



• *Chairman's Report*

Welcome to a new Purbeck U3A term, the summer break is over and everything is starting again refreshed. The past year has seen many changes – we have passed the 600 members barrier – new groups are starting and a lot more is happening.

As a committee we are here to support groups and members and, in order to do this efficiently we have to make changes and modernise some of our systems. Not everyone welcomes change, we are aware of your feelings and hopefully these projects reflect this.

The Bulletin is perhaps the most obvious change. John Hale has spent many years producing the newsletter and has done a superb job, mainly single-handed. He has stood down from this demanding role and we owe him a heartfelt thank you for all his time and effort. We now move forward and have decided to focus on the groups, approaching 50, covering so many different interests. The editorial team pull all this together and keep you informed on what is happening.

The next major change is the website. This has been running for several years in its present format. It has been suggested by quite a few members plus requests for more information from prospective new members, that we need a more detailed description about all the groups. The major decision to make this change has led to creating a website development team who are being kept very busy, this is not something that happens overnight! We hope to be launching this by the New Year but we do expect amendments and additions. Input from yourselves is expected and welcomed. In fact this edition, the Bulletin is launching a 'Contact Us' section – we want your comments, ideas and questions.

We all look forward to Meeting Points with its interesting programme of speakers. Yvonne Hunter's role as Meeting Points Co-ordinator will ensure this. I look forward to another interesting Purbeck U3A year and, hopefully, seeing many of you at Meeting Points.

Jim McGivern

• Your New PURBECK U3A COMMITTEE

Better late than never! You may have been wondering who's doing what on the Committee elected in May.

According to our constitution, a member needs to attend a committee meeting before becoming an official committee member. Illness and holidays have prevented this until now !

At last here is the run down, accompanied by the relevant mugshots!



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● News From the Groups



Creative Textiles

Nora Gee, the inspiration behind Creative Textiles died this Summer just a few weeks after her 100th birthday. Nora initially qualified as an architect but at the beginning of World War II transferred her skills to 'Creative Fashion' on which she lectured at Southampton University for many years.



Nora became a founding member of Purbeck U3A where she developed two groups, Embroidery and Dressmaking. These groups later combined to become Creative Textiles. Remembered with much affection as a great motivator and teacher Nora delighted in sharing her considerable talents, for as one member remarked, 'She had us doing things we never thought possible'.

The groups she led learnt to work with leather making coats and gloves, with fabric which included a quilt which raised funds for the Weldmar Trust, felt-work, designing and embroidery. In 2007 the government began a campaign to curtail the use of plastic bags, Nora's response was to persuade everyone to design and make their own bags, an activity which continues to this day. Her own workroom was described as 'a veritable Aladdin's Cave'. Nora did not confine her interests to the textile groups but arranged outings and social lunches for all members because she regarded the social life of U3A to be as important as group activities.

Nora's legacy can be still seen in the work and skills of today's members. Just this year Jane Patterson, a member of the original group, was awarded the Dorset Arts and Crafts, 'Mackenzie-Edwards Trophy', for knitting of exceptional quality.



Displays of work can regularly be seen at the Flower Festivals of Lady Saint Mary's and Kingston Parish Church and at the Annual Meeting of U3A.

Creative Textiles meet at Carey Hall, Tuesday mornings 10am – 12 noon (except the second Tuesday of the month).

Kath Doyle

For more information email textiles@purbecku3a.org.uk or 01929 553953

● *Membership Matters*

The Beacon memberships database is working quite well. We've had a few teething problems with emails not getting through but it has made the subscription renewals process a lot slicker and soon the system will be rolled out to other officers of Purbeck U3A.



Sad to report that, at 1st September, the start of our academic year, one third of our membership of over 600 had not renewed their subscriptions. If you are one of those 200 and still have not paid for 2016 – 2017 year will you please do so promptly as your subscription is overdue. If you are unsure whether you have renewed your subs. you may check with your group leader as they already have the new Memberships List.

