

Chairman's Message



Snow is falling.....well for one night anyway. Hope you are all safe and keeping well.

As you will have heard from Government press conferences, a new variant of Covid, 'Omicron', appears to have landed on our shores. There will be some additional restrictions in place for 3 weeks; these include wearing of face coverings (unless you are exempt) in shops and on public transport. At this stage, it doesn't appear that our u3a will be affected, however I will keep you updated if we are told anything to the contrary.

In November, we enjoyed a performance by Renee and Allan Marriott with their festive Victorian Magic Lantern Show. It was very entertaining, and enjoyed by around 80 members.

I visited our Cookery group in November.....I usually get lost in unfamiliar places, however this was not the case, as I just followed the delicious smells!! Thank you to the group for welcoming me, and giving me tasters of some fresh bakes, which tasted delicious. Going to attempt baking a 'wartime loaf cake', which looks simple enough for me not to mess up!!!

My visits for this 'term' are concluded, however if you meet on a Tuesday, Wednesday or any evening (except Thursday) or weekend and would like to invite me along, I'd be very happy to take you up on your offer. My visits have been very interesting, and I can now talk with more understanding of what our members are up to....from what I've seen definitely 'living, laughing and learning'!!

Our Wellbeing Team has been sensitively supporting a number of members in various ways for the past few months. If you feel you would like support to engage in or access u3a meetings or groups or would welcome a friendly phone call or email, please do let me know and I'll put you in touch with one of our wonderful volunteers.

Invited by the Mayor of Havant, Rosy Raines, I attended her Civic Service, on behalf of Waterlooville u3a, recently. Rosy is very complimentary about our organisation; she has even joined her local u3a.

All it remains for me to do is to thank each and every member, our committee and all volunteers for your patience, understanding and unmitigated support over the past year. May I wish you all the best for the festive season, however you are spending it, and a happy, healthy end to 2021.

Stay safe and warm.....with my very best wishes, Jo

Group Liaison Corner



Several of our groups will be taking a break over the festive season, but if you are thinking of joining a group, then now is a good time to get your name down so they can plan ahead for the new year.

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

New Cluedo group

If anyone likes whodunnits, this could be the group for you!

Lorraine Talbot hopes to start a Cluedo group (board game). This is for anyone who enjoys the game.

If there is any interest it will run twice a month., possibly on Thursday mornings. If you could let Kevin know, and if there are enough takers a group will start shortly.

Article submitted by Lorraine Talbot, GC of Scrabble

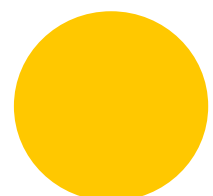
News from Activity Groups

During the last month or so:

Walking 1 Striders went to Cheriton

Local History 2 had a talk on "Cross-dressed to Kill"

All the latest photos, updates and news can be found on our website by clicking here:
www.waterloovilleu3a.org.uk



Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th Dec 10am—11.30am – Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart

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

Wed 26th Jan – Monthly Meeting at Sacred Heart

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members who joined in the last month or so::

Steve Boxall

Jacqueline Roach

Lesley Beynon

Gillian Murphy

Denise Roberts

Martin & Shirley Pegg

Alex Morgan

Theresa Most

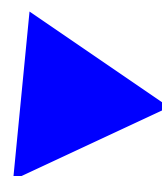
Carolyn Pilbeam

Michael Lloyd

Coffee Morning

**MON 13th DECEMBER
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).



WACKY WEDNESDAY UKULELE BAND – BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN

At the beginning of 2020 the band had a promising programme of 15 concerts for that year but, as it turned out, it only managed to present two because, as we all know, on 23rd March 2020 the UK declared its first Coronavirus lockdown and, with the two subsequent lockdowns that followed, the last being from 6 Jan to 19 Jul 2021, our concert bookings for the next 19 months ‘vanished into thin air’.

Like many other Wu3a groups, it was therefore necessary to find ways of keeping the band together and, as with other groups, the answer was to open up on Zoom. Out of interest this American Communications Technology Company, established in Apr 2019, saw its profits rise from \$15 Million in early 2019 to \$800 Million during the last quarter of this year. Probably much to the dismay of Skype, a similar system much in use prior to the arrival of Zoom., but no longer so.

Zoom was fun and it proved a challenge for us all because it is not designed for a band to perform as one. As a consequence, each member took part by performing a solo, which proved to be a great asset as well as proving to the soloists that performing a solo was not as challenging as first thought. We all realised that there were some worthy voices in the band, so much so that each week one member would sing a song of his/her choice and the rest of the band had to identify the lyricist etc. Good fun.

