

From the Chair

SINGING SONGS FROM MUSICALS GROUP PRESENTS A SELECTION OF

SONGS FROM



At 2.00 pm at Furzebrook Village Hall on Friday 22 June 2012

Hello Everyone,

It was great to see so many of you at the **AGM** last week. I know the proceedings seem a little dull but it does give the opportunity for members to find out what's been going on and to ask questions. The event was definitely livened up by the performance by **John Almond's singing group** who, amongst other things, pulled off a great rendition of 'The Rhythm of Life'. (John's group will be known as Singing for Fun next year).

On the back page you will see the **members of the Committee** with the roles so far agreed. I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming the new Village members: Julie Seidel, Nelson Townsend and Dave Peters. Thank you very much for stepping forward to help out.

As our year winds down I should like to remind you that, events and groups carry on and that the **Summer Concert** advertised above is something you shouldn't miss. I have appealed for a couple of volunteers to do the **teas** but have yet to receive any offers so if you are going to the concert and would be able to help, please contact me.

You will see the dates for the **Open Days** on the back page in the Committee Meeting section. I shall be at both Swanage and Wareham so if there is anything you wish to talk about you can see me there. It just remains for me to wish you all a really good holiday and to hope you return reinvigorated for the new year in Purbeck U3A.

Nigel Tennant

Group News

Local code 01929 unless otherwise stated. More information on web at: www.purbecku3a.org.uk

	<p>MEETING POINTS – Juliet Greves ; Paul Lurie 4th Thursday, 10.00 – 12.00 email: meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk Transport is available: Wareham area, Nicky Rance – 550265; Swanage area, Shirley Cannon – 421401.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 June Harman’s Cross VH, The World Health Organisation - Environment, Health & Development, Jacqueline Sims
	<p>ARCHAEOLOGY– Robin Humphries, Sandford Community Hall, 4th Friday 10 – 12 email: archy@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 June Update on the Mineral and Mining Museum (not a repeat of last year’s talk) Peter Sills • 27 July Field trip to Great Ovens Hill, Gore Heath – led by Gareth Naylor • 28 September first meeting of new session.
	<p>COMPUTING FOR BEGINNERS (9-10.30); IMPROVERS (10.30 – noon) – Paul Lurie 1st 3rd Fridays HX VH. Email: computerbasics@purbecku3a.org.uk Improvers bring your laptop if you have one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1, 15 June; 6, 20 July.
	<p>COMPUTING, INTERMEDIATE - John Hale Sandford Community Hall, 4th Wednesday 10.15 – 12.30 email: computing@purbecku3a.org.uk Info at: www.purbecku3aComputing.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 June Computer hardware; self-help in groups, David Langdon • 26 September First meeting of the new session.
	<p>DISCUSSION GROUP – Diana Morgan, 2nd Thursday 2.30 – 4.30 email: discussion@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 June ‘Is the Government Right to Change Civil Partnerships into Marriage? Should the Definition of Marriage Change?’ John Ponter.
	<p>LUNCH CLUB – Marion Morris, (let Marion know if you would like to go). email: lunch@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 June last meeting Kings Arms, Stoborough. Contact by 3 June
	<p>PHOTOGRAPHY – Tony Smith, 3rd Tuesday 10-12 Methodist Hall Wareham email: photography@purbecku3a.co.uk New members welcome. All abilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 June (last this year) Workshop on technical subjects covered this year and member’s photos of India.
	<p>SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY – John Churchill, 3rd Wednesday, 9.45 for 10.00 – 12.00, Parish Hall, the Quay, Wareham. There are spaces in this group. email: sandt@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 June History of Nature Conservation – Dr Nigel Webb. The history of Dorset Wildlife Trust from recently published book by Dr Webb and Tony Bates of DWT. • 18 July Church Bell Ringing – The mysteries of English Change Ringing explained. Phil Stevens. • 19 September Harvesting Energy from the Wind – Prof Steve Turnock.
	<p>U3A K9s – Juliet Greves, 3rd Thursday, 10 – 12 email: K9s@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 June Contact Juliet for future meetings.
	<p>WALKING GROUP – Steve Gent, 3rd Monday 10 – 12. Leisurely walks lasting about 2 hours. Bring stout shoes, rainwear and a drink. Dogs allowed unless indicated. email: walking@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 June Streche Road car park, Wareham • 17 September Pay and Display CP West St Corfe Castle. (Not NT Car Park).
	<p>WINE Appreciation – Rosalind Ham, 3rd Monday 6.00 – 8 pm HXVH committee room. email: wine@purbecku3a.org.uk This group would welcome more members. Contact Ros.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 June (Last this year) Riesling and Syrah/Shiraz

NEW GROUPS– Paul Lurie would like to start a **Folk Music Appreciation Group** if there is enough interest (Up to 10 envisaged). The group would bring their own CDs and meet once or twice a month in people’s homes. Email Paul at paulfjr@hotmail.co.uk. Jean Edwards would like to start a **Play Reading** group fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons in Wareham and a **Scrabble** Group. Telephone Jean for details.

Creative textiles group.



