

Purbeck U3A

Activities List

September 2017

Archaeology archy@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Monthly – fourth Friday 10.00 – 12.00
<p>A friendly group hosting speakers who cover the range of human activity from ancient times to modern. Often talking about local buildings, excavations and artefacts but sometimes further afield. Occasionally visits are arranged.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mary Buck – Group Leader</p>		
Art Appreciation art@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham – Home Based	Twice monthly – first and third Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30
<p>Studies of art in general with use of videos and visits.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harparkash Rispin / Joy Kingsbury -Group Leaders</p>		
Astronomy astronomy@purbecku3a.org.uk	Sandford Community Hall	Weekly Thursday – 3.15 – 5.00 p.m.
<p>A programme of 26 meetings / lectures / demonstrations on Astronomy by Graeme Nash and spread over 3 academic years.</p> <p>Topics covered are far ranging and structured covering for example the history of astronomy from the dawn of civilization to the present. He covers the origins, formation and structure of our own planet and the solar system. This leads on to a series of talks on Cosmology describing the structure, development and origins of our universe and finally speculative theories of the end scenario.</p> <p>Meetings are much more than a formal lecture format. Graeme welcomes and encourages audience interaction and always entertains us with his wit, erudition and above all his abundant infectious enthusiasm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Alan Bagley – Group Leader</p>		
Book Group 1 (Swanage Book Group) swanagebooks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home based - Swanage	Monthly third Thursday – 10.30 – 12.00
<p>Do you enjoy reading and talking about books? Books chosen by members</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hazel Pepperell / Angela Hainsworth – Group Leaders</p>		
Book Group 3 (Ridge Book Group) warehambooks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home based - Ridge	Monthly second Thursday – 10.00 – 12.00
<p>We meet monthly in members' homes to discuss books over a cup of tea/coffee. We choose the reading list together from the Dorset Libraries catalogue (there are about 800 titles, so plenty of choice) and often find ourselves reading books we might not otherwise have picked up. It's a great way to broaden horizons. We sometimes have quite different opinions about the books we have read and enjoy discussing our different perspectives.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Liz Day / Yvonne Hunter – Group Leaders</p>		
Book Group 4 books4@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home based - Wareham	Monthly second Thursday – 10.00 – 12.00
<p>For anyone who loves reading and who welcomes the opportunity to read – and discuss – books they would not necessarily have picked out for themselves. Everyone gets the chance to choose a book.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Veronica Ryder / Barbara Bennett – Group Leaders</p>		

Bridge for Fun bridge@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home based - Wareham	Weekly Fridays – 09.45 – 12.45
<p>Bridge for Fun is just that! - a social group who play bridge for fun and would welcome any new members who enjoy the game. We are not a club, you do not have to come with a partner, indeed we like people to mix. We are far from experts, but you would need to be able to play a basic game. Although not suitable for complete beginners "Rusty" is no problem! Members are helpful rather than competitive and will usually help/remind anyone who wishes it as the hands are played.</p> <p>Meetings are held on Friday mornings nearly every week of the year.</p> <p>If you are still not sure if it is for you contact me for a chat and any further information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carol Worledge – Group Leader</p>		

Computing for Beginners / Improvers computerbasics@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Twice monthly – first and third Fridays Beginners 9.00 – 10.00 Improvers 10.00 – 12.00
<p>Caters for absolute beginners to those who are knowledgeable but not expert. e.g. create folders, attach photos to emails, backup data, computer maintenance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Paul Lurie – Group Leader</p>		

Creative Textiles textiles@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home based – Carey Hall, Wareham	Weekly Tuesdays (except second Tuesday) – 10.00 – 12.30
<p>We do everything in the sewing textile line</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kath Doyle– Group Leaders</p>		

