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Newsletter Winter 2025



The Bu3a Committee

*send you all Season's Greetings and
very best wishes for a*

Happy & Prosperous 2026



Our Knit or Crochet & Natter Stand At Moordown Community Centre Craft Fair

Once again, our **Knit or Crochet and Natter Group** displayed a wonderful selection of items created by their talented members at the MCC Craft Fair held on 15th November 2025. Visitors studied the eclectic mix of items with admiration, and some were disappointed that they were for display only!



Thanks to the leaders, **Ann Tallamy (see photo right)** and **Susan Clarke** for manning the stall. Some members knit hats and booties for the Maternity unit and were recently asked to knit blankets for the Beach Appeal shop. Susan knits for the Hope for Food charity, mostly baby items for struggling parents. **Joan Stoddart (see photo left)** had her own small table - she knits and sells scarves with the proceeds going to MCC.



Thank you to all the members who submitted items for display – what a great advertisement for our Bu3a!



The Knit or Crochet and Natter Group (No. 86) meets on Friday afternoons at MCC from 2.00 to 3.30 p.m.

Quote :- “Knitting is fast becoming the new yoga. It's relaxing, therapeutic, and it gives you something to show for your time.”
- **Debbie Stoller**
(American Knitting Expert and Author/Publisher of “Stitch 'N' Bitch” books).

Notes from the Chair (Position now Vacant)



Hello to everyone and we hope that this message finds you both keeping active and feeling well.

The Chair's position is now vacant. After six months of juggling both the Chair and Treasurer roles and with no other members coming forward to fill the Treasurer role, Stephanie has now stood down as Chair and has agreed to fill the Treasurer role. A member communication recently went out advertising two committee vacancies (Chair and Beacon Administrator) and five non-committee vacancies. The current response has been very disappointing and existing committee members continue to volunteer for two or even three roles. We are a self-help organisation and always need more members to volunteer to help Bu3a continue to survive and flourish into the future.

Members were reminded last month by e-mail, how to safely use the barriers at the College and also requested to respect the security of the Knole building by ensuring that the back door (disabled access) is firmly closed by anyone leaving the building. The **Committee take safety and security matters seriously** and expect members to do the same.

We had over 45 members attend the A.G.M. in October and a summary of the meeting is included on pages 4 and 5 below for those members who were unable to attend. Also, the Committee wants to encourage transparency to its members by publishing the full A.G.M. Minutes, Year-end Accounts and Committee Minutes on the Bu3a website (password protected for members).

Publicity events were held during the National u3a week in September (i.e. Moordown Open Day, the Knole Open Morning, Westbourne Arcade Promotion Day and a joint event with Poole u3a at the International Day of Older Persons held at the Dolphin Shopping Centre, Poole). The events attracted a lot of interest from the public with new members joining Bu3a as a result.

We are **always looking for new volunteers (including Group Leaders)** to either join the Committee or support us in a non-committee role (Publicity, Social Events, Communications, Governance or Finance). Don't be shy, just talk to or contact a Committee member to see what you can do to make our u3a even better!

The Committee

The AGM on 14 October 2025 and subsequently.....



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Chair, Stephanie Gardiner, welcomed everybody (about 45 members) to the meeting. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were approved.

The Chair presented her Report and highlighted the importance of members volunteering for the Charity. Without a significant number of members doing so, the Charity would not be able to survive. During the year, three committee members stood down, Jennie, Julie and Michael, and the Chair thanked them for their outstanding contribution to Bournemouth u3a. The Chair welcomed new shadow trustees, Sandra and Kathy and thanked Dorothee for taking on Jennie's Groups and Venue Co-ordinator role. She stressed the founding principles of the u3a, those of mutual aid and self-help and encouraged members to make their contribution count during 2025/26. Thanks were also given to all the dedicated Group Leaders and those who volunteer in any capacity and also to members for joining, committing and participating at Bournemouth u3a.

The Chair mentioned that she had been acting Treasurer since May, a position that was un-sustainable beyond the end of 2025. There still remained 5 vacancies on the Committee and to address the lack of members coming forward as new trustees, a new proposed organisational structure would be discussed by the new Committee and shared with the members after the A.G.M.

