

Chairman's Message



Is Spring on its way? So happy to see bulbs starting to shoot up in the garden today....makes me hopeful, especially as it was still light at 4.45 one day last week!

Delighted to see nearly 130 members at January's meeting 'Portsmouth – Harlots, Dung and Glory'.....Andrew Negus took us through a few hundred years of Portsmouth's development with humour and such interesting facts. I was riveted! Hilary tells me that we've booked him to return for parts 2 – 4. Great news.

In the next couple of weeks, I will be emailing members to let you know about committee roles that will become vacant in May. This includes Secretary, Group Liaison and Groups Treasurer. All very interesting and fulfilling roles and there is scope for more than one person to take on some of the roles. If you have any interest in being part of our team, please do get in touch or respond to the email. Thank you.

The framework for the 2022/23 events is coming along well, thanks to the Events team. Once we have finalised the programme, I will share it with you. We are always keen for members to be involved in ideas, planning or delivering our events, so if that is something that interests you or if you have any suggestions for an event, please drop me an email. You can offer as much or little time as suits you.

The country has returned to Covid Plan A. Please stay cautious to protect yourself and others. If you haven't yet felt confident to return to groups, coffee mornings or meetings, and would like to do so, please let me know if you would like a Wellbeing 'Buddy' to support you.

Policies

I am in the process of writing/updating Safeguarding, Risk Management and Conflict of Interest policies. If any member has experience or interest in these areas, I would really value your input. Please email me chairman@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk if you would like to receive a draft of any policy to take a look at.

Membership Fees

The good news is that at January's committee meeting, following a review of our financial position, the impact of Covid and the current economic climate we unanimously agreed to delay any increase in membership fees in 2022. The current membership fees will be the same for 2022/23, and will be reviewed in autumn 2022 with possible consideration for an increase in fees for 2023/24.

It is great to see so many groups operating again, and I hope that you continue to enjoy everything that Wu3a has to offer.

With my very best wishes, Jo

Group Liaison Corner



Several groups took January off, but now Plan B has ended, February is seeing a return to more normal meetings.

Local History 2 Mary Reed has stood down as Group Co-ordinator after running the group since it formed in 2013 so a big thank you to Mary for running it in an efficient and friendly way! Jill Palmer has taken the reins, with Sue James as Deputy.

The Potting Shed will be a new group, due to start this month, with Barbara Watkinson as GC. See next page for details.

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

News from Activity Groups

During the last month or so...

Walking 1 Striders went to West Wittering

Walking 2 Striders went to Emsworth

Walking 3 Strollers went to Nutbourne

Local History 4 went to Chichester Cathedral

Painting 3 did art work for Chinese New Year

All the latest photos, updates and news can be found on our website by clicking here:

www.waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

News from Board Games (Modern) Group

We ended 2021 on 6th December with a games meeting and Afternoon Tea at Denmead. Eight members were present, each of whom brought a plate of food, and we played Flamme Rouge, a cycle racing game, and Kingdomino, after which we enjoyed our Afternoon Tea and a chance to chat and socialise, and also to look at some of the games we might play in the coming year.

We met again on the 3rd of January (although a Bank Holiday, we had access to the Denmead Community Centre), when five of us played Tokaido, a game with a board based loosely on the Japanese Tokaido Road between Kyoto and Edo (Modern Tokyo). On 17th January, six of us met and played the tile-laying game Alhambra, in which we build our own versions of the famous gardens in Spain.

We meet again on February 7th.

Article submitted by Ruth Curtis, GC

**** NEW GROUP ****

The Potting Shed Group

It is well known that gardening is good for our wellbeing and that gardens, gardening, and the company of other like-minded people bring us knowledge, friendship, ideas, reduce anxiety, and bring a bit of peace and tranquillity to our lives

We will probably meet on the last Tuesday of the month, although I have to say here that it will not always be possible to arrange visits or events on a particular day. But I will try to keep visits to that last week of the month.

A few years ago we visited a school garden in Portchester and we will revisit this project to see how things have progressed. Likewise, a return visit with tea and cake to Tuppeney Barn in Emsworth will be arranged. Where there are no gardens to visit, then we will probably meet up for coffee and a chat and maybe a Q&A with a knowledgeable staff member, at a local garden centre. During the summer months hopefully members of



the group will open up their gardens so that we can pick up some hints and tips and enjoy the fruits of their labours!



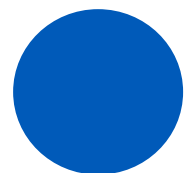
Our schedule won't be finalised yet, as I want to see how many members we get. I would love to hear from you with some ideas of gardens to visit or garden related activities to take part in.

I will arrange a meeting at the end of February and hope to see you there!

Barbara Watkinson

Fun Events

Our u3a offers fun social events for all our members, eq Quiz Evenings, Barn Dance, but are there any others you would like us to put on for you? Maybe a Murder Mystery evening, or a games night? Let us know, and we will look into it!



Local History 4 visit to Chichester Cathedral



Local History 4 visited Chichester Cathedral on a damp, dreary morning, but once inside it was warm and very welcoming.

Construction began in 1076 following the Norman Conquest. (1066 and all that). Using stone from Quarr on the Isle of Wight, it was eventually completed and consecrated in 1108.

The Cloisters and Bell Tower were added in 1400. The latter being the only surviving detached medieval bell tower still in use today.

