177
Treasurer	Pat Chalmers	023 9235 9160
Membership	Currently Vacant	023 9223 0942
Group Liaison	Barbara Harrington	023 9226 8386
Speaker Secretary	Pamela Daley	023 9225 7699
Tea Rota/New members	Bunty Davison	023 9223 3099
Public Relations	Jill Gulliver	023 9224 0409
Co-opted	Drew Gurney	023 92 64 8216

Group activities - who chooses them and how are they run?

For general enquiries about groups please contact Barbara Harrington who is responsible for Groups Liaison:

Tel: 023 9226 8386,

Email: groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Group activities are chosen by members. In keeping with the U3A principle of "self help and co-operation", all group activities are led by a member of the Group acting as Group Coordinator/Facilitator.

The timetable for group activities is planned to avoid, as much as possible, duplication of different group meetings on similar dates and times to give members more choice and availability of group

Waterlooville U3A Activity Groups

Activity	Coordinator	Frequency
Group Liaison	Barbara Harrington	
Archaeology	Julia Smees	2 nd Thurs Monthly
Art History	Maggie Linsley	1 st Fri a.m. monthly
Arts & Crafts	Chris Piper	Ring for details
Bridge	Ted Packer	Fri a.m. Fortnightly
Calligraphy	Bunty Davison	Ring for details
Computers	Pat Chalmers	Ring for details
Discussion	Sue Lacy	Monthly
Family History	Denise Rosser	Mon pm Fortnightly
4 x French Gps	Euan Chalmers	Weekly
Gardens	Janet Punchard	Phone for details
Geology	Howard Davies	Mon pm Fortnightly
German	Brian Daley	Mon a.m. Weekly
Line Dancing 1	Carolyn Keyzor	Tues p.m. Weekly
Line Dancing 2	Jill Gulliver	Thurs p.m. weekly
Local History	Pam Gawthorpe	4 th Thurs p.m.
Mah Jong	Jackie Persaud	Wed p.m. (excl 4 th)

Who is eligible to join Waterlooville U3A?

Membership is open to all men and women who have ceased full-time employment. The sole criteria is a desire to learn for its own sake, whether academic subjects, physical activities exploring social activities; no qualifications are required. New members are always welcome.

How do I join?

You may attend one monthly meeting or one group session as a "taster". If you then wish to join please send a cheque together with the enclosed form. If you are a taxpayer please complete the Gift Aid form, which allows us to reclaim tax.

Annual membership of Waterlooville U3A is £15 (single) or £25 (couple at same address) and includes attendance at monthly meetings and groups. However, some groups make a small charge to cover expenses such as hire of a room, entrance charges, tutor expenses etc.

The membership year starts in April. For those joining between September & December we offer half price membership with renewal due in March. For those joining after 1st January membership will be valid until 31st March of the following year.

If you are a paid-up member of another U3A we may be able to deduct the affiliation fee payable to the National Office. Please enquire.

Membership Enquiries

If you would like any further information please contact:

Pat Mitchell

Telephone: 023 9245 2365

Email: u3a@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Useful Web links:

www.u3a.org.uk (national website)

www.waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

<http://onlinecourses.u3a.org.uk> (information about on-line courses)

Activity	Coordinator	Frequency
Modern History	Ted Packer	Thurs a.m. Fortnightly
Music Appreciation	Julie Bowman	1 st Tues Monthly
Outings 1	Martin Hodgkinson	Monthly
Outings 2	Margaret Thomas	Monthly (Tuesdays)
Outings 3	Jean Smith	Monthly (Fridays)
Outings 4	Mary Brown Christine Pylee	Currently forming
Painting	Lee Hodgkinson	Fri a.m. Weekly
Photography 1	Mike Parry	Tues p.m. Monthly
Photography 2	Pat Mitchell	Mon a.m. Fortnightly
Poetry	Marjorie Larden	Weds p.m. Monthly
Book Group	Judith Cook	Mon a.m. Monthly
Science	Robin Gorman	Monthly
Spanish	Ann Wrightson	Fortnightly - 3 Gps
Tai Chi (2 gps)	Jackie Persaud	Mon, Fri weekly
Walking	John Pope	Last Fri Monthly
Wildlife Wander 1	Janet Punchard	Phone for details