

IN TOUCH JULY/AUGUST 2024

Dear all,

Welcome to July/August's edition of In Touch. As you know, we celebrate 25 years of sgu3a, with a lunch on 9th August at the Rushmore Golf Club (still places available for this).

The inaugural meeting of sgu3a took place on 19th August 1999, and reading the minutes of the committee meeting held the next month, I see that annual subscription was set at £10/annum and monthly meeting fees 50p. Groups that had started by that September were Bridge, Computers, French, Literature, Walking, Local History, History, and Music Appreciation. There have been many changes in groups over the years, some however have continued for the full 25 years. We currently stand at 35 groups but are always keen to start up more.

The new sgu3a website will be with you shortly and is a much-improved facility, not only for information on monthly events but also allowing groups to discuss and advertise their own activities in a much more comprehensive way along with photos.

A reminder that the annual subscription is due from 1st August and is now £12/person.

Roger Laidler
Chairman

u3a

Shaftesbury
and
Gillingham

Forthcoming Events

4 July – Barry Edwards
'The Early History of
Penguin Books'



9 August
Summer Party
Rushmore Golf Club
12.30pm

5 Sept – Rupert Hague-Holmes
'The Tragedy that was Arnhem'

Next u3a Talks

Monthly open meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at The New Remembrance Hall, Charlton, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 0PL - opening at 10.00am for 10.30am start. A small charge of £2 per person is made, to cover the cost of speakers and refreshments.

Open meetings provide an opportunity to have a coffee, socialise and to enjoy presentations from invited speakers. Non-members are welcome to attend one open meeting, free of charge, to sample what is on offer.

Details of speakers for the coming year can be found on our website; the next two are shown below.

4 July – Barry Edwards – ‘The Early History of Penguin Books’

A consideration of the huge social and cultural impact of the arrival in 1935 of quality paperbacks costing just 6d., some 14 times cheaper than hardbacks of the time. Penguins just about survived the war years and became a global and iconic phenomenon in the 1950s, leading up to the (in)famous Lady Chatterley trial of 1960. Barry provides examples of Penguin's output starting with Number 1, an extraordinary BLUE book that could have broken the company's viability at the first hurdle. But it didn't!

Barry Edwards enjoyed a 37 year teaching career, starting in Bristol where Allen Lane, the founder of Penguin Books, went to school, and ending as a Head Teacher in Bideford, close to where Lane is buried! Following his retirement, he led 99 tours all over Europe for a travel company called Great Rail Journeys. Leaving that post last year, he now focuses on voluntary work, mostly for Frome Museum. He has been collecting the Penguin books published between 1935 and 1960 for over 20 years and will divulge during the course of the presentation, with a mixture of embarrassment and pride, the actual number he now possesses. It's a lot!

5 Sept – Rupert Hague-Holmes – ‘The Tragedy that was Arnhem’

On the 80th anniversary of the Battle, this illustrated talk looks at the reasons why the Battle Of Arnhem resulted in failure. It is not a chronological analysis of the Battle, rather a perspective on the reasons that led to the failure in the operation. We will look at the key personalities involved, the unanswered controversies, and tactical errors made on the ground during the Battle.

Rupert graduated from Durham University with a degree in Law/Politics in 1987. A qualified solicitor, he spent 35 years in private practice and the finance industry in London, Birmingham and the Channel Islands. Having been brought up within a military family, Rupert has always been fascinated by military history. He is a regular speaker at public events and is currently writing the biography of Lt General Sir George Lea (1912-1990), due to be published this year. Lea commanded 11 Parachute Battalion at Arnhem. During lock-down Rupert gave us a Zoom talk on 'The Battle of the Imjin River'.

Group News

Church Visits

A small group was warmly welcomed to St Michael and All Angels in Colehill by tour guide John for coffee in the church centre before they took us across to their beautiful Arts & Crafts style church, where we were soon joined by the vicar, Suzanne. We learned that the church was consecrated on 17 June 1895 replacing the iron church that had previously served the community.



The project was led, and largely funded by, Col. Leopald Paget, on land donated by Walter Bankes Esq. of Kingston Lacy, and the church was designed by W.D. Caröe.



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Rejecting industrialisation and mass production, Arts & Crafts principles demand the highest standards of materials and production, both of which are very much in evidence at this church. It has a distinct Scandinavian flavour, with no metal fastenings at all in the magnificent woodwork that is such a prominent feature. Highlights, among many points of interest in the interior are the reredos, a tripartite painting of the birth of Christ; the altar frontal with its embroidered angels, believed to be designs from William Morris' workshop and recently restored by The Sarum Guild of Embroiderers; and the East Window showing the four Archangels and designed by Sir Ninian Comper.



