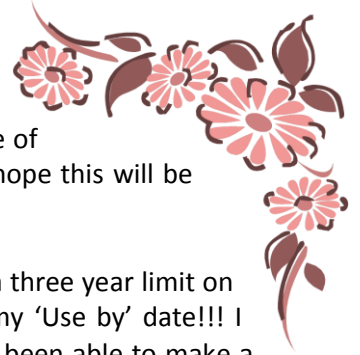


From the Chair

Dear Members,

You will see included in this issue the [nomination forms for committee](#) and the notice of the AGM. This year we are trying a new venue, the village hall at Harman's Cross. I hope this will be good for everyone. Please let us know what you think.



Some Diary Dates

More details in Group Notices.

27 March: Intermed. Computing

28 March: Meeting Points

◆ Easter ◆

15 April: Walking Group

17 April: Science & Technology

18 April: U3A K9s

24 April: Intermediate Computing

25 April: Meeting Points

26 April: Archaeology

28 April: Lunch Club

15 May: Science & Technology

16 May: U3A K9s

16 May: AGM see below

20 May: Walking Group

22 May: Intermediate Computing

23 May: Meeting Points

24 May: Archaeology

Spring Bank Holiday / Half Term

I shall be retiring at this year's AGM. We have a three year limit on the Chair and I'm "Time expired" or beyond my 'Use by' date!!! I have enjoyed my time as Chair and I hope I've been able to make a useful contribution to Purbeck U3A. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee who have helped me during my tenure especially Janet Clark who is always hard working and will be very difficult to replace.

Every year before the AGM we have a meeting for the group leaders. This is an opportunity for them to raise problems, to discuss and propose developments and changes to the way Purbeck U3A is run. It is also the chance to thank them for all their hard work during the year. I do this on behalf of the committee but most of all for you, the members. I'm sure you all realise the work they do but can I just remind you that a word of thanks here and there is always most appreciated.

So I'm afraid I now come on to the 'nagging' part. So far we have had almost no response to my last appeal for committee members. Please don't leave it until the last moment at the AGM. If you think you can, or perhaps should, get involved then contact me or one of the committee to find out more. Your U3A really does need you!!

So it only remains for me to say 'goodbye' and wish the new Chair the very best of luck. *Nigel*

At the Committee Meeting on 21 March:

- Arrangements for the AGM & GLM were finalised.
- Our membership is now 484.
- Nigel was given a unanimous vote of thanks for his leadership over the past three years.

Notice of Purbeck U3A Annual General Meeting 2013

To be held at Harman's Cross Village Hall on Thursday 16 May 2013 at 2.30 pm.








Doors will be open at 2 pm




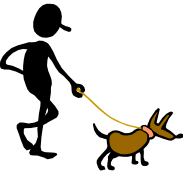

There will be an exhibition of art works generated by our members.

Refreshments will be provided at the end of business.