The Acting Treasurer presented an analysis of the accounts showing a surplus of £3,068 compared to a surplus of £8,946 from the previous year. Despite significant inflation during the year, costs have been tightly controlled across the board. Reserves at the year-end were £61,122 and membership numbers budgeted for 25/26 at 850 compared to 828 members for the previous year.

Below is a handful of the many questions raised (see full minutes on the website for all the questions raised) from members,

Q. Did the Committee do any surveys identifying the reasons why members did not renew their memberships?

A. Yes, a survey had been carried out in the previous year and some members left for health or due to caring responsibilities. The subject would be discussed in the future by the Committee.

Q. Why had the Committee decided to recruit specialist exercise instructors?

A. As there were no volunteers available to run a Pilates group, a decision had been made to pay a fully qualified Pilates instructor with members being charged a weekly fee to cover the instructor's charges. The Group Leader Guidance notes circulated in September 2025 included information on the new policy for paid

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professional tutors where no suitable member could be identified to instruct a group.

The Secretary said that 6 nominations were received for the Committee:- Sandra Bassett, Stephanie Gardiner, Suzi MacLeod, Dorothee Merton, Nicholas Monk and Kathy Palfrey. Since the number of nominations did not exceed the 12 available places on the Committee, there was no need for a ballot.

Stephanie Gardiner (Last Year's Chair)

Introducing our New Committee Members



We welcome TWO new Shadow Trustees – Sandra Bassett and Kathy Palfrey

SANDRA says..... “I lived and worked overseas for over 20 years and when I decided to come back to live in the UK, I thought that a good way of meeting people and joining activity groups was through the u3a. I made some new friends and enjoyed the groups I joined.

When I moved to Bournemouth just over two years ago, I did the same again. This time though I saw the opportunity to help - first by becoming an office volunteer, then a publicity ambassador and then when I saw how difficult it is to persuade members to volunteer, I became a shadow member of the committee.

It's very rewarding to be part of an organisation that provides so many different activities for the older generation to enjoy and I would not like it to fold because of lack of volunteers.”

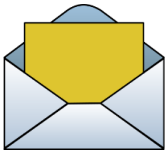
KATHY says..... “As a new member of U3A last year I realised how short-handed the committee was and so I offered to become a shadow trustee.

I joined U3A mainly because I was so impressed by the variety of courses and as I had moved into the area relatively recently, I was hoping to find new friends with similar interests.

That has certainly been the case, and I would urge anyone in a similar position to consider the volunteer opportunities available within our organisation, to help keep U3A the vibrant community that it is”.

Kathy is already involved in trying to arrange new Bu3a Social Events for next year.

Message from the Committee



We continue to make our u3a more inclusive and accessible to members and have recently updated the Bu3a website and created new “Members Information” and “Group Leaders” password protected areas :-

<https://bournemouth.u3asite.uk/management/member-information/>
<https://bournemouth.u3asite.uk/management/group-leaders-information/>

This enhances the current open access of the key essential “Policies and Procedures” and “Meetings” areas already on the website. These are updated from time to time by the Committee.

The Committee

The New Committee Meets Up



Your new Committee met up on Thursday 23rd October 2025 for their first meeting following the A.G.M. held on Tuesday 14th October.

The **full list of the current Committee positions** is: -

Chair: VACANT

Treasurer: Stephanie Gardiner

Secretary + Beacon + Groups, Venues and Programme coordinator:
Dorothee Merton

Office Manager + Beacon + IT: Suzi MacLeod

Newsletter Editor + Publicity: Nicholas Monk

Shadow Trustee: Sandra Bassett

Shadow Trustee: Kathy Palfrey

Beacon Administrator: VACANT

Everyone attending was welcomed.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 31st July 2025 were approved.

The Committee reviewed the A.G.M. that was well attended by the membership, and the Committee had received positive feedback from its members.