Creative Writing writing@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham – Home Based	Monthly – usually first Tuesday – 1.45 - 3.45
<p>The group explores all genres of creative writing. At meetings we usually carry out some kind of writing exercise. For those so inclined a subject for "homework" is set as short piece to present at the next meeting. Members read their work in progress if they wish. Members longer stories of 750-1000 words are listened to according to the time available. We meet in one another's homes where space is limited but have room for one or two more members. Our size of group allows everyone to share work and give constructive comments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Janette Nourse – Group Leader</p>		

Creative Writing 2 writing3@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage - Home based	Weekly Wednesday – 2.00 – 4.30
<p>Ideal for those with limited experience in creative writing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annie Bridger– Group Leader</p>		

Cycling for Fun and Fitness cycling@purbecku3a.org.uk	Purbeck – various start points in and around the area	Weekly Tuesdays– 10.00 start
<p>This cycling group has been in existence since about 2005 and has grown into a popular and friendly group with members of mixed abilities. We depart at 1000 hrs every Tuesday from various points around the area [rule of thumb - Owermoigne in the west, Milborne St Andrew in the north and Pamphill in the east]. Members need to have a suitable and well maintained bike and be capable of basic mechanical repairs. Most rides are a mixture of both on and off road, roughly 20-25 miles, taking 3 – 3 1/2 hours.</p> <p>Occasionally we do longer rides and also some totally off road rides which are normally shorter but more technical. Each ride is organized by a pair of members on a rota basis, the tasks being shared equally by all the group. A 'banana break' is made mid-way through rides and an optional refreshment stop is normally planned for at, or near, the end of the ride. All group notifications are via email.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">David Sansom / Peter Smith – Group Leaders</p>		

Cycling - Intermediate intcycling@purbecku3a.org.uk	Purbeck – various start points and routes	Weekly Tuesdays– 9.45 for 10.00 start
<p>U3A Intermediate cycling group usually meets and sets off from a pub/cafe car park. We usually are 10 – 15 riders and we cycle for 2 - 2.5 hours on a mixture of on/off road. No special equipment needed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Andy Thomson – Group Leader</p>		

Cycling for Softies softies@purbecku3a.org.uk	Purbeck – various routes both on and off road	Fortnightly Tuesdays– 9.45 for 10.00 start
<p>We are a friendly group who meet up for a leisurely cycle ride of 10 -14 miles in the local area. We go at the speed of the slowest rider and ride a mixture of on and off road routes. Walking up steep hills is always permitted! We typically start from a local pub, cafe or garden centre and return about 2 hours later for a coffee or similar. We always have a breather halfway round. Riders need to wear a high visibility jacket or gilet and wear a correctly fitting cycle helmet.</p> <p>Cycling with us is a lovely way of seeing more of the Purbeck area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jackie Richardson / Margaret Bibby – Group Leaders</p>		

Dessert Club dessertclub@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home based -Purbeck	Monthly –Next date decided at each meeting
<p>The Group is for anyone who has an interest in food, in particular, desserts. We meet once a month in a member's home and take it in turn to produce a dessert for everyone to sample. We then discuss the dessert and exchange recipes. We are a friendly group and welcome new members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Pat Stanley – Group Leader</p>		

French Conversation frenchcon@purbecku3a.org.uk	–Stoborough Village Hall	Weekly Friday– 2.00 – 4.00
<p>Group Members organise the programme</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Anne Attridge – Group Leader</p>		

French Intermediate 1 french@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Weekly Wednesday – 10.30 – 12.00
<p>We are a self-help group seeking to improve our conversational skills and knowledge of the French language in a relaxed environment using text book, reading book, occasional videos, tourist leaflets etc. which members bring back from France. Everybody takes a turn at suggesting and preparing activities as and when they feel able to. Members have different levels of competence and the group is very supportive of all but it is not really suitable for complete beginners. Coffee and biscuits play an important part.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ann Churchill – Group Leader</p>		

