

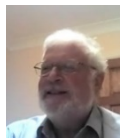
Milford & District u3a Monthly E-Newsletter: September 2021



Hello Everybody

This E-Newsletter is the first of the new u3a year 2021/2. We are back to some form of New Normal. This year there will be no **Registration Day**, so if you haven't already done so, please make sure that you get in touch with the group contacts of any of the groups you wish to join or to continue with, as soon as possible.

Chairman's Report



As we enter into our new season I am pleased to say that we have a good spread of subjects on offer.

A few groups had decided before the Programme was completed, that they would meet on-line as that format suited their style of presentation, whilst the majority of others were planning to meet face to face. In the last few weeks, Group Leaders have been contacting members to discuss what social distancing measures they wish to adopt for the coming season, taking account of the potential numbers and preferred venues.

There are a number of changes which I would like to advise:

Art Groups led by Hugh Turrall-Clarke:

A Cultural Miscellany....History of Art (morning) History of Art (afternoon) will all meet via Zoom until Christmas, when the possibility of meeting face to face will be reviewed.

Drawing for Fun Groups led by Doug Smit:

The group will initially be run as one Group, with the majority of people meeting face to face at St John's Church on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The members who do not wish to meet face to face will be set tasks online.

These arrangements will be reviewed at Christmas, when the group will consider if it makes sense to create 2 groups as per the programme.

Painting 1, Led by Saxone Renforth, having reviewed several options, will continue to meet in the Milford Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday morning of each month.

Singing for Fun led by Wayne Richardson This Group has decided to change their venue and will now meet at the Chichester Hall, Witley, as before, on Tuesday mornings.

Poetry for Everyone has a new Group Leader: Pauline Wigham. Tel: 07846 355010.

Bridge for Beginners led by Robert Bellamy will be meeting soon, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Milford Village Hall. This group is designed for absolute beginners, and a warm welcome will be provided for all.

There are corrections to a couple of incorrect telephone numbers:
Lavinia Martins...01483 273360.....and Pamela Brown...01252 702075

We will be updating the Programme on the Website as changes are made over the next few months. The latest version (Fourth Edition) can be downloaded from the website [Here](#). The edition is shown at the foot of the cover page. However, if you are in any doubt about arrangements, please refer to the Group Leaders as they will almost certainly have the information.

The Monthly Talks in the programme were all selected so that they can be delivered Face to Face or via Zoom. We recognise that members will have different views as to the preferred methods of delivery, and of the possible restrictions we need to make, to create an acceptably safe meeting. We were keen to have a Face to face meeting as a trial with socially distanced seating, with some seats in pairs, and others 1.5 metres apart, spread throughout the Hall. As such, at the first meeting we will not be providing refreshments, nor will there be any charge.

Some of our Groups are close to being full, whilst several have substantial vacancies. The main way of advertising that Groups have vacancies, is via our website (www.milford-u3a.org.uk) or in the monthly E-Newsletter (Pamela Brown.. pam-brown@milford-u3a.org.uk).

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Monthly Friday Talk 10th September 2021

The History of Jazz Piano @ Milford Village Hall or Zoom
September 10 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The History of Jazz Piano. The Talk is given by, Mr Roger Browne: A raconteur, writer, musician, actor and director. A timely talk, as the famous Jazz and Rock and Roll drummer, Charlie Watts died this month aged 80.

Talks take place every month on a Friday in Milford Village Hall, Portsmouth Road, Milford GU8 5DS at 2.00pm sharp, finishing around 4.00pm. For this first meeting, there will not be the usual tea and cakes and non-member visitors will not be able to attend. These changes are Covid precautions.

Publicity & Friday Speakers
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URGENT! - Vacancies still awaiting volunteers:

Outings Organiser

This popular group needs a leader. Perhaps one of you who enjoyed the outings we had before lockdown would be willing, as an experienced Outings person, to become the leader as soon as we can resume outings again. Jenny, our previous leader is willing to offer help.

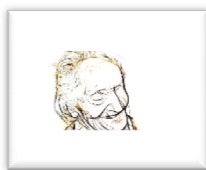
Social Media

Are you familiar with the social media platforms? There are many. If you could help to advise with your knowledge of any of them, Please contact our chairman, John Oakey for more information, by email at: chair@milford-u3a.org.uk

Our U3A website –Have you looked at our lively new website recently? (www.milford-u3a.org.uk)? There is a useful section called **Noticeboard** which gives information about u3a events and events by other organisations that we think would interest you. Under the section **Blogs and Photos** there are wonderful photos of places visited by our walkers, activity photos from singing and Ukulele groups, even warnings of potential computer scams. Can you add some news or photographs, or tales about how you coped during the last two years? **Contact Webmaster, Alan Day** with any of these things and he will publish them on the website. Send him an email and attachment and he will do the rest.
webmaster@milford-u3a.org.uk.

Member's Email Addresses: if you have changed your email contact details, your phone number or your home address, please let us have your new details, or it makes communication difficult and you may miss announcements. Send your new details to **Lavinia at membership@milford-u3a.org.uk**

Time to Smile



This old lady handed her bank card to the teller and said "I would like to withdraw £10". The teller told her "For withdrawals less than £100, please use the ATM.

The old lady wanted to know why... The teller returned her bank card and irritably told her, "These are the rules, please leave if there is no further matter. There is a line of customers behind you".

The old lady remained silent for a few seconds and handed her card back to the teller and said "Please help me withdraw all the money I have." The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her, "You have £300,000 in your account but the bank doesn't have that much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come back again tomorrow?"

The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The teller told her any amount up to £3000. "Well please let me have £3000 now." The teller handed £3000 to her with a friendly smile.

The old lady put £10 in her purse and asked the teller to deposit £2,990 back into her

account. The moral of this story is....

Don't be difficult with old people, they spent a lifetime learning the skill.

The deadline for items for inclusion in the October edition of your E-Newsletter is: 3rd October 2021.

(The swimmers above are not from our u3a. but they do send the message I think.) If you would like to publish something that other group members might enjoy, in the October E-Newsletter please send the details to: Pamela Brown: pam-brown@milford-u3a.org.uk