

Bournemouth



Newsletter Autumn 2026



*The Committee
hope that you
have all enjoyed
this Summer,
despite the
Sweltering Heat*



*AND.... That you have
managed to join in our NEW Bu3a
SUMMER 2026 PROGRAMME...!!*

Photo "Hot Butterfly" taken by Susan Allibone – Fun Photography Group No. 49

Eclipse of the Sun: Wednesday 12th August 2026



Photo "Eclipse of the Sun" at Shore Road Sandbanks on 12/08/26.
Taken by Peter White – Fun Photography Group No. 49

u3a Week: 19-27 September 2026

22nd September 1-3pm
**u3a BOURNEMOUTH
OPEN DAY**

No longer in full-time work?
Retired or semi-retired?

Come along to get a taste of
our interest groups, Art, Bridge,
Cards, Chess, Climate, Fitness,
Languages, Opera, Philosophy,
Photography, Singing, Tai Chi
and many more!

You don't have to be a u3a
member to enjoy the open day,
bring your friends - FREE



Moordown Community Centre
21 Coronation Avenue
Bournemouth BH9 1TW

Notes from the Chair



What a summer we have had. Forget about the soaring temperatures, for now at least. I am talking about Bu3a and the exciting activities going on all around us..... membership renewals, new members, group leaders, volunteers, members' meetings, the new Summer Programme, new groups, recruitment activities and the forthcoming fortieth birthday celebrations in September 2027.

First of all, a huge thank you to all renewing members, especially for your take-up of on-line renewals via BACS, PayPal and on-site card machines. Secondly, a warm welcome to new members, both to first-time members and to those who have returned after a period of absence. Thirdly, we are always looking to expand the range of activities available to members, for which we depend on the goodwill and enthusiasm of Group Leaders. Without them there are no groups and this is something we all need to dwell on.

What makes a Group Leader? Knowledge and experience of the activity you are offering to promote, allied to the desire and enthusiasm to share your knowledge with other Bu3a members. The key question is: How can you spot a potential Group Leader? Just look around you, at your friends and fellow classmates, because that is where our current and future Group Leaders come from. Bu3a is happy to support new Group Leaders, including ideas on where and when you meet....and how often. Whilst most groups meet on a weekly basis there is no reason why meeting fortnightly or monthly could not be considered as an option, especially for a new group.

And finally, a word on the inaugural Summer Programme run this year. It has been well received. My thanks go to the members who participated in the activities and to the Group Leaders who ran them. I am sure that future programmes will continue to be on offer. Please share any ideas you have on how we might improve them over the coming years.

I wish you well for the 2026 Autumn Term and look forward to seeing you at as many Bu3a activities as you wish to attend..... via members' meetings, coffee mornings, Lunching Around the World, group classes and the Christmas lunch.

Kind regards,

Perry Ellis (Chair)

News From the Groups

Table Tennis for Improvers



Did you love playing Table Tennis as a Teenager? Or even as an “Older-ager”??!!

Table Tennis (TT) is one of the **BEST** all-round sports/pastimes that you can do to keep both your **MIND AND BODY FIT** as you grow older! It has often been called “**The Healthiest Sport for Seniors**”!!!

TWO Bu3a TT groups run on Tuesday afternoons at SJI, Southbourne..... and we need a few more Members to play! We hire the Merton Table Tennis Club Hall, with their top-class facilities.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept beginners, as there is no coaching available. However, former players will quickly improve, be helped and encouraged, and you will love it...!!

Nick Monk - Leader Group No. 41
Jennie Pudney – Leader Group No. 33



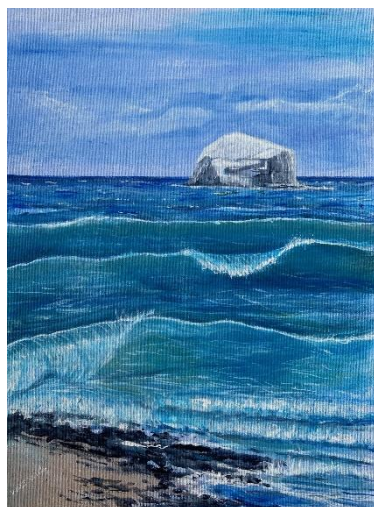
Art – Experienced & Improvers

A programme is set for each term. It is up to the individual to interpret the subject and decide on the appropriate medium. At the end of each session, the extremely varied interpretations are displayed and a positive critique is given. The members learn from each other and great progress is made by all. Some have been in the group for some years and have created a welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

Judith Ansell – Leader Group No. 89

Painting shown here is by Walter Williams

E-mail: info@bournemouthu3a.org.uk



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 U3A photography group had another fun day out during the summer term, when we visited Compton Acres in Canford Cliffs.

