

COFFEE MORNINGS 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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



Monday 11th May and 8th June

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.

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

Wednesday 20th May

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

Speaker : Paul Clutterbuck

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

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!

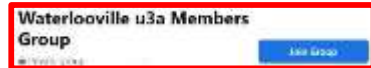
CHAIR'S REQUEST – NATIONAL SURVEY OF U3A MEMBERS – PLEASE TAKE PART

Hi there. Shortly the national Third Age Trust will send out a survey to find out more about u3a membership across the country. With over 400,000 members nationally we all represent a considerable pool of collective information. When the survey comes out, I intend to circulate it to everyone in our own u3a. Although I am aware of (and feel myself) "survey fatigue", this one is quite important for all of us, so can I urge you to respond when you receive the survey?

Rob Stansbury, Chair

WU3A FACEBOOK GROUP

We have a private Facebook group that is open to any Waterlooville u3a member. To join, login to Facebook, search for 'Waterlooville u3a Members Group' and request to join. Or click [here](#).



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

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.

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.

Annual Open Day &

20 th Anniversary Cabaret	Fri 14 th August	WACA
Quiz evening	Sat 12 th September	Springwood Community Centre
Barn Dance	Fri 16 th October	Cowplain Social Club

DON'T FORGET YOUR PHOTO ID WHEN YOU VOTE IN PERSON AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 7TH MAY

You need photo ID when you go to the polling station.

Many options are available, including passport, photo driving licence, bus pass, etc.

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>

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

Wednesday 17th June

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

Speaker : Anita Butler

Topic : South Downs Sustainability Centre

Anita has been the CEO & Centre Manager since January 2025 with many years' experience in sustainability strategy, community engagement and widening participation initiatives. The Centre's aims are to educate, enable and inspire people from all walks of life to make positive changes to the way they live and work. Spread across 55 acres of woodland and natural chalk downland the Centre is managed as a working example of sustainability.

Wednesday 24th June

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

Speaker : Trevor Rutter

Topic : Stuff You Don't Need To Know

A collection of trivia! Interesting stories, events and people from history delivered quick fire and with a touch of humour. Subjects include Napoleon in exile, the shortest war in history, cockney rhyming slang, unusual record breaking footballers and crackpot conspiracy theories.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FREE TEATIME CABARET FROM 3:30 PM

14TH AUGUST AT WACA



We hope you are able to join us for our 20th anniversary celebration in the form of a **FREE teatime cabaret and afternoon tea**. The celebrations will begin at 3:30 pm.

While members enjoy their afternoon tea, they will be entertained by some of our musically-related groups who will showcase their skills.

One such group to perform will be the Ukulele group who formed in 2013 with just six members. It has grown since then and currently has a membership of 23. Affectionately known as the Wacky Wednesdays (a nod to their original meeting day) they boast a repertoire of approximately 300 songs and have performed widely for clubs, fetes, hospitals and care homes at some 52 venues, in East Hants and beyond.

Other musical entertainment will feature a West End singer and accompanying singers, a local acapella male voice choir and some retro disco.

An event not to be missed!

More details to follow.

Nigel Barrell, Social Events Organiser

APRIL QUIZ RESULTS

16 teams took part in a very successful Quiz evening last month. The results were :

Pos	Team	Points
1	The Borrowers	87
=2	Card Games	71
=2	Out for 6	71
4	The Quizzers	66
=5	Canasta 3	64
=5	Rummikub	64
=7	Cycling	62
=7	The Globetrotters	62
=9	Horndean u3a	60
=9	Outings 5	60
11	Local History 3	59
=12	Birdwatchers	56
=12	Board Games 2	56
14	The Potting Shed	54
15	Five Alive	52
16	Tai Chi 3	42

WHAT HAPPENED AT APRIL'S SKITTLES AND AFTERNOON TEA?

On Saturday 24th April over 40 Wu3a members arrived at the Springwood Community Centre for a fun, sociable afternoon of skittles. Everyone took turns to bowl three balls at nine skittles with varying degrees of success! The atmosphere was very supportive . . . and rather competitive! This year the bar was open, which was welcomed by those who preferred not to drink tea and coffee all afternoon.

After two rounds we were served with a splendid afternoon tea, prepared by a few stalwart volunteers who come up trumps every year! Then back to the skittles for the final round to determine this year's champion. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd went to Martin, Lynne and Sarah.



The finale of the afternoon was a game of sudden death - everyone bowled one ball at however many skittles remained standing and as long as you hit one you survived another round - miss and you were out! The winner, for another cash prize was Debbie.

At the end of the afternoon, in true co-operative, u3a spirit, everyone pitched in to clear away chairs and tables and the hall was restored to its original state in a matter of minutes!