The Cathedral contains many works of art both ancient and modern. The Tudor paintings on Board, from the 1530's are in remarkable condition.

The original spire collapsed, suddenly, in 1861 – it took 5 years to rebuild and reopened in 1866.

Our guides were bursting with knowledge and enthusiasm for which I thank them.

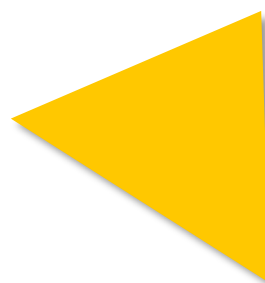
It is impossible for me to list all the history and wonders of this beautiful Cathedral, so I strongly recommend a visit to this lovely building.



The lovely window depicts the Old Testament on the right and the New on the Left. The Nativity Screen is interesting in that the faces are of NHS workers except the man kneeling on the right in blue. That is the Dean of the Cathedral.

I would like to say Thank You to Mary Shilstone, our Group Co-ordinator, for the original booking.

Article submitted by Irene Gest, group member



Painting 3

Our Painting 3 group have done art work for the Chinese New Year of the tiger.



Article submitted by Romina Conner, GC

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th Feb 10am—11.30am – Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart

Wednesday 23rd Feb 2pm – Monthly Meeting at Sacred Heart

New Members

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

Ian Loydall
Rosemary Robinson
Valerie Birley
Janette Wright
Lindsay Salisbury
Julie Ryden
Ron Larham

Marnie Noble
Vicki Mottershead
Helene Tipper
Lyn Edwards
Geoff Roberts
Nigel & Carol Johnson
Janet Stell
Brian & Wendy Harries
Sheryl Bunting

Coffee Morning

MON 14TH FEBRUARY

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.

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!

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Zig Malendewicz is organising another Clay Pigeon shooting morning on Saturday 14th May.

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 30 cartridges, full instructions and supervision.

If you are interested the please contact Zig at

zigmalendewicz@hotmail.com

or on his landline - 023 92 59 22 13.

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

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 Membership Secretaries.

The SCN website is here:

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

SE Region u3a

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

The SE Region website is here:

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

National u3a

National u3a are providing free online events delivered via Zoom:

Laughter Yoga Workshop – Feb 9th 10am

Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners – February 10th 10am

Rembrandt and the Third Age – Repeat Event – February 15th 10am

Subject Advice Surgery – Climate Change with Frances Halliday – Feb 16th 10am

Egyptology: The Valley of the Queens – Feb 18th 2pm

Exploring World Faiths – Spiritualism – Feb 23rd 10am

UK Marine Wildlife – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust – Feb 23rd 2pm

Geometric Abstraction – Feb 24th 2pm

Beginners Genealogy Course – March 3rd 10am

Pastels with Pete – repeat event – March 4th 2pm

Ancient Civilisations of the Americas – The Inca – March 7th 4pm

The Geology of Igneous Rocks: their plate tectonic setting and formation – March 3rd 2pm

The Human Microbiome – Part 1 – March 9th 2pm

The Climate Crisis – and Some Solutions – March 23rd 10.30am

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



Dates of Next Monthly Meetings

Wed 23rd Feb 2pm

“So Far So Good”

Speaker: Malcolm Wells

MBE

www.malcolmwellsmbes.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!

Wed 23rd March 2pm

“Grandma Flew Spitfires”

Speaker: John Webster

The story of the Air Transport Auxiliary which was a civilian organisation tasked with supporting the RAF and Fleet Air Arm by ferrying aircraft between factories, maintenance units and operational bases together with performing many and varied transport roles.

What's Going On Near Us

The Ratepayer Magazine have their next Residents' Association public meeting on Thurs 3rd March at St Wilfrids Church, Upper Hall starting at 7.30pm. It's a good way to hear what is being planned, put up, knocked down and sorted out in the Waterlooville area.

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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

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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bulletin@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Submit an article for this Bulletin
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courses@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Enquiries for Highbury College courses
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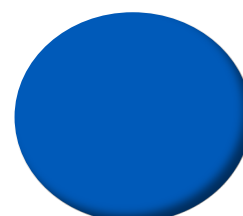
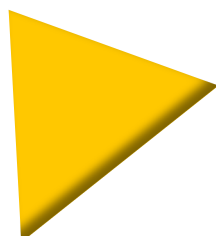
Next Bulletin

The deadline for input into the next edition will be Sunday 27th Feb.

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

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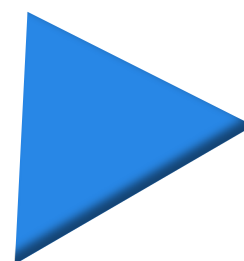
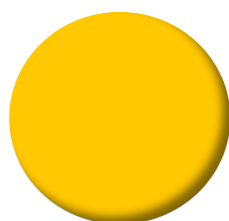
Family History

Floral Art

Line Dancing for Experienced (Tutor needed)

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	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
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
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
Gardening	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
Modern History 2 (From 1500)	1st & 3rd Tuesday 2pm - 4pm
Music Appreciation	Monthly 2nd 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
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 2pm – 4pm
Singing for Pleasure	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays 2pm – 3.30pm
Table Tennis (Beginners)	Monthly 3 rd Friday 2pm – 4pm
The Potting Shed	Variable
Theatre Trips	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