

From the Chair



Some Diary Dates

Most details in the Group Notices.

26 September: Intermediate Computing – first meeting. Start 10.15.

27 September: Meeting Points, Harman's Cross VH. 10 – 12. 'Dorset Buildings Ancient and Modern'.

28 September: Archaeology – first meeting.

30 September: Lunch Club - Kemps Hotel, Wareham. Tel. Marion: 554433

15 October: Walking Group

16 October: Photography

17 October: Science & Tech.

24 October: Intermediate Computing

25 October: Meeting Points

26 October: Archaeology

28 October: clocks go back!

29 October to 2 November local schools' half term

19 November: Walking group

20 November: Photography

21 November: Science & Tech.

22 November: Meeting Points

23 November: Archaeology

Annual Christmas Party Thursday 6 December 12.30 at Furzebrook VH. See Dec. newsletter.

Hello All!

First, greetings to all our new members; I hope you enjoy your time with Purbeck U3A and make full use of the range of groups available. Don't forget there are plenty of 'old hands' about if you have any questions, if you want to ask me something or make a general comment please Email me, my address is on the contacts page of the website or in the newsletter.

On your behalf I'd like to thank all the group leaders who attended the Open Days. They put in a lot of work on your behalf and we rely on their enthusiasm. On this point I would just like to remind members that it is only courteous to let the leader know if you can't come to a meeting or no longer wish to attend. This is especially important with small groups who may have waiting lists.

Congratulations go to Nelson Townsend who has recently received recognition from NODA, the National Operatic and Dramatic Association for his long service to the cause. He will be in charge of the Christmas party this year so we are expecting great things. No pressure then Nelson!!

I hope all new members will come to the first Meeting Points of the year. It's an opportunity for you to get to know people and find out a bit more about what's going on. (See elsewhere in this issue for details). I'm afraid I shan't be able to attend but the vice chair will be there, so I will look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

I hope you all enjoy yourselves and we have another successful year.

Nigel

VISIT TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

THERE ARE SPACES ON THE PANT TRIP TO WELLS CATHEDRAL ON FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER. THE COST IS £27.50. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING, PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET TYRER, email: margarettyrer@talktalk.net.



Meeting Points



All meetings in 2012/13 will be held in Harman's Cross Village Hall from 10 – 12
More information on the website: <http://meetingpoints.purbecku3a.org.uk/>

Dear Members living south of Wareham.....

As the organiser of Meeting Points I've been trying to find both venues and topics that would appeal to the whole Purbeck U3A membership. So far more than 140 have been to at least one meeting - plenty of room for growth – but the Swanage area has been least represented.






I would very much like to know some of the reasons that keep you away from Meeting Points. Harmans Cross Village Hall is such a welcoming venue. Help is available to arrange transport and there's plenty of parking space. The coffee's good, the biscuits even better, the U3A business "OK", and the main events have proved to be informative, entertaining – and even fun!






I really would welcome your comments – positive or negative - your suggestions and your reasons. I read my emails – juliet_greves@hotmail.com and answer my phone. Even better would be to see you there! Swanage features in the **27 September** talk: Dorset Buildings, Ancient and Modern.

I look forward to seeing you after the summer break. With best wishes, Juliet.

Group Notices

More information at: www.purbecku3a.org.uk

	<p>MEETING POINTS – Juliet Greves, Harmans Cross Village Hall, 4th Thursday, 10.00 – 12.00 Info at: http://meetingpoints.purbecku3a.org.uk/ email: meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk Transport is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 25 October: Discussion in the Round – Ros Kayes • Thursday 22 November: The Power of Humour in Everyday Life, Nick Thomas. (This promises to be a morning to cheer you through Christmas festivities – and beyond)!
	<p>ARCHAEOLOGY– Robin Humphries, Sandford Community Hall, 4th Friday 10 – 12 email: archy@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 September: Augustus Moore Clay tobacco pipe maker – Lilian Ladle • 26 October: Wareham – early history i. Romans & Saxons – Lilian Ladle • 23 November: Wareham - ii. Medieval period and beyond – Lilian Ladle
	<p>COMPUTING FOR BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS – Paul Lurie, 1st 3rd Fridays HX VH. Beginners (9-10.45); Improvers (10.30 – noon). Email: computerbasics@purbecku3a.org.uk Improvers bring your laptop if you have one. Dates: 5, 19 Oct., 2, 16, Nov., 7, 21 Dec.</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 Dates: 24 October, 28 November, no meeting in December</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 October: Food for Thought, Helen House. • 9 November: Strategic Points in German History, Diana Morgan. <p>Members are welcome to bring a current topic for discussion in the last half hour.</p>

