

## **MEMBERS' NEWS UPDATE AUGUST 2024**



### **FROM THE CHAIR**

Fellow members,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer break (currently far too hot for me though!) but, by popular demand, we are sharing a few contributions sent for publication recently. I'm also hoping that we'll be seeing a number of you at the picnic organised by Maggie and her team at Nicholson Gardens on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 11.30 to 3pm.

I'll be happy to share a spare sausage roll with you! – but remember, we are not allowed to take alcohol into the gardens!

Best wishes,

George

### **THORNGATE MEETING**

We have a fantastic programme of speakers put together by our speaker's secretary, George Cantrill, and we hope you can come along. (First Wednesday of the month, starting at 10.30am at Thorngate Halls, details on the Events page of the u3a Gosport website.)

In the event of an emergency it is vital that you can be accounted for, so please ensure you register on arrival. Similarly, if you have to leave before the end of the meeting, please let the registration team know on exit.

You are asked to contribute just £1 to enjoy the talks, which is used towards the cost of hiring the hall and the external speakers.

*Jennifer Bellamy*

## **GROUP REPORTS AND NEWS FROM GROUP LEADERS**

### **ENGLISH FOLK DANCING GROUP**

By popular demand we will be meeting on 12th August at Gosport Methodist Church, Stokes Road from 10.15 until 11.45.

*Barrie Bullimore*

## GET BY IN FRENCH

### Débrouillez-vous en français (Get by in French)

La mode se démode, le style jamais.  
This famous quote by Coco Chanel reverberated around the world. Do you know what it means? See end of piece.

We meet every Tuesday at 1030 by Video Conferencing...

To join all you have to do is provide your email address to the following:

Richard Lovett at [Richardf.lovett@gmail.com](mailto:Richardf.lovett@gmail.com) or 023 9258 5194

We are a small friendly sociable group suitable for beginners and also those at intermediate level.

We are currently working our way through a popular best selling french grammar text book "Living French" by T W Knight 7th edition - available from Amazon for £13.20 (assessed with 4.5 stars out of 5). We are also reading a famous crime novel Arsene Lupin by Maurice Leblanc. A modern version of Lupin is currently being shown on Netflix.

There is absolutely no obligation to speak french at the meetings so newcomers are welcome to come and just observe to see if they could benefit. We also deal with french culture, places of interest, history, cuisine etc. so francophiles, this is the group for you.

Finally the answer: Fashion becomes unfashionable, style never.

## HISTORY GROUP

The History Group had its last meeting before the summer break, and what a meeting it was. We had a large number of members attending, which was great. The topic was 'Entertainment' and the members came up with some great ideas which included: Pub games; The musical 'Six', which is about Henry V111's six wives, showing us that history is still being brought forward for our entertainment; Bertram Mills Circus; Jane the 'Fool'; Sunday School outings in the 1930, a personal experience; The Chitlin Circuit; Eisteddfod; Jesters and Magic.

As you can imagine this led to lively discussions. I certainly enjoyed the session and I think members left the session with smiles on their faces.

If you are interested in joining the group, the next session will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, please contact me on 07763441602.

All welcome.

**Linda Dorsett – 07763441602 or [lindadorsett6@gmail.com](mailto:lindadorsett6@gmail.com)**



## Whodunit? u3a Gosport members investigate

On July 17<sup>th</sup> twelve members of our Psychology, Criminology & Forensics Study Group took part in a 'Forensic Whodunit Session' at Winchester University.



### **Psychology, Criminology & Forensics Study Group**

The event was run by researcher & laboratory technician Dr. David Ashby & his colleagues.



Dr. Ashby read a scenario - two students had gone missing from a Hall of Residence & later that day 'human remains' had been found in the grounds of the University.

The u3a members scoured the crime scene searching for possible evidence, they placed evidence identification markers & theorised on the role that each item may have played in the crime.



They then used their forensic skills in the University's state-of-the-art Forensics Laboratory, comparing handwriting samples from the three suspects, inspecting items of clothing & fibres found in the suspects homes, & tools which may have been used to dismember the bodies.

The Group members interviewed the three suspects.

This was a unique, practical, and fun, hands-on learning experience.

The PC&F Study Group, which meets in the Gosport Museum & Art Gallery, has been running since May 2023.

In September this year members of the Study Group will be taking part in a workshop in a courtroom at the Royal Courts of Justice in London. They will learn about the law & justice system, & prepare & present an historical case, taking on all the courtroom roles including judge, clerk, usher, barristers, solicitors, witnesses and jury members.

***Tricia Stevenson***

## **WALKING THE EXTRA MILE**

The Extra Mile group is taking a break over the month of August. We have enjoyed 14 walks since January with various members taking a turn to research and lead walks within a 30 mile radius of Gosport.

A month ago we had a great day out walking on the Isle of Wight and last week we took a train to Liphook and completed our 7 mile walk via the Deer's Hut pub for lunch.



Our next walk on September 13th will be in the New Forest which will be led by a fairly new walker to our group. With no previous experience, she has taken on the challenge of finding and preparing a walk reflecting the true spirit of u3a – the opportunity to learn new skills. We are keen to attract new members so urge anyone interested in joining our friendly group to make contact via the page on our website. *Kathy Parker*

## **And a suggestion of a new group**

Sea Dipping in the Solent

I want to gauge interest in a sea dipping group. I have been dipping for a while now in the early mornings but wondered if anyone in U3a is interested in an afternoon group?

We would dip near GAFIRS. Gosport.

It's so good for our mental health and well being. I love it!

If interested please contact Neena,  
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***Committee members and other members with an email address for their role will usually check their emails at least once a week.***

***As part of their role many committee members check their emails more frequently.***

***If members need an urgent reply or do not get a response to emails, they should ring at a reasonable time or contact another committee member.***

***Editor's note – Just a reminder to contributors to the Update:***

***Publication is usually in the early part of the month and usually closely following the Thorngate meeting.***

***Contributions should be sent to [Newsed@u3agosport.org.uk](mailto:Newsed@u3agosport.org.uk) and may include any photographs you have of your event to support the piece.***

**And another item which may be of interest to members –**

***Walking Cricket. (details provided by Val Havard and Dot Bedenham)***

***Walking Cricket is starting on 3rd September at Gosport Leisure Centre. It is £3 each session, which lasts 1 hour. It is a fun, healthy and enjoyable way to spend an hour a week. Why not give it a try.***



# WALKING CRICKET

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**Come and try Walking Cricket in Gosport**

Weekly sessions starting in September

Men and Women aged 55+

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**FIRST SESSION FREE**

For more information and to register, please contact Ryan Beck:

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