To keep us all interested we also set up the challenge of writing lyrics for an existing melody, with prizes for the winners and runner-up provided from within the band. There was also the challenge of producing a poem, stanza etc with the Coronavirus as the subject matter, also with winner and runner-up prizes. The resulting products were considered by all to be of a high standard; the finished material was made available via the Wu3a Bulletin last year.

Another scheme introduced was for individual members to talk about memorable experiences, which also proved popular, but short lived. Was it a case of ‘memories fade with age’, I wonder?

Now coming to the end of 2021, the Coronavirus is still with us, albeit to a lesser degree and still life threatening, but we do have greater freedom and the band is now ‘back on the road’. By the time this Bulletin is published we would have played five live concerts and held one Ukulele Workshop, with two more scheduled concerts to play. To top it all we will close the year with a ‘DIY Christmas Party’ in Lovedean Village Hall. Ahhhh, life is sweet.

Finally, we band members, once again, send our thanks to Dawn, our Leader, for keeping us all ‘on track’ by providing us with the facility of Zoom. Smile, you’re on Candid Camera!



Wacky Wednesday performing in St Michael & All Angels Church, Chalton, on 4 November 2021.

This was one of a series of events in the church to commemorate “100 years of the Poppy and Animals in War”.

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).

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

u3a Facebook Group

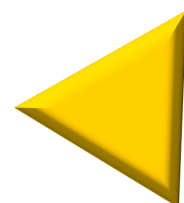
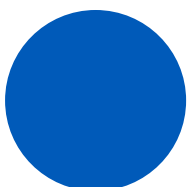
We have a Facebook Group for Waterloo-ville u3a that any member can join. It's a way for you to post items that you think will be of interest to other members. and for us to remind you of u3a events coming up. Just search for 'Waterlooville u3a Members Group' from Facebook and request to join!

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!

What's Going On Near Us

The Ratepayer Magazine have their next Residents' Association public meeting on Wed 8th December 2021 at the Waterloo-ville Community Centre (it's in the Asda Car Park) starting at 7.30pm. It's a good way to hear what is being planned, put up, knocked down and sorted out in the Waterloo-ville area.



Dates of Next Monthly Meetings

Wed 26th Jan 2pm

**“Portsmouth– Harlots, Dung
and Glory”**

Speaker: Andrew Negus

Part one of his Portsmouth talks which covers the origin and settlement from 1100. The growth of the Royal Navy plus many of the colourful characters in the history of the city including: murderers and harlots!

Wed 23rd Feb 2pm

“So Far So Good”

Speaker: Malcolm Wells MBE

www.malcolmwellsmbc.co.uk

A feast of experiences ranging from– army life in the Gulf War; behind the scenes at Buckingham Palace and how to train a dog to use a washing machine. Intriguing!

Summer School at Chichester University

Monday 20th June – Thursday 23rd June 2022

This is open to all u3a members. There is a wide range of courses, all run by experienced u3a tutors.

Cycling Simon Eastwood

Earth matters Ann Sole

Four 19th & 20th century British poets Ann Barlow

Fun with French Suzanne Burdon

Family History Jill Collins & Pat Salmon

Hatha Yoga Peter Burton

Mah-jong Hilvary Robinson

Maths – power & pattern Roger Luther

Music – Jazz, Blues & Folk Music in USA Mike Head

Ukulele for beginners Dawn Simpson

Walking on the Downs & coast Roger Sugden

For full details, go to <https://u3asites.org.uk/southeastu3aforum/events>

Research project – Sir Humphry Davy's notebooks

From Dr Andrew Lacey, Senior Research Associate in the Department of English Literature and Creative Writing at Lancaster University.

The Davy Notebooks Project (wp.lancs.ac.uk/davynotebooks) is currently doing some exciting research, with the help of the public, that may be of interest to your members. We and an international community of over 1400 volunteer transcribers are currently transcribing, using the people-powered research platform Zooniverse, Sir Humphry Davy's (1778–1829) handwritten notebooks (around 70 in all), many of which have never been transcribed before. Davy was the leading chemist of the early nineteenth century, but also a poet, moving in the same circles as Lord Byron, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and William Wordsworth. His notebooks contain not only chemical notes and poetry, but also material encompassing philosophy, medicine, geology, mathematics, astronomy, and more. Anyone interested in any of these topics, or science or history more generally, will surely find the much of the material we're making freely available – in most cases for the first time – stimulating.

