

From the Chair

Dear All

I would like to start by wishing you all a **Happy New Year**; let's hope 2013 is another successful one for Purbeck U3A.

To ensure its success we need **new members for the committee**. This is even more important this year as two of the long standing members will be leaving. We will need to replace Janet (if that's possible!!) and this means we will need a Newsletter Editor and Secretary. Although it is convenient for one person to do both jobs it is not essential.



Some Diary Dates

More details in Group Notices.

- 21 January: Walking group
 - 23 Jan: Intermediate Computing
 - 24 January: Meeting Points
 - 24 January: Short Tennis restarts
 - 25 January: Archaeology
 - 18 – 22 February: Dorset schools' half term
 - 18 February: Walking group
 - 19 February: Photography
 - 20 February: Science & Tech
 - 22 February: Archaeology
 - 24 February: Lunch Club
 - 27 Feb: Intermediate Computing
 - 28 February: Meeting Points
 - 18 March: April newsletter
 - 18 March: Walking Group
 - 19 March: Photography
 - 20 March: Science & Technology
 - 22 March: Archaeology
 - 27 March: Intermed. Computing
 - 28 March: Meeting Points
- ❖ Easter ❖

Just to explain the procedure: the new committee decides at the first meeting following the AGM (on 16 May this year) who does what, so you don't have to commit yourself at this stage. Please don't wait until the AGM. You can **join now** as we have several vacancies. This will give you the opportunity to get a feel of things. If you want to know what's involved, ask me or one of the other members. I should say that it's a very rewarding job and you will definitely be putting something back into Purbeck U3A.

If one of your New Year resolutions is to take more exercise I'd like to recommend the **walking group**. David Gerry organises relaxed and interesting walks lasting around two hours so they are suitable for most people. In December we saw a bit of Swanage's industrial heritage and January's is/was to parts of the **Arne reserve** you don't normally see. Dates and locations are in the Group News section, p3

Finally, I would like to congratulate **Nelson Townsend** on the excellent organisation of the **Christmas party**. Thanks very much Nelson and thanks also all the others who helped on the day.

Nigel

Committee Meeting

At the committee meeting on 14 January:

- Finances are good.
- Membership is currently 469; includes 74 new members.
- The Third Age Trust will be stopping bulk mailing of Third Age Matters after the January issue. Those receiving by Direct Mail will continue

to receive their copies but there will be an increase in the subscription rate.

- Next meeting 21 March at 2 pm. Items for Agenda to Chair or Secretary by 7 March.

Purbeck Good Neighbours

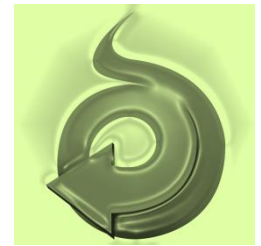
- If you live anywhere in the Purbeck area and have a little time to spare to help a neighbour who lives nearby, then you could be a Purbeck Good Neighbour Volunteer.
- **Purbeck Good Neighbours** is a new scheme to help people with small tasks. Do you find it difficult to do some simple tasks in the home?

Whether you could give help or need help Tel Sue McWilliams 07825 264353 or Mo Andrews 07825 206055.

Meeting Points

24 JANUARY: A TALE OF PETER RABBIT, MOTHS AND MUSHROOMS – Dr Howard and Sylvia Oliver.

A double bill! – a talk by Howard covering the life and work of Beatrix Potter, her scientific studies of fungi and insects, her art and animal stories, combined with a display of related pictures and books, followed by Sylvia’s and Howard’s photographs of moths, fungi and other insects.









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



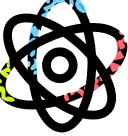



- 10.10 - Howard Oliver’s presentation.
- 10.55 - Refreshments and displays.
- 11.30 - Sylvia Oliver’s presentation.
- 12.10 -12.30 – Questions.

28 FEBRUARY: HER MAJESTY’S CUSTOMS AND EXCISE - (Illicit activities around the British Coast) – Radley Gotch. Radley worked in HM Customs and Excise for 33 years – in London Port for 11, Training School for 4 and Poole VAT Office for 18. His talk will cover a brief history of HMC&E, the legal powers of Officers, the nature of the work, and an outline of areas of control, illustrated by personal experiences and anecdotes.