Arguably the simplest and fastest way to pay the subs. is by online banking direct to Purbeck U3A account:

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or by sending a cheque made payable to Purbeck U3A direct to Patrick Webb our Treasurer at 88 Northmoor Way, Wareham BH20 4EG .

Failing that please hand it to him at Meeting Points on Thursday 22nd September latest. Our subscription of £16 p.a. continues to remain one of the lowest in the country.

Thank you – I'm sure you'll agree it's £16 well spent.

Clive Bacon Membership Secretary

● *Facebook*

The Myths

Say Facebook and a lot of people switch off! 'Not for me' and 'I don't do social media' are the 2 most heard comments. A lot of us have a fear of 'being got at' and losing anonymity. When you know how to use it, you will see that this isn't the case.

Purbeck U3A has a Facebook page and a few simple steps will let you read about a lot of group activities with superb photos and also get the latest news on Meeting Points and all things U3A.

If you would like to be shown how to do it just contact groupcoord@purbecku3a.org.uk and we will do our best to arrange some tuition !



Just Desserts

Tasty Treats at Just Desserts



The warm, honey like smell of baking wafts from the kitchen throughout the house. It brings a smile and a score of happy memories including licking a spoon of creamed mixture.

It had been years since I had baked and now I was enjoying it again though with mixed results. I remembered a cream coloured mixing bowl on a table. Its contents have been spooned into cake tins and places on a shelf in the oven. I run a finger around the inside of the bowl scooping up the leftover ambrosia and, like a cat licking its paw, I lick my finger closing my eyes as I taste the mixture smooth and sweet. Still the same things happen years later. The scent of the toasting top of the cake as it nears the end of its cooking time. The cake is on a pretty plate being shared with others.

The pudding club, more properly 'Just Desserts' is made up of men and women who like to eat and make desserts. Once a month we gather in the home of a member, taking it in turns to host the afternoon event. We each bring a dessert and taste each one.



This photo shows some of these delights. The food is cooked with joy. The conversation is wide-ranging and when it is about the food it is kindly and warm. No rude comments! Every time is a treat as we tuck into the delicious sweet food.

The second photo shows Tim "ready to go".

For those who like sharing puddings, desserts and cakes whether you have never cooked or rarely cooked, Just Desserts is a place of sweet delights and good conversation.

If you are tempted, please contact Paul at puddings@purbecku3a.org.uk, as there are currently two vacancies.



And thank you to Mari for the write up.



Wine Appreciation Group

The prime purpose of the group is to taste, learn about, review, and enjoy a wide variety of wines from around the world, in order to increase our knowledge and expertise, while enjoying each other's company in a friendly and informal environment. No expertise is necessary and both beginners and more knowledgeable people are equally welcome. We normally meet at 7pm on the third Monday of every month (September to June inclusive), at Harman's Cross Village Hall. We currently have a few vacancies and potential new members may try a sample session or two before joining.

Each meeting consists of a tasting and discussion of six wines, presented either by one of the group or a wine merchant or producer. We try to present different wines ranging from everyday good quality to higher price & special occasion categories in order to maximise interest. Past external presenters have included retailers such as Dorset Wines, Prime Wines and Majestic, while visiting producers have ranged from Dorset's own Langham Vineyard to Chateau Musar from Lebanon and the Spanish & international producer Codorniu. This year we plan to carry on this approach, and also hope to include a return visit from a very knowledgeable Chevalier de Tastevin who will cover Rhone wines. We also hope to arrange an additional daytime visit to a local vineyard.

Members are encouraged to suggest meeting topics in advance for each year, and also to lead a session should they so wish. There is a modest tasting fee to cover the cost of wines, which we encourage members to pay upfront for the ten sessions. That said, potential new members may pay nightly for one or two sessions, with this being deducted from the annual fee should they join.

Please email Roger Bartley (group leader) on wine@purbecku3a.org.uk for more information.

Quiz Group

The Quiz group meets at Corfe Library from 2-3pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, why not join them?



