

Chairman's Message



As we spring into April, I hope that you are enjoying the lighter evenings. I'm not liking the darker mornings though!

I succumbed to Covid two weeks ago, thankfully was totally asymptomatic and only tested because 3 friends and colleagues had tested positive. It's so easy to see how the current variant is so transmissible.

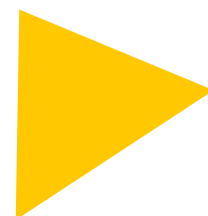
Please enjoy reading the 'Speakers Corner' put together by Hilary. This will be a regular feature, and hope will encourage more members to attend the monthly meetings. There is a very interesting and varied programme on offer.

Thank you to those members who have expressed an interest in finding out more about committee (and other) roles, and to those who offered some constructive observations. My plan is to invite you to a tea/coffee/cake meeting in the next few weeks where you can have a chat with some committee members, look at role descriptions and of course enjoy some cake! It is imperative that these vacant roles are filled at the AGM in July to enable Wu3a to continue successfully. I'll email out an invitation when I have the event details.

I have been uploading some local events to the Facebook group, and I hope that you have found this informative. I will post some of the suggestions made by Facebook members in the next few weeks.

With Easter fast approaching, I hope that you enjoy a peaceful and reflective time however you celebrate, and don't eat too much chocolate!!

With my very best wishes, Jo



Group Liaison Corner



A new group has formed – Members On Their Own 4, with Ron Clement as GC.

The Art & Design group has closed. A big thank you to Gil Watkinson for being the GC.

WAITING LISTS Would you like to check that you are on a waiting list? Just ask me and I'll tell you if you are. Waiting lists are for groups that are full, but if a list gets big enough, we may start a new group!

To contact Group Liaison, email Kevin Stock at groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk
Tel: 023 9217 9298

MAH JONG



Mah Jong has moved to a larger venue and now has room for more tables to be set up. If you would like to come along and try the game, then let me know. It meets at St Wilfrids on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday 10am – 12 Noon .

CARD GAMES

Card Game has moved to a larger venue and now has room for more tables to be set up. If you would like to come along and try the various games we play, all for fun, then let me know. It meets at St Wilfrids on the Second & Fourth Wednesday 10am-12 Noon.

Another Quiz Evening!!

ONLY A FEW SPACES LEFT

We are having another Quiz Eve on Wednesday 6th April at Waterlooville Community Centre (in the ASDA car park) starting at 7 p.m. There will be a break for Fish & Chips etc. (or bring your own food if you prefer). You can enter as an individual and I will place you into teams of 6. Get a few friends to join you and I will put you into teams. Group Co-ordinators can enter their group as a team of 6. The cost per person will be £6 with food, or £1 without. To enter a team, or just yourself, email Kevin Stock at groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

A Trip to Uppark National Trust House & Gardens

Our Historic Houses & Gardens group have organised a visit to Uppark and invite members to join them.

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday 19th May

MEETING TIME: 10am at NT Uppark

MEETING PLACE: Main Entrance NT Uppark

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Visit includes Entrance Fee and Short Guided Tour

Self-Guided Tour of the house and gardens – I will get more information prior to the event

As a group we will be given the opportunity to join a tour of the property with one of their experienced volunteer guides. The tour will touch on the history of the house, but will be led outside

COST:

NT Members: £2.00

Non NT Members: £12.45

If you are interested please reply to me (Kevin Stock) and I'll pass your details to them.

A Trip to Chichester Jazz Club

Our Theatre Trips & Days Out group have organised a visit to Chichester Jazz Club to see the Hannah Horton Quartet and invite members to join them.