French Intermediate 2 frenchint2@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	First three Mondays of the month – 10.15 – 12.00
<p>A self help group to improve everyday language skills using text book, reading book and various other resources. Some knowledge of French required.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sue Sides – Group Leader</p>		

Gardening gardening@purbecku3a.org.uk	Stoborough Village Hall	Monthly third Monday – 10.30 – 12.30
<p>Care of plants, garden problems, fruit, flowers, vegetables, containers, greenhouses, wildlife and fun! Led by qualified Horticulturalist, Chris Bonanni.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chris Bonanni / Patrick Webb / Derek Monk – Group Leaders</p>		

German Intermediate german@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Weekly Tuesday – 10.00 – 12.00
<p>All abilities welcome. Using a variety of audio and visual materials</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jean Dixon – Group Leader</p>		

History history@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Library	Fortnightly Friday – 10.00 – 11.30ish
<p>Talks are given by those Members who feel able, on a subject they have found interesting. We have had presentations on local brewers, the Plantagenets, a Boer War heroine and Royal residences and their kitchens and Tudor food, to name but a few. So as you can see we cover a range of interests. Once a term we try to have a guest speaker. We usually have space for one or two more members and on the rare occasions when everyone attends we are tightly packed. Meetings take place on the first floor of Wareham Library and last for about 1½ hours. Access is possible by stairs or a lift. Refreshments are available but there are no toilet facilities on the premises.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Janette Nourse – Group Leader</p>		

Home Crafts / Cross Stitching stitches@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Monthly first Thursday – 10.00 – 12.00
All abilities welcomed.		Judith Webb – Group Leader
Italian for Beginners beginnersitalian@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Library	Weekly Wednesday – 10.00 – 12.00
Learn everyday language skills using text book and various other resources.		Kate Hawley – Group Leader
Italian Improvers italian@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Weekly Monday – 10.00 – 12.00
Michael Thomas Italian.		John Baker – Group Leader
Jazz Jazz@purbecku3a.org.uk	Catholic Church Hall, Swanage	Monthly first Thursday – 2.00 – 4.00
Programme follows members' interests. Talks, outings to jazz meetings, etc.		Tony Smith – Group Leader
Mah Jong mahjong@purbecku3a.org.uk	Stoborough Village Hall	Fortnightly Tuesdays – 2.00 – 4.30ish
The Purbeck U3A Mah Jong group is structured to enable several 'Full' games of Mah Jong to be played at each afternoon session. We typically have three or four games taking place simultaneously and aim to play quickly and competitively whilst maintaining a friendly and sociable atmosphere. We are a lively lot and in addition to the scheduled fortnightly games many members get together between times and play at each other homes. Barbara Colley / Lyn McGivern – Group Facilitators		
Memoir Writing memoir@purbecku3a.org.uk	Scout & Guide Hall, Wareham	Fortnightly Wednesdays – 2.00 – 4.00
Memoir Writing Group is for all those who are writing, or would like to write, stories about themselves, their family, their life etc. It's not a 'how to do' group. It's a sharing, encouraging, 'find your voice' kind of a group.		Lyn McGivern – Group Leader
MOTO (Members On Their Own) moto@purbecku3a.org.uk	Corfe Village Hall	Second Friday of the month September - April 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.
A group for single people but not a Singles Group. The monthly meetings in Corfe Village Hall are in addition to other planned outside events. You don't have to be a U3A member to attend one meeting of Members On Their Own (MOTO) but you'll be asked to join if you come to further meetings. This is a self-help group with wide ranging interests for people in Purbeck without partners and who want to socialise with other lively members in a similar situation. We aim to have an event / outing / social meeting at least once per month and members pair up to take it in turns to organise an event of their choosing.		Derek Monk / Sue Galise – Group Leaders
Music Appreciation music2@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home Based	Fortnightly Wednesdays
Members bring and discuss favourite music		Jane Greenwood – Group Leaders
Nature Walks naturewalks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various locations around Purbeck	Monthly second Thursday 10.30 – 12.30
A self help group, though some of our members are very knowledgeable and we do have one expert! We don't usually walk very far as we tend to find that Purbeck is full of interest – both fauna and flora.		David and Lynne Willis – Group Leaders