We're a friendly, informal group that welcomes all skill levels from newcomer to expert and all types of devices from smartphones to all types of cameras. Our meetings are held indoors at The Knole or on location around Bournemouth on Wednesdays.

The **winning photo for the year** shown above was taken on the Compton Acres trip by **Peter White**.

Steve Allen - Leader Group No. 53 – Wednesdays 12.45 – 2.15 p.m.

Poets Corner.....

Heatwave

Punishing penetrating light
Relentless constant blue skies

Repeat.....

Repeat.....

Repeat.....

The earth pulsates
with burning forests

A gentle breeze
brings respite

The wildflowers bloom.....



Deidre Foster (Poetry Reading Group No. 21)

Programme and Venue News



We are very grateful to our many Group Leaders for continuing to run their groups with dedication and enthusiasm and we are pleased that some Group Leaders also offered to be part of the new Summer Programme. Thank you also to our new and returning Group Leaders.

Since the 2026/27 Programme Brochure was published in June, we have been able to add the following new groups (for details see Beacon, the Bu3a website and the latest Beacon e-mail communications) :-

- 92 Those Radio Years with Bill (weekly)
- 93 Tourism and Travel with Tony (monthly)
- 94 Golden Oldies Hour at Great Oaks Care Home with Val (weekly)
- 95 Short Tennis on Mondays with Carolyne (weekly)
- 96 Wreath Making on Dec 2 with Carolyne
- 97 French Conversation with Jocelyne (monthly)
- 98 Quiz Group at MCC with Jane and Julia (monthly)
- 99 Cultural Outings with Dorothee (monthly)

As Bu3a continues to expand, we continually seek new groups and ideas. Would you like to start a monthly, fortnightly or weekly group/for one, two or three terms? Here are some group ideas: Local History, Bird Watching, Science, MOTO (members on their own), Bus Pass Travel, Self-help Spanish, Pickleball, etc. If you would like to discuss your ideas, please send me an email: secretary@bournemouthu3a.org.uk

In terms of venues, we are very pleased to inform you that BCP Council has now taken over Beaufort Community Centre and has confirmed that the Centre will reopen on 14 September 2026. The groups Drawing & Painting 83, Canasta 86 and Art 89 are expected to return to Beaufort as of the Autumn Term. In addition, we have been recently looking at potential new venues in Bournemouth for our growing list of groups!

I am delighted that we now have so many different interest groups for the coming year and look forward to seeing you at one of our venues.

Dorothee

Programme and Venue Coordinator

Member Engagement 2026

As we move closer to 2027 and to celebrating **Bournemouth u3a's 40th birthday..... we seek to engage more with our members!!** We want your views on new ways to grow our membership numbers, improve what Bu3a offers its members, **and to celebrate our forthcoming 40th Anniversary.....**



During August, **weekly group sessions** have been running at **Moordown Community Centre** and members have used this opportunity to contribute their ideas and future vision. Some of these ideas will be raised and discussed at this September's Committee meeting :-

- Publicity Leaflets drops by members to surgeries and leisure centres;
- Business cards promoting Bu3a distributed to members for circulation to friends and acquaintances in the wider community;
- Set up new starter groups not needing special expertise e.g. Spanish self-help, more games & book clubs, local history, 40 question quiz, etc.;
- Provide support and training for new group leaders;
- Organising Monthly meetings including a speaker in a central location;
- Run monthly "drop-in" sessions including social activities and refreshments;
- Recruit a member to be a Volunteer Coordinator to support those offering to help run Bu3a;
- Expand social activities on offer by finding a willing Social & Events organiser; and
- Recruit shadow trustees from the membership to shadow different committee positions.

The August meet-ups are part of a regular dialogue that Committee members are keen to engage in with members to obtain their views. **If you have any ideas to share**, then please contact a member of the Committee by e-mail or when you next see them at a coffee morning, social or group activity during the Autumn Term.