DATE OF MEETING: Friday 6th May 2022

MEETING TIME: Doors open 18.45 event commences at 19.45

MEETING PLACE: The Pallant Suite, (part of the Chichester Masonic Centre) 7 South Pallant, Chichester PO19 1SY. What3Words: agenda.festivity.harsh

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Tickets for the venue - There will be a paid for bar open, Should members wish to eat prior to the event there are many restaurants in the area, booking advised

COST: Tickets £15 each

If you are interested please reply to me (Kevin Stock) and I'll pass your details to them.



Beetle Drive

WHEN: Fri 20th May 2pm

WHERE: Waterlooville Community Centre (WACA)

We are holding our first Beetle Drive! There will be tables of 4, and each person has to draw the 13 parts of a Beetle. Depending on the throw of a die, is the body part you draw (you will have a sample of how to draw the Beetle). You have to start by throwing a 6, which is the main body part. The first person to complete their Beetle shouts 'Beetle' and everyone stops. The people on each table with highest and lowest score move tables, and another game starts!

The cost will £2 on the day, to include a break for tea/coffee/biscuits.

Please let me (Kevin Stock) know if you are interested, as we need to know the approximate number to cater for.

Coffee Morning

MON 11th APRIL

10am—11.30am

Our next monthly Coffee Morning is on the above date between 10am-11.30am at the Sacred Heart. All members are welcome, particularly new members. Bring along friends who you think might benefit from joining our u3a. Sign up to join our many Interest Groups. Committee members will be on hand to answer any questions. The coffee morning is a great way to make new friends and sharing interests so do come along anytime between 10 and 11.30 a.m. (we have to finish by midday).

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th April 7pm – Quiz Eve at WACA

Monday 11th April 10am—11.30am – Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart

Wednesday 27th April 2pm – Monthly Meeting at Sacred Heart

Friday 20th May 2pm – Beetle Drive at WACA

Dates of Next Monthly Meetings

Wed 27th April 2pm

**“The Ffestiniog & Welsh
Highland Railways”**

Speaker: Stephen Murfitt



The Ffestiniog Railway is a narrow-gauge railway running for 13 miles between Porthmadog and Blaenau Ffestiniog in North Wales. Incorporated by statute in 1832, it is one of the UK's earliest railways and The Festiniog Railway Company is the oldest independent railway company in the world.

Wed 25th May 2pm

**“Hidden Depths: Women of
the RNLI”**

Speaker: Sue Hennessy

For the past 180 years men have been seen as the mainstay of the RNLI and women as those waiting for the rescuers and the rescued to return; providing hot drinks and sympathy as required. Sue spotlights the role of outstanding women working alongside outstanding men. Heroism all round.

Calling all Family Historians

Hampshire Record Office in Winchester are running monthly “behind the scenes” tours from April through to July then September to November. The tours last for about an hour and a half and cost £10 per person.

For more details and booking, follow the link below and scroll down the page :

[https://lpda9f27a988.hana.ondemand.com/p/Nh6Oc?
utm_source=SAPHybris&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2605&utm_term=HALS%
20events%20newsletter%20October__More%20events&utm_content=EN](https://lpda9f27a988.hana.ondemand.com/p/Nh6Oc?utm_source=SAPHybris&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2605&utm_term=HALS%20events%20newsletter%20October__More%20events&utm_content=EN)

Speakers' Corner

Waterlooville u3a Monthly Meeting

Grandma Flew Spitfires

By

John Webster and the Story of the Air Transport Auxiliary

In actual fact, we were to discover that "grandma" flew not only Spitfires but everything from Tiger Moth training planes to the Lancaster bomber and everything in between.

The Air Transport Auxiliary was a civilian organisation formed as an off-shoot of the then British Airways which was tasked with supporting the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm by ferrying aircraft between factories, maintenance units and operational bases during the Second World War. Also performing many and varied transport tasks over one thousand civilian pilots, including 168 women, delivered over 300,000 aircraft from factory to airfield over the course of the war. Despite strong opposition from the higher ranks in the R.A.F., the women proved themselves to be excellent pilots and like their male counterparts often flew several different types of aircraft during one day.

