

From the Chair



*Invitation to All Members of Purbeck U3A
To our Annual Christmas Party on
Thursday 6 December 2012
At Furzebrook Village Hall from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm.
(Doors open 12 noon.)*

*Each member attending, please bring a plate of 'Finger Food' for the buffet
A free glass of wine and selection of soft drinks will be available.*

Activities include carols by Singing Songs for Pleasure group and entertainments by Playreading group and others.

Some Diary Dates

More details in the Group Notices.

- 22 November: Meeting Points**
- 23 November:** Archaeology
- 28 Nov:** Intermediate Computing.
- 29 November:** Short Tennis (last this term).
- 6 December: Christmas Party**
- 17 December:** Walking group
- 18 December:** Photography
- 19 December:** Science & Tech.



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- 16 January:** Science & Tech.
- 21 January:** Walking group
- 23 Jan:** Intermediate Computing
- 24 January:** Short Tennis weekly from now on (details p3).
- 25 January:** Archaeology
- 18 February:** Walking group
- 20 February:** Science & Tech
- 21 February: Meeting Points**
- 22 February:** Archaeology
- 24 February:** Lunch Club
- 28 Feb:** Intermediate Computing.

Hello All,

It's that time of year again and the Christmas party is upon us. I'm looking forward to it and I do hope you can come. This year we have a new organiser and general factotum in Nelson Townsend. He is one of our new committee members and he has definitely been thrown in at the deep end! I've seen the program he has made and I'm sure you will enjoy it. Just a reminder to our new members that everyone needs to bring a plate of 'finger' food - sweet or savoury it's up to you - and we will provide a glass of wine or fruit juice and finish off with a cup of tea.

You'll see from the re-appearance of the ad that we have had no takers for the publicity role. Please think about it; I'm sure there's someone out there who is just right for it. I'm afraid I'll also be after volunteers for committee again but we'll leave that until the New Year. Just get ready to be nagged!

I know it's well in advance but in case I don't see you at the Christmas party I'd like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Nigel



Meeting Points – New Year

“A TALE OF PETER RABBIT, MOTHS AND MUSHROOMS”

Presentations by Dr Howard and Sylvia Oliver.

24 January 2013



Howard and Sylvia Oliver both studied physics at Oxford University and worked on various research projects in hydrology and meteorology. Now retired and returned to Swanage, where they were married in 1969, they are pursuing a variety of other interests as well. For Howard these include art history and photography; for Sylvia natural history, music and wildlife gardening. As well as giving talks on topics related to weather and volunteering at Durlston Country Park, they are both involved with Purbeck School supporting A-level students.

Howard will start the morning with a talk about the life and work of Beatrix Potter with most emphasis on her scientifically important studies of fungi and insects, but including her art and animal stories of course. During the following refreshment break there will be an opportunity to view an extensive display of related pictures and books. Sylvia will then conclude the presentations with a show of her and Howard’s photographs of moths, fungi and other insects.

NB Unusually, this meeting will start at 10.00 with a coffee break part way through.

The morning will start at 10.00am with a brief session of U3A Matters.

10.10 – Howard Oliver’s presentation.

10.55 - Refreshments and displays.

11.30 – Sylvia Oliver’s presentation.

12.10 – 12.30 – Questions

Juliet








Reviews of previous meetings are to be found on the web. October: Psychology: What does it tell us about Motive in Politics and Everyday Life – speaker Ros Keyes.



Group Notices

More information on web at: www.purbecku3a.org.uk

	<p>MEETING POINTS – Juliet Greves, Harmans Cross Village Hall, 4th Thursday, 10.00 – 12.00/12.30 Info at: http://meetingpoints.purbecku3a.org.uk/ email: meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk Transport is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 22 November: The Power of Humour in Everyday Life, Nick Thomas. • Thursday 24 January: A Tale of Peter Rabbit, Moths and Mushrooms – Dr Howard & Sylvia Oliver. Please note this meeting starts at 10.00. There will be a coffee break part way through. • Thursday 21 February: Illicit Activities Around the Dorset Coast – Radley Gotch.
	<p>ARCHAEOLOGY– Robin Humphries, Sandford Community Hall, 4th Friday 10 – 12 email: archy@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 November: Wareham - ii. Medieval period and beyond – Lilian Ladle • 25 January 2013: Archaeology of the Outer Hebrides – Ben Buxton. • 22 February: ‘On the Edge’ – rescuing the archaeology of the West Dorset coast – Nancy Grace.
	<p>COMPUTING FOR BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS – Paul Lurie, 1st 3rd Fridays HX VH. Start 9 am. Beginners (9-10.45); Improvers (10.30 – noon). Email: computerbasics@purbecku3a.org.uk Improvers bring your laptop if you have one. Dates: 7, 21 Dec; 4, 18 Jan; 1, 15 Feb</p>
	<p>COMPUTING, INTERMEDIATE - John Hale Sandford Community Hall, 4th Wednesday 10.15 – 12.30 Info at: www.purbecku3aComputing.org.uk email: computing@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 November: Computer and other Scams/Photoshop & PSP image processing – G Lonsdale, A Bagley • 23 January: Building a website using Drupal – Peter Orchard • 27 February: All about the iPad – Ian & Angela from Happy Lappy.