Stephanie – Treasurer

IMPORTANT Notice for All Group Leaders



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Pre-Programme Meeting and Electrical Equipment Testing & OPEN DAY

To be Held on Tuesday 22nd September 2026

At Moordown Community Centre

Coronation Avenue, Bournemouth BH9 1TW

Bus Routes 5, 12, 13, 14, 15

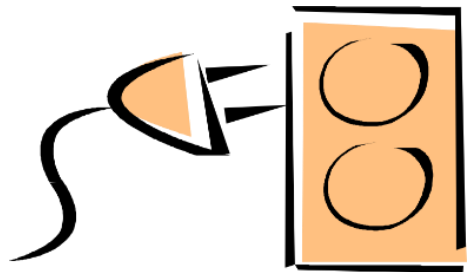
The annual **Equipment testing** will take place from **11.15 a.m.**, before the **Leaders' meeting starting at 12.00 noon**. If you are using any equipment with a plug, then you **must** have it tested. Laptop chargers are sufficient – you do not need to bring your laptop. Please email Jennie Pudney at jpu3a@outlook.com to confirm that you will be attending. If you are unable to do so, then I will need to pick it up.

Timeline

Leaders with Equipment to be PAT tested to arrive at 11.15 a.m.

All other Leaders to arrive at 11.45am (Refreshments available)

The Pre-Programme Meeting will start at 12.00 noon and end at approx. 1.00 p.m.



Group Leaders are invited to stay on for the MCC Open Day starting at 1.00 p.m. to present their groups to the public.

Car parking: There is a car park at the rear of the building. You may also park on nearby roads.

Please make every effort to attend.....

Thank you!

Jennie & Dorothee

Bournemouth



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Bournemouth
BH5 2AR

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 12th October 2026

Commencing at 12.30 p.m.

at The Knole, Freemasons Hall,

Hampshire Room,

Knole Road, Boscombe, BH1 4DH

(Agenda and Arrangements overleaf)

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of
Bournemouth u3a will be held on

Monday 12th October 2026, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

in the Hampshire Room of
The Knole, Freemasons Hall, Knole Road,
Boscombe, BH1 4DH

to conduct the business set out in the Agenda below.

AGENDA

- 1 - Welcome by the Chair, Perry Ellis
- 2 - Apologies for absence
- 3 - Approval of the minutes of the last AGM [14 October 2025]
- 4 - Chair's Annual Report
- 5 - Receipt and Approval of Treasurer's Annual Report and Examiner's Report
- 6 - Election of Committee members for 2026/2027
- 7 - Motion for Honorary President
- 8 - Any Other Business (AOB)

Any member who wishes to raise a matter under AOB should notify the Secretary by e-mail [secretary@bournemouthu3a.org.uk] before Monday, **5th October 2026**.

Matters raised under AOB on the day will be taken at the discretion of the Chair.

[Please note that the Bu3a Office at SJI may be closed that day.]

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AGM ARRANGEMENTS



● Please write the date of this year's AGM, **Monday 12th October, at The Knole starting 12.30 p.m.**, in your diaries....!!!

● There is parking at The Knole, but it is also only a short walk from the main Christchurch Road bus route (buses M2, 1a/1b/1c, 22, 33, etc.).

● The Committee would like as many members as possible to attend, as we need a good attendance to hold a valid AGM.

● This year's Committee is listed on Page 12. By the provisions of our Constitution, the entire Committee stands down each year at the AGM and a new Committee (maximum 12) is elected for the coming year.

● Nominations for the 2026/27 Committee from members are invited. Written nominations, which need to be seconded (with both names clearly printed), should be sent [with envelope marked 'AGM election nomination'] to the Office to arrive no later than **Tuesday, 6th October 2026**.

● We currently (2025/26) have TWO vacancies on the Committee as shown on the next page.....

● You are **URGED** to attend this year's AGM to have your say about what happens to your Bournemouth u3a....!!!



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Our Committee Members for 2025/26

As decided at the Committee Meeting held in October 2025, and subsequent co-option of Trustees, the Committee is now comprised of the following **NINE** Members: -

Perry Ellis	Chair
Stephanie Gardiner	Treasurer + Beacon
Dorothee Merton	Secretary + Programme and Venue Coordinator
Sandra Bassett	Shadow Trustee
Nick Monk	Newsletter Editor + Publicity
Alastair Gibbons	Shadow Trustee
Archie Hoggan	Beacon Site Administrator
(Vacancy)	Membership Secretary
(Vacancy)	IT Adviser

The Bu3a Office at SJ1



To our **dedicated team of Volunteers**, past and present, running the Bu3a Office at St James Institute - whether on the 'phone, or by e-mail, or by working "behind the scenes".....

