



Chairman's Message

And it's November.....and I'm so pleased that our u3a continues to go from strength to strength.

We welcomed Malcolm Nelson to our October monthly meeting. Malcolm spent 40 years catching smugglers at Heathrow Airport. He shared his story, including some 'behind the scenes' operations with a wonderful sense of humour.....I don't think I'll ever forget his tale of the bedroom furniture!!! In November we welcome back Rene and Allan Marriott to get us into a 'festive' mood with their Victorian Lantern show.

The revised format of the AGM was a great success. Thank you to those who attended, congratulations to the team who won the Quiz. I really appreciate the hard work of all the volunteers on the day.....you were FAB-U-LOUS. We have received great feedback with some constructive suggestions for next May's AGM. It will be a similar format, starting earlier, less or more cheese(!), and a slightly shorter quiz. I'm hoping to relinquish my duty as 'chief cheese chopper'!!!

A warm welcome to Peter, who will be working alongside Chris, as he prepares to take the Treasurer's reins next year.

Over the coming weeks and months I will be emailing members about roles that become available on the committee. If you have any interest in being part of our team, please do get in touch or respond to the emails. Thank you.

I continue to be warmly welcomed at a number of our groups, and when I say 'we have more than 100 groups from Archaeology to Wine Appreciation', it is with some confidence as I've now visit-

ed both! Wine Appreciation 3 (WA3), Card Games (CG), Current Affairs 2 (CA2), Rummikub (R) and Archaeology (A) over the past few weeks. It has been wonderful to meet so many members enjoying themselves and I'm very impressed by your talents. WA3 members enjoyed and critiqued a selection of Italian red wines; I must confess to buying one.....it was very drinkable! At CG I joined members in a game, and to my surprise won....not the same at R, as I didn't completely understand the rules. CA2 had a very interesting discussion about the current hot topics, and A was very interesting, with members who have a wealth of experience. Thank you to the GCs for inviting me, group members for the lovely chats, and I'm looking forward to future visits.

We are not planning to hold the December Volunteer and Member meals, because of the current situation. A committee working group are putting their heads together for an alternative event for Volunteers in the summer.....watch this space.

And finally.....if you have any availability to help with tables, chairs or refreshments at the monthly meetings/coffee mornings, please to let Heather know

events@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk There is a dedicated core team, without whom we wouldn't be able to serve refreshments or have chairs to sit on, so any extra pairs of hands would be most welcome. This can either be regular or ad-hoc.

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

Group Liaison Corner



This is now my last year on the committee as I will have reached the maximum length of service allowed by the next AGM in May. So, between now

and then I will be looking for one or two people to take over the role of Group Liaison,. Could this be you? If so, please contact me for further details.

Would you like to start you own group? Maybe you have an interest in a subject that you can share with other members. EG You may have a hobby that is best shared with other people, like stamp collecting. We don't have a group for that!

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

Tutors Needed

Do you have a skill in any of the following? If so, we are in need of people to be tutors for these potential new groups please. Without a tutor the groups cannot start.

BALLROOM DANCING

CALLIGRAPHY

FRENCH BEGINNERS 2

FRENCH IMPROVERS

LINE DANCING

LIP READING

New Cluedo group

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

Lorraine Talbot is thinking of running 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

Lunch Friends

Would you like to join this newish group?

The group is for members to meet and have lunch socially with a few other members of the group. Maybe a Pub lunch, or a Tea Room. Although the group has a few dozen members, each lunch is between 6 and 10 people.

Any member can book a table for 6, 8 or 10 people anywhere they like on whatever day they like. The details are then emailed to all other members of the group asking who would like go. As replies come in they are added to the table until it is full.

You never know who the others will be until you get there!

Coffee Morning

**MON 8TH NOVEMBER
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

Monday 8th Nov 10am—11.30am – Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart

Wednesday 24th Nov 2pm – Monthly Meeting at Sacred Heart

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

New Members

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

Yvonne Bascal

Lesley Maton

David Dobbinson

Sue Arvay

Marilyn Atkins

Andrew Doe

Marie Reagan

Kathryn Jewer

Gordon & Susan Bane

Ronald Clement

Betty Hollis

Lesley Hillebrandt

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!

News from Activity Groups

During the last month or so:

Walking 5 Strollers went to Chichester Marina

Walking 1 Striders went to Fishbourne

Local History 4 went to Portsmouth Dockyard

Local History 2 had a talk on Convict Ships

Walking 2 Striders went to Stoughton Down

Walking 3 Strollers went to Staunton Park

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

www.waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Board Games (Modern)

We met twice in September and welcomed two new members, Pauline and Nigel. In two groups, six of us played Kingdomino which is based on the old favourite, Dominoes, but the tiles have cute pictures depicting a variety of different landscapes (the artwork itself is often a feature of these games!) instead of spots, and the aim is for each player to build a mini-kingdom on a 5x5 grid. Points are scored at the end.



