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Waterlooville
News Bulletin
April 2026

Coffee Mornings 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Sacred Heart Church, 356 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SR

Monday 13th April and 11th May

All members, particularly new ones, are very welcome.
Find out about our interest groups and social events.
Bring along your friends.
Have a cuppa and chat, make new friends.

April General meetings 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm :

Wednesday 15th April

Cosham Baptist Church, Havant Road, Cosham, PO6 2QZ

Speaker : Ian Worley
Topic : Racing through the Southern Ocean

Ian will talk about his experiences whilst sailing as a watch leader, later promoted to 1st Mate, on the maxi yacht *Great Britain II* in the 1977/78 Whitbread Round the World Race. During that race they encountered storms aplenty, raging seas, icebergs and a lightning strike, all whilst Ian was filming for the BBC sports programme "Grandstand".

Wednesday 22nd April

Sacred Heart Church, 356 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SR

Speaker : Paul Tracey
Topic : 100 Piers : Paintings at the Water's Edge

Paul spent five years visiting and painting piers in the UK, Europe and the US. Every pier, from the grandest to the most modest, has its own story. They have been blown up, blown down and the subject of bankruptcies and dodgy deals. Paul's talk will concentrate on the piers we have along the south coast, their history and how they ended up as they are – plus much more!

New Membership Secretary

At their March meeting the Committee co-opted Chris Barrell on to the Committee as Membership Secretary, a role that she has previously held.

There is no change to the contact details for members to use, but any queries will now be dealt with by Chris Barrell. If you have been emailing any other address in connection with membership matters please ensure that future messages are only sent to **members@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk**. This ensures that messages reach whoever is Membership Secretary at the time and won't be left lounging in someone else's personal Inbox, potentially ignored, or generally lost in an internet black hole.

IT DROP-IN TECH HELP (PHONE, TABLET, LAPTOP)

One of our members – Colin Reardon – has kindly offered his services to help members with any tech queries they may have. Colin will be at most of our Coffee mornings and will do his best to help our members. Whilst Colin has a long and extensive experience in the tech world, his advice is offered on a free and informal basis with no guarantees – so please don't be disappointed if he is unable to resolve your issue.

Queries will be dealt with on a first come-first served basis for the duration of the Coffee morning.

APRIL QUIZ EVENING – SPACES AVAILABLE

When? **Saturday 18th April starting at 7:00 pm**

Where? Springwood Community Centre, Springwood Avenue, PO7 8BJ

How much? £3 without food or £8-£11 for a Fish & Chip supper (options available)

There will be a break for a Fish & Chip supper (or bring your own food if you prefer).

Either enter as an individual or get a few friends to join you. Group Coordinators can enter a group team of six.

Teams will be for six people; any individuals or groups with less than six members will be placed with others to make the numbers up – a great way to meet new people and have fun at the same time.

To enter as an individual or as a group, please email Kevin Stock at **kevcat4@gmail.com**

SKITTLES AND AFTERNOON TEA AT THE SPRINGWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

When? **Saturday 25h April 4:00pm to 7:00 pm**

Where? Springwood Community Centre, Springwood Avenue, PO7 8BJ

How much? £9 (or £12 for guests) cash only on the door
(includes an afternoon tea with sandwiches, scones and drinks)

Another one of our very popular events – book now for a fun-filled afternoon alongside a little bit of friendly rivalry!

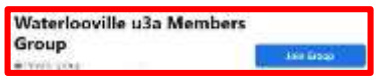
To book a place email **treasurer@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk** advising the names and numbers of members and the names of guests.

NOTE : Wu3a members are covered by insurance at all of our social events. In order that guests receive the same level of cover the following must apply :
Any non-u3a members are welcome to come to a social event for a taster, as long as they have an intent to join Waterlooville u3a themselves.
Please advise your guests of this requirement.