John's talk included extracts from a newsreel and interviews with surviving veterans : one a very feisty, chain-smoking 90 year old woman recalled a crash landing and its aftermath in a very amusing way.

John is an ardent aviation enthusiast whose career was in the U.K.'s Air Traffic Services. On retirement, John has been a volunteer researcher for Maidenhead Heritage Centre's permanent ATA exhibition and archive. He is currently secretary of the ATA Association which was formed immediately post WW2; primarily by members of ATA's air crew.

Article submitted by Hilary Ryan,, Speakers Secretary

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING - CHANGE OF DATE

Zig Malendewicz is organising a Clay Pigeon shooting morning but the date originally given has had to be changed. It will now be on Saturday 2nd July. As before, this will be at Fareham Clay Pigeon Shooting Club and will begin at 10.00am. It usually lasts about two hours and there is an excellent cafe on site that serves light lunches. The cost will be £35 per person (cheques made payable to "Waterlooville U3A") for which everyone will receive 25 cartridges, full instructions and supervision. If you are interested the please contact Zig at zigmaldewicz@hotmail.com or on his landline 023 92 59 22 13

PETERSFIELD MUSEUM, Local History Group 4

On Tuesday, 15th February 11 members of the group visited the Petersfield Museum. The visit started with a talk by Ryan Watts about the Museum after which the group were free to wander around in their own time to take in the many exhibits.

In 1999 the Petersfield Area Historical Society opened the doors of its Museum in the former Courthouse, where it displayed its social history collection. Thanks to a very generous bequest from local solicitor, Freddie Standfield, it was possible, six years later, to employ a Museum Curator.

Over the years objects and archive material we collected and formally transferred to the Museum. They now form part of the extensive collection of some 22,000 items that relate to Petersfield and its surrounding villages.

In 2016 they purchased the former Petersfield Police Station, part of which now houses a Victorian justice heritage exhibition. Between 2017 and 2021 the Museum underwent a £4m rebuild.

A timeline feature takes the visitor through the history of the town alongside some temporary cases which change over annually. Other collections include the Bedales Historic Costume Collection, made up of about 1,000 pieces including ladies', gents', and children's clothing and accessories dating from 1720.

Local artist, Flora Twort, who died in 1985, left her cottage, studio and examples of her work to Hampshire CC who transferred it in 2009 to the Petersfield Museum Trust. There are many examples of her beautiful water colour paintings, sketches and letters amongst the exhibits and also a small Gallery of her work.

Edward Thomas - renowned poet, writer, essayist and literary critic - is well represented. He lived in the village of Steep. He was killed on active service at the Battle of Arras on 9th April 1917. His collection was the property of the late Tim Wilton-Steer and donated to the Edward Thomas Fellowship by his family.

The refurbishment has been excellent and although small this independent Museum is well laid out and, unusually, as you walk around the history starts from present-day Petersfield and goes back through its 10,000-year past.

The trip was much enjoyed by everyone, some of whom will be returning for a second visit.

Article submitted Pat Longyear, joint GC of Local History 4

MOTO 1 trip

For our March meeting (MOTO1) Members on their Own had a most enjoyable day at The Weald and Downland Living Museum at Singleton. The weather was warm and sunny – just perfect!

We managed to explore most of the large site with houses and buildings spanning 1000 years. There were sheep with lambs, Percheron horses ploughing, chickens roaming free and lots of ducks beside the pond.



We saw demonstrations of spinning (spinning wheel and the drop spindle), sampled bread and oat biscuits from the 17th Century bakehouse, saw where The Repair Shop TV show was filmed and later saw three of their team walking round the paths. A perfect day!



Members Area of the Website

To visit the members area log on with:

Username: u3amember

Password: u3apassword

Just type in exactly what you see above – all in lower case – no spaces – and not your name! (It's the same username and password for everyone).