Some of us recently went to visit our former Group Leader, **Norah Gee** in her nursing home near Winchester. She was bright, chatty and cheerful and presented us with some lovely tiles which she had painted. We had lunch together and then, because it was a lovely sunny day, sat in the beautiful garden with Norah regaling us with tales of her youth – her memory remains phenomenal. She asked us to pass on her good wishes to all her friends in the U3A and we know she would love to hear from as many as possible.

Please contact Pat Bailey, or Margaret Taylor or write direct to Norah at Abbots Barton Nursing Home, 40 Worthy Way, Winchester, Hants. SO23 7HB.

The last meeting of the year for our group is 29 May 2012.



Toad, Spied in a Crack

Toad, spied in a crack
Of chipped brick
At the footpath's curb,
As round as thumb-stub, black-
No swelter'd venom sleeping got,
No boiling pot –
But charm enough to catch
The motion, watch
The tentative hand outstretch,
And like a swimmer crawl
Arms crook'd, pigeon toed –
Toad spied in a crack
At Footpath's curb,
Unintentionally disturbed.
No racing cars along this track
No caravans or picnic feasts,
Or badgers, moles or other beasts –
Just one extended black back hand
Draws neatly to its tiny self
Of nubbled skin; harmless, vulnerable, black –
Toad spied in a crack,
Not a hole –
In a crack
Of chipped brick –
At footpath's curb.



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Wine Appreciation Group

The group started in January with a very informative session given by staff from Majestic in Dorchester, which taught us all the basics and helped us with a starting format for our sessions. I also contacted the regional advisor John Grisbrooke who was very helpful with advise and comments to help start up.



We have met monthly with 10/11 attending each meeting and we have been learning about a red and white grape variety at each session. We have learnt for example such things as: how personal taste is, what different people can taste in the same wine, how respected expensive wines are not to everyone's liking, how important the temperature of the wine is at tasting/drinking, the open shelf life of wine, and world geography.

We meet on Monday evenings between 6-8pm at Harman's Cross Village Hall (Committee Room) and there are currently 14 members of the group. We currently pay approx £5 at each session to cover the cost of the wine purchased by a member of the group and with the planned increased numbers we are hoping that this amount goes down.

We are now ready to increase this number to 20 as many people are unable to attend every meeting and the dates have been set for the next academic year as the third Monday of each month

2012-2013 Dates are as follows: 17/9, 15/10, 19/11, 17/12, 21/1, 18/2, 18/3, 15/4, 20/5, 17/6.

Please contact **Ros Ham** Email: wine@purbecku3a.org.uk if you would like to join the group.

The following letter was published in the April edition of Saga magazine. Thank you to Christine Bridson-Jones for permission to reproduce it here:

Feeling low at the start of 2011, I knew I was in danger of spiralling downwards and had to do something to take myself out of it. I considered voluntary work, but then an entry for U3A in a local directory caught my eye.

Before long, my husband and I both enrolled: him for art appreciation, science and technology and painting; me for creative writing (a lifelong passion that had stagnated), digital photography and computing.

It has changed my life. I have occupied my mind with old and new interests, stretched my brain – sometimes beyond my comfort zone – and, best of all, met many lovely new friends. I really can't recommend it highly enough.

Purbeck U3A Website

Recently, there has been a great deal of activity behind the scenes improving, updating and making the **Purbeck U3A main website** at <http://www.purbecku3a.org.uk> generally more user-friendly. If you have looked recently, you will have seen many improvements.

Group Leaders have been invited to submit short articles about their group and its activities for inclusion in the Group News page. A sub-committee will draw up some guidelines for Group Leaders in order to keep submissions reasonably uniform. Articles, which should be helpful both to members of the group and prospective newcomers, may be submitted to me at u3a@greenacre.info.

John Hale (web liaison)

New Members

Welcome to Purbeck U3A: Stuart and Suzanne Nutbeem and Moira Walker from Swanage; Cynthia Batt, Tricia Hebblethwaite and Bob and Roni Taylor from Wareham. 😊

Committee Meeting

At the Committee Meeting on 30 April :

- Final details for the Group Leaders Meeting and Annual General Meeting on 17 May were discussed.
- Treasurer outlined number of weeks hall groups may book halls and reasons for limiting.
- Group coordinator gave updated list. Only group stopping is Scrabble but new leader may be found.
- Three new nominations to the committee have been received. Unfortunately two will be on holiday on 17 May.
- We have three dates for the Beach Bungalow: Tuesday mornings - 12, 26 June and 12 July.
- Celebrating 30 years of u3a to be left to new committee to decide.

At the informal first meeting of the new committee on 17 May:

- The roles of those Committee Members present were decided. (See below).
- **Open Day dates are last week of August: Wareham Town Hall Wednesday 29th; Swanage Friday 31st at All Saints Church, Ulwell Road, both from 10 – 12 noon.**
- Next meeting: Thursday 7 June at 2 pm.

Committee 2012 / 2013 – Contact Details

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Ian Platt		
Dave Peters		

Future Newsletter Editions	Copy in By	Main Content
September (out mid August)	Thursday 16 August	Open Days reminder, Updated groups list
October (out mid September)	Thursday 20 September	Latest news

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