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 Info at: http://meetingpoints.purbecku3a.org.uk email: meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk Transport is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 January: A Tale of Peter Rabbit, Moths and Mushrooms – Dr Howard & Sylvia Oliver. (See above). • 28 February: Her Majesty’s Customs & Excise – Radley Gotch (see above). • 28 March: Antiques ‘Hallshow’ - British Antique Glass - Jean Gibbs. Bring any object for discussion.
	<p>ARCHAEOLOGY– Robin Humphries, Sandford Community Hall, 4th Friday 10 – 12 email: archy@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 22 March: Landscape Usage in Dorset from Early Times – how housing fits into the landscape.
	<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.</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"> • 23 January: Building a website using Drupal – Peter Orchard • 27 February: All about the iPad – Ian & Angela from Happy Lappy. • 27 March: Family History Revisited – John Patrick
	<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"> • 14 February: What have been the outstanding events of 2012? Discussion re achievements. • 14 March: The World of Radio – Linda Hume.
	<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 – bi-monthly, last Sunday. Marion Morris (let Marion know if you would like to go). email: lunch@purbecku3a.org.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 February: Kemps Hotel, Wareham, • 28 April: Kings Arms, Stoborough
	<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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 January: ; exploring metering modes: workshop • 19 Feb: White balance & colour photography; Image editing software – an introduction to FastStone. • 19 March: Focusing: automatic, manual and focus point selection modes.; portrait photography.
	<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"> • 16 Jan: The Evolution of TV Post Production Sound – John Hale. • 20 Feb: Rocks and Landscapes – Anne and Mike King. • 20 March: The History of the Camera – Ian Platte
	<p>SINGING FOR PLEASURE IN SWANAGE – Jessie Morgan; email: Singing@purbecku3a.org.uk Mondays 10 – 12 noon, St Mary’s Rectory Classroom New members welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>START THE WEEK WITH A SONG!</u></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"> • 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. • 18 March: Meet Swanage, top of Bon Accord road on the bend by the school playing field for walk around Durlston.
	<p>WINE APPRECIATION – Rosalind Ham, 3rd Monday 6 pm – 8 pm HXVH committee room. email: wine@purbecku3a.org.uk Dates: restarts 21 January</p>

Notices

A National Event, open to all Members – U3A 15th National Summer School

SUMMER SCHOOL 1. HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NEWPORT, NR TELFORD.
Monday 15 July to Thursday 18th July 2013

Art of the 20th Century – from Fauvism to Post-modernism

Cinema History – Film Directors in Focus

Current Affairs – Political and Social Studies

Design Principles in Art – Exploring the Element of Colour

France – Regards sur la France actuelle (level of French ‘A’ level)

Geology - The Legacy of the Ice Age on the Cheshire/Shropshire plain

History – The Golden Age of Rome: from Augustus to Hadrian

Poetry – ‘I saw Eternity the other Night’. Some of the poems of Henry Vaughan and Thomas Traherne

Recorder ensemble playing – level of ability, able to play a simple tune and sight read.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2. THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CIRENCESTER

Monday 19th August to Thursday 22nd August

Architecture – Palladian Architecture in the 17th and 18th Century

Digital Photography – Artistic Re-creation

Drama – Argumentative and Passionate

History – Fiction and Reality: 'A Passage to more than India'

Literature – Jane Austen and the English Landscape

Music – Shakespeare and Music: An exploration and evaluation

Short and Sweet – The Art of the Short Story

Singing for Pleasure

Theatre History – from the Greeks to the 20th Century

COSTS FOR COMPLETE SCHOOL: £315.00 per person; Deposit: £75.00

For booking form and further details, contact the Secretary. Email info@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.

New Members

Welcome to Purbeck U3A: Swanage & Area: Mary Buck, Felicity Emery, Margaret Kiddell, Marion Raeshe, John Owen; **Wareham & Area:** Anne Attridge, Audrey Clarke, Brenda & Mike Chittenden, Jean Bachelor, Graham Booker, Keith Brown, Joy Bunting, Rosie Burden, Katherine Hawley-Mathewson, Michael Jacobs, Clare Jacques, Ken McMillan, Monece Millington, D Smith, Enid Stretch; **Blandford:** Laura Lee; **Poole:** Helen Billett. ☺

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Purbeck U3A Newsletter

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Mon. 18 March (April Ed)	Wednesday 13 March	AGM / committee nominations
May / June	Wednesday 22 May	New Committee