South Central Network of u3as

We are one of 19 local u3as that have formed a network to make it easy to swap news and ideas.

This month the Network will be holding a Zoom meeting for all local Treasurer's.

The SCN website is here:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/hants-sc-network>

Computer Help

Rich Edwards, one of our members, has offered to help members who have problems or queries to do with their computer/PC/ Tablet/iPad. Rich can be contacted on 07786 321 030 OR

richmond.edwards@btinternet.com

SE Region u3a

We are one of nearly 200 u3as that are part of the South East of England region.

The South East Region Spring Gathering is taking place on 7th April via Zoom and all members are welcome to join in. See the website for details.

The SE Region website is here:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/south-east/home>

u3a Facebook Page

We also have a Facebook Page called 'Waterlooville u3a' A page is like an advert for us – anyone can see it. You don't join a Page, instead you click 'like' and you will see any post we make. Ask your friends and family to 'like' it too!

u3a Facebook Group

We have a Facebook Group for Waterlooville u3a that any member can join. It's a way for you to post items that you think will be of interest to other members. and for us to remind you of u3a events coming up. Just search for 'Waterlooville u3a Members Group' from Facebook and request to join!

National u3a

National u3a are providing free online events delivered via Zoom:

Crochet Workshop: How to Crochet a Creature – Tue, April 5, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Geology of Igneous Rocks part 2 – Thu, April 7, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

An Introduction to Evidence Based Medicine – Fri, 8 April 14:00 – 15:30 BST

Roger Black – From Olympics to Now – Tue, April 12, 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM BST

Laughter Yoga Workshop – Wed, April 13, 10:00 AM – 11:00

Do All Religions Lead to the Same God? – Wed, April 20, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM BST

Book Groups Discussion forum – Fri, April 22, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM BST

Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners – May/June – Thu, May 5, 10:00 AM – 11:30

The Stories of the Willow Pattern Plate – Fri, May 13, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

40th Anniversary Edition – Picnic in the Park – Live Cookery Demo May 16, 10:30 AM – 12:00

Pictish Stones – Fri, May 20, 10:00 AM – 11:00

Geometric Abstraction – repeat event – Fri, May 27, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

National Office produce a monthly Newsletter that all u3a members can subscribe to. Just go to the website, click the Newsletter tab, and subscribe!

The National u3a website is here: www.u3a.org.uk

Virtual Afternoon Tea Party

Wed 20th April 2022 between 2pm and 3.30pm

Our 3 local networks (South Central, Southampton, New Forest) are having an informal cuppa and chat on Zoom and invite all members to join them. To register for the event click:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/afternoon-tea-tickets-301049947497>

Useful Contacts

We have various email addresses that you can use and your email will automatically be forwarded to whoever is looking after that role at the time.

beacon@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Beacon Administrator
bulletin@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Submit an article for this Bulletin
chairman@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Chairman
courses@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Enquiries for Highbury College courses
equipment@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	To borrow equipment
events@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Social & Outside Events
groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Group Liaison
members@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Membership Secretary
secretary@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Secretary
speakers@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Speakers Secretary
treasurer@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Treasurer
groupstreasurer@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Groups Treasurer
webmaster@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Website matters

Unsubscribe?

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE THIS BULLETIN, please let us know. This bulletin is issued every month to inform our members of Meetings, Groups, Social Events and other information relating to Waterlooville u3a, the national u3a and events of interest around the area. Your details can be removed from the bulletin list and a confirmation email sent to you. You can change your mind at any time and request your details to be added back onto the distribution list.

Also, if you wish, you can unsubscribe to the 'Third Age Matters' magazine that is issued five times a year and posted to members.