1. Where does the River Tigris originate?
2. If you subtract a Baker's dozen from a score, what do you get?
3. David was one of the Fathers of the 12 Tribes of Israel -true or false?
4. What was the name of Dick Turpin's horse?
5. What does the Latin phrase 'caveat emptor' mean?

Answers on page 10

The Nordic Walking Group



What is Nordic Walking?

It's an enhancement of walking, using special poles with hand straps to work the upper body and propel.

What are the benefits?

The major benefits are that it uses the upper body and core as well as the legs. You work harder, but it feels easier and you go further for the same perceived effort! It's outdoors, fun and helps build all round fitness and sense of wellbeing.



At Arne RSPB

What could the group offer me if I considered joining?

The group formed in November 2015 having 3 trained walkers and 2 qualified instructors. A taster session in January attracted more interest and the group now has 17 trained Nordic walkers.

Walks take place on the first and third Fridays of each Month, starting at 10am and lasting around 2 hours, frequently finishing with refreshment. There are a variety of walks in Purbeck, with a range of terrain. Members share a rota and ensure that all routes are rehearsed a day or two before the scheduled walks So that the group can be made aware of potential hazards- we don't want mishaps! The pace of the walk will vary according to the mix of the group. There is always an opportunity for those wanting to challenge themselves to do so without abandoning the group!

Should I want to join, what do I do?

If you have trained in NW and have a recognized NWUK certificate you are welcome to join. If you have not trained and are inquisitive, then come along to a taster session and see what it's all about. Please contact nordic@purbecku3a.org.uk or phone me on 07966 500820



Durlston Country Park

Why do I need to train at NW at all?

NW is relatively easy to learn, but we require members to have undergone a period of training (usually about 4 hours) as the special movements /technique needs to be taught so as to achieve the maximum benefit. The cost of such training (about £40) must be paid by the individual and is outside the remit of the U3A. Once a member of the NW group the walks are free-part of the ethos of the U3A!

John Challis

MOTO

Members on Their Own

A Thriving New Group!



Early in 2016, a PU3A member (who shall remain nameless!) came up with the suggestion that a new group be started aimed specifically at members who are without partners.

It was envisaged that it would be a social group and that trips and events would be arranged, where possible, by the individual members. The idea was put to the Groups Co-ordinator and Chairman who were 100% in favour,

following which a little research revealed that other U3As ran similar groups with great success.



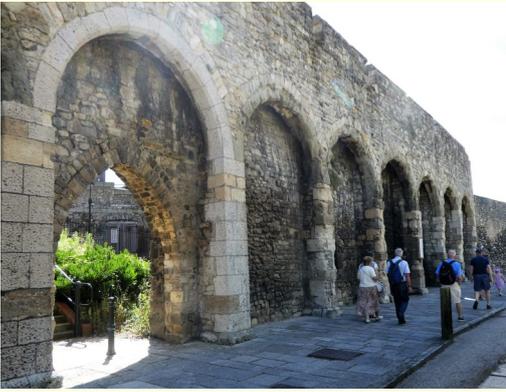
Subsequently, two members took it upon themselves to get things up and running. Feelers were put out to gauge the amount of interest, and in May an informal get together was arranged which was attended by 12 enthusiastic, if slightly reticent, members. Ideas and suggestions for activities were thrown into the mix and important topics such as transport and communication were discussed. Everyone left this meeting feeling positive and optimistic that we would attract a few more members.

I don't think any of us imagined that now, three months down the line, our membership would have grown to 30 with several successful and enjoyable events under our belt. Since inauguration of the group, we have been on several trips and lately to a brilliant performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" by the Summer Youth Project at the Mayflower, Southampton.



A summer tea party in August was also a huge success and we were able to welcome our new members and discuss suggestions for the future, our aim being to make our programme as varied as possible to attract all.

We also hope that we have generated introductions between members enabling smaller splinter groups to be formed.



We maintain a network contact list for circulation to all members so that car sharing can be arranged, as some members do not drive/are less mobile, and those who do drive are unfailingly generous with offers of transport.