Stephanie explained that she would be **standing down from the role of Chair** with immediate effect, to enable her to focus more on the Treasurer role. Nick offered to take on Publicity oversight and Kathy suggested to offer more Social Events to keep current members happy and attract new members.

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They then went on to discuss the contents of the Chair's Report and agreed with the **three priorities identified for 2025/26**: -

1. Recruit more volunteers for Committee and non-Committee roles.
2. Recruit new members.
3. Simplify processes in the Bu3a office and on Beacon.

Suzi agreed to oversee the simplification of office procedures and Stephanie mentioned that she had received ideas from Salman, Social Events adviser for events to be held at the Knole, monthly luncheons from February 2026 and a monthly Saturday night Buffet Quiz.

The Treasurer distributed copies of the Management Accounts and discussed the 2025/26 Provisional Budget with the Committee. Stephanie reported that the full year budget projects a surplus of £1,030 and the current full year forecast shows a surplus of £2,743. The key difference results from higher donations received than budget. The Committee approved the 2025/26 Provisional Budget.

The **new proposed organisational structure** was discussed showing two Committee vacancies (Chair and Beacon Administrator) and five non-Committee vacancies (New Groups Facilitator, Accessibility Officer, Trips and Visit Coordinator, Bookkeeper and Liaison Officer). These roles would be advertised via Beacon to the members to encourage them to apply. The Committee agreed to these proposals and that they would be shared with members via a secure area of the website.

The Committee welcomes any members who are willing to consider joining us. There are still vacancies left on the Committee and outside of the Committee that provides the forum to 'make a difference' to our vibrant, friendly and inclusive u3a!

Stephanie Gardiner (Treasurer)



Have we got your current e-mail Address and your up-to-date address/contact details???

Please keep the Office informed by e-mail at officemanager@bournemouthu3a.org.uk or by phone via the office.



News From the Groups

Message from Dorothee, our Secretary and Group & Venue Coordinator, and NEW GROUPS FOR 2025/26

I would like to thank all our wonderful **Group Leaders** for a very successful Autumn Term. Your dedication and hard work is very much appreciated by all of us... !!!

We were very fortunate to have **some NEW groups starting in November**: French for Beginners at The Knole with Monique, French for Beginners at MCC with David, and History Talks at BU College with Stephanie. **As from January 2026**, Julie's Yoga will continue as Chair-based Yoga and Mick will be offering a new Whist group at BU College.

As our very popular **Fitness and Kettlebell groups** were discontinued in October, and as no Bu3a members came forward to take over as Group Leaders, the Committee were able to retain **Laura**, the external instructor for the two new Pilates groups, to run the Fitness group and for **Claire**, a qualified Fitness instructor, to run the Kettlebell class.

We are **always looking for members to start up new groups** (for example: Music Appreciation, Science, Craft Making, Pickleball, Badminton, etc). Groups can be run weekly, fortnightly, for one, two or three terms. If you have an idea and an interest to run a group, then please do contact me (secretary@bournemouthu3a.org.uk).

Art - Experienced & Improvers



This year has got off to a good start with a full group of keen participants. Some of the topics so far have been: Holidays, Landscapes with moody skies and Doorways/windows. Everyone approaches the topics differently and we have had works of art using watercolours, acrylics, pastels, charcoals and pencils. During the sessions, members look at each other's works and question techniques to learn

from each other. At the end of each session, all the works are presented and our GL provides inspiring feedback to help us all continue on our individual journeys of continuous improvement.



Judith Ansell – Leader Group No. 87

Asuntos de Actualid – en español

The Asuntos group **hosted a member of Reading u3a** on 29th October. We had a visit from a charming lady called Jenny who was interested in observing just how we do things here in Bournemouth!

It was very interesting to hear about her Reading u3a and their Spanish debating group.



We all enjoyed a very pleasant meeting at BUIC.

I feel sure that Reading u3a will hear about the our very smart new venue, and the interesting and fun conversation that we had!

The photo shows Jenny (left), Angarhad Miller (centre) and ME, Jacquie, on the right!

Jacqui Song – Leader Group No. 47

Uni-Sing Group

The **singing group** got off to a flying start this autumn - we are full to capacity with one new member this term.

