

From the Chair

Spring Term 2012

Some Dates for your Diary

- 25 Jan** Intermediate Computing
26 Jan Meeting Points HXVH
27 Jan Archaeology group
13 – 17 Feb schools' half term
15 Feb Science & Tech group
16 Feb K9 Dog Walk
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20 Feb Walking group NEW
23 Feb Meeting Points Furzebrook VH
24 Feb Archaeology group
26 Feb lunch club Red Lion W'ham (book by 5 Feb).
15 March K9 Dog Walk
19 March Walking group
21 March Science & Tech
22 March Meeting Points
23 March Archaeology
26 March April Newsletter out with AGM notice & Committee Nomination forms
28 March Intermed Computing
30 March schools' end of term
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8 April Easter Day
16 April summer term, schools.



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Dear Members,

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. I do hope you are looking forward to resuming your activities and will try some of the new groups that have been formed in the last few weeks. See P2.

For those of you who are on email, if you are perfectly happy to read our **newsletter online**, contact Clive Bacon and he will remove your name from the delivery list. This will help to save printing and, maybe, some postage costs. Rest assured though that paper copies will continue to be printed for those of you who prefer to receive it that way.

Looking back, I hope all of you who came to our **Christmas party** enjoyed yourselves. Special thanks to all the people, too numerous to mention, who contributed to its success.

Looking forwards, I'm very pleased to tell you that the **Walking group** has been reformed (P2&3). Thanks very much to Steve Gent. Please give him your support.

Paul Lurie has volunteered to start a **Computing for Beginners** group; many thanks, Paul (P2).

I have also had a suggestion of a **Memory Training** group. There was an article about one in the 2010 Sources magazine. Anyone who thinks they could begin one, please contact our Group Coordinator.

If there is anything you wish to raise, please contact me by telephone or email or meet me at the next **Meeting Points on Thursday 26 January**.
Nigel Tennant

At the committee meeting on 16 January:

- The Christmas party was reviewed. Possible changes to day of week, venue; dedicated organiser to be found; possible drama / play-reading / entertainment / games to be included.
- Review of new and established groups: wine tasting has a waiting list; others require support, See p2.
- John Almond to organise some singing at AGM, 17 May and 'Camelot' Concert at Furzebrook, June 22.

Additions / Alterations to Purbeck U3A Groups List Spring Term 2012

This list is updated in September and January and is on the web – www.purbecku3a.co.uk

- Please contact group leaders / co-ordinators direct for more exact times and frequency and to find out if there is a space in the group(s) you wish to join. Let your group leader know if you find you are unable to attend regularly so waiting lists may be reduced.
- Please show a current membership card the first time you attend a session so your number can be recorded. This is essential for insurance purposes. *However, you may attend one 'taster' session without membership.*
- **Meeting Points is the monthly group open to all members every meeting.**