We feel we have fulfilled a real need and are delighted that the project has been so successful. However, as founder co-ordinators we would welcome some extra help. New

members are always welcome and, while it is not a condition of membership, if you are willing to take a more pro-active role, so much the better!

Sue Galise & Derek Monk moto@pu3a.org.uk



Archaeology Group

The Big Dig

Members of Purbeck U3A Archaeology group to visited the 'Durotriges Project Big Dig', near Winterborne Kingston, an investigation by Bournemouth University studying the transition from the late Iron Age to the early Roman period.

In 2009 excavation found an enclosed later Iron Age 'banjo' settlement containing round houses, storage pits, a later Iron Age Durotrigan cemetery and the remains of a 4th century Roman villa.

Later the discovery nearby of an extensive undefended Late Iron Age settlement, consisting of an estimated 100-150 roundhouses caused the site to be nicknamed 'Duropolis' .



archy@purbecku3a.org.uk

Discussion Group



We now have spaces for some new members. It is a lively and interesting group. It was decided for members to follow news stories in the week before the meeting and bring one for the meeting to discuss briefly. From time to time we may have a speaker to introduce a topic.

We meet 2nd Thursday in the month at 2.30pm at 64 Victoria Avenue, Swanage. Please contact Diana Morgan Tel 01929 423929 for further information and if you would like to join. First meeting Thursday 13th October.

Diana Morgan

● *New Groups*

Creative Writing Group

Do you love to write but feel intimidated by the “good stuff already out there”, or believe your own stories aren’t of interest? Are you a lapsed writer, or one with that proverbial ‘block’? Perhaps all you need is a kick-start, or to engage with other writers in the same position?

Why not give yourself a chance by attending a series of workshops, in which we indulge ourselves with inspirational exercises – as a group, in pairs, solo – and then share what you’ve written in a non-threatening environment, while enjoying positive feedback from peers. Constructive criticism will be provided only upon request. Many pieces, begun as an exercise, have blossomed into fully-grown works.

I recently graduated with an MA in Creative Writing from Exeter University and am very much looking forward to facilitating such groups... and to meeting you. Please come along and try the experience!

Annie Bridger

groupcoord@purbecku3a.org.uk

Answers to Quiz on page 6

1. Taurus Mts. 2. Turkey.3. Seven. 4.False. 5.Black Bess. 6.Buyer beware.

● Outings



The American Museum takes you on a journey through the history of America, from its early settlers to the twentieth century.

With its remarkable collection of folk and decorative arts, the Museum shows the diverse and complex nature of American traditions.

Most of the Period Rooms pre-date the celebration of Christmas as we know it today. The displays, therefore, show winter activities that were popular during each period.



Christmas is a special time at the American Museum. Unique handmade decorations abound throughout the Museum, festive decorations and gift ideas can be found in our shops, and winter warmer treats are served in our café.

A magnificent seventeen foot Nordman Fir tree dominates the Central Hall.



Leaving Swanage at 8.30 am on Thursday 1st December and picking up at Harman's Cross, Corfe and Wareham Station, the cost for coach, entry and a tour guide will be £28.

Estimated return time in Swanage 6.30 pm

Contact outings@purbecku3a.org.uk or phone 01929 422518

to book a seat as soon as possible !

Closing date 1st October

Unfortunately the planned visit to the **Army Air Museum at Middle Wallop** on Thursday 29 September had to be cancelled, there was insufficient interest to make it viable.

Similarly, earlier this year we failed to interest enough members to fill a coach to Fishbourne.

We are hoping that we will be more successful with this visit to the American Museum at Claverton, Bath on 1st December.

We would welcome your suggestions for future visits, please contact us at

outings@purbecku3a.org.uk or bulletin@purbecku3a.org.uk

or phone 01929 422518

● *Tell Us What You Think!*

The new style of Bulletin has been circulating for a few months now. It is produced for you with a stronger focus on the groups and we think it's proving popular.