Our Zooniverse project page is here:

<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/humphrydavy/davy-notebooks-project>

We'd be very grateful if you'd please circulate this amongst your local members, and help us to spread the word by whatever other means you think appropriate (e.g. social media, newsletters items, mailouts). Contributing transcriptions to our project is entirely free, both interesting and rewarding, and no prior experience is necessary – we provide full guidance on the transcription process on our Zooniverse page, and the project team is on hand through the Talk forum feature to answer any queries.

If you have any questions, please just reply to this message, and a member of the project team will respond. We can provide further promotional materials (e.g. newsletter item text, images) if you'd like them.. With many thanks, and best wishes,

Dr Andrew Lacey, on behalf of the Davy Notebooks Project team

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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

Gunpowder: Origins and development

Fort Nelson Talk – 16th December

Geoff Smith, one of our members, is giving a talk on Gunpowder

Gunpowder is generally agreed to have been one of the four most influential innovations in world history. This presentation reviews the evidence for the origins of gunpowder and suggests a more rational development. The raw materials are discussed and its evolution from small scale manufacture to a major industry.

Some 'well-known facts' are questioned, and some unusual uses are shown.

This talk will take place at Fort Nelson. 16th December. The Visitor Centre will be open from 6.30pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards and are included in your ticket price.

Talk 7pm – 9pm Tickets: £5



National u3a

National u3a are providing free online events delivered via Zoom:

u3a National Kindertransport Day – 2nd Dec 10.30am

Geology of Sedimentary Rocks Part 3: Limestones, Coals, Oil & Evaporites – 2nd Dec

Astronomy – What's Out There? – 7th Dec 2pm

Exploring World Faiths – Zoroastrian – 8th Dec 10am

Holocaust survivor Steven Frank – a talk for u3a members – 9th Dec 2pm

Live Cookery Demonstration – Vegetarian Christmas Special – 13th Dec 10.30am

Ancient Civilisations of the Americas – The Aztec – 13th Dec 4pm

Staying Safe Online – A u3a Presentation with Q&A – 15th Dec 2pm

Christians, Jews & the Holocaust: A family's journey through uncertainty – 16th Dec 2pm

Why Did the Spanish Armada Fail? – Part 2 – 21st Dec 10am

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

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.

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Next Bulletin

The deadline for input into the next edition will be Sun 28th December

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POTENTIAL NEW GROUPS

These groups are either waiting for a few more people to put their names down so they can start, or they need a Tutor to teach them, or both!

To add your name email groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk or phone Kevin Stock on 023 9217 9298

Ballroom Dancing

Cluedo

Family History

Floral Art

Members on their Own 4

Solving Maths Problems

GROUPS WITH VACANCIES

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

Interest Group	Normal Meeting Day & Frequency
Art & Design	Monthly Last Wednesday 10am - 12 Noon
Art in the Afternoon	2 nd & 4 th Mondays 2pm - 4pm
Backgammon	2 nd & 4 th Mondays 11am - 1pm
Badminton	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm
Board Games (Modern)	1 st & 3 rd Mondays 2pm - 4pm
Bridge	Every Friday 10am - 12 Noon
Canasta 3	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays 2pm - 4pm
Card Games	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays 10am - 12 Noon
Cribbage	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 10am - 12 Noon
Cycling for Fun	2 nd & 4 th Mondays 9.30am-12.30pm Plus Ad Hoc
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	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 2pm - 4pm
Gardening	Variable
German Conversation	Monthly 1 st Wednesday 1pm - 2.30pm
Line Dancing	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am
Local History 1	Monthly 2 nd Wednesday 2pm - 4pm
Lunch Friends	Variable
Mah Jong	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 10am - 12 Noon
Modern History 2 (From 1500)	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 2pm - 4pm
Music Appreciation	Monthly 2 nd Tuesday 2pm - 4pm
National Trust Visits	Variable

Naval History	Monthly 2 nd Tuesday 10am – 12 Noon
Photography 3	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday 2pm – 4pm
Photography 4	Monthly 1 st Thursday 10am – 12 Noon
Pilates 3	Every Thursday 10am – 11.15am
Pilates 4	Every Thursday 11.15am – 12.30pm
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	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 10am – 12 Noon
Singing for Pleasure	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays 2pm – 3.30pm
Table Tennis	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays 2pm – 4pm
Table Tennis (Beginners)	Monthly 3 rd Friday 2pm – 4pm
Theatre Trips	Various times
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 4 – Stragglers	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 11am – 12.30pm
Walking 5 – Strollers	2 nd Wed 10am – 12 Noon 4 th Tues 10am – 12 Noon