As Group Leader, I am always amazed and cheered by everyone's loyalty and enthusiasm, and all members seem enriched by singing and socialising.



Date for your new 2026 diary - Please support our Uni-Sing group and MCC in another, hopefully, great show-stopping performance.....

UNI-SING CONCERT

Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 2.00 p.m. Moordown Community Centre

FREE Admission – all proceeds from leaving cash collection are divided between U3A and MCC funds!

Hope to see you there.

Thelma Clothier

Wine Tasting Group

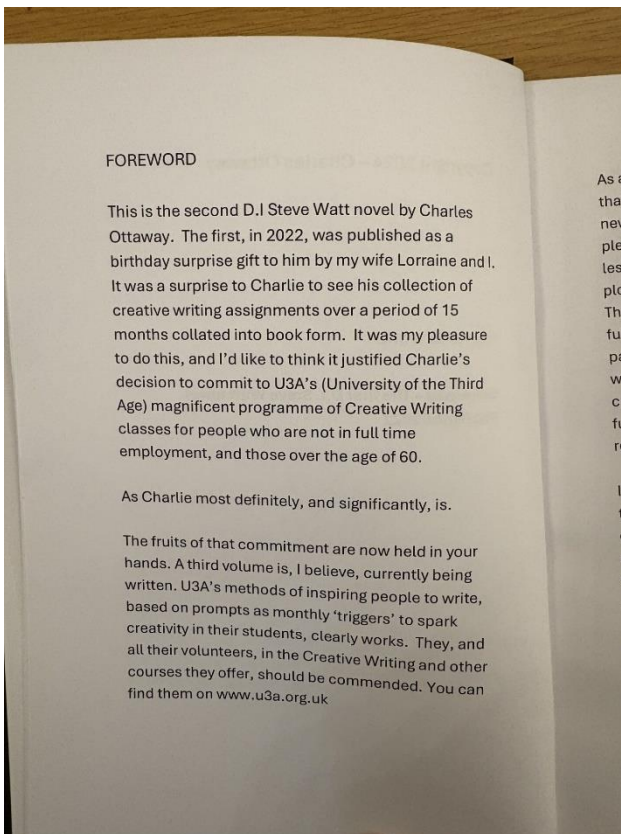


Our **Wine Tasting group** continues to enjoy some very convivial evenings, meeting at approximately monthly intervals in Members' Homes.

Our last tasting was on 27 October 2025 when we sampled **Portuguese and Madeira** wines. These were all well received - as this photo demonstrates! Our next get together will be an evening to enjoy various **Spanish wines** on Monday, 1st December 2025.

John Papadopoulos – Leader Group No. 89

Creative Writing Groups



FOREWORD

This is the second D.I Steve Watt novel by Charles Ottaway. The first, in 2022, was published as a birthday surprise gift to him by my wife Lorraine and I. It was a surprise to Charlie to see his collection of creative writing assignments over a period of 15 months collated into book form. It was my pleasure to do this, and I'd like to think it justified Charlie's decision to commit to U3A's (University of the Third Age) magnificent programme of Creative Writing classes for people who are not in full time employment, and those over the age of 60.

As Charlie most definitely, and significantly, is,

The fruits of that commitment are now held in your hands. A third volume is, I believe, currently being written. U3A's methods of inspiring people to write, based on prompts as monthly 'triggers' to spark creativity in their students, clearly works. They, and all their volunteers, in the Creative Writing and other courses they offer, should be commended. You can find them on www.u3a.org.uk

Bu3a has TWO Creative Writing Groups – **Short Fiction Creative Writing Group No. 35** and **Creative Writing (All Sorts) + Chat Group No. 57.**

Please see photo left of the Foreward page from one of Charles Ottaway's books that makes an interesting short article of the **benefits that u3a membership brings to members.** Charles is one of our own **Bu3a STAR supporters** as he volunteers to make refreshments, helps out on publicity days and always with a smile!

Poets Corner.....

After all, why Christmas?