	<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"> • 30 September: Kemps Hotel, Wareham
	<p>PHOTOGRAPHY – Tony Smith, 3rd Tuesday 10-12 Methodist Hall W’ham email: photography@purbecku3a.co.uk New members welcome. All abilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 October: Creative exposure. Depth-of-field and selective focusing. • 20 November: Composition: an introduction to the principles.
	<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 Oct The Holton Heath Cordite factory, This session will trace the history of the Holton Heath Cordite factory - John England & John Hale • 21 Nov Robert Stephenson, The eminent Engineer - Dr Michael Bailey. Michael is a Railway historian, a past president of the Newcomen Society who lectures widely across the field of railway history.
	<p>WALKING GROUP – David Gerry 3rd Monday. Email: walks@purbecku3a.org.uk 09.50 for prompt start at 10.00. Walks will finish around noon. Non-members welcome but insurance covers first visit only. Suitable footwear essential; walk leader reserves right to refuse to take anyone unsuitably shod. 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 October: 38 Prospect Crescent, Swanage (off Victoria Avenue). Free, on-street parking. • 19 November: Gateway to Wareham Parish Church. Various pay and display car parks. • 17 December: Gateway to Langton Parish Church. Park in Durnford Drove (Scout Hut on corner).
	<p>WINE APPRECIATION – Rosalind Ham, 3rd Monday 6 pm – 8 pm HXVH committee room. email: wine@purbecku3a.org.uk Dates: 15 October, 19 November, 17 December This group would welcome more members. Contact Ros.</p>
<u>New Groups Needing Support</u>	
❖	<p>FINANCE – Alan Smith email: finance@purbecku3a.org.uk Tues 10- 12 mthly 2nd Tues.</p>
❖	<p>FOLK MUSIC APPRECIATION – Paul Lurie email: paulfjr@hotmail.co.uk Thursday pm.</p>
❖	<p>PLAY READING 2 – Jean Edwards email: info@purbecku3a.org.uk Tues 2.30-4.30 fortnightly.</p>
❖	<p>SCRABBLE – Jean Edwards email: info@purbecku3a.org.uk Fri 2.30–4.30, weekly.</p>

Notices

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.

Perhaps you have retired from a career in this sphere?

Do you enjoy designing posters and meeting people?

Help is available.

You do not need to become a committee member.

Contact secretary if you are interested.

Purbeck Association of the National Trust (PANT)

If you are not already a member of PANT, but might be interested in joining one of their coach visits, please let the secretary know with your email address. If one of their visits is undersubscribed, you will be informed by email and if you wish to take up the offer, you will need to notify them as soon as possible.

Payment for the visit will be to PANT. Sorry this will only work if you have an email address.

This arrangement is necessary only for such notices that occur between our newsletter issues; the notice on page one may be independently applied for.

New Members

Welcome to Purbeck U3A: **Swanage and area:** Bob Campbell, Julia Crowther, Joan Gregory, Yvonne Hale, Lorie Harding, Jan Hardy, John & Julia Haworth, Roger Khanna, Mark Luty, Jenny Porter, Roger and Sue Woolsey; **Wareham and area:** Graham & Nancy Baynes, Brandon & Denise Broadbent, Anne Cookson, Hilary Goodinge, Jane Hadrill, Peter & Judy Jordan-Gill, Janette Nourse, Lorna Rose; **Wool and area:** Edward Barrett, Helen Ferguson, Tony Hardiman, Lynne Hunt, Hugh Newbury, Roberto Panter, Jean Strange, Rod & Gill Webb. ☺

Committee Meeting

At the Committee Meeting on 3 September:

- Both **Open Days** were successful. Swanage venue may be changed. This will be reviewed next year.
- **100 members have so far not renewed.** To avoid cost of phone calls or postage, it is hope these members will pay before the end of September.
- **David Gerry** has very kindly volunteered to run the **walking group** this year.
- **Purbeck National Trust (PANT) coach trips:** If a PANT outing is undersubscribed, U3A members on an emailing list would be notified (see Notices above). Lists of visits may be seen on the PANT website. No such visit notified by PANT to date.
- Representatives from the committee will attend the Dorset Regional Meeting at Bournemouth U3A on 19 October and the SW Region Meeting at Sturminster Newton on 16 November.
- **Next Committee Meeting Friday 9 November.** Items for the **Agenda** should be sent to Chair or Secretary by 22 October.

Committee Members 2012 / 2013

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Autumn Issues of our Newsletter

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Mon. 24 September (October Ed)	Wednesday 19 September	Important Dates, new groups
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