

Purbeck U3A

Activities List

November 2018

ARCHAEOLOGY archy@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Monthly 4 th Friday 10.00 – 12.00
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 going further afield. Occasionally, visits are arranged.		
Mary Buck – Group Leader		
ART APPRECIATION art@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham – Home Based	Twice monthly – 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30
Studies of art in general with use of videos and visits.		
Harparkash Rispin/Joy Kingsbury – Group Leaders		
ASTRONOMY astronomy@purbecku3a.org.uk	Sandford Community Hall	Weekly Thursday 3.15 – 5.00
A programme of 26 meetings/lectures/demonstrations of Astronomy by Graeme Nash and spread over 3 academic years. Topics covered are far ranging and structured covering for example the history of astronomy from the dawn of civilisation 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. 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.		
Alan Bagley – Group Leader		
BOOK GROUP 1 (Purbeck Book Group) swanagebooks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage , Corfe Castle, Wareham – Home based	Monthly – 3 rd Thursday 10.30 – 12.00
Do you enjoy reading and talking about books? Books chosen by members.		
Hazel Pepperell/Angela Hainsworth – Group Leaders		
BOOK GROUP 3 (Ridge Book Group) warehambooks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Ridge – Home Based	Monthly - 2 nd Thursday 10.00 – 12.00
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 (about 800 titles, 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 of the books we have read and enjoy discussing our different perspectives.		
Liz Day/Yvonne Hunter – Group Leaders		
BOOK GROUP 4 books4@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham – Home Based	Monthly – 2 nd Thursday 10.00 – 12.00
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.		
Veronica Ryder/Barbara Bennett – Group Leaders		
BOULES boules@purbecku3a.org.uk	Corfe Castle Social Club	Weekly – Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday
Groups meet during the Spring/Summer. Email contact for start times in 2019.		

BRIDGE FOR FUN bridge@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham – Home Based	Weekly Fridays – 9.45 – 12.15
<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 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. Meetings are held on Friday mornings nearly every week of the year. If you are 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 – 1 st and 3 rd 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	Carey Hall, Wareham	Weekly Tuesdays (except 2 nd Tuesday) 10.00 – 12.30
<p>We do everything in the sewing and textile line.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kathleen Doyle - 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>The 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 10.00 every Tuesday from various points around the area (rule of thumb – Owermoigne in the west, Milbourne St Andrews 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 ½ 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 organised 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/café car park. We usually are 10-15 riders and we cycle for 2 to 2 ½ 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 SOFTEES softtees@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, café 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 high visibility jacket or gilet and wear a correctly fitting cycle helmet. 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
Group members organise the programme.		
Anne Attridge – Group Leader		

FRENCH INTERMEDIATE french@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Weekly Wednesday – 10.30 – 12.00
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.		
Anne Churchill – Group Leader		

GARDENING gardening@purbecku3a.org.uk	Stoborough Village Hall	Monthly 3 rd Monday 10.30 – 12.30
Care of plants, garden problems, fruit, flowers, vegetables, containers, greenhouses, wildlife and fun. Led by qualified horticulturalist, Chris Bonanni, ably assisted by Patrick Webb and Derek Monk.		
Chris Bonanni – Group Leader		

GERMAN 1 german@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home Based – Wareham	Weekly Tuesday – 10.00 – 12.00
All abilities welcome. Using a variety of audio and visual materials.		
Jean Dixon – Group Leader		

GERMAN 2 german@purbecku3a.org.uk	Home Based – Wareham and Corfe Castle	Weekly Monday – 10.00 – 11.30
Various abilities. Some teaching.		
Susannah Griffiths – Group Leader		

GENEALOGY genes@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Scout Guide Hall	Third Thursday – 2.00 – 4.00
A self help group accommodating beginners and the more experienced. Members are expected to contribute their knowledge and to participate in sub-groups and give talks on practical matters and processes.		
Laura Leach / Steve Millar – Group leaders		

HISTORY history@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Library	Fortnightly Friday – 10.00 – 11.30ish
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 1 ½ hours. Access is possible by stairs or a lift. Refreshments are available but there are no toilet facilities on the premises.		
Richard Cottrell – Group Leader		

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IT@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Monthly – second Friday 2.00 – 4.00
Group exploring all forms of Information Technology using computers, tablets, smartphones, cameras, video cameras, audio, television, etc. both hardware and software. Held as a group forum in clusters.		
John Hale / Tony Smith – Joint Group Leaders		