Group name / contact email	Location	Day/Time	Details & Contact name / tel.
Meeting Points For all members of Purbeck U3A meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk	Alternately Wareham & Swanage area halls. Locations advertised in newsletter and on web.	Monthly 4 th Thursday 10.00 – 12.00	Open to all members of Purbeck u3a. Travel assistance given. Talks and venue advertised in newsletter; web. Juliet Greves Paul Lurie
Book Group 2 warehambooks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wool & Wareham Homes based	Monthly 1 st Thursday (new week) 10-12	There are a couple of vacancies in this group. Ring Theresa for details. Theresa Cook
Just Desserts Max 8 NEW GROUP puddings@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various Home based	Monthly last Friday 2 pm	For those with a sweet tooth! One vacancy . Paul Lurie
Computing for Beginners NEW GROUP computerbasics@purbecku3a.org.uk	tba	tba	If you are a complete beginner or have a little knowledge of how to access the internet, this is for you. Ring Paul Lurie
Lunch Club Max 20 lunch@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various local pubs / restaurants; usually on a Sunday	Dates in newsletter. Meet 12.30.	If you are interested in attending, Marion would like confirmation 3 weeks beforehand. Marion Morris
Mah Jong for Beginners Max 10 mahjong@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham area Homes based	Weekly Thurs 2-4	A course for beginners with little or no experience. Spaces ; ring if interested;. Maxine Bacon
reCycling: Ready SteadySofties NEW GROUP softies@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various. Routes both on and off road.	Twice monthly – 2 ND and 4 th Tuesday am	Routes of 10-15 miles. Speed at rate of slowest. Refreshment stops important! John Challis & Juliet Greves
Singing for Pleasure singing@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage Change of venue: Rectory Classroom	Mon 10-12	Mixed ability singing group who enjoy singing a wide range of music. Spaces . Jessie Morgan
Table Tennis tabletennis@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harman's Cross, Swanage HX Village Hall	Weekly Mon. 10-12	A new group which meets in the village hall. Paul Lurie
Tai Chi taichi@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage Youth and Community Centre, High Street.	Weekly Weds 2.30-4.00	Tai Chi and Chi Gong. Gentle exercises suited to retired people. Spaces . Allen Morgan
U3A K9s (Dog Walks) K9s@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various in Purbeck area.	Mthly 3 rd Thurs 10-12	Walk your dog with us. Ring for details. Juliet Greves
Understanding Nature 2 NEW GROUPS Max 15 per group nature@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Back room Black Bear, South St. Also outdoor locations.	Mthly 9.45-11.45 1 st Weds or 3 rd Thurs.	Two new Groups . Learn about nature round and about. Almost full. Peter Orchard
Walking Group NEW GROUP walking@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various	Mthly 3 rd Monday 10 – 12	Leisurely walks. Dogs allowed unless otherwise stated. Register interest, please. Steve Gent
Wine Tasting NEW GROUP Max 16 wine@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross VH committee room.	Mthly 3 rd Monday 6 for 6.30 pm – 8 pm.	Most aspects of wine production & selection. Small charge to cover costs each session. Full. Rosalind Ham

Groups with spaces. Please contact leader.

Meeting Points

The monthly get – together for ALL members of Purbeck U3A including a special welcome for new members.

Come for coffee and a chat at 10.00. All meetings start at 10.30 when there will be a talk/ demonstration/ event followed by the chance to ask questions and discuss U3A matters such as group news, ideas etc. Meetings will end by noon.

Programme:

26 January at Harman's Cross Village Hall: 'Play Five' – Watch, Listen then Play; conductors Dave and Di Cook.

23 February at Furzebrook Village Hall: Change to previously published. See p3.










NB. Dave Morton from the Community Health Scheme for the Digital TV Switchover will also be present to talk between coffee and U3A matters.



FFI: Juliet Greves and Paul Lurie .