Nigel Barrell/Tony Paul

WU3A FACEBOOK GROUP

We have a private Facebook group that is open to any Waterlooville u3a member. To join, login to Facebook and search for '*Waterlooville u3a Members Group*' and request to join. Or click this link



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MAY GENERAL MEETINGS 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm :

Wednesday 20th May

Cosham Baptist Church, Havant Road, Cosham, PO6 2QZ

Speaker : Paul Clutterbuck

Topic : Writing, getting published and the publishing industry

Paul has had three books published and found the experience exhilarating, exhausting and ultimately fulfilling. His life in South Florida inspired his recent novel and, writing aside, he has climbed Kilimanjaro and cycled to raise money for *Operation Smile*. His work focuses on loss, recovery and the renewal of life amidst complicated social cultures. Paul will share his experience of what it takes to create historical fiction, how to get non-fiction and fiction published and what the inside of the publishing world looks and feels like to a writer.

Wednesday 27th May

Sacred Heart Church, 356 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SR

Speaker : Andrew Negus

Topic : Around the World – The Wild, The Weird and the Wonderful

A regular speaker both for us and many other local u3as and societies, Andrew is a retired history teacher and an around-the-world backpacker, a Blue Badge guide for central Southern England and a local historian. Today's talk includes a journey on the Trans-Siberian Express to Beijing, inspired by Rupert the Bear; a robbery in Warsaw, train wheels removed and sharing Russian hospitality and drinking habits. Moscow is a wonderful surprise, if a little scary at first, whilst China is most surprising and causes some re-evaluation of Rupert's glowing picture of the country!

NATIONAL U3A MATTERS MAGAZINE

The national *u3a Matters* magazine is published five times a year. It includes stories about members and u3a activities, celebrity interviews and features on technology, recipes, travel and competitions as well as a letters section. To read the magazine online, visit **u3a Matters magazine online** where both the current and previous issues can be seen.

If you would like to receive a postal copy of this magazine, please contact **treasurer@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk** for advice on postage costs and payment method.

SOCIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here is the line up so far for various social events planned for the rest of the year. Full details will be provided nearer the dates – in this monthly bulletin, via email and at the general meetings and coffee mornings.

Quiz evening	Sat 18th April	Springwood Community Centre
Skittles	Sat 25th April	Springwood Community Centre
Anniversary Celebration	Fri 14th August	WACA
Quiz evening	Sat 12th September	Springwood Community Centre
Barn Dance	Fri 16th October	Cowplain Social Club

What happened at the Beetle Drive in March?

There was a buzz of conversation and lots of laughs in the Springwood Hall one March Friday afternoon as over 40 of our members joined in our ever-popular Beetle Drive. It was a great opportunity to meet and chat with lots of new people and to catch up with old friends.

Alongside having plenty of fun, four lucky people went home with cash prizes :

1st Jackie Edney
2nd Liz Bureau
3rd Jan Smith

Most interesting beetles – Jane Tull

Nigel Barrell, Social Events Organiser

20TH Anniversary Celebration – Cabaret Party

14TH August at WACA following the Open Day

The programme for the Teatime Cabaret is shaping up well.

Afternoon tea will be provided courtesy of Wu3a funds and up to four u3a groups, involving music will perform.

We will also be entertained by a West End singer and accompanying singers and the Solent City Chorus, an acapella male voice choir, very popular in the local area.

Linking the acts together will be Southern Sounds Services, well known for their retro disco.

An event not to be missed.

More details to follow.

Nigel Barrell, Social Events Organiser

20 Years of Monday Book-group

Twenty years have passed since the inaugural Book Group met, a gathering of diverse U3A members, with a widely varied selection of life experiences, who shared a love of reading. Many of the initial group have remained, others have joined and a supportive empathetic ethos has developed. Of course views on our many books, over 160 to date, vary greatly and our discussions are invariably stimulating and thought provoking. We have all been led to read and appreciate many books that we would never otherwise have opened.

Best reads from the group include "*The Help*" by Kathryn Stockett, "*Where the Crawdads Sing*" by Delia Owens, "*A Gentleman in Moscow*" by Amor Towles, "*Small Things Like These*" by Claire Keegan and "*When All is Said*" by Anne Griffin.