Huge thanks to the members who worked hard to provide the afternoon tea and clear up afterwards! Also a big thank you to the members who stood up the skittles for everyone to knock down, a back breaking job!! And thanks to everyone who came for joining in and supporting each other.

Nigel Barrell

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.

BEGINNERS LINE DANCING

I hope to start a new Line Dancing group for Beginners. It would meet every Friday morning at 9:30 am during school term, but it needs a few more people to make it worthwhile. Let me know if you are interested in joining it!

PÉTANQUE (FRENCH BOULES)

We have the opportunity to start a new group for Pétanque. It is played outside with hollow steel balls known as *boules* and a wooden target ball or jack. The idea is to get your *boules* close to the jack. It can be played as Singles, Doubles or Triples. Day and time to be decided by the members of the group. Let me know if you are interested!

NEW PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

A new discussion group has formed based on the Café Philo model that is operating around the world, It will meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 10 am.

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!

ART USING MIXED MEDIA

Our **Fun with Watercolours** group has been renamed and revamped to include whatever art materials appeal to you.

Afternoons of relaxation with pencils, crayons, brushes, markers or anything else you can make a mark with. We meet at a member's home in Cowplain where we have access to examples of many styles of art which can give us ideas and inspiration. We also enjoy refreshments and time to chat about everything and nothing. Some art equipment is available to try your hand with and some beginners' basic tuition is also available. Amenities also available and wheelchair accessible.

We meet every Thursday from 1pm until 4pm – come and go as convenient for you. Let me know if you are interested!

CRAFTING TOGETHER

Our **Weaving & Felting** group has been renamed and revamped to include other crafts. Knitting, embroidery, weaving, etc. – whatever your favourite craft is let's do it together with a cup of tea (or coffee), a biscuit or two and a nice chat.

Help/tuition and materials available for some crafts and help may be requested for others. We meet at a member's home in Cowplain – amenities available and wheelchair accessible.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 1pm until 4pm – come and go as convenient for you. Let me know if you are interested!

GROUP MATTERS (continued)

WORD GAMES IN FRENCH

Our **Fun French** group has been renamed and revamped.

We are a small group who like to take an informal approach to brushing up our French language skills. We play non-competitive word games in French, eg *No rules group*, *Scrabble*, *Hangman*, analogue puzzles, informal questions and answers, crosswords, etc. We can enjoy little refreshments and chat in French.

We meet at a member's home in Cowplain – amenities available and wheelchair accessible.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1pm until 4pm – come and go as convenient for you. Let me know if you are interested!

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 2 – 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 **Lyn Owen**; she joined us in 2021. Lyn was a keen supporter of Wu3a as a member of several groups - Canasta 2, Card Games, Cribbage, Lunch Club, Mah Jong, Quizzers 1, Rummikub 1 and Scrabble.

Membership Secretary

Prefer not to receive these member bulletins?

We issue regular bulletins to our members to inform them of meetings, social events, group activities, membership information, etc. However, **IF YOU 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.

MAY BITS'N'BOBS

*"The wind at North and East was never good for man nor beast
So never think to cast a clout until the month of May be out!"*

Author unknown

Deity : FLORA – The Roman goddess of flowers, fertility and spring. Wearing a garland of colourful flowers in her hair, Flora brings hope and new life.



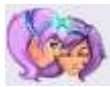
Tree/flower : Hawthorn – also known as the May tree, the hawthorn is a prominent fixture in May Day celebrations – branches were cut and set in the ground outside homes, to be adorned with flowers and garlands.

Crystal : Jade – also known as the dream stone, is claimed to help you tap into spiritual wisdom. Ancient tribes used it in tools and weapons as it was easily sharpened and polished. Highly prized around the world and revered in China for its powers of protection. It is generally associated with good luck, friendship and success.

Star signs :



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.



GEMINI 21st May to 21st June; symbol the twins; element Air (clever, curious, communicative); quality mutable (adapting); *"I think"*; ruling planet Mercury (the curiosity); body parts – nerves, arms, shoulders.