We Thank You All !

Office and Lunch Club Contact Details

Office – Phone: 07352 997099 – Answered 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/>

Why would I Volunteer? By Jennie Pudney

If you value your u3a and all the friendship, learning and laughter it brings, perhaps now is the time to think about how you might help it continue to thrive.

When I took early retirement, I thoroughly enjoyed a couple of lengthy holidays and the pleasure of no early alarms or fixed commitments. After a while, though, I realised I was missing something important: a renewed sense of purpose and the company of others.

A friend told me about u3a, and I began by joining her table tennis group before later trying canasta and photography. The rest, as they say, is history. I was first asked to help with refreshments at the annual quiz, then one thing led to another and I eventually joined the committee in various roles. I enjoyed my time as Chair, but my most rewarding, and certainly most demanding, role was Groups Co-ordinator, working alongside our wonderful group leaders who became a real 'second family'.

That is one of the lovely things about u3a: there really is room for everyone to contribute in their own way. Group leaders are the lifeblood of u3a, and we would be delighted to welcome more of them. Whether your interests are academic, creative, practical, sporty or simply something you enjoy sharing with others, there may be a group waiting to happen.

Our trustees work hard to keep everything running smoothly, but helping does not have to mean joining a committee. Perhaps you have experience, knowledge or practical skills, particularly with IT, that could support others quietly in the background.



The office is also an important first point of contact and helps maintain our computerised membership system. Could you spare a couple of hours weekly or fortnightly? We also have a cheerful team who help at promotional events, and many members make a real difference simply by lending a hand with tables and chairs when they are able. Small acts of help are noticed and appreciated.

So please, if u3a has brought something positive into your life, do think about how YOU might help us continue to offer the same welcome to others. A first step could be as simple as speaking to a committee member or calling in at the office to say you are interested.

For me, u3a has offered companionship, purpose and the chance to keep learning in the best possible way: with other people. I hope you might find the same reward in volunteering too.



LUNCHING AROUND THE WORLD with Bob & Jackie Hucklesby

With many new restaurants opening in Bournemouth, it has been great fun researching eateries for this year's new programme. Now in our fifth year, our philosophy remains to vary the flavours, the days of the week and to choose locations served by regular bus routes.

Our favourite Thai, French and Greek restaurants regularly attract 30 diners with a Polish restaurant – the aptly named 'Full Plate' holding the LATW record with 33.

During the summer we trialled an evening meal at the Taj Mahal in Westbourne. This proved very popular and has given us 'food for thought' regarding future evening events.

The first lunch of the Autumn term takes us to The Botanist in Bournemouth Square – an amazing setting where the lush décor is certainly a feast for the senses. Swiftly followed by our annual visit to The Wonderful Kitchen in Charminster where the Bento boxes have proved such a hit with our regular diners.

LATW is a great way of trying out cuisines from around the world and an easy way of making new friends. We look forward to seeing you soon.....

Buon Appetito!

Bob & Jackie

Autumn Dates

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER – 12.30 - THE BOTANIST, Commercial Rd., Bournemouth BH2 5LP (just off Bournemouth Square)

MONDAY 26th OCTOBER – 12.30 - THE WONDERFUL KITCHEN, 261 Charminster Road, Bournemouth BH8 9QJ.

FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER – 12.30 – MAKLA & The Fez Lounge (TBC)
217 Seabourne Rd, Southbourne BH5 2HL

To book, please contact:

E-mail: bobhucklesby@btinternet.com

Tel: 01202 159186

Quote :- "Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are."

- **Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin** (French gastronome, 1825)



TEN PIN BOWLING

with John Oram

We had a record turnout (19) for our last session on 6 July, so I'm hoping that this enthusiasm carries over to our next session on **Monday 21st September, 2026, and again on Monday 7th December, 2026.**

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 feel like playing 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.



OUR NEXT QUIZ

with Julia Glassborow and Jane Whitlock

After another excellent Quiz on 1st July, under the new management of Julia and Jane, we go again in our next Bu3a break at the end of the year on.....

