



From your u3a Committee

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IMPORTANT GROUP NOTICES!!!!

MILFORD & DISTRICT WEBSITE - www.milford-u3a.org.uk

BADMINTON

Charterhouse has cancelled our booking for the 21 January due to the school needing the area for an examination room.

SINGING FOR FUN

We very much regret that due to the Covid situation the Singing Group's production: "A Christmas Cracker" on 14th December had to be cancelled. Should it be rescheduled at a later date we will advise by email. Watch this space on the Website for the latest news.

Social Media---Committee Appeal for Help

Are you familiar with social media platforms? There are many! Your experience would be very helpful to our Tech Team. It's knowledge, not qualifications that we're looking for. 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



Monthly Friday Afternoon Talk 14th January 2.00pm . at Milford Village Hall

The History of Newlands Corner

Newlands Corner is a popular beauty spot that commands some of the best views over the Surrey Hills. Trevor Brook is a local man and Hon Treasurer and Website Editor of the Albury History Society



This Friday Meeting has been planned to take place at the Milford Village Hall, but in the uncertainty of the Covid situation it may have to take place online via Zoom. Check the Website for any updated news after receiving this newsletter.

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A couple were so disappointed at having to cancel the holiday they had booked in France, that the husband bought a huge map of the world and said to his wife, 'Take this dart and hit any place in the world on this map, and we will go there on holiday when all this is over.' The wife threw the dart and next year they will be on holiday at the back of the fridge.

Keeping Connected this Festive Season

The u3a turns 40 years old in 2022 and is '*fit for the future!*' We will be celebrating this milestone with a packed programme of events running all year. u3as and members will have the opportunity to get involved in the celebrations and help raise the profile of our wonderful and vibrant organisation. Michaela Moody, Vice Chair and coordinator of the u3a 40th anniversary, says, "Our anniversary is about looking forward. 2022 is all about the future and what this offers to our members. We want to make 2022 a year for everyone to remember."

To keep the u3a community connected over the festive period, the team at the u3a NATIONAL NEWSLETTER will, like last year, be sending out extra newsletter on 1st January. So that you don't miss out, sign up now! www.u3a.org.uk/news/newsletter



As the u3a prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary next year, members' magazine Third Age Matters will be talking to u3a founder Eric Midwinter. In the February edition, he discusses the origins of the self-help movement, battling ageist attitudes, and his lifelong love of Lancashire County Cricket, Manchester United and comedy.

The u3a National Newsletter is filled with information, stories and advice from across the U3A movement as well as advice on how to keep safe and occupied during this difficult time.

Eric Midwinter



An East Indian fellow has moved in next door. He has travelled the world, has swum with sharks, wrestled with bears and climbed the highest mountain. It came as no surprise to learn that his name is Bindair Dundat.

The History of Godalming group

This Group looks at all aspects of local history: from the Iron Age to the present.



Every other year we focus on a particular stage: Roman, Anglo-Saxon etc. These alternate with specific topics eg the Wey Navigation, Godalming pubs and Criminal Godalming.



The sessions are all held on zoom but there is still plenty of opportunity for questions and lively discussion. They are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

There is even a tea break. One of two members have delivered short presentations on particular interests eg Bargate stone. The organiser, Ian Honeysett, is very keen to give members the opportunity to do so as it gives his voice a rest! ian-honeysett@milford-u3a.org.uk

Happy New Year!

Something we all wish for, even more than we usually do at this time of the year.

Your Venue Secretary has been trying to keep the various venue clerks aware of cancelled meetings, while at the same time trying to keep our spaces available for when they **are** needed.

Your Speakers Organiser has been keeping the Milford Village Hall Talks available and also to be ready to change plans from face to face to making Zoom arrangements instead. In spite of all the new restrictions, our U3A members are still attending when they can.

Our u3a Leaders have had to shuffle their plans, their normal programmed meetings and their Christmas and New Year Celebrations. Some Groups have been able to attend face to face gatherings. Others have had find another way, or cancel Group meetings until safer times.

So what can we look forward to in our Happy New Year of 2022?

What we miss most is meeting up with friends and experiencing new activities together, so if some groups cannot meet face to face, can we think of other ways to continue to keep our Group communications going?

Churches, schools, businesses and other groups have had to think of new ways of doing what they do and u3a groups are finding new ways too to 'Learn, Laugh and Live'. Some art groups are working from home, and setting up exhibitions of their work at intervals on Zoom which has been invaluable. Other groups have taken phone videos to be shown online. If you would like to chat about how to use Zoom for your Group? Email pam-brown@milford-u3a.org.uk

Creative Mixed Media Art Group



The Creative Mixed Media Art group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month in the Godalming Unitarian Church Hall, Meadow GU7 3JB from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

This friendly group provides a space for creative minded people, crafty people and fascinated complete beginners to experiment, play and expand their artistic skills using a range of materials and tools. There is no formal instruction, but power points, books and suggestions are

utilised to stimulate group members' ideas for potential projects as well as to challenge their assumptions about what art actually is or should be and guidance and support if required is offered throughout the term. It is not necessary to have fine art or drawing skills although wonderful if you do, as there are so many ways to express yourself eg. collage, lino print, fabric appliqué, decoupage. Other group members are also always ready to help and encourage each other and we really are a mutually supportive group.

A suggested material list is emailed to everyone before they attend the group and they bring their own materials to the session. Group members share ideas for recommended exhibitions, resources or books via our WhatsApp group or on our Facebook private group page.

Our group often meets socially - visiting art galleries when Covid allows as well as meeting for occasional lunches. During lockdown we kept in touch by meeting on Zoom as well as in outdoor spaces e.g. Loseley Walled Garden, Watts Gallery and we would revert to this if necessary in 2022 but here's hoping this won't be necessary! In September 2021, some of our group visited an exhibition of abstract paintings and sculptural glass at High Clendon vineyard followed by a visit to a local Godalming café.

So why not ring fence a couple of hours in the week to come and be creative? New members always receive a warm welcome so if you are interested do make contact - we would love to meet you. [Pam 01483 415367](tel:01483415367)