Group Notices

Local code 01929 unless otherwise stated. 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 Lots more info on our website at: http://meetingpoints.purbecku3a.org.uk email: meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk Transport is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 March: <u>Antiques ‘Hallshow’</u> - British Antique Glass - Jean Gibbs. <p>Jean will be showing examples of British glass from her collection and outlining the history of glassmaking in this country. As well as having run her own antiques shop in Swanage she has bought and sold at antique fairs and auctions. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING ITEMS WITH YOU – of glass or otherwise –either to show to others or to seek Jean’s opinion PLEASE CHECK YOU INSURANCE POLICY FOR COVER OF ITEMS AWAY FROM HOME. Jean has asked that any fee for this day should go to Save the Children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 April: <u>Hardy’s Wessex Locations</u> – Angela Bell. <p>Angela trained as a journalist at City University and BBC Radio Kent after a degree in English and has been a member of the Management Council of the Thomas Hardy Society. Hardy’s stays and visits in the Purbeck area will be discussed with illustrations and readings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 May: <u>Purbeck Stone in the New World</u> – Treleven Haysom. <p>Quarryman and stonemason, Treleven Haysom’s roots in Purbeck stone go back to the 19th century. Apart from a period in his apprenticeship in stonemasonry which took him to Chichester Cathedral and Oxford, Treleven has worked in local quarries since leaving school, both digging and processing the stone. He holds a very deep knowledge in all matters concerning Purbeck stone, both nationally and, as the title of his talk shows, across the world. The illustrations are from his recent trip to Newfoundland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 June: Your <u>questions</u>, both serious and light-hearted will be answered by a panel of people with (hopefully) widely differing views. Anything goes! <p>PLEASE could you email your question/s via meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk so that we can prepare a list.</p>
	<p>ARCHAEOLOGY– Robin Humphries, Sandford Community Hall, 4th Friday 10 – 12 email: archy@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 April: no meeting • 24 May: Roman Dorset – Ben Buxton • 28 June: Saxon Defences of Wareham – Lilian Ladle.
	<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"> • 27 March: Family History Revisited – John Patrick • 24 April: The Linux Operating System – John Dubery • 22 May: Self Help in Groups. Please bring your laptops – Nigel Tennant
	<p>CYCLING FOR SOFTIES – Ros Ham; 2 & 4 Tues 9.45 for 10.00 for 12 miles / 2 hours. Email: rosalind.ham@talk21.com</p> <p>We ride predominantly on country roads with only gently undulating hills which may mean short walks for some riders but this gives us a time to chat! Off-road, the rides are generally on wide gravel tracks or bridleways and sometimes there may be a need to dismount. Most rides are a mixture of on and off road and no-one should feel out of their depth. We start at good parking locations and often have a coffee or drink at the end of the session. If you would like to join us or have a trial ride, please contact Ros.</p>
	<p>DISCUSSION GROUP – Diana Morgan; 2nd Thursday 2.30 – 4.30 Understanding Contemporary Affairs in their historical background. email: discussion@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 April: no meeting • 9 May: What is German Culture? What did the C20th German Exiles do for learning in Britain and America? • 13 June: tba
	<p>FOLK SONG GROUP – Paul Lurie; 2nd Friday 2 pm in members’ homes. Contact Paul for details. email: folk@purbecku3a.org.uk The group listens to CDs of folk music. New members welcome.</p>
	<p>LUNCH CLUB – Marion Morris; bi-monthly, last Sunday of month, 12 for 12.30. Ring Marion to book. email: lunch@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 April: Kings Arms, Stoborough • 30 June: Kemps, Wareham. (Last till autumn term).

	<p>PHOTOGRAPHY – Tony Smith; 3rd Tuesday 10-12, Meeting Room, Harman’s Cross Village Hall email: photography@purbecku3a.co.uk New members welcome. All abilities. Check out our new website at www.purbecku3a.org.uk</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"> • 17 April: ‘Chess’ the Science behind the Air War – Phil Judkins • 15 May: Memory – Try and Keep it in Mind – Ray Maycock • 19 June: The History of the Torpedo – Geoff Miller • 17 July: Surface and Undersea Operations in the Oil Industry – Charles Miller • August: No meeting.
	<p>TAI CHI – Allen Morgan weekly on Wednesdays from 2.30 – 4.00 pm. Swanage Youth and Community Hall, High Street, Swanage. Email: taichi@purbecku3a.org.uk New members welcome.</p> <p>Much advice is given about the need for exercise to maintain health. The Tai Chi and Chi Gong class is designed to maintain health through a series of simple energy exercises. These can be accomplished by everyone even if, by necessity, sitting in a chair. The Chinese state that disease occurs when energy does not flow throughout the body and the exercises are designed to accomplish this flow of energy.</p> <p>More of you are very welcome at my class.</p>
	<p>U3A K9s Ros Ham or rosalind.ham@talk21.com 3rd Thursday, 10 – 12 Various locations.</p> <p>We are a group of walkers with dogs who like to walk and socialise on a monthly basis for approximately 1.5 hours from a good parking area where we can unload our pets in safety and try to walk where there are few farm animals and well away from cliffs. This is not always possible so the dogs should have good recall and be well controlled!</p> <p>We sometimes park in an area with a café and often stop for a coffee at the end of the walk. Good walking boots, sticks, leads etc. are required. The leader for the sessions rotates and through this we are exploring the canine aspects of the Purbecks. <u>Next meeting 18 April.</u> Contact Ros for details.</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"> • 15 April: Worth public car park. (‘Trust the Motorist’ pay system). • 20 May: Kingston, just beyond church – keeping church on left as you drive. (Last meeting until September).