Wednesday 16th December 2026, at 2.00 p.m.

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

Arrive from 1.30 p.m. although we would again appreciate help from 1.00 p.m. with setting up the hall – please let Jennie or me know if you will be able to help.

All Bookings BY E-MAIL ONLY to Jennie Pudney at ipu3a@outlook.com
The SJI Office cannot accept any bookings.

If you do not have a team but would like to join in the fun let Jennie know and she will ask teams nearer the time if they have any spare space in their team.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th of December.



John Oram and Jennie Pudney



COFFEE CLUB

Come along and enjoy a beverage of your choice and meet friends, as well as newer members of Bournemouth u3a.

Coffee clubs take place from 10.30 - 12.00 Noon..... And why not stay on at the venue for lunch afterwards?



Tuesday 29th September - The Queens Hotel, Meyrick Road, East Cliff, Bournemouth, BH1 3DL

This is a new venue for our Coffee Club meeting.

The hotel is on the corner of Meyrick Road and Gervis Road. Many buses including the M2 stop at the Lansdowne Roundabout and it is a short walk from there.



Tuesday 20th October at The Pavilion Arms, 41 Wimborne Road, Bournemouth BH2 6NB (on corner at Cemetery Junction, where many buses stop).



Tuesday 10th November - The Queens Hotel, Meyrick Road, East Cliff, Bournemouth, BH1 3DL

The hotel is on the corner of Meyrick Road and Gervis Road. Many buses including the M2 stop at the Lansdowne Roundabout and it is a short walk from there.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.....

Julie – Publicity



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

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



CHRISTMAS LUNCH at THE CUMBERLAND HOTEL



27 East Overcliff Drive, Bournemouth BH1 3AF
 Tuesday 8th December 2026
 Arrive by 12.30 for start at 1.00 p.m.
 £30.00 per person incl. gratuities (£33.00 for Non-Members)



MENU

STARTERS	Thai Fragrant Red Lentil Soup, Basil Oil (GF, VG) Chicken & Smoked Ham Pressé, Fruit Chutney, Ciabatta Toast, Piccalilli Emulsion (G, M, SD) Somerset Brie Tart, Rocket, Caramelised Onion, Cranberry, Toasted Almonds, Balsamic Glaze (G, D, N, SO)
MAINS	Traditional Roast Turkey Breast - Pigs in Blanket, Stuffing, Chef's Pan Gravy (G, D, CE, S, SD) (GF, DF Available) Herbes De Provence Braised Feather Blade Beef - Bordelaise Sauce, Bacon Lardons (CE, GF) Chestnut & Cranberry Wellington - Spinach, Goat's Cheese, Chestnut, Roasted Root Vegetables, Cranberry Jus (G, D, E, CE) All served with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes
DESSERTS	Luxury Christmas Pudding, Creamy Brandy Custard, (G, N, D) Night & Day Chocolate Parfait, Sour Cherry Compote (D) (GF) Red Berry Meringue Roulade, Redcurrant Gel (D, E) (GF)

NOTE – (DF) Dairy Free | Separate (VG) Plant-Based & (GF) Gluten-Free Menu available.
 (GF) = Gluten Free, (VG) = Vegan, (DF) = Dairy Free; V (Vegetarian), G (Cereal containing Gluten), C (Crustaceans), E (Eggs), F (Fish), P (Peanuts), S (Soya), D (Milk), N (Nuts), CE (Celery), M (Mustard), SS (Sesame Seed), SD (Sulphur Dioxide & Sulphites), L (Lupins), MO (Molluscs).

*****URGENT** If you have some free time to help (e-mail & spreadsheet skills required) with the member booking form choices for this year's Christmas Lunch and act as the liaison contact with the Hotel, then please contact Stephanie by e-mail:- treasurer@bournemouthu3a.org.uk***

Please complete ONE of the two booking forms sent to you with your e-mail copy of this newsletter – EITHER the FILLABLE file (only with MS Word) or the PRINTABLE file (for PDF Reader) * OR*** complete the paper booking form enclosed with your paper copy of this newsletter. Paper copies of the booking form are also available from the Office at SJI, and on MCC Notice Board.**