As well as standard group meetings we have a Bring & Share lunch each January and have shared several "specials" where we have chosen a topic for all members to make a literary contribution. Topics include War poetry, Childhood memories, Cookery writers and on the 50th anniversary of decimalisation - Money.

Our group looks forward to the next twenty years!

Judith Cook & Meg Evans
Group Coordinator & Deputy

Havant
BOROUGH COUNCIL

ARE YOU READY FOR THE FORTHCOMING BOROUGH AND COUNTY ELECTIONS?

This year's local elections take place on **Thursday 7th May, 2026** when electors will vote for Borough Councillors and County Councillors.

- Check you are **registered to vote** ahead of the deadline on Monday 20 April
- If you're planning on voting at a polling station, **check you have valid photo ID**
- If you don't have accepted ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate by 28 April by going to **gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate**
- If you plan to vote by post, you need to apply before 5pm on 21 April. To apply, go to **gov.uk/apply-postal-vote**
- If you want someone to vote on your behalf (a proxy), you have until 5pm on Tuesday 28 April to apply for a proxy vote. To apply, go to **gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote**
- Check where your polling station is before you go to vote, as it may have changed **wheredoivote.co.uk**

Havant residents can find more information at : **https://www.havant.gov.uk/elections**

Portsmouth residents can find more information at :
https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/voting-and-elections/

East Hants residents can find more information at : **https://www.easthants.gov.uk/elections**

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MOBILE PHONE SECURITY

Register your phone and IMEI on the National Property Register Immobilise to increase the chance of it being returned to you if it is lost or stolen. It also helps criminal investigations and help to reduce crime for everyone.

Every mobile phone handset has a unique electronic serial number or IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity). You can find yours by entering ***#06#** on your keypad; this is the most important number you need to provide when registering your phone on Immobilise.

When registering your phone on your Immobilise account you will be asked to provide :

- IMEI number
- The serial number
- The phone make and model
- Take a photo
- Write a description of the phone and any distinctive features

If you're on a contract and you lost your phone or it is stolen you should report it to your mobile phone provider immediately – within 24 hours. They will be able to block the phone and render it useless, even if a new sim card is used. Below are the contact numbers provided by Immobilise for the most popular providers :

Provider	Contact Number	Provider	Contact Number
BT	0800 800 150	02	0344 8090 222
EE	07953 966 250	Orange	07973 100 150
Tesco	0345 301 4455	3 (Three)	0333 338 1001
T-Mobile	07953 966 250	Virgin	0345 6000 789
Vodafone	03333 040 191		

For more information go to **https://www.immobilise.com/articles/smartphone-registration-and-reporting**

GROUP MATTERS

To join or leave a group, or for more information :

visit the Groups table at a general meeting or coffee morning,
email **groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk** or call 07769 266879

You can also find out more about our groups by visiting the **Groups page** of our website. All our groups are listed there and each have their own page – just click on a group name to open their page and discover more about when/ where they meet and what they do.

NEW – BEGINNERS BADMINTON

A new group has started for members that are new, or nearly new, to Badminton. It will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays in the morning. There are spaces so let me know if you are interested in joining it!

NEW – ARCHAEOLOGY 2

A second Archaeology group has started. It will meet monthly on the first Wednesday in the morning. There are spaces left so let me know if you are interested in joining it.

POTENTIAL NEW DISCUSSION GROUP

Curious about Life's Big Questions? One of our members would like to start a new friendly philosophical discussion group based on the Café Philo model that is operating around the world.

What does it do? They steer away (but not always completely) from current affairs. Instead they choose and discuss topics that have challenged both our and many previous generations. For example : What is free will? What does justice mean? How truthful should we be? Let me know if you are interested in joining it. For further details see **Café Philosophique** Wikipedia page.

POTENTIAL NEW GROUPS

The following new potential groups need a few more interested people and it could be worth starting new ones!

