

Milford & District u3a Monthly Newsletter

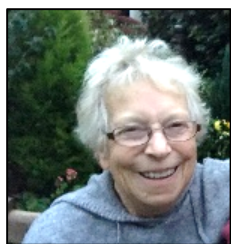


August 2023
Singing for Fun Group

Contents: Message from the Chair, Subscription renewals, Monthly Friday Talk, New Secretary, Godalming Staycation, WANTED Website Helper, New and potential Groups, Notices.

Our website: www.milford-u3a.org.uk

Message from the Chair Lisa Seeley



I'm going to start by thanking Bob Fearnley who, after a lot of hard work, has completed version 1 of the programme for 2023/24. This will be available on our website by 1st August. If you or a friend would like to see a hard copy these will be available in the Oglethorpe Room at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre on 9th August between 9.30-12.30.

You will note from the programme that we have a number of new groups including canasta, gardening and embroidery. Unfortunately due to venue size and or insurance issues, some groups have restricted numbers. However in order to give everyone the opportunity to participate in groups of their choice we will be holding waiting lists as inevitably some members opt out during the year.

Additionally if you, or someone you know, has difficulty accessing a group as a result of mobility issues please contact your group leader or me by email and we'll do our best to make safe and suitable arrangements to help you get to where you want to be.

I look forward to meeting and chatting with you at our Staycation event on 9th August at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre on Wednesday 9th August. Our membership secretary Lavinia Martins will be available from 10.00 if you wish to renew your membership in person or have any queries regarding payment. Just a reminder that this year your subscription will be £25. The additional one off fee of £10 per person for those attending groups which meet more than once a month will be collected by a committee member early in September/October. Please do not add this to your subscription.

See you soon and in the meantime let's just feel grateful that unlike the rest of Europe, our summer temperatures and rainfall are typical for this time of year! Mustn't grumble!

Lisa

A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



Around the second week of August, we will be emailing everyone an invitation to renew their u3a membership for the year September 2023-August 2024. If you joined after May this year, you will not receive this invitation as your membership runs until August 2024 anyway. If you're reading this in hard copy, your renewal invitation will be sent to you by post.

The easiest way to renew will be online via the Beacon Portal, a link to which will be included. You will need a Beacon account which can be set up using the details set out in the invitation: If you have already set up an account, you only need your email address and chosen password. You can pay by credit or debit card.

If you are unable to renew using the Beacon system, you will, as in previous years, still be able to make an electronic bank transfer (BACS) or we will accept payment by cheque, with instructions on these methods of payment being included within the email you receive in August.

Additionally, this year we will have a presence to showcase our u3a at the Godalming Staycation event on Wednesday morning, 9th August. (See details elsewhere in this Newsletter). I will be there from 10.00am and I will be happy to accept renewal payments (cheques only, please) on that day plus membership applications for any friends you may like to bring along! The membership fee will be £25 for this year.

Lavinia Martins. Email membership@milford-u3a.org.uk. Tel 07743 129886

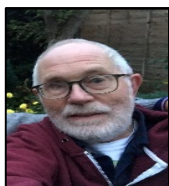
Multiple venue hire. This payment is not connected to the Subscription

Should you wish to join a Group that meets in a hired venue more than once a month, then you will be asked to pay a supplement of £10 towards the additional venue cost incurred, **which will be collected separately..** Should you belong to more than one Group that falls under that category **then you only pay the Supplement to the first Group you join.** *John Oakey*

SAVE THE DATE – we need you for the GODALMING STAYCATION

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST 9.00 – 12.30
At the WILFRED NOYCE CENTRE

Our New Secretary



Ray Seeley has joined the committee as our new secretary. Ray's email address is: secretary@milford-u3a.org.uk

The Monthly Friday Talk arranged by Gillian Martin

The Crown Jewels



by Pat Kingshott.

This is a follow up talk to the one Pat's husband; Alan Kingshott gave on 'The History of the Tower of London' in February 2023 and will take place on 9th September. This couple live in The Tower of London and Pat actually handles the Crown Jewels.

Talk, tea, cake and conversation £2

WANTED...a Website Helper:

Is there a member with some experience or knowledge of websites who would be willing to assist with maintaining and/or updating the Milford u3a website? Ideally you would have at least a little experience of working on a website. In a perfect world you would have WordPress experience but that's not a requirement.

To find out more, contact the Webmaster: webmaster@milford-u3a.org.uk

GROUPS

Church Visits Monthly, Tuesdays at 10.30am Leader Virginia Bawden



'I have taken on the long-standing and successful Church Visits groups from Pat Dodman and Elizabeth Burrows. We will continue to explore the architecture and history of local churches, and meet for a friendly coffee and chat afterwards. I am looking forward to visiting Surrey's churches, both big and small, and hope that you will join me and suggest your personal favourites. Existing and new members are welcome. For more information please contact me.' *Virginia*.



The dates for next year are as follows:

19 September, 17 October, 21 November, 16 January, 20 February, 19 March, 16 April

Contact: 07843 470217 virginia-bawden@milford-u3a.org.uk

U3A Gardeners Club

"I am delighted that our new U3A Gardeners Club will get under way in September at Milford Village Hall. We will meet on the 4th Friday each month until May next year.