We would really love this to be a 2 way venture! We send the Bulletin to you and we would like you to contact us. Tell us what you think – all comments, good and not so good – plus questions, suggestions or your feelings on a particular subject.

We would like to start a members 'letters' or forum page, it could be thought provoking.

Just email us at bulletin@purbecku3a.org.uk

Or phone 01929422518

and we will make sure your voice is heard.

We look forward to hearing from you !

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Please send us your copy in WORD bulletin@purbecku3a.org.uk

Vicki Fawke & Sue Galise

● *Did You Know?*

DORSET DRIVER GOLD IS RE-LAUNCHED

Dorset Driver Gold is aimed at drivers aged 65 years and over who have an interest in updating their skills and knowledge, want help in familiarising themselves with a new vehicle or simply want to gain confidence.

Alison Shelton BEM, Chief Executive of SafeWise, said:

“We are delighted to have the opportunity to run Dorset Driver Gold as driving is potentially the most dangerous activity that most people take part in.

Our sessions are delivered by specially selected and trained Driving Standards Agency (DSA) Approved Driving Instructors (ADIs). All our ADIs have a good understanding of the needs of mature and experienced drivers.”

Dorset Driver Gold offers both a practical and a theory element:

- The theory sessions are designed to cover a variety of aspects of driving safety, including judging speed and distance and negotiating roundabouts, traffic lights and junctions. The three hour sessions are held for up to 20 attendees.
- The practical sessions are held on a one-to-one basis using the driver’s own car and last up to one and a half hours. Sessions are informal with the aim of enhancing current skills. They are not a test and there is no pass or fail element.

The ADI looks at the way a driver deals with various traffic situations on the road and will make recommendations to help ensure ongoing safety.

Upcoming theory sessions:

- Weds 7th Sept: 1.30pm at SafeWise Weymouth
- Tues 20th Sept: 10am at SafeWise Bournemouth
- Mon 3rd Oct: 10am at SafeWise Weymouth
- Mon 17th Oct: 1.30pm at SafeWise Bournemouth

Book online at safewise.org or email ddg@safewise.org.

Call/text 07713 499 777

Office on 01202 591330.



● Meeting Points

SEPTEMBER MEETING POINTS – New Term!

We have some excellent speakers lined up for the Autumn programme beginning with **Ian Willis** who over the last 30 years has created the most amazing garden at **Serles House**, Wimborne, which has been described by Alan Titchmarsh as one of the ten best private gardens in Britain.

The delightfully quirky garden at Serles House



20th October	The Swash Channel Wreck	Gordon le Pard
24th November	The Real Dad's Army	Dale Johnson
26th January 2017	BBC Radio and TV Programme Making Experiences	John Hale

Don't forget to offer to car share !

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PURBECK U3A

EVENTS 2016/17 – Please confirm details with the Group Leader by e-mail before attending for the first time.

If you do not have access to email then telephone our dedicated Purbeck U3A helpline – 07564 937871

