



LEARN, LAUGH & LIVE!

The **U3A** is an educational charity which encourages people in their third age (later life and with time to spare) to carry on learning. It encourages social interaction and combats loneliness.

Welcome to the February Newsletter

Introduction

We are up and Running! We have had our first Speaker Meeting – Thank you Mary Case – fascinating. Gardening Co-operative, Film Club and Making have held meetings. Writing Group will meet on Thursday February 6th.

Group progress so far:

The full list of groups being considered and underway is on the website. Some already have leaders/conveners and have their first meetings planned. More leaders/conveners are needed. You do not have to be an expert you just need to be interested, want to learn and be able and willing to host/convene meetings of similarly interested people. If you don't have your own transport, lifts can be arranged. The meetings could be, but do not have to be, in your home. See website www.iowu3a.uk for all group details or ask groups@iowu3a.uk

This month's featured groups - the Gardening Cooperative, the Film Club and Making. The gardening group had its first meeting on 22nd January in the afternoon. Three people met, had tea and cookies courtesy of Sally at Yafford, and discussed what they would like to get out of the group. Seed and seedlings/cuttings swap was high on the agenda, along with visits to allotments, notable Island (and maybe mainland) gardens. Cooperative gardening was discussed, sharing knowledge, and general enthusiasm. The next meeting will be held on the Thursday 20th February 2:00-4:00pm, venue Yafford. Lifts could be available from Cowes or Newport area. More people would be most welcome - contact Carol through groups@iowu3a.uk.

The Film Group also met for their first film meeting.



"We watched 'Citizen Kane', often described as a classic and which has by and large stood the test of time. In the discussion that followed, we exchanged impressions about the film: the story and how it was presented, the various

characters, in particular Kane, played by Orson Wells, as well as some of the filming techniques.

Special thanks to Jim for his hospitality. "

The next meeting will be Wednesday March 11th. We have not yet agreed which film we will watch next, or even how we will choose it. New members welcome - contact Jim through groups@iowu3a.uk.

The first Making meeting took place on February 4th at Dina's house.

"There were three of us in all. We had an interesting chat and also looked at various possible projects using leather, felt and wool. Dina showed us some of the tools used for leatherwork and demonstrated double hand stitching. We are already planning designs!"

Dina suggested we met once a month, and will let us know the date of the next meeting. Interested? Contact Dina through groups@iowu3a.uk.

This Months Meeting



February's talk is on Thursday 13th February and is by The Isle of Wight Fire Service. The topic is 'Fire and How to Prevent It'.

It will be held at St John's Church Hall, St John's Road, Newport, PO30 1LN. 2.00 - 4:00 p.m.

Free to Members. Refreshments available.

Future Meetings

March 12 th	Talk on our IW Donkey Sanctuary
April 9th	Talk/demonstration on Reiki and Tapping by Beth Gerhard.
May 14 th	Talk on 'Secrets of the Solent' by Susan Gibson

Last Months Speaker



In January, Mary Case, beekeeper and former Island High Sherriff. As a third generation beekeeper, Mary's knowledge and enthusiasm was both enlightening and infectious. The talk was well received by the audience on a very, very, wet Thursday afternoon.

If you struggle to get to meetings, groups or events, let us know and we will try and organise a lift – email iowu3a.membership@gmail.com

Regional & National Events

There are a number of national and regional events which are open to members of the U3A, for example **The South East U3A Forum Summer School**. This will be held at the University of Chichester from Monday 15 to Thursday 18 June 2020. Thirteen courses are being offered at this Summer School. Check the National and Regional websites for more information.