Notices

Proposed Visit to Monkey World

Wednesday 8 May 2013

- There will be a guided tour at 1 pm.
- Cost will be £7 payable on the day to Monkey World plus a share of the cost of the tour (£40), payable in advance. The share per person will depend on the number going but should be no more than £4 each.
- Travel by private cars. Those needing a lift would be picked up at prearranged points and the group will then meet either at Streche Road car park in Wareham at 11 am or at Monkey World at 11.30.
- There are snack lunch facilities at Monkey World.
- Please ring secretary on email janclark50@btinternet.com as soon as possible and by 10 April at the latest. Please indicate whether you could provide transport or need it.



WANTED – HELP WITH MEETING POINTS, OUR MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERING

As you read this, please, please, would you take some time to consider becoming involved in the continuation and development of Meeting Points – the monthly get-together for all 450 members of our U3A..... see www.meetingpoints.purbecku3a.org.uk.

Do you have ideas for topics and speakers with an appeal across our membership? Would you like to welcome new members and introduce them to others? Could you publicise each meeting? Would you like to help with refreshments – or the setting out of the hall? Employment possibilities are endless! You would be joining other committed and enthusiastic people and would not be alone.....

If you have any interest – please – contact Juliet (retiring in June) via email – meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk

Participants wanted in research for Bournemouth University

‘FRESH’ - “Fun, Relevant activities to build Energy, Strength and a Healthy balance system”. Those are the kind of physical activities that are promoted in this new website designed for people of all ages but particularly older people.

This website will give you information about strength and balance training so that you can do the right kinds of physical activities that are important as we get older.

Also, by answering a few questions, you will help researchers at Bournemouth University who are trying to find the best ways of presenting this information on the Internet. So, why not visit the website today? www.freshbalance.org.uk



Walking Group – February.

Intrepid members of the walking group enjoyed (?) some challenging conditions underfoot during their plod along old railway tracks between Ridge and Stoborough Heath.

All made it back to base!

Purbeck U3A Wine Appreciation

Master of Wine session – June 17th 2013.

We are very lucky again to be able to invite a Master of Wine, Susan Hulme to come to lead the last session of the year on June 17th. She will be introducing Turkish wines to the group and there will be a ‘Questions and Answer’ session too.

We very much enjoyed her session in December and so we are all looking forward to this evening. Invitations have been sent to the neighbouring Poole and Dorchester U3A Wine appreciation groups too. If any Purbeck U3A members are interested in joining us, please contact Ros Ham rosalind.ham@talk21.com to secure a place.

New Members

Welcome to Purbeck U3A: Blandford: Jim Crane, **Wareham:** Erica Beck, John Bloomfield, Gerald Burden, Barbara and Howard Colley, Bob Smith, Mary Wainwright, **Swanage:** Alan Gould, Robin Hampson, Gill Smith, ☺

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Purbeck U3A Newsletter

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Mon. 25 March (April Ed)	Wednesday 20 March	AGM / committee nominations
May / June	Wednesday 22 May	New Committee / Re-enrolment forms
Mid August		Updated List of Groups

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Nomination Form

Purbeck U3A Annual General Meeting

On Thursday 16 May 2013 at Harman's Cross Village Hall at 2.30 pm

We wish to nominate Membership No. for election to Purbeck U3A Committee at the above meeting.

Name

Membership No.

Proposed by (full name)

..... (signature)

Seconded by (full name)

..... (signature)

Approved by (nominee) Date.....2013

Please return this form to the Secretary at: 50A Victoria Avenue, Swanage BH19 1AP by Thursday 10 May 2013 or email: secretary@purbecku3a.org.uk .

All names should be current members of Purbeck U3A.

Forms will also be available at Meeting Points, Intermediate Computing and Science and Technology in April & May.