BEGINNERS LINE DANCING – ideal for members starting from new
MEMBERS ON THEIR OWN 3 – social activities for our single members
WEEKENDERS 2 – Looking for things to do at the weekend? Pub lunch, a walk, meet for coffee or a drink?

Have an idea for a new group?

Groups don't magically appear – they are born when enough members express an interest in a particular activity and someone (or two) volunteers to act as Group Coordinator. There is a wealth of support for budding groups so get in touch and see what happens.

If a group is full, you can be placed on the waiting list; you will be offered a space when one becomes available and you are at the top of the list. Don't wait to go on a waiting list – popular groups usually have one and being on the waiting list increases your chances of being offered a space.

Kevin Stock, Group Liaison

NO LONGER WITH US

Sadly we have to announce the death of Ann Paul; she only joined us in June of last year and was a member of the Creative Writing group.

Membership Secretary

Prefer not to receive member bulletins?

We issue regular bulletins to our members to inform them of meetings, social events, group activities, membership information, etc. However, **IF YOU DO NO longer WISH TO RECEIVE THIS BULLETIN**, please tell us so that we can remove your details from the distribution list. A confirmation email will be sent to you but you can change your mind at any time.

To unsubscribe contact **bulletin@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk**.

BIRDWATCHERS WENT TO MEDMERRY

Sixteen Birdwatchers spent a wonderful sunny Saturday morning in February on a trip to Medmerry RSPB near Selsey where we saw some very interesting birds. Afterwards we enjoyed coffee and cake at Apuldram Centre charity café. Below are some of the photos of our sightings taken by members of the group :

Avocets

Buzzards

Yellowhammer

John Philips, Group Coordinator

BAD HAIR DAY?

APRIL BITS'N'BOBS

"The Cuckoo comes in Aperill and stays the month of May;
Sings a song at Midsummer and then goes away."

"The bee doth love the sweetest flower,
So doth the blossom the April shower."
Authors unknown

Deity : APHRODITE renowned for her beauty; associated with love, romance and the pursuit of pleasure, legend has it that she was born from the foam of the sea.
Herbs : Mint

Flowers : Daisy (innocence, purity and true love) and Sweet Pea (blissful pleasure, good wishes, kindness, gratitude and friendship).
Crystal : Diamond associated with love, strength and courage.
Star signs –

ARIES 20th March to 19th April; symbol the Ram; element Fire (energetic, enthusiastic, impatient); quality Cardinal (initiating); "*I am*"; ruling planet Mars (drive); body part - the head.

TAURUS 19th April to 21st May; symbol the bull; element Earth (practical, realistic, cautious); quality Fixed (persevering); "*I have*"; ruling planet Venus (the desire); body parts – the throat/neck.

INTERESTING APRIL DATES

1st (1918) the RAF came into being and the Women's Royal Air Force was also instituted.
(1973) VAT was introduced in Britain.
(1980) Britain's first nudist beach opened at Brighton.

6th Candle Auction day – a candle would be lit and a pin stuck in it about an inch from the top; people would start bidding for a piece of church land to let to the poor for a year. The person bidding when the candle burned down enough to let the pin fall became the owner of the land.

7th (1969) widely considered as the internet's symbolic birthday when ARPA (Advanced Research Projects Agency) awarded a contract to build a precursor to today's world wide web to BBN Technologies.

9th Weather lore says this day predicts whether the summer ahead will be dry or wet - "*Oak before Ash, we'll only have a splash; Ash before Oak we're in for a soak.*"
(1967) The first Boeing 737 took off on its maiden flight.

12th (1981) the Space Shuttle blasted off into space for the first time.

13th (1960) the world's first satellite navigation system was launched – Transit 1B was primarily used by the US Navy to update the navigation systems aboard their Polaris submarines.

14th St. Tiburtius' Day (aka First Cuckoo Day). It is said that this is the day when the first cuckoo will sing, heralding either the arrival of spring or the start of summer, depending on who you talk to. Generally, cuckoos are thought to be bringers of good weather, unless you're in Yorkshire where a cuckoo call spells rain.

