



Chairman's Message

And it's March already.....we can look forward to lighter evenings when the clocks 'spring forward' on 26 March.

At our February meeting, enjoyed by more than 80 members, Malcolm Wells kept us captivated with a wonderful tale of assistance dogs, the first Gulf war and 'behind the scenes' at Buckingham Palace. It really was fast moving, informative and entertaining. Malcolm passes on his thanks for the kind donations of £38.50 for the 'Literacy in a Box' charity which will be used to purchase school equipment for some of the 41 schools in Zambia currently supported by the charity.

In the next week I will be emailing members to let you know about committee roles that will become vacant in July. 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.

Hilary Ryan may still have spare places on a trip to the British Museum to the World of Stonehenge exhibition on Tuesday 29 March. The cost is £55 per person, which includes entrance and coach. If you are interested, and would like to check, please email Hilary speakers@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk or give her a ring 07867 319448.

With my very best wishes, Jo

A tribute to our friend and colleague, the late Chris Cant



On 07 February, Chris Cant sadly passed away. Chris was a member of Waterloooville u3a for many years, serving the last four on the committee as Treasurer. He was a member of the Science and Bridge Groups.

Chris meant a lot to the committee and the wider Wu3a community. We will miss his dedication to doing what was right, his mischievous sense of humour and his friendship. His physical presence is gone, but the lessons he taught us will serve us all well for many years to come.

Chris certainly enriched our organisation, and we will miss him and his ever-smiling face. May you rest in the peace you so richly deserve; we will remember you with smiles.

Group Liaison Corner



Two of our groups now have new joint co-ordinators take the reins – Kath Bonner-Dunham and Ron Clement.

They held a restart meeting for each group and 'National Trust Visits' will now be known as '**Historic Houses and Gardens**' as it will now include National Trust, Historic Houses, RHS, English Heritage

Theatre Trips will now be known as '**Theatre Trips and Days Out**' and it will now include Theatres, Cinemas, Music events, Festivals etc .

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.

CREATIVE WRITING

Are you a budding author? Do you like to write.? This small group has spaces available, so if you would like to go along for a taster then let me know, The meet Monthly on the third Tuesday 10.30am – 12.30pm

Another Quiz Evening!!



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

Outings Group 1 visit to HMS Collingwood

Saturday 11th June 2022

I'm organising a visit to HMS Collingwood with the following details:

The visit will consist of the Officer of the Day walking around with our group highlighting all key areas of training within the base and giving some background/ history.

There will be a lot of walking during the visit, as HMS Collingwood is big establishment.

The visit is confirmed as 10:00 to 12:00 and portable mobility scooters will be allowed.

You will need to make your own way there.

There are some spare places, so if you would be interested in joining us please contact me at martinh1@freeuk.com or 02392 263074.

Martin Hodgkinson GC for Outings 1

New Members

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

Tanya Pennington

Amanda Slater

Peter Flux

Joyce Roy

Michael & Glenda Hodgetts

Carol Goodson

Joan Reynolds

Anne Faith

Christina Punchard

Janet Punchard

Nicholas & Judith Broom

Stephen Phillips

Lesley Woolston

Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 6th April 7pm – Quiz Eve at WACA

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

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).

u3a Facebook Group

We have a Facebook Group for Waterloooville 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!

No Longer With Us

We regret to announce that Maureen Hodge has passed away. Maureen was a member of our Quizzers 2 group.

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 Chairmen.

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 SE Region website is here:

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

National u3a

National u3a are providing free online events delivered via Zoom:

The Climate Crisis - and Some Solutions - Wed, March 23, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM GMT

Discovering Japan - Part 1 - Tue, March 29, 10:00 AM - 11:15 PM BST

The Human Microbiome - Part 2 - Tue, March 29, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM BST

Live Cookery Demonstration - recipes to celebrate spring - March 31, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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

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

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

u3a Chichester Summer School June 20th-23rd

For more than 15 years the South East Area Forum of the u3a has been running a very successful Summer School at the University of Chichester, which all u3a members in the area are eligible to attend.

This is a residential course, but if you prefer to "commute" from home, you can book the courses, evening activities and meals, thereby enabling you to participate fully and to meet others on your course(s). The non-residential cost (without evening meal) is £180.

Booking is now open and see the links below for more information.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/southeastu3aforum/home>

This year the subjects are:

Cycling

Earth Matters

Family History

Four 19th & 20th Century British Poets

Fun with French

Hatha Yoga

Mah-Jong

Maths: Power & Patterns

Music: Blues and Folk Music in the USA

Ukulele for Beginners

Walking on the Downs and Coast

Dates of Next Monthly Meetings

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.

John’s talk will feature a newsreel clip and extracts from two of his interviews.

Wed 27th April 2pm

“The Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways”

Speaker: Stephen Murfitt

The company was established in 1832 and operates the country’s finest scenic railway through the heart of Snowdonia.

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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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groupstreasurer@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Groups Treasurer
webmaster@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk	Website matters

Next Bulletin

The deadline for input into the next edition will be Friday 1st 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

Floral Art

Members on their Own 4

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
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