Autumn lengthens, as evenings darken earlier
and memories of Christmas past resurface.
Fairy lights cheer the way, a tree and tawdry tinsel,
frost on the ground, maybe snow in the air.
Christmas dinner as focal point with
sprouts, chestnut-stuffing and,
all youngsters' favourites, pigs-in-blankets.



Spending time with family and friends, can be tricky:
let's gloss over the tensions. And please be kind to
those surviving after the loss of a loved one.
My friend Noel complains: this season is
too commercial, too religious, too long.
We agree and continue...



Drawn in as if the baby had never been born.
Forgetful of the Christ in Christmas: the shepherds
and wise men wondering at the God-child.
Despite the negativity and hype,
"nay-sayers" and "bah-humbugers",
Christmas holds a message....
Light can overcome darkness.



Then post-Christmas as days lengthen
we wonder just where another year has gone
and turn to face the future...

Simon Tyndall (Poetry Reading Group No. 21)

Thought + Quote for Christmas.....



"You don't stop laughing when
you grow old, you grow old
when you stop laughing".

- **George Bernard Shaw**
(Irish Playwright, Critic and
Political/Social Activist).



Our Committee Members for 2025/26



As decided at the recent Committee Meeting in October 2025 (see pages 6 and 7 above), the Committee is now comprised of the following SIX Members, with TWO posts vacant :-

(VACANCY)	Chair
Stephanie Gardiner	Treasurer + Facebook
Dorothee Merton	Secretary + Beacon + Groups, Venues and Programme coordinator
Suzi MacLeod	Office Manager + Beacon + IT
Sandra Bassett	Shadow Trustee
Kathy Palfrey	Shadow Trustee
Nick Monk	Newsletter Editor + Publicity
(VACANCY)	Beacon Administrator

Can YOU help us please...???

There are the above-mentioned **TWO vacancies** on the Bournemouth u3a Committee, and **FIVE non-Committee vacancies** (see page 7 above). The Committee **REALLY DOES NEED YOUR HELP** to fill these important roles!!

If you think you that you would like to help us, or maybe chat things over in person first, then please contact Julie, our Publicity "lead", by e-mail at :-

publicity@bournemouthu3a.org.uk



The Bu3a Office at SJI



To our dedicated team of Volunteers running the Bu3a Office at St James Institute.....

We Thank You!

Monday	Suzi MacLeod, Sandra Bassett, Josie Milne
Tuesday	Office closed
Wednesday	Office closed
Thursday	Mary Lapish, Angela Heasman, Suzi MacLeod (as Reserve)
Friday	Office closed

We also have **other office volunteers working behind the scenes** that come in at various times to support their colleagues, and we are indebted for their loyalty and help. These “star stalwarts” are **Jennie Pudney, Sue Godwin, Paul Tunncliffe, Rosa Milton and Nicole Chatlain.**

Office and Lunch Club Contact Details

Office Phone: 07352 997099 – In person only on Monday and Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. If your phone call is not answered for any reason, or at any other time, the answerphone will store your message until we can get back to you.

E-mail: info@bournemouthu3a.org.uk

Lunch Club: Bob Hucklesby - E-mail: bobhucklesby@btinternet.com

Website: <https://bournemouth.u3asite.uk/>

Bournemouth U3A Office – CHRISTMAS CLOSURE after Thursday 18th December 2025 and reopening on Monday 5th January 2026.

Please remember that the U3A office will be closed for just over two weeks over the Christmas period. The new Spring term starts the week commencing **Monday, 5th January 2026.**

May we in the SJI Office take this opportunity to **wish you all a Merry Christmas and holiday season,** and a happy and healthy New Year!

Suzi MacLeod (Office Manager)



LUNCHING AROUND THE WORLD with Bob & Jackie Hucklesby

'Lunching Around The World' has proved a popular concept with Bournemouth U3A members.

Lunches take place at various locations around the Bournemouth area. We vary the days of the week and we like to vary the flavours – French, Chinese, Lebanese, Nepalese, Thai, Greek etc.

We have developed a very good rapport with several restaurants and look forward to our return visits... and, where possible, we aim to introduce two or three new venues to the mix each year.