Illustrated left - the exquisitely carved statue of St Michael.

Our tour guide joined us for the Community Lunch the church hosts each Wednesday, a perfect ending to our visit to this wonderful church.

Barbara Hurst

Garden Visits

Our visit to 'The Old Schoolhouse' was really successful and I have to say that it is my favourite of the year so far. The hosts were amazing and so welcoming to us all.



The garden was full of rambling roses, and the borders full of many more roses and interesting shrubs. David, our host is 80 years old and looks after the garden completely by himself including trimming the Hornbeam hedge which was enormous. This was planted to give the garden privacy, which it did in a most architectural and beautiful way.



The garden was cleverly split in to different rooms so it was great fun wondering around them as it created a different atmosphere to each space. David changed careers from a business life to gardening and in fact amazingly this wonderful garden was only taken over by him 11 years ago.

We were lucky to find him and hope to visit again some day.

Irene Gordon


Beginners and Intermediate Italian Groups

There are still spaces for both of these groups so please sign up if you are keen to take part. The Intermediate group will have had at least a year of prior learning. All lessons are held at my home in Shaftesbury so there is a maximum group size of 6 which allows for plenty of speaking practice!

Timings of the lessons will be as follows: Every Tuesday-Beginners' 10-11.00am ; Intermediate 11.15am-12.15pm

Ci vediamo!

Alison Rigby



SUMMER LUNCH
at
Rushmore Golf Club

Friday 9th August
12.30 for 1.00pm

2 courses plus coffee for £30

Menu

Mains

Fillet of Salmon, Courgette, Saffron & Lemon Risotto, Brown Shrimp & Caper Dressing, Pea Shoots

Char-grilled Pork Chop on the bone, Roasted Onions, Whole-grain Mustard Mash, Sprouting Broccoli, Cider & Apple Sauce.

Lentil, Spinach & Mushroom Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower puree, Green Beans, Cranberry Jus (vegan)

Desserts

Apple & Fruit Crumble with Vanilla Ice Cream

Vanilla Panna Cotta, Strawberry Consommé, Fresh Strawberries, Shortbread, Mint

Cheese & Biscuits with Quince Paste

For bookings and payment instructions, contact Barbara:

barbara@pbhurst.com

01747 825646

Membership Renewal

I'm afraid it's that time of the year again; I'm after your money!

Membership is from 1st August to 31st July. The fee for the year 2024/5 is £12 per person (£24 joint membership). The cost for Third Age Matters is £4.50. This is an increase on last year, but membership fees have been the same for at least five years. We are also introducing a £3.00 annual charge for members with no email access who wish to receive a printed copy of 'In Touch'.

If none of your details (for example name, address, phone, email, joint/single membership, gift aid status) have changed you do not have to complete another membership form. You may renew via:

- Online by the membership portal by following "Membership Renewal" on the web site. You will need your membership number, and may pay via a PayPal account or a credit card. You do not need a PayPal account. If you haven't done so already follow the "register for a membership account" link to create an account for future use.
- By Bank Transfer (BACS). Our Sort Code is 30-99-08, Account Number 22925860 and Name "Shaftesbury and Gillingham U3A". Please use your Surname and Membership Number as a reference.
- By cheque at a Monthly Meeting. Please note we are no longer accepting cash.
- By cheque posted to: Membership Secretary, 9 Peacemarsh Farm Close, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4XQ. Please write your name(s) and membership number(s) on the back of the cheque.

If any of your details have changed please complete a membership form, a copy of which can be found overleaf. Payment and postage details are on the form. Membership cards are normally emailed. If you wish a printed card please indicate when you renew. Printed cards can be collected at a monthly meeting, or posted to you if you supply a s.a.e with your renewal. Your old membership card will continue to pass the scanner check for a few Monthly Meetings.

Peter Grange
Membership Secretary

**Shaftesbury & Gillingham University of the Third Age Membership Application Form
for period 1st August to following 31st July**

Registered Charity No. 1078452

Note that this is a two page document

Full details about where to send this form are given at the bottom of side 2 of this document.

Your Details, Member 1

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc)	Name
Email**	Telephone
Address	Postcode

Member 2 (at the same address) – delete if not applicable

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc)	Name
Email**	Telephone

**To reduce costs, the committee will communicate with you via email where possible.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Annual Membership Fee is £12.00 per person. This fee includes a £4.00 fee paid to our national organisation, The Third Age Trust. The Third Age Trust provides a wide range of services and benefits, including liability insurance cover, our website and a secure data storage facility.