Again, we held two meetings in October, and welcomed another two new members, Paula and David. We played Carcassonne and Alhambra – both tile-laying games, in which players make our own versions of those well-known sites; Dominion, a card-based game in which players compete to build the best (and richest) mediæval kingdom; and Puerto Rico, a game with individual boards on which we develop the town and plantations, and process crops which we then trade and export earning victory points as we go.

Local History 4

Royal Portsmouth Dockyard Historical Trust



Local History 4 October meeting was a tour of the Apprentices Exhibition and archives of the Royal Portsmouth Dockyard Historical Trust. We were warmly welcomed by Nigel and escorted to the Apprentice Exhibition in Boathouse no. 7. Our guide, Grahame – a former apprentice, made the exhibition, spanning 200 years, come to life. He told us about the work of the apprentices and their tools. So many wonderful exhibits to see.

Workers had to clock in for 7 a.m and penalties were imposed for lateness, one minute late resulted in a stoppage of 15 minutes pay. Over 15 minutes would be a loss of half a days pay. Men collected their box of tools/ equipment from the Tool Box Shed ready to start work. The end of the working day was 5p.m. From Monday to Thursday and 4p.m on Friday. Many of us will remember the mass exodus of workers leaving for home.

With no mechanisation apprentices learned many skills and were closely overseen. Perfection was expected. At the end of their ap-

prenticeship four men were grouped together to build a dinghy, then had to row it to prove it seaworthy.

At the end of WW1 when shipbuilding resumed, the dockyard personnel numbered 25,000. At the Naval review of 1982 this was down to 2,800!

After a lunch break, we reconvened to hear the tale of Jack the Painter. Jack had sympathies with the Americans and their Revolution and tried to do his bit by burning down the half mile long, wooden, rope house. He succeeded at his second attempt. However, evidence was found and he was apprehended and charged with arson. Subsequently tried, convicted and sentenced to hang. It is said that 20,000 Portsmouth residents attended his hanging which was undertaken by dockyard workers deprived of their livelihood. The rope house was rebuilt with brick.

Our next stop was in Storehouse no. 10. The floor above the National Museum of the Royal Navy, not generally open to the public, is occupied by the Historical Trust and houses a vast collection of donated artefacts and archives about the dockyard. We were able to view this fantastic collection and also see the Rate Books, handwritten ledgers of dockyard workers from 1860 to 1960.

The role of women in WW1, the Triangle Girls, was explained to us. They undertook much of the men's work but we're under appreciated by the depleted male workers.

Our grateful thanks to the volunteers of the Historical Trust for a very comprehensive and informative visit greatly enjoyed by u3a members.

Walking 5 Strollers

Chichester Marina and Dell Quay



Seven of us set out on the south east side of the marina, envious of the many pleasure boats moored on gently rocking pontoons and 'tinkling' rigging ropes. A short sharp shower wetted our coats, but not our enthusiasm and we had some shelter in short, wooded path of the "Salterns Way", then on to a well-maintained section of the bridle way. From then on, the weather was kind to us, with some sun and bracing blustery breeze along the shoreline. Passing a farm, some mile or so from the Dell Quay road, we found free range eggs for sale –

obviously put out in the hope of passing trade!!

In an adjacent field we could see the first of several potato harvesters at work and some waiting to go into action. Their name suggests they were made in Russia – "Spudniks"! A source of amusement to us all. This tarmac farm road intersected with the Dell Quay road which we walked along for several hundred yards before turning off on to a footpath that led to and then followed the shoreline where it became a permissive footpath so you don't have to walk across horticultural crops. Some online reviews of this walk complain about the amount of barbed wire, but I think the farmer had put a lot of money in to providing a walking route while protecting his land/crops from inconsiderate walkers.



Unfortunately, one of the group had an accident, and Kath (group coordinator) used the "what3words" app to enable the emergency service to locate our position – they were with us in 15 minutes, even after crossing farm fields. Lesson learned – get "what3words" on your phone!!

<https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app>. Later we learned that our group member was home, only very minor injuries and keen to take on

future walks.

The remaining 5 of us continued along the path above the shoreline, through a wood and back to the marina. Having crossed the lock gates, we enjoyed a light lunch in the Boathouse Café, and then did the final ½ km back to our cars. A very enjoyable walk, albeit with some unexpected but well managed 'excitement'.

No Longer With Us

We regret to announce that Irene Neal has passed away. Irene was a member of Bus Trippers, Creative Writing, Local History 3, and Theatre Trips.

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.

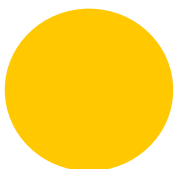
Meetings will be resumed in the New Year.