Dates for your Diary



Date	Event	Venue	Time
2026			
Thur. 17 Sept.	Bu3a Promotion Day	Westbourne Arcade	11.00 – 15.30
Thur. 17 Sept.	Lunching around the World	Nusara, Christchurch (Thai)	12.30
Sat. to Sun. - 19 to 27 Sept.	National u3a Week 2026	All u3a's Nationwide	N/A
Mon. 21 Sept.	10 Pin Bowling	Bowlplex, Branksome	11.00
Tues. 22 Sept.	Group Ldrs' Mtg. and PAT testing	Moordown Community Centre	11.15 Onwards
Tues. 22 Sept.	Bu3a Open Day (Nat. u3a Week)	Moordown Community Centre	13.00 – 15.00
Mon. 28 Sept.	Start Autumn term	All Bu3a venues	
Tues. 29 Sept.	Coffee Morning	Queens Hotel, Meyrick Road, East Cliff	10.30
Wed. 07 Oct.	Lunching around the World	The Botanist, Bournemouth Square	12.30
Mon. 12 Oct.	Bu3a Annual General Meeting	The Knole, Freemasons Hall, Boscombe	12.30
Tues. 20 Oct.	Coffee Morning	Pavilion Arms, Cemetary Junction, Bournemouth	10.30
Mon. 26 Oct.	Lunching around the World	The Wonderful Kitchen, Charminster Road	12.30
Tues. 10 Nov.	Coffee Morning	Queens Hotel, Meyrick Road, East Cliff	10.30
Fri. 20 Nov.	Lunching around the World	MAKLA & The Fez, Southbourne	12.30
Fri. 04 Dec.	End Autumn term	All Bu3a venues	
Mon. 07 Dec.	10 Pin Bowling	Bowlplex, Branksome	11.00
Tues. 08 Dec.	Christmas Lunch	The Cumberland Hotel, East Overcliff Drive	12.30
Wed. 16 Dec.	Bu3a Quiz	Annunciation Church Hall, Charminster BH8	14.00
Thur. 17 Dec.	OFFICE CLOSSES 16.00 FOR XMAS	RE-OPENS MONDAY 04 JAN. 2027	10.00
2027			
Mon. 04 Jan.	Start Spring term	All Bu3a venues	

Southbourne Food and Fun Festival - May 2026



This new annual event was held in Fisherman's Walk Park on Saturday 16th May, and this lived up to its name! The weather was good and the sun shone (most of the time) and the event was lively and people had lots of fun. We had many visitors to our stall interested in our Bu3a..... so fingers crossed that they join us! **Many thanks to all our wonderful, enthusiastic volunteers!**

Julie – Publicity

TWO Picnics on the Beach again this year!

Held on Wednesday 24th June and Wednesday 19th August 2026

The **Picnic on the Beach** held in June on **West Beach, Bournemouth** was hosted by **Bob and Jackie Hucklesby**. It was “doomed” for the second year running, not by rain, but by being boiling hot with no breeze whatsoever!! It turned into a “Picnic in the SHADE of the Beach Hut” for just three of them! Well done to our noble hosts! Hopefully, Bob and Jackie will volunteer again next year.....?? Maybe third time lucky with the weather.....???



The **August Picnic in Southbourne** wasn't much kinder, as that was the **first day it had rained heavily** after many, many weeks of the heatwave! Only SEVEN “brave souls” attended! It was held near the “SoBo” Beach Café in Southbourne. Fortunately, the weather slowly improved, as shown in the photo. Oh well, hey ho..... try it again next year!!!

Kindly hosted by John Oram and John Moore



**Christmas is Coming! - See Page 17 for
Bu3a 2026 XMAS LUNCH...!!
Make sure and BOOK NOW.....!!!**



Need a good Xmas present for Loved Ones???

Bournemouth



**Looking for a LASTING PRESENT for a
RETIRED or SEMI-RETIRED LOVED ONE
who seems to have everything?**



Why not buy them an annual subscription to BOURNEMOUTH u3a..... ?

A great opportunity for them to get out and make new friends
with like-minded people. We have over 90 Groups and
Activities as well as many social events throughout the year.

A Whole Year of Activities for 2026/2027 IS ONLY £72
which gives access to 3 Groups a week + social events.

Contact us on: 07352 997099

(Monday or Thursday 10.00-12.00 or leave Message)

Email: info@bournemouthu3a.org.uk

Or check out our website:-

www.bournemouthu3a.org.uk

Learn, Laugh, Live!