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		

JAZZ jazz@purbecku3a.org.uk	Catholic Church Hall, Swanage <i>(venue will change if Hall is sold)</i>	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's homes.		
Barbara Colley/Lynn McGivern – Group Facilitators		

MEMOIR WRITING memoir@purbecku3a.org.uk	Scout and 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 is not a "how to do" group. It's a sharing, encouraging "find your voice" kind of group.		
Lynn McGivern – Group Leader		

MOTO (MEMBERS ON THEIR OWN) moto@purbecku3a.org.uk	Corfe Village Hall (additional outside activities also organised)	Second Friday of the Month Sept – April 2.00 – 4.00 (except Nov. when it is first Friday)
A group for single people but not a "Singles" club. The friendly, unstructured monthly meetings in Corfe Village Hall are in addition to other planned outside events which include lunches, theatre trips, walks, visits to local places of interest, all suggested and organised, where possible, by members. Come along to a "taster" meeting even if you are not a current U3A member, but you will be expected to join U3A if you wish to attend future meetings. A self-help group with wide ranging interests for people in Purbeck who are on their own for whatever reason and who want to socialise with other lively members in a similar situation.		
Pamela Smith/ Derek Monk – Group Leaders		

MUSIC APPRECIATION music2@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham – home based	Fortnightly Wednesdays
Members bring and discuss favourite pieces of music.		
Jane Greenwood – Group Leader		

NATURE WALKS naturewalks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various locations around Purbeck	Monthly – 2 nd 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	Fortnightly - Fridays 9.50 for 10.00 start
Walks last for about 1 ½ hours, usually in the Purbeck area. Members must have undertaken Nordic Walking Training and be accredited.		
Maxine Bacon – Group Facilitator		

PAINTING painting@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage – Mowlem Community Room	First and third Monday 10.00m- 12.00
A self-help group. Members bring work for help and new ideas.		
Jill Embleton – Group Leader		

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 poetry@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
PURBECK PATCHWORK & QUILTING (PPQ) ppq@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	First and third Thursdays 9.30 – 12.30
A group for all abilities .		Delia Ffitch – 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)		Paul Lurie – Group Leader
QUIZ GROUP quiz@purbecku3a.org.uk	Corfe Castle Library	Monthly second Tuesday 2.00 – 3.00
Enjoy a quiz session.		Leonard Coling – Group Leader
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY s&t@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Parish Hall	Monthly third Wednesday – 10.00 – 12.00
Purbeck U3A Science and 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.		Nigel Tennant – Group Leader
SHORT TENNIS tennis@purbecku3a.org.uk	Furzebrook Village Hall	Weekly between October and March. Thursdays 2.00 – 4.00
Bring your own equipment and footwear. All abilities welcome.		Gill Calvin Thomas – Group Leader
SINGING singing@purbecku3a.org.uk	Carey Hall, Wareham	Fortnightly first and third Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00
Singing for pleasure. A little more than a singalong! Varied repertoire.		Rod Brassington – Group Leader
TABLE TENNIS tabletennis@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Weekly Monday – 09.00 – 12.00
We are a mixed ability group that meets every Monday morning 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 practice 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 throughout the session.		Martin Howell – Group Leader

U3A K9 WALKERS k9s@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various start points	Monthly third Thursday 10.00 – 12.00
For owners and dogs who enjoy walking energetically for up to two hours and are not averse to hill walking. Hilary Thraves – Group Leader		
U3A K9 STROLLERS k9s@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various start points	Monthly first Thursday 10.00 – 12.00
For owners and dogs who are less active and would benefit from shorter flat walks. Hilary Thraves – Group Leader		
UKULELE ukulele@purbecku3a.org.uk	Stoborough Village Hall	Weekly Thursday 2.15 – 4.15
A recently established group for members of all abilities determined to have fun with their ukes. Members are guided and instructed by our Maestro, Richard Walker. The group is full at least until Summer 2018. Vacancies may then become available and in the interim Purbeck U3A Members are welcome to put their names on the waiting list. Maxine Bacon – Group Facilitator		
WALKING GROUP walking@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various start points	Monthly second Monday 9.50 for 10.00 start
Purbeck U3A Walking Group meets fortnightly throughout the year for circular walks starting from various locations in the Purbeck area 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. John Kirwin – Group Leader		