Topics will include talks, "Gardeners Question time", quizzes, practical projects for local community gardens, visits.

Twenty five members have joined so far. Everyone is welcome. Come along and help us build this new club programme with your ideas etc."
Peter Stevenson.



CANASTA

Interest in the proposed Canasta Group is growing. Initially, I am offering two groups per month, on different days and different times:

4th Wednesday of the month, in the afternoon from 2.pm – 4pm – from 22nd November at Milford Village Hall.

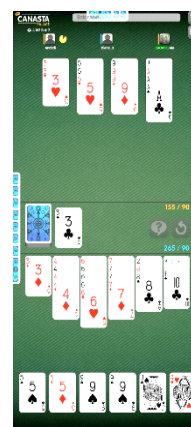
2nd Thursday of the month in the evening from 6.30 – 8.30pm – from 9th November at St John's Church Hall, Milford.

The Groups will run until the end of March.

In order to have some idea for each group, and whether or not it will be feasible to run both groups, please could you let me know, which of the two sessions you would like to join, or if you would like to attend both – you are very welcome to do that.

I hope the session days suit you. I look forward to seeing your choice and to meeting you later in the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Sue Allen sue-allen@milford-u3a.org.uk.



BEGINNER'S BRIDGE

We have just completed our current 2-year Chicago Bridge Course and will be starting a new course on Wednesday 6th September in Milford Village Hall. 2.00 to 4.00pm

The course is designed for absolute beginners who wish to learn, play and enjoy this absorbing game.

Please note that in September only, we will meet on the **1st and 2nd Wednesday** of the month, and on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** thereafter.

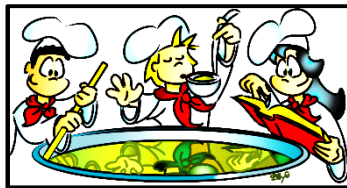
Please contact me to join the group or for any further information. *Robert Bellamy*

TEL 01483 421274...email...robert-bellamy@milford-u3a.org.uk

Milford Military History Programme from September 2023 to May 2024

2023	1 st Session	2 nd Session
Sep 6 th	D Day 6 th June 1944 The difference one day made to the course of the campaign	
Oct 4 th	Double header "Navy Day" Admiral Sir John Balchen	HM Royal Navy family stories
Nov 1 st	Double header "WW2" Hitler's V weapons	Service in the defence of London <i>A tale of three uniforms</i>
Dec 6 th	Double header "France" Maginot Line	Dorking Military History Group present: Verdun Mill on the Meuse
2024		
Jan 3 rd	The "Shetland Bus" WW2 Communication links with Norwegian Resistance	The Salerno Landings WW2 <i>"Lady Astor's D Day Dodgers"</i> WW2
Feb 7 th	The other face of battle <i>What the Generals and their staffers don't have to do in order to win</i>	
Mar 6 th	Tamerlane	King Alfred's Daughter
Apr 3 rd	Ukraine Another perspective	
May 1 st	Individual presentations "Most significant medal for gallantry / campaign / battle"	Discussion time
Contact: Peter Stevenson 01483 428870 peter-stevenson@milford-u3a.org.uk		

Potential Group ????



Recipes Group

Meeting 1 or 2 times month for 1.30 hr. For men and women. No cooking at venue

I had hoped that we could have a Cooking for Men Group, but we haven't got a venue that would enable cooking during the meeting, so below is an alternative idea. Suggestion:

1. Members bring into the meeting, favourite recipes for discussion and swaps.
2. 2-3 recipes to be chosen for next meeting. Suggest 2 or 3 members offer to cook, using the recipe voted on at the previous meeting, to show the results of their choice.. Repeat for future lessons

This should provoke interest and discussion about favourite recipes. Also recipes for special situations including: cooking for one, picnic, and party recipes, children's favourites, and children's cooking, vegetarian and vegan, allergy awareness, convalescent meals, etc. Contact: pam-brown@milford-u3a.org.uk or telephone 01252 702075

Newsletter

The August Newsletter is not on holiday, nor resting in a deckchair somewhere. It's looking forward to the new u3a year beginning in September. The Programme for the next u3a year will be ready very soon

*We are very happy to see the **Church Visits Group** has been taken over by Virginia Bawden. They are looking forward to their renewed programme next year.*

*We are looking forward to the new **Gardening Group** and the new **Canasta Groups** which are beginning in September and the **Beginners Bridge Group**. You will also find a Group suggested as 'potential' in this edition. Whether it becomes a u3a Group depends on your response. We are as always, looking for new interest groups and would welcome any ideas you have for new ones. You don't have to lead a group to suggest one that we might add to the Programme.*

Currently, we are looking forward to the **Godalming Staycation 5th to 13th AUGUST 2023**. We have a slot in the programme at the Wilfred Noyce Centre on **9th August from 9.30 – 12.30**. We hope to see many of our members there to support our u3a. If you visit the Staycation, as experienced u3a members, you will be able to tell any visitors you speak to, about your experience of the u3a.

Our Membership Secretary, Lavinia Martins will be there and Members, present and future, will be able to sign on and pay their subs for next year. Pam Brown, Editor.

The Closing Date for all entries into the September Newsletter is Monday 28th August

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