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/code/u3asite.php?site=465>



Portsmouth u3a Annual Lecture

Portsmouth u3a is holding its Annual Lecture on Wednesday 17th November 2021 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Cosham Baptist Church, Havant Road, Cosham PO6 2QZ.

Their committee would like to invite all u3a members to this event. There will be refreshments in Front Hall after the lecture where everyone is welcome. All tickets are free but entry is by ticket only. Anyone from any local u3a can attend and they can receive their tickets by a number of means – please see below.

Please would you let me (Linda H-V) know how you would like to receive your tickets. She can send them on-line, post them to you, or you can pick them up on the day from collection point inside the venue.

Information on lecture:

Speaker – Ernest Rea – The Medici: Florence and the Golden Age of Art

Ernie is a celebrated broadcaster who specialises in the history of religions and how they impact on the contemporary world. His regular radio programme, Beyond Belief, was awarded the prestigious Sony Gold Award for the Best Speech Programme on British Radio. In 1997 he was awarded personally the Gold Medal of the International Council for Christians and Jews for his outstanding contribution to Interfaith Understanding.

In 15th and 16th century Florence, a Golden Age of Renaissance Art flourished. The greatest painters on earth produced their masterpieces under the sponsorship of a remarkable family of Florentine rulers, the Medici. Their ruthlessness and drive for power brought two family members to the papacy. Just what was their legacy?

Entry (free) by ticket only

Refreshments available

If you are unable to attend please feel free to pass your allocated ticket/s to other members, they would be most welcome.

Please will let me know whether you are able to attend at your earliest convenience. Thank you

Best wishes

Linda Hugo-Vieten

Chairman, Portsmouth u3a

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REMEMBERING: an exhibition to commemorate 100 years of the poppy and service animals that died in the wars.

Sunday 31st October to Sunday 14th November

St Michael & All Angels, Chalton, PO8 0BG

During the first two weeks of November leading up to Remembrance Sunday, there will be exhibitions, displays, concerts, recitals, workshops, talks and refreshments, all taking place in St Michael's church. Please see the attached programme brochure for full details Everyone welcome.

Please note that you will need to reserve a place for the Mindful Drawing and Artscape workshops as numbers are limited. Why not bring your pet (or perhaps a photo of your pet!) to the 3pm Service on Sunday 7th November? Join us on Wednesday 10th November and share your family's wartime stories and memorabilia. Join in the singing another day, or sit and enjoy some quiet music in the peaceful setting of this ancient church.

Click the link for full details:

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2021/10/29/poppy-display-outside-historic-church-marks-remembrance/>

Article submitted by Jane Hussey, u3a Member

What's Going On Near Us

The Ratepayer Magazine have their next Residents' Association public meeting on Wed 8th Dec at the Waterloo 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 area.

Next Bulletin

The deadline for input into the next edition will be Saturday 27th Nov

Email: bulletin@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Phone: 023 9217 9298

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

Date of Next Monthly Meeting

Wed 24th Nov 2pm

Sacred Heart

“Victorian Magic Lantern Show ”

Speakers: Rene & Allan Marriott

A return visit from Rene and Allan Marriott with a new seasonal theme in their Magic Lantern Show.

National u3a

National u3a are providing free online events delivered via Zoom:

Laughter Yoga Workshop – 10th Nov 10am

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

The Numbers You Eat: nature's favourite numbers in fruit and veg – 9th Nov 2pm

Maths activities and games – 11th Nov 2pm

Early Explorers in Ancient Egypt – 12th Nov 2pm

Ancient Civilisations of the Americas – The Maya – 8th Nov 4pm for 4 weeks

The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior – 10th Nov 10.30am

Crochet workshop: How to Crochet a Christmas Tree – 16th Nov 1.30pm

Exploring World Faiths – 17th Nov 10am

Why Did the Spanish Armada Fail? – Part 1 – 30th Nov 10am

Genealogy – Early 20th Century Research – 30th Nov 2pm

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

Live Cookery Demonstration – Vegetarian Christmas Special – 13th Dec 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

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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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

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

Ballroom Dancing (Tutor needed)

Calligraphy (Tutor needed)

Chess

***NEW* Cluedo**

Family History

Floral Art

French Improvers (Tutor needed)

Line Dancing (Tutor needed)

Lip Reading (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	2 nd & 4 th Mondays 11am – 1pm
Badminton	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays 2pm – 4pm
Books 4	Monthly 3 rd Wed 10am – 12 Noon
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
Current Affairs 1	Monthly 2 nd Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
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	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
Gardening	Variable
German Conversation	Monthly 1 st Wednesday 1pm – 2.30pm
Local History 1	Monthly 2 nd Wednesday 2pm – 4pm
Lunch Friends	Variable
Mah Jong	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 10am – 12 Noon
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
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 1	Monthly 2 nd Thursday 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