18th (1934) the first launderette opened.

19th Should you wish to grow your own pumpkin ready for Halloween, this is supposed to be the optimum time to plant your orange squash. On the other hand, should you wish to grow a Punkie rather than a pumpkin for your lantern you'll need to get your mangelwurzels in around the beginning of June instead.

21st National Tea Day – needs no explanation!

24th (1990) the Hubble Space Telescope was launched into Earth orbit.

Spotlight on Portsmouth

Southsea Seafront reopening

The Southsea Coastal Scheme is progressing well with their works to improve the area's flood defences. Work started in this area in October, 2024 and has seen the area strengthened to have a 1-in-200-year protection from a flood event.

The area known as **Frontage 3 – Southsea Common** between the Blue Reef Aquarium and the Hovertavel terminal (at the time of going to press) is due to be reopened to the public on the 2nd April.

For those who like numbers, this section has included 75,000 tonnes of rock, the main carriageway has been filled with 5,000 tonnes of recycled crushed concrete; 536 precast units; 414 promenade slabs; the beach recharge involved dredging 61,000m^3 of shingle; there are 20 ECONcrete pools and 118 rock munched pools (have the pools been munched by the rocks or vice versa???). More information about the design and the works progression can be found here : **https://southseacoastalscheme.org.uk/frontage/southsea-common/**

A particular highlight is the renamed *Centenary Place* (formerly Serpentine Square) which has been transformed from an empty, disused space into a stunning social hub featuring a play area, seating and planting. Other enhancements include a 2-way cycle lane, wider promenade, granite surfacing around the Naval War Memorial, a larger beach, a central "memorial walk" and more. Well worth a visit!

Waterlooville Town Centre regeneration community meeting

(advance notice) Wed 27th May 7:00 pm

Havant Borough Council are holding a meeting at Waterlooville Community Centre (WACA) at the end of May to update residents about upcoming changes and improvements planned for Waterlooville Town Centre. There will be an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts and feedback directly with the Council's Regeneration Team.

The Council are keen for as many people as possible to attend this meeting, so please share this information as widely as you can; more info will be published here when it is available.

https://www.havant.gov.uk/regeneration-and-business/regeneration-havant-borough/waterlooville-town-centre

Hilsea Lido to reopen in May

The multi-million pound renovation of Hilsea Lido is complete – it has been completely overhauled with extensive work carried out to fully renovate the pool, filtration equipment and surrounding areas. 80 tonnes of steel reinforcement and 30 lorry loads of concrete were brought in to strengthen the pool; modular shower units and toilets have been installed, including a Changing Places toilet and beach-themed changing huts.

The Lido will be managed by the partnership of Sea Lanes Brighton and South Downs Leisure and is scheduled to reopen on the 2nd May with the introduction of a sauna, along with a pop-up food and beverage offer to complement the unheated pool. The partnership will also operate the splash pool next to the lido, unifying both sides of the historic site for the first time in many years.

More info at **https://hilsealido.co.uk/**

Photography 1 – come and join us!

Spring finally arrives and for the first time this year we actually went on a trip in *sunshine* – let's hope this is just the start for this year. The group made their way to Petersfield, there was quite a bit going on and members did a lot of walking as well.

The theme for this month's *Photograph of the month* was **Streets** and, for the first time, we were unable to pick just one winner; so we had a tie between Simon Blackman (colour photo) and Tiantian Zhang (black & white photo) :

As a new group we are still looking for members to join us. Experience is not necessary as our more experienced members are always happy to pass on friendly advice, technical tips and support. Some of the group finish the visit with a trip to a local café for a hot beverage and cake. If this interests you then please contact **groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk**

Glen Bush, Group Coordinator

NATIONAL U3A ONLINE EVENTS

Each month, national u3a offer free online talks and workshops on a wide variety of topics to keep our minds and bodies going.