Nordic Walking nordic@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various locations around Purbeck	First and third Friday each month 9.50 for 10.00 a.m. start
Walks last for about 1 ½ hours in the Purbeck area. Members must have undertaken Nordic Walking Training John Challis / Maxine Bacon – Group Leaders		
Painting painting@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various locations around Purbeck	First and third Friday of each month 9.50 for 10.00 a.m. start
A self-help group with Members bringing their work for help and to try new ideas Jill Embleton / Janice Hale / Christina Hardiman – Group Leaders		
Photography photography@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	TBA
A new photography group is under consideration. Apply to receive further details. Tony Smith – Group Leaders		
Play Reading plays1@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Fortnightly Tuesdays 2.00 – 4.00
Classics to whodunnits and comedies. Parry Jones – Group Leader		
Poetry 1 poetry1@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Monthly -Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00
Poetry reading using a theme, subject, poet, format. Members choose three poems. Jim Humberstone – Group Leader		
Raspberry Pi RPi@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home based	First and third Thursdays of the month 2.00 – 4.00
A friendly group that meets in each other's homes to discuss and help each other on programming the Raspberry Pi and various application /projects, with some pleasant conversation and tea/coffee/biscuits (but no pies) Ian Mackenzie / Paul Lurie – Group Leaders		
Quiz Group quiz@purbecku3a.org.uk	Corfe Castle Library	Monthly second Tuesday 2.00 – 3.00
Enjoy a quiz session Leonard Coling – Group Leaders		
Science & Technology s&t@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Parish Hall	Monthly third Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00
Purbeck U3A Science & Technology group holds meetings on most months of the year, sometimes with guest speakers, on a diverse range of topics such as Optical Illusions, Olympic Sports, GPS Mapping, Science of Bell Ringing and much, much more. We also have occasional visits to places of scientific or technological interest. John Churchill – Group Leader		
Short Tennis tennis@purbecku3a.org.uk	Furzebrook Village Hall	Weekly between October and March Thursdays 2.00 – 4.00
Bring own equipment and footwear. All abilities welcome Gill Calvin Thomas – Group Leaders		
Singing singing@purbecku3a.org.uk	Carey Hall, Wareham	Fortnightly first and third Wednesdays 2.00 – 4.00
Singing for pleasure. A little more than a singalong ! Varied repertoire Rod Brassington / – Group Leaders		

Table Tennis tabletennis@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Weekly Monday 09.00 – 12.00
<p>We are a mixed ability group that meet every Monday mornings except Public Holidays and those in the month of August. The first 45 minutes of the session is used to set-up the tables and generally warm-up, develop skills and practise in a relaxed atmosphere. After that we play games, mostly in doubles but sometimes singles as needed. We are generally able to play games with different people and abilities making a good mix through the session'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Alan House / Martin Howell – Group Leaders</p>		
U3A K9 Walkers k9s@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various start points	Monthly third Thursday 10.00 – 12.00
<p>For owners and dogs who enjoy walking energetically for up to two hours and are not averse to hillwalking.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hilary Thraves – Group Leader</p>		
U3A K9 Strollers k9s@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various start points	Monthly first Thursday 10.00 – 12.00
<p>For owners and dogs who are less active and would benefit from shorter flat walks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hilary Thraves – Group Leader</p>		
Walking Group walking@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various start points	Monthly second Monday 9.50 for 10.00 a.m. start
<p>Purbeck U3A Walking Group meets fortnightly throughout the year for circular walks starting from various locations in the Purbecks and lasting about two hours. The start points always have parking available and are never more than a short drive from one of the main towns. We encourage car sharing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John Kirwin – Group Leader</p>		

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