INTERESTING MAY DATES

- 1st May Day or Beltane. Plenty of folklore for this date – dancing around May poles, making/burning wicker men, decorating bushes with ribbons, creating buttercup, cowslip and crown imperial garlands or even rolling three blossom-wreathed cheeses around a church three times.
(1840) the world's first adhesive postage stamp (the Penny Black) was issued in the UK.
- 2nd Sting Nettle Day – at least it is in parts of Sussex – other counties celebrate this antisocial plant on the 30th April, 1st May and the 3rd May! A well-known (?) proverb holds *"They that handle a nettle tenderly is soonest stung."* However, if you grab it low, fast and with determination you will be saved from the pain; then you can do all sorts of things with it – create delicious pesto, place them in front of a beehive to deter frogs, make string or fashion a whistle. Of course, if you do get stung remember *"Nettle out, dock in. Dock remove the nettle sting."*
- 3rd Avoiding Day (in Scotland apparently) – a day to avoid beginning anything of consequence – a journey, task, marriage or counting farm animals – or risk bringing down bad luck upon yourself.
(1978) the Digital Equipment Corporation sent the world's first spam message with 600 unsolicited emails. And we have all suffered ever since!
- 6th (1994) the Channel Tunnel was opened, linking the UK with France with the world's longest undersea portion.
- 10th Dotterel Day. This rare wading bird is said to be rather naïve and a good mimicker. Also quite tame and unsuspecting – the term *"dotterel"* is often applied contemptuously to mean *"old fool"*.
- 21st Tea Day – woo hoo! The perfect day to indulge in a brew and a spot of tasseography afterwards (that's leaf reading to the uninitiated).
- 24th (1830) *"Mary had a little lamb"* by Sarah Josepha Hale was published.
- 31st (1859) the Clock Tower at the north end of the Palace of Westminster was completed and Big Ben began its timekeeping life.



NEWS FROM THE THURSDAY SEWING GROUP

One of our members was sent a desperate plea from NICU at QA to make memory bags. Group members took on the challenge and sewed 87 memory bags and delivered to QA. Sewing was completed in 2 sessions. Everyone agreed a very useful community activity.



We have space in our group for more, so get in touch via groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk to register your interest and find out for yourself what else we get up to!

Rosana Barker & Jane , Joint Group Coordinators

OUTINGS 5 TOOK TIME OUT TO SMELL THE ROSES?

Outings 5 were fortunate to book on a tour of Budds Farm, to learn how our waste water is cleaned and processed so it can be released back into the sea for the cycle to start again.



It was a full-on experience with a long tour of the whole site so we could see how it all worked - we did not realise how complex the system is. Our guides, Dan and Kim, were full of information and answered our questions well.

Diane Forster, Group coordinator

WATERLOOVILLE TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION COMMUNITY MEETING

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.

NOTE – the above information was received at the end of March, but no subsequent information or confirmation, so please check with the Council for any updates to this proposed meeting..

PHOTOGRAPHY 1 – COME AND JOIN US!

Well after the lovely sunny day for our visit to Petersfield, we went to Hayling Island on a very grey and windy day. Another good turnout for the trip, but with many of us worried whether we would be able to get any good shots, there was a lot of walking up and down the beach to try to get that 'perfect' shot.



When we held our Group meeting to review the photos we were very pleased with the standard of many of the photos taken. The theme for the photograph of the month was 'Land and Seascapes' and the winning photo was a fantastic shot taken by Simon Blackman.

As a relatively 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 – come along for a taster to try us out.

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 Inspirations : the <i>Spruce Goose</i> aka the Hughes H-4 Hercules	5 th May
SAVE buildings at risk – empowering communities	7 th May
ENORMOUS numbers and where to find them	8 th May
Exploring World Faiths : faith and the media	11 th May
Call of the Wild : Stories from the Frontiers of Exploration	12 th May
Laughter Yoga with Judith	13 th May
Suffering and hope in Tolstoy's <i>Anna Karenina</i>	14 th May
The legacy of Edinburgh's Victorian swimming baths	15 th May
Laughter Yoga with Merrie Maggie	26 th May
People's Collection Wales : exploring the public archive of Welsh history	28 th May
Drones, huh? What are they good for?	29 th May
u3a Yoga network : summer yoga practice	1 st June
Flight Inspirations : advent of the heavy bomber – inception to the late 1930's	2 nd June
Laughter yoga with Judith	3 rd June
FoodTech : technology involved in food processing and food service	3 rd June
Making the most of artificial intelligence (AI) – build confidence online	9 th June
Learn with u3a	10 th June
ABC of Victorian painting	11 th June
Mindfulness and meditation	18 th June
Secrets of the human brain : a tour of the brain	22 nd June

HILSEA LIDO IS OPEN ONCE AGAIN



Originally opened in 1935 but shut since 2022, the multi-million pound renovation of Hilsea Lido is now complete and it reopened to the public on the 2nd May.



As their promotional material says – *the Lido was built with and for the community and is a holiday at home right on your doorstep Hilsea Lido has always been shaped by the people around it. Its restoration has been supported by a committed local community. Open, welcoming and easy to access, it's a place for regular swimmers, first timers, families and anyone looking to*

spend time outdoors.

Open 7 days a week, at the centre is a 67 metre open-air pool offering lane swimming, open sessions, aqua aerobics, inflatables and much more. Alongside the pool is a sauna as well as splash pools and refreshment facilities.