To unsubscribe to either of these, contact our Membership Secretary on 07585 558916 or 07763 799377 or email members@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Next Bulletin

The deadline for input into the next edition will be Friday 29th April

Email: bulletin@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Phone: 023 9217 9298

Post: Kevin Stock, Rose Lodge, 2 London Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville, PO8 8AA

POTENTIAL NEW GROUPS

These groups are waiting for more people to put their names down for them and/or waiting for someone to volunteer to run them. To add your name email groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk or phone Kevin Stock on 023 9217 9298

Family History (starting soon)

Floral Art



GROUPS WITH VACANCIES

To join any group contact Kevin Stock 023 9217 9298 or groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Interest Group	Normal Meeting Day & Frequency
Backgammon	2nd & 4th Mondays 10.30am – 12.30pm
Badminton	1st & 3rd Wednesdays 2pm – 4pm
Birdwatching / Wildlife Wanderers	Variable
Board Games (Modern)	1st & 3rd Mondays 2pm – 4pm
Books 2 (Friday Book Group)	Monthly 4 th Friday 2pm – 4pm
Bridge	Every Friday 10am – 12 Noon
Bus Trippers	Variable
Card Games	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays 10am – 12 Noon
Creative Writing	Monthly 3rd Tuesday 10.30am–12.30pm
Cribbage	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 10am – 12 Noon
Current Affairs 2	Monthly 2nd Thursday 10am – 12 Noon
Cycling for Fun	2 nd & 4 th Mondays 9.30am–12.30pm Plus Ad Hoc
Drawing 1	Every Wednesday 10am – 12 Noon
Film Study	Monthly 2 nd Thursdays 10am – 12 Noon
Folk/Roots Appreciation	Monthly 1 st Thursday 2pm – 4pm
French Conversation 1	Every Tuesday 2pm – 4pm

French Conversation 2	1st & 3rd Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
French Improvers	1st & 3rd Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
Geology 2	Monthly 1st Monday 2pm – 4pm
Historic Houses & Gardens	Variable
Local History 1	Monthly 2 nd Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
Local History 2	Monthly 3 rd Thursday 2pm – 4pm
Local History 4	Variable
Lunch Friends	Variable
Mah Jong	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 10am – 12 Noon
Maths Problem Solving	Monthly Last Tue 10am – 12 Noon
Modern History 1 (From 1500)	Fortnightly Thursdays 10am – 12 Noon
Modern History 2 (From 1500)	1st & 3rd Tuesday 2pm – 4pm
Music Appreciation	Monthly 2nd Tuesday 2pm – 4pm
Naval History	Monthly 2 nd Tuesday 10am – 12 Noon
Painting 3	Every Tuesday 9.30am – 12 Noon
Photography 3	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday 2pm – 4pm
Photography 4	Monthly 1 st Thursday 10am – 12 Noon
Play Reading	2 nd & 4 th Fridays 10am – 12 Noon

Poetry	Monthly 1 st Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
Pub History	Monthly 3 rd Tuesday 10.30am – 12 Noon
Quizzers 2	Monthly 2 nd Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
Radio Hams	Variable
Railways & Transport	Monthly 3 rd Monday 10.30am – 12 Noon
Rummikub	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays 2pm – 4pm
Science	Monthly 2 nd Tuesday 2pm – 4pm
Scrabble & Cluedo	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 2pm – 4pm
Singing for Pleasure	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays 2pm – 3.30pm
Table Tennis	Second & Fourth Thursdays 2pm – 4pm
The Potting Shed	Variable
Theatre Trips & Days Out	Various
Walking 1 – Striders	2 nd & 4 th Friday 10am – 12 Noon
Walking 2 – Striders	Nov–Mar 1 st & 3 rd Mondays 1.30pm – 4pm Apr–Oct 1 st & 3 rd Mondays 2pm – 5pm
Walking 3 – Strollers	1 st & 3 rd Friday 10am – 12 Noon
Walking 4 – Stragglers	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 11am – 12.30pm
Walking 5 – Strollers	2 nd & 4 th Tues 10am – 12 Noon
Wine Appreciation 3	Monthly 1 st Tuesday 7pm–9pm