Information is e-mailed to members **approximately 3 weeks in advance** and **places must be pre-booked**.

We have a lovely group of regulars and this year we have welcomed many new faces - it's an excellent way to make new friends. We look forward to seeing you soon.....

Bon Appetit!

Bob & Jackie

Spring 2026 Dates

THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY – 12-30 prompt – LEVANT (Lebanese)
150 – 152 Old Christchurch Road, HORSESHOE COMMON BH1 1NL

TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY – 12.30 prompt – COTE BRASSERIE (French), 1 Westover Road, BOURNEMOUTH BH1 2BY

FRIDAY 20th MARCH – 12.30 prompt – WHITE ELEPHANT (Thai)
59 Seamoor Road, WESTBOURNE BH4 9AE

To book, please contact: E-mail: bobhucklesby@btinternet.com

Tel: 01202 159186

****Please do not RSVP to the U3A Office****

Quote :- “One of the very nicest things about life is the way we must regularly stop whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating.....”
- **Luciano Pavarotti** (Italian Opera Singer)



OUR NEXT QUIZ with Julia Glassborow and Jane Whitlock

Our Quizzes enter a **new era under new management** – Julia Glassborow and Jane Whitlock, and starting on.....

Wednesday 17 December 2025, at 2.00pm, arrive from 1.30 p.m.

At our regular venue; The Annunciation Church Hall, 218 Charminster Road, BH8 9RW.

It has been confirmed that the heating will be ON and another group will have used the hall before us.

We have had an excellent response again and **we already have a full complement of 12 teams.**

We have a shopping list ready for the refreshment break – always a pleasure! We look forward to seeing you on the 17th of December.....

Admission is £3 per person, to include refreshments, payable at your table. There is a PRIZE, and much kudos, for the winning team!!



Again, would group/team leaders please note that each table should have a maximum of **SIX** members. Any changes to **contact details and/or team details should be sent by e-mail to Jennie Pudney at jpu3a@outlook.com**

- You will receive a booking/change confirmation.

John Oram

Quote :- “I decided the things I enjoyed were quizzes and television, so I decided to find a way to combine them.” **Jenny Ryan** (English Quizzer and TV Personality)

CYBER CRIME - Keep Yourself SAFE... !!!



We know that many Bu3a Members are concerned about how to keep themselves **safe from being scammed online!** The **National u3a** has recently issued an excellent article, in the **Beacon News Issue No. 46 for September 2025**, which may be of great interest to you. You can find this online at <https://beacon.u3a.org.uk/newsletters/> and then see pages 6-9 for "Cyber Crime - Top Tips" section.



TEN PIN BOWLING

with John Oram

Monday 8 December 2025.

At Hollywood Bowl, (Bowplex), 382 Poole Road, Branksome, Poole BH12 1DA (Opposite Tesco).

As usual please arrive promptly at 11.00 so that we can organise a group for each lane and all start together at 11.15 a.m. As our sessions will be in school term time, we should get the concessionary rate. We usually play two games finishing by about 1.00 – 1.30 p.m. although some may choose to play just the one game.



Bowling shoes are available for hire, but ordinary footwear is perfectly acceptable. No need to book, just turn up and by all means bring a friend if you wish. If you don't want to play just come along and watch and have a chat. Enjoy the fun and there is a coffee bar.

There is plenty of parking on site and of course many buses pass the door along the Poole Road.

Have you seen this...? The u3a Festival 26

The u3a UK Office organised the first u3a Festival in 2024 which was very successful, and several hundred members attended.

What is a u3a Festival? Well, imagine a "pop-up" u3a that comes together with u3a folk from **all over the UK** for just three days...

If this interests you, then go online and look at u3a.org.uk/events/festival-26. There you will read all about next year's **Festival 26** which is being run from Wednesday, 1st July, to Friday, 3rd July 2026, at the University of York. That website will soon be displaying all the booking and accommodation details..... and there are many photos of the 2024 event shown on this Festival 26 website.