	<p>DISCUSSION GROUP – Diana Morgan, 2nd Thursday 2.30 – 4.30 Understanding Contemporary Affairs in their historical background. email: discussion@purbecku3a.org.uk Dates next year: 12 Jan 2013, 9 Feb</p>
	<p>LUNCH CLUB – bi-monthly, last Sunday. Marion Morris, (let Marion know if you would like to go). email: lunch@purbecku3a.org.uk Dates: 24 February: Kemp's Hotel, Wareham, 28 April: Kings Arms, Stoborough</p>
	<p>PHOTOGRAPHY – Tony Smith, 3rd Tuesday 10-12 Methodist Hall W'ham email: photography@purbecku3a.co.uk <u>New members welcome.</u> All abilities.</p>
	<p>SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY – John Churchill, 3rd Wednesday, 09.45 for 10.00 – 12.00, Parish Hall, the Quay, Wareham. Info at: http://technology.purbecku3a.org.uk/ email: sandt@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 Dec: The Swash Channel Wreck – David Parham. • 16 Jan: The Evolution of TV Post Production Sound – John Hale. • 20 Feb: Rocks and the Landscape – Anne and Mike King.
	<p>SHORT TENNIS – Stephanie Cox, shorttennis@purbecku3a.org.uk weekly Thursday 2.00 – 4.00 pm at Furzebrook Village Hall. This group will meet weekly from 22 November (no meeting in December). Dates as follows: 2012 – 22, 29 November; 2013 – 24, 29 Jan, 7, 14, 21, 28 Feb, 7, 14, 21 March. No meetings summer term.</p>
	<p>WALKING GROUP – David Gerry, 3rd Monday. 09.50 for prompt start at 10.00 – noon. Non-members welcome but insurance covers first visit only. Suitable footwear essential. Rainwear and walking pole/s or sticks recommended. There may be stiles to negotiate. Bring a drink. Start points will have parking available. Please try to car share. No dogs. email: walks@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 December: Gateway to Langton Parish Church. Park in Durnford Drove (Scout Hut on corner). • 21 January: We explore the little known corners of Arne RSPB reserve. Meet in RSPB car park. (Donation for parking expected). This walk will be led by our member, Jackie Day. • 18 February: We walk across old narrow gauge railway tracks across the heathland. Meet at English Nature car park on south side of Stoborough to Arne road in Ridge at 'Sunnyside' farm at the eastern end of Ridge.
	<p>WINE APPRECIATION – Rosalind Ham, 3rd Monday 6 pm – 8 pm HXVH committee room. email: wine@purbecku3a.org.uk Dates: 17 December: see details in Notices below. 2013: 21 Jan, 18 Feb</p>

Notices

Purbeck U3A Wine Appreciation Group

We are very fortunate to have a **Master of Wine - Susan Hulme** - joining us at our December meeting (Monday December 17th 6-8pm at Harman's Cross Village Hall). Susan will give an educational demonstration/tasting to start the session and then there will be time for a 'question and answer' session from the floor. The group have some questions already in mind!

Our neighbouring U3A groups, Poole and Dorchester, have also been invited along so we can all gain from this expertise. It is envisaged that this special session will cost £10 (rather than the usual £5) to cover her expenses. If any Purbeck U3A members would also like to join us for this one-off event as observers, please contact me so I can keep you up to date on the details as they develop.

It should be an informative, fun evening and a good start to the festive period!

Email: rosalind.ham@talk21.com

Folk Songs Group: This group is up and running and meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 2pm at people's houses where they listen to CDs of folk music. New members welcome. Please contact Paul Lurie at folk@purbecku3a.org.uk

Needed: Publicity Person

The Committee are looking for a member who would be willing to promote Purbeck U3A with publicity using a variety of media.

Help is available.

Contact secretary if you are interested.

Gardening Courses at the Eden Project, Cornwall

The Eden Project has recently introduced a new range of gardening courses which may be of interest to U3A members whether they are beginners or more experienced. All the courses are taught by expert horticulturists. There is a vast selection of sessions, with 1 hour, half day and full day options, with topics ranging from composting to bee-keeping! Plus, this season, there's a special offer for U3A groups – book 10 places on any course and receive 1 free place, or book any 1 hour or half day course to its full capacity, and receive two of those places free. Offer ends 31 March 2013.

For more information on the sessions available please go online at www.edenproject.com/garden-courses, and to book contact the Box Office by emailing boxoffice@edenproject.com Chelsea Johnson, Marketing Executive, Eden Project.

Committee Meeting

At the Committee Meeting on 9 November:

- Christmas party details were finalised. Social organiser congratulated on fine organisation.
- The Chair commended Juliet Greves (Meeting Points) for her work in welcoming new members to Purbeck U
- We have 458 members.
- There are now 47 groups, 12 of which are 'full'.
- Some groups had not supplied details of members to Group Coordinator at time of meeting.
- **Next Committee Meeting: Monday 14 January 2013 at 2 pm.** Items for the **Agenda** should be sent to Chair or Secretary by 2 January.



Committee Members 2012 / 2013

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Future Issues of our Newsletter

Next edition out:	Articles in to editor by:	Main content:
Mon 21 January 2013 (February Ed)	Wednesday 16 January	General updates
Mon. 18 March (April Ed)	Wednesday 13 March	AGM / committee nominations



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