PAYMENT METHODS please tick one box below

- Cheque to Shaftesbury and Gillingham u3a
Complete this form & send with the cheque to the Membership Secretary.
- Bank transfer to Shaftesbury & Gillingham U3A Account -- Sort Code 30-99-08 Account No 22925860
INSERT your SURNAME & POSTCODE as reference on the transfer & return this form to Membership Secretary.

THIRD AGE MATTERS (Magazine from the Third Age Trust) is published 5 times a year. If you wish to receive it the cost will be an additional £4.50 per year. **You may receive progressively fewer copies if you join/renew after August.** PLEASE INDICATE YES/NO and include the additional amount in Member 1 Payment above.

GIFT AID Declaration, SGU3A is a Registered Charity No. 1078452

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address (given above) is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____to: Shaftesbury & Gillingham u3a

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details Title _____ First name or Initial(s) _____ Surname _____

Signature..... Date.....

Please notify the charity if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



Please Turn Over. It is very important that this form is fully signed on the other side of this document



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members must:

- Abide by the Principles of the u3a movement.
- Always act in the best interests of the u3a and never do anything to bring the U3A into disrepute.
- Abide by the terms and conditions of the constitution.
- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Comply with and support the decisions of the elected committee.
- Advise the committee of any change in your personal details.

I/We apply for membership of Shaftesbury & Gillingham u3a and confirm that I/We will abide by the terms of membership as stated above. I/We confirm that I/We have completed the form myself/ourselves. I/We will make full payment of fees due as soon as is reasonably practicable. (Note, Two signatures are required when appropriate)	
Signature 1	Date
Signature 2	Date

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Please tick the boxes below to give us permission to use the information you have supplied in the following ways:

- To store it securely for membership purposes.
- To communicate with you as a u3a member.
- To share with group leaders for those groups that you are a member of.
- To send you general information about the Third Age Trust (the national organisation to which u3as are affiliated).

I consent to my data being used for membership purposes as detailed above.

Are you happy to be added to the direct mailing list for the Third Age Trust magazines – Third Age Matters and Sources?
 If so, please tick the box below:

I consent to my data being shared with the company who oversee the distribution of the Trust Magazines.

Please be advised that you can request for your data not to be used for any of these purposes at any time by contacting the membership secretary via the sgu3a website
<https://u3asites.org.uk/sgu3a/home>

Submission

Please ensure that you have fully signed above (one or two signatures) and in the gift aid box (if appropriate). Please also ensure that you have ticked all the correct boxes for method of payment and the two consent boxes above.

This Form when COMPLETED must be RETURNED with PAYMENT METHOD clearly shown to:- Membership Secretary, 9 Peacemarsh Farm Close, Gillingham, SP8 4XQ
Alternatively it can be presented with payment at the monthly meeting (See the SGU3A website for meeting details)

For internal use:

Received	Paid	Logged	Membership Number/s
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Other Groups / Items of Interest

Limericks for Salisbury District Hospital's Stars Appeal

Colin Marsh will have a supply of his second book of (perfectly decent) limericks at the next meeting in Charlton Hall on July 4th. Suggested minimum donation of £2.50 per copy, all proceeds for the Stars Appeal.

Many thanks,
Colin Marsh

Shaftesbury Lido



SHAFTESBURY LIDO

Booking

- Book and pay online at: www.shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk/services/lido
- Walk-ins are available (subject to space) but booking is recommended.
- Card and cash are accepted.

Prices

- Adult - £6.00
- Child (under 18) - £4.50
- Under 3s - £2.50
- Parent & Toddler - £6.00 (includes 1 adult and 1 toddler)
- Family Fun Swims - £4.00
- 50+ Session - £6.00
- Naked Swimming (18+ only) - £8.00
- Aqua Wellness*** and Aqua Fit - £8.00 (classes are 45 mins)
- Adult Lessons - £10 (buy a block of 10 for £90)
- 1:1 lessons - £23 for a 30 minute lesson (buy a block of 5 for £109 or 10 for £207)
- Float Party - £80 per hour
- Pool Hire - £70 per hour

***Aqua wellness is gentle aqua fit for those who would benefit from supported movement

Loyalty pass - 12 swims for the price of 10

- For Adults and Children. Non-transferable between users and can only be redeemed against Swims and Lane Swims.

Guidelines

- Changing and toilet facilities are available.
- Spectator area available for viewing.
- Merchandise and refreshments available to purchase.
- Swimmers MUST shower prior to entering the pool to help maintain the water quality.
- Please spend as little time as possible in the shower/changing facilities during busy periods.
- All belongings should be stored in the lockers provided.
- Swimmers MUST follow the pool rules and lifeguard instruction.
- Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied in the pool by a parent/carer at all times on a ratio of 1 adult: 2 under 8s.
- Private Bookings/Parties - please contact us for availability.

SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL



Barton Hill, SP7 8DQ
01747 853181

For timetable information visit: <https://www.shaftesbury-tc.gov.uk/shaftesbury-lido-timetable/>

Trading Standards

Stopping fly-tipping together

Trading Standards investigate doorstep crime and rogue trading. Rogue traders often don't have the necessary permissions to allow them to transport waste produced from their work. This means they are also more likely to illegally fly-tip building and garden waste somewhere, leading to a costly clean-up for other people, or for other Council services.

In the 12 months from April there were over 1700 reports of illegal fly-tips in Dorset, of which almost 800 were household related.

If you produce waste, at home or from a business, you have a legal responsibility to ensure it is disposed of legally and safely. This means making sure anyone who is handling your waste is licensed to do so. It is vital that you take steps to check that your rubbish will be disposed of correctly and that you are confident you know where it will end up.

Did you know that as a householder you can be liable if your waste is later fly-tipped? Dorset Council Environmental Enforcement Team investigate fly-tipping to identify the waste carrier and the place the waste originated from. The Household Waste Duty of Care Regulations 2005 are not there to scare people, but to serve as a tool in the constant battle to eliminate fly-tipping and environmental crime. Put simply, if people don't pay illegal operators to take their waste, the illegal operator won't be able to fly-tip it.

Steps you can take to protect yourself include asking for the business' waste carrier licence number, don't pay cash and ask for a receipt or Waste Transfer Note. If they can't provide it, or aren't registered, then look for someone else. You can check if someone is registered first using the Environment Agency's public register <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers> or, by calling the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506.

To be sure a trader works in a legal, honest and fair way, then think about using a Buy With Confidence Trading Standards approved trader. Search for a Buy With Confidence trader near you at buywithconfidence.gov.uk or by phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Group	Date	Leader	Website
Art Appreciation	2nd Monday 2-3.30pm	Barbara Hurst	click here
Canasta I	Monday pm – weeks 1 & 3	Hazel Baker	click here
Canasta II	Wednesday p.m. – weeks 2 & 4	Barbara Watkinson	click here
Canasta III	Thursday am – weeks 2 & 4	Pam Hooker	click here
Celtic World	4th Monday - am	Denise Sims	click here
Churches/Places of Worship	To be Arranged 4 visits per year	Barbara Hurst	click here
Cosmology	2nd Monday - am	Denise Sims	click here
Digital Photography	3rd Thursday – am	Andy Newton	click here
Embroidery	3rd Wednesday – pm	Lesley Frost	click here
French for Fun 1	Tuesday/fortnightly - am	Ron Beard	click here
French for Fun 2	Wednesday /fortnightly-pm	Chris Stotesbury	click here
Garden Interest	2nd Monday – am	Irene Gordon	click here
Genealogy	4th Monday – pm	Liz Greenway	click here
German Conversation	Wednesday /fortnightly-pm	Robert Light	click here
International Folk Dancing	2nd Tuesday -pm	Barbara Robson	click here
International History	3rd Wednesday–am	Richard Sims	click here
Italian - Beginners	Tues 10am – 11am weekly	Alison Rigby	click here
Italian Intermediate	Tues 11.15am – 12.15am weekly	Alison Rigby	click here
Knitting/Crafts	2nd Tuesday - pm	Irene Gordon	click here
Languages of Planet Earth	3rd Friday – 2.00pm	Denise Sims	click here
Literature	1st & 3rd Monday-am on Zoom	Peter Rolfe	click here
Lunch Club	4th Friday in the month	Michael Pittman	click here
Mahjong	2nd & 4th Friday – 2pm	Marion Pace	click here
Music for Pleasure	2nd & 4th Thursday – pm	Eileen Haddleton	click here
Natural History	2nd Wed in the month 10-12.30pm	Janet Fenton	click here
Philosophy	Monthly Tuesday pm	Chris Spencer	click here
Poetry & Play Reading	1st Thursday – pm	Janet Botterill	click here
Reading Group	1st Friday 11am -12pm	Barbara Hurst	click here
Really Useful Group	Anyone who would like to help	Barbara Hurst	click here
Scrabble	Weekly Friday – am	Jill Page	click here
Shared Interests	Varied	Barbara Hurst	click here
Spite & Malice	3rd Monday – pm	Sue Walker	click here
Table Tennis	Weekly Thursday 2pm	Elizabeth Lewer Chris Stotesbury	click here
Walking Group	1st Tuesday – am	Barbara Robson	click here
Writing for Pleasure	10.30am on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month via zoom	Peter Rolfe	click here