Click the link below, then click on the event of your choice for full details and how to book:
https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events

The current offerings include

Flight Inspiration : the British airman of the First World War	7th Apr
Staying safe online – a u3a presentation with Q&A	10th Apr
Laughter yoga with Judith	8th Apr
Adventures in science – thrills & spills in the Chichester practical science group	10th Apr
Mindfulness and meditation	16th Apr
Richard Nixon – a truly complex man	16th Apr
The magic of magic squares	17th Apr
Anglo-Saxon England : from the dark ages to the Viking age	21st Apr
Cryptic crosswords for beginners	22nd Apr
The *Missing Pieces* project – connecting people and place	23rd Apr
AI and geopolitics	24th Apr
Laughter yoga with Merrie Maggie	28th Apr
Oi! Mind yer language!	30th Apr
Flight Inspirations : the *Spruce Goose* aka the Hughes H-4 Hercules	5th May
Kingsmeadow House : the inside story of a modest country house	1st May
SAVE buildings at risk – empowering communities	7th May
Exploring World Faiths : faith and the media	11th May

GROUPS WITH VACANCIES (as of 2nd April) part 1

To join any group contact Kevin Stock groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk or 07769 266879

Interest Group	Meeting Day / Frequency	Venue
Archaeology 2	Monthly 1st Wed 10am-12	Springwood Community Centre
Art Appreciation	Monthly 2nd Fri 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Drayton
Art History 1	Monthly 2nd Wed 10am-12	Zoom
Backgammon	1st & 3rd Mon 10.30am-12.30pm	The Woodman, Purbrook
Badminton (Beginners)	2nd & 4th Thu 10am-12	Horizon Leisure Centre, Havant
Badminton (Improvers)	1st & 3rd Wed 1pm-3pm	Horizon Leisure Centre, Havant
Birdwatchers	Monthly last Sat 9.30am-12	Various places
Board Games (Modern)	1st & 3rd Mon 1.30pm-3.30pm	Denmead Community Centre
Board Games 2	Monthly 3rd Mon 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Cosham
Books 6	Monthly 4th Thu 2.00pm-4.00pm	Members' Homes, Waterlooville
Bridge	Weekly Fri 10am-12	Acorn Community Centre
Bus Trippers	Variable	Various places
Canasta 3	2nd & 4th Mon 2pm-4pm	Acorn Community Centre
Country & Western music	Monthly last Wed 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Widley
Cribbage	2nd & 4th Tue 10am-12	Springwood Community Centre
Dining Out	2nd Wed & 4th Sun lunchtime	Various places
Drawing 2	1st & 3rd Tue 10am-12	Jubilee Centre