More info at <https://hilsealido.co.uk/>



M27 J10 IMPROVEMENT WORKS

MAY OVERNIGHT CLOSURES

As these works continue, there are several overnight closures planned during May to facilitate the connection of the new road to the existing Broadway Roundabout.

The works include construction on the southbound lanes and drainage works on the M27 westbound off-slip.

Road closures between 20:00 and 06:00 will affect both the A32 and the M27 and full details can be found [here](#)

Clearly signed diversion routes will be in place during these closures.

GROUPS WITH VACANCIES (as of 2nd May) 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 1 st 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
Art Using Mixed Media	Weekly Thu 1pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Backgammon	1st & 3rd Mon 10.30am-12.30pm	The Woodman, Purbrook
Badminton 1 (Improvers)	1st & 3rd Wed 1pm-3pm	Horizon Leisure Centre, Havant
Badminton 2 (Beginners)	2nd & 4th Thu 10am-12	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 4 th Thu 2.00pm-4.00pm	Members' Homes, Waterlooville
Bridge	Weekly Fri 10am-12	Acorn Community Centre
Bus Trippers	Variable	Various places
Café Philo (Philosophy)	Monthly 2 nd Tue 10am-11.30	Pear Tree Court, Horndean
Canasta 3	2nd & 4th Mon 2pm-4pm	Acorn Community Centre
Country & Western music	Monthly last Wed 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Widley
Crafting Together	1st & 3rd Wed 1pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Cribbage	2nd & 4th Tue 10am-12	Springwood Community Centre
Cycling	Weekly Thu 9.15am-12.30	Various places
Dining Out	2nd Wed & 4th Sun lunchtime	Various places
Drawing 2	1st & 3rd Tue 10am-12	Jubilee Centre
Film Club	Monthly 3 rd Tue 2.00pm-4.00 pm	Pear Tree Court, Horndean
French Beginners	Monthly 4 th Fri 2.30pm-4.00pm	Members' Homes, Drayton
French Conversation 1	Weekly Tue 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Waterlooville
Genealogy	Monthly 1st Thu 2pm-4pm	Church of the Resurrection, Drayton
German (Intermediate)	Fortnightly Mon 10am-12	Members' Homes, Drayton
German Conversation	Monthly 1 st Tue 3.45pm-5.15pm	Pear Tree Court, Horndean
Learn Guitar/Sing 1 Beginners	2 nd & 4 th Tue 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Widley
Learn Guitar/Sing 2 Proficient	1 st & 3 rd Tue 2pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Widley
Line Dancing (Beginners)	Weekly Fri 9.30am-10.30am	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 2	TBC	Potential new group!
Music Appreciation	Monthly 2 nd Tue 2.00pm-4.00 pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Pétanque (French <i>boules</i>)	TBC	Potential new group
Photography 1	2 nd & 4 th Tue 10am-12	Various places
Poetry	Monthly 2 nd Wed 2.00pm-4.00 pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain
Quizzers 1	Monthly 2 nd Thu 10.30am-12.30pm	Springwood Community Centre
Quizzers 2	Monthly 2nd Wed 2pm-4pm	Age Concern, Cowplain

GROUPS WITH VACANCIES (as of 2nd May) part 2		
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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	1 st & 3 rd Thu 2pm-4pm	Springwood Community Centre
Sewing	Weekly Thu 10am-12	Acorn Community Centre
Sewing B	Monthly 2 nd 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
Table Tennis 3	2 nd & 4 th Fri 1.45pm-3.45pm	Age Concern, Cowplain
Ukulele	Weekly Thu 2pm-4pm	Lovedean Village Hall
Walking 1 - Stragglers	1st & 3rd Tue 10.30am-12	Various places
Walking 1 - Striders	2 nd & 4 th 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
Weekenders 2	Weekends TBC	Potential new group!
Word Games in French	2nd & 4th Wed 1pm-4pm	Members' Homes, Cowplain

2026/2027 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – ADVANCE NOTICE

A general invitation to renew your membership of Waterlooville u3a will be issued later this month with full details as to how much and how to renew.

This is an advance notice to let you know that we are introducing another payment method to add to those already on offer. Apart from paying by direct bank transfer, cheque or in person, this year members will also be able to renew with an online facility provided by PayPal which accommodates payment by credit card, debit card or a PayPal account. There is absolutely no requirement to have or to open a PayPal account to use this new method.

There is no obligation whatsoever for you to use this new method, but the Membership Team would welcome it greatly if you do renew via this new option as it automates a lot of the process and significantly reduces the administration workload in managing well over 1,000 members.

The process involves a one-off registration to something called the **Members' Portal** from within which members can check and update their personal details as well as renew their membership.

This is just a brief introduction and more detailed information will follow shortly.