Group News

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

	<p>MEETING POINTS – Juliet Greves; Paul Lurie 4th Thursday, 10.00 – 12.00 meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 January, <u>Harmans Cross VH</u>, ‘Play Five, Watch, Listen and Play’ Dave & Di Cook, conductors. • 23 February <u>Furzebrook VH</u>, ‘Enduro Africa 2011’ – John Challis - retirement pleasures of an orthopaedic surgeon/u3a member on his 1000k off-road motor bike ride along the Wild Coast of South Africa. Also, Dave Morton will give a brief talk on the Digital TV Switchover. • 22 March <u>Harmans Cross VH</u>, ‘Evolution and the Galapagos’, Dr Chris Spilling.
	<p>ARCHAEOLOGY– Robin Humphries, Sandford Community Hall, 4th Friday 10 – 12 archy@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 February ‘Tobago – Island in the Sun’, Lilian Ladle; • 23 March ‘The Basingstoke Canal Restoration’, David Gerry. • 27 April – no meeting
	<p>DISCUSSION GROUP – Diana Morgan, 2nd Thursday 2.30 – 4.30 discussion@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 February The Nanny State Discourages Personal Responsibility, - Judy Price. • 8 March Global Warming? - Paul Lurie. • 12 April What is India’s future on the World Stage – Diana Morgan.
	<p>INTERMEDIATE COMPUTING (not for beginners) – John Hale computing@purbecku3a.org.uk Sandford Community Hall, 4th Wednesday 10.15 – 12.30. WiFi available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 February Browser Add-Ons, PowerPoint images displayed on your TV • 28 March Audio editing: basic guide using audacity. Computer Housekeeping – clean up your computer. • 25 April – Family History revisited.
	<p>LUNCH CLUB – Marion Morris (let Marion know if you would like to go). lunch@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 February Red Lion, Wareham. Contact Marion by 5 February. • 29 April Half Way Inn. Contact Marion by 8 April. • 24 June last meeting tba.
	<p>SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY – John Churchill, 3rd Wednesday, Parish Hall, the Quay, Wareham 9.45 for 10.00 – 12.00 sandt@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 February Energy in the Universe, Dr David Bacon. • 21 March The Jurassic Coast, Richard Edmonds. • 18 April ‘Breakout!’ The story of the 1942 Channel dash and ‘More Deadly than the Male’, Dr Phil Judkins.
	<p>U3A K9s – Juliet Greves 3rd Thursday, 10 – 12 K9s@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 February tba ring for details • 15 March tba • 19 April “
	<p>WALKING GROUP – Steve Gent 3rd Monday 10 – 12. Leisurely walks lasting about 2 hours. walking@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <p>Bring stout shoes, rainwear and a drink. Dogs allowed unless indicated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Feb Sika Trail car park, Bere Regis road NW of Wareham • 19 March Worth Matravers car park near Square and Compass pub. • 16 April ‘Welcome to Swanage’ layby, Ulwell Road.
	<p>WINE TASTING – Rosalind Ham 3rd Monday 6.30 – 8 pm HXVH committee rm wine@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 February – Sauvignon Blanc & Cabernet Sauvignon • 19 March – Chardonnay & Merlot • 23 April (please note date) –Chenin Blanc & Pinot Grigio

Notices

U3A Summer Schools 2012

Venues and dates:

- 1) Harper Adams College, Telford from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th July 2012
- 2) Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd August 2012

Costs for a complete school including a welcome reception on the first day:

- a) **Full board** residential delegate in en-suite accommodation £315.00 per person
- b) **Non-residential** day delegate including lunches, excluding dinners £118.00 per person

For further details, contact Secretary@purbeckU3A.org.uk

Topics for Study:

1. Harper Adams College 16 – 19 July

Cinema History during & after 2WW	Design Principles in Art	France Today
History – 19 th Century English	Music Appreciation	Philosophy / Fiction
Poetry – three priest poets	Recorder Ensemble Playing	Writing Fiction

2. Royal Agricultural. College, Cirencester 20 – 23 August

Drama – comedy	History – Orient & Occident	Literature
Needlepoint Lacemaking	Philosophy – Greek based	Psychology – reality & imagination
Singing for Pleasure	Website – Design your own.	

New Members

Welcome to Purbeck U3A: Barbara Evans, Poole; Erica and Sandy Moriarty, Dorchester; Eddie McGeachie, Linda Hume, Charles Woollin, Sally Harrison, R H Lawrence, Ruth Mitchell, Sam Stallwood, Jeff Dunn and Pamela Shiner, Wareham; Derek Smith, Peter Jones, Gay and Nicholas Herd, Jose Goddard, Marian Scrymgeour, Andrew Thomson, Crispin Read Wilson, George Moore, Jill Webber, Marion Fletcher, Sally Maltby and John Wadey, Swanage. ☺

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Future Newsletter Editions	Copy in By	Main Content
April (out 26 March)	Thursday 22 March	AGM notice, Committee Nomination Forms
June (out late May / Early June)	Thursday 31 May	AGM, GLM & 1 st Committee Meeting