GROUPS WITH VACANCIES (as of 2nd April) part 2		
To join any group contact Kevin Stock groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk or 07769 266879		
Film Club	Monthly 3rd Tue 2.00pm-4.00 pm	Pear Tree Court, Horndean
French Beginners	Monthly 4th Fri 2.30pm-4.00pm	Members' Homes, Drayton
French Conversation 1	Weekly Tue 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Waterlooville
Fun French	2nd & 4th Wed 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Fun with Watercolours	Weekly Thu 1pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Genealogy	Monthly 1st Thu 2pm-4pm	Church of the Resurrection, Drayton
German (Intermediate)	Fortnightly Mon 10am-12	Members' Homes, Drayton
German Conversation	Monthly 1st Tue 3.45pm-5.15pm	Pear Tree Court, Horndean
Learn Guitar & Sing	2nd & 4th Tue 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Widley
Line Dancing (Beginners)	Potential new group!	
Line Dancing (Improvers)	Weekly Mon 2pm-3pm	Waterlooville Baptist Church
Lunch Club	Variable 12.30pm-2	Various places
Mah Jong 1	1st & 3rd Tue 10am-12	Age Concern, Cowplain
Mah Jong 2	2nd & 4th Tue 2pm-4pm	Portchester Parish Hall
Members On Their Own 3	Potential new group!	
Modern History 1 (from 1845)	Fortnightly Thu 10am-12	Waterlooville Library
Music Appreciation	Monthly 2nd Tue 2.00pm-4.00 pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Photography 1	2nd & 4th Tue 10am-12	Pear Tree Court, Horndean
Pilates 5	Weekly Mon 10am-11	Waterlooville Community Centre
Poetry	Monthly 2nd Wed 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Quizzers 1	Monthly 2nd Thu 10.30am-12.30pm	Springwood Community Centre
Quizzers 2	Monthly 2nd Wed 2pm-4pm	Age Concern, Cowplain
Radio Hams	Variable	Various places
Rummikub 1	1st & 3rd Tue 2pm-4pm	Springwood Community Centre
Rummikub 2	2nd & 4th Wed 2pm-4pm	Springwood Community Centre
Science	Monthly 4th Thu 10am-12	Springwood Community Centre
Scrabble	1st & 3rd Thu 2pm-4pm	Springwood Community Centre
Sewing	Weekly Thu 10am-12	Acorn Community Centre
Sewing B	Monthly 2nd Fri 10.00am-12	Acorn Community Centre
Singing For Pleasure	1st & 3rd Wed 2pm-3.30	Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville
Snooker 2	1st & 3rd Thu 1pm-4pm	Waterlooville Sports Bar
Tai Chi 1 - Improvers	Weekly Fri 12.30pm-1.30	Waterlooville Community Centre
Ukulele	Weekly Thu 2pm-4pm	Lovedean Village Hall
Walking 1 - Stragglers	1st & 3rd Tue 10.30am-12	Various places
Walking 1 - Striders	2nd & 4th Fri 10am-12	Various places
Walking 1 - Strollers	Monthly 1st Fri 10am-12	Various places
Walking 2 - Striders	1st & 3rd Mon 1.30pm or 2.00pm	Various places
Walking 3 - Stragglers	Fortnightly Fri 11.00am-2pm	Various places
Walking 3 - Strollers	Fortnightly Fri 10.30am-1pm	Various places
Weaving & Felting	1st & 3rd Tue 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Weekenders 2	Potential new group!	

South East u3a Forum Summer School

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th September 2026
University of Chichester

South East u3a Forum Summer School 2026

The dates for 2026 are:

- **Thursday 2nd April** 2026.- **Course list and details** go '**live**' at **11.00am**
- **Friday 8th May** 2026.- **Bookings** will go 'live' at **11.00am**

Courses

AI – Beginners
Art History – The Male Gaze
Craft – English Paper Piecing - Beginners
Jazz Appreciation - Introduction
Life Story – Social History
Linguistics – Onomastics: What's in a name?
Mahjong – Beginners
Mathematics – for Life
MPT - Memory, Perception & Thinking
Poetry – Australian
Philosophy – Introduction
Spanish – Beginners
Yoga – Seated, Mat and Standing

Otter's Restaurant,
Chapel Courtyard

These 13 courses are now finalised and complete the list of courses on offer this year.

Costs

The prices for 2026 summer school are as follows:

En-Suite Accommodation **£390.00**	Standard Accommodation **£360.00**
Non-Residential with dinner **£220.00**	Non-Residential no dinner **£175.00**

The residential prices include accommodation, all meals and refreshments offered at break times, a 'Welcome' drink on the first evening, with a 'Farewell' drink on the last evening, both prior to dinner. Also, the evening entertainment is included; available on campus each evening at 8.00pm.

Theatre - We have managed to secure a block of seats for, **'a small and quiet light'** production at the Minerva Theatre for Tuesday 8th September, evening performance. The Minerva is the smaller sister theatre to the Festival Theatre and is situated opposite the main theatre. More information on the play will be available in April.

The next update - The Subject and Course Overviews go '**live**' on **2nd April at 11.00am**, on the Forum's website. No further information is available at present. Current information on 2026 Summer School can be found on the South East u3a Forum's website, here is the web link : 2026 - South East u3a Forum

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