Howard Fincher

COFFEE CLUB - Spring Term Dates



We have had some nice comments from members saying that they are enjoying our regular Coffee Club dates. So why not join us in the Spring Term?

Coffee clubs take place 10.30 - 12.00 Noon.

And why not stay on afterwards for lunch?

Wednesday 28th January – The Cosy Club, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. A warm and inviting place to meet during winter.



Numerous buses run to the Square. It is next to Holland & Barrett. There is a lift to take you up to the first-floor bar area.

Tuesday 17th February - The Well Coffee Lounge, Royal Arcade, Boscombe. We meet at the tables under the “parasols” at this popular indoor/outdoor café.



The entrance to the Arcade is opposite Aldi, but can also be reached by the post office or the Sovereign Centre. “The Well Coffee Lounge is a welcoming community Cafe serving great food and coffee, a part of Safe and Sound Dorset.”

Wednesday March 18th - Westbourne Conservative Club, 6 Alum Chine Road (Just past Westbourne Library). This is always a popular venue for our Members.



It is situated in Alum Chine Road, near Westbourne centre. Plenty of buses run through Westbourne. Alight at either the Westbourne Pub or the Post Office (from Bournemouth) or at the Westbourne Arcade/Iceland stop (from Poole) and then walk through the Arcade to Alum Chine Road.

Looking forward to seeing you there..... Julie W.

Quote :- "To me, the smell of fresh-made coffee is one of the greatest inventions." - **Hugh Jackman** (Australian Actor, Singer, and Producer)



Dates for your Diary



Date	Event	Venue	Time
Fri. 05 Dec.	End of Autumn term	All u3a venues	
Mon. 08 Dec.	10 Pin Bowling	Bowlplex, Branksome	11.00
Tue. 09 Dec.	Bu3a Christmas Lunch	The Cumberland Hotel, East Cliff	12.30
Wed. 17 Dec.	Bu3a Quiz	Annunc'n Church Hall, Charminster BH8	14.00
Thur. 18 Dec.	Office closes for two weeks	St James Institute	12.00
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Mon. 05 Jan.	Office reopens again	St James Institute	10.00
Mon. 05 Jan.	Start of Spring term	All u3a venues	
Thur. 22 Jan.	Lunching around the World	Levant (Lebanese), Old Xchurch Road, BH1	12.30
Wed. 28 Jan.	Coffee Club	Cosy Club, Bournemouth	10.30
Tue. 17 Feb.	Coffee Club	The Well Coffee Lounge, Royal Arcade, Boscombe	10.30
Tue. 24 Feb.	Lunching around the World	Cote Brasserie, Central Bournemouth BH1	12.30
Fri. 13 Mar.	End of Spring term	All u3a venues	
Tue. 17 Mar.	Uni-Sing Concert	Moordown Community Centre	14.00
Wed. 18 Mar.	Coffee Club	Westbourne Con. Club, Westbourne BH4	10.30
Fri. 20 Mar.	Lunching around the World	White Elephant (Thai) Westbourne BH4	12.30
Mon. 23 Mar.	10 Pin Bowling	Bowlplex, Branksome	11.00
Mon. 20 Apr.	Start of Summer term	All u3a venues	

Fun Photography Group.....

The Fun Photography Group combines both photo shoot visits to local attractions as well as photographing different subjects at our regular Bu3a venue, The Knole in Boscombe. All the outside locations are chosen on bus routes - with a nearby coffee shop for some light refreshments.

The emphasis of the group is "Fun" rather than "Serious" photography, and members can use either their camera or phone. As well as taking photos at our weekly meetings we have a project theme each term.

We welcome all levels of photographers from newcomer through to experienced, and we are happy to encourage and offer friendly advice and positive comments.



During the summer term, the Fun Photography group had a visit to **Knoll Beach, Studland** travelling on the Purbeck Breezer open top bus, via the Studland ferry. This was an **excellent free day out** using our bus passes !

Steve Allen - Leader Group No. 49



Photo Above shows the happy Group at Knoll Beach Café! Photos Left and Right were both taken on that trip, showing the beach and dunes at Studland.



Winter Wonderland.....



Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!.....