EVENT	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	DETAILS and CONTACT NAME
MEETING POINTS meetingpoints@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross	Monthly – 4th Thursday	The monthly meeting for all members of Purbeck U3A.
	Village Hall	10.00 – 12.00	Jim McGivern
GROUP NAME	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	DETAILS AND CONTACT NAME
Archaeology archy@purbecku3a.org.uk	Sandford Community Hall	Monthly - 4 th Friday 10.00 – 12.00	A self-help group with speakers Connie Beasley
Art Appreciation art@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30	Studies of art with use of videos and visits. Harparkash Rispin/Joy Kingsbury
Astronomy groupcoord@purbecku3a.org.uk	Sandford Community Hall	Weekly Thursday 3.15 – 5.00	A programme of 28 lectures on Astronomy Graeme Nash/Alan Bagley
Book Group 1 swanagebooks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage Home based	Monthly - 4 th Thursday 10.00 – 12.00	Carol Buckley
Book Group 2 warehambooks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Monthly -1 st Thursday 10.00 – 12.00	Theresa Cook
Book Group 3 (Ridge Book Group) ridgebooks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Ridge Home based	Monthly 2 nd Thursday 10.00 – 12.00	Liz Day/Yvonne Hunter
Bridge for Fun bridge@purbecku3a.org.uk	Stoborough Kings Arms Pub	Weekly Friday 10.00 – 12.30	Suitable for those who already play basic game. Carol Worledge
Computing for Beginners computerbasics@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	1 st & 3 rd Fridays Beginners 9.00 – 10.00	Paul Lurie
Computing for Improvers computerbasics@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	1 st & 3 rd Fridays Improvers 10.00-11.30	Paul Lurie
Creative Textiles textiles@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Carey Hall	1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.30	We do everything in the sewing/textile line Kath Doyle
Creative Writing writing@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Every 4 weeks Tuesday 1.30 – 3.30	Bring a sample of your work to your first meeting Janette Nourse
Creative Writing 2 writing2@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage	Weekly Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00	Ideal for those with limited experience in creative writing Annie Bridger
Cycling for Fun and Fitness cycling@purbecku3a.org.uk	Purbeck	Weekly Tuesday 10.00 start	Cycling on and off road, 20-25 miles David Sansom/Peter Smith
Cycling – Intermediate intcycling@purbecku3a.org.uk	Purbeck	Weekly Tuesday 10.00 start	Route of approx. 15 miles, lasting 2+ hours Andy Thomson
Cycling for Softies softies@purbecku3a.org.uk	Purbeck On and off road	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 10.00 start	10-12 miles lasting about 1 ½ - 2 hours. Liz Day/Ros Ham
Discussion Group discussion@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage Home based	Monthly- 2 nd Thursday 2.30 – 4.30	Contemporary affairs Diana Morgan
French Conversation frenchcon@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Methodist Hall	Weekly Friday 2.00 – 4.00	Group members organise the programme Anne Attridge
French Intermediate 1 french@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Weekly Wednesday 10.30 – 12.00	A self help group. Some knowledge of French required. Ann Churchill
French Intermediate 2 frenchint2@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Weekly Monday 10.15 – 12.00	A self help group. Some knowledge of French required. Sue Sides
Gardening gardening@purbecku3a.org.uk	Corfe Castle Village Hall	Monthly- 3 rd Monday 10.30 – 12.30	Care of plants, garden problems. Chris Bonanni/Patrick Webb/Derek Monk
German Intermediate german@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Weekly Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00	All abilities welcome. Using a variety of audio and visual materials. Jean Dixon
History history@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Library	Fortnightly Friday 10.00 – 11.30	Presentations by group members Jeanette Nourse

Home Crafts stitches@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Monthly -1 st Thursday 10.00 – 12.00	All abilities welcomed Judith Webb
Italian for Beginners (1) beginnersitalian@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Library	Weekly Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00	Learn everyday language skills using text book and various other resources. Kate Hawley
Italian for Beginners (2) beginnersitalian2@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Scout Hut	1 st 2 nd & 3 rd Thursday 10.30 – 12.30	For total beginners or those with little knowledge Chris Bonanni
Italian Improvers italian@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Weekly Monday 10.00 – 12.00	Michael Thomas Italian John Baker
Jazz jazz@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage Catholic Hall	Monthly 1 st Thursday 2.00 – 4.00	Programme follows members' interests. Tony Smith
Just Desserts puddings@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various Home based	Monthly last Friday 2.00 – 4.00	For those with a sweet tooth! Paul Lurie
Mah Jong mahjong@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Alternate Tues & Thurs 2.00 – 4.30	Serious play throughout the year in a friendly environment. Clive Bacon
Memoir Writing memoir@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Scout Hall	Fortnightly Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00	For all those who would like to write. It's about finding your writing voice Lyn McGivern
MOTO (Members on their own) moto@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various	Various	A newly-formed group aimed at members without partners. Derek Monk/Sue Galise
Music Appreciation 1 music1@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Fortnightly Monday 2.00 – 4.00	Listen to various music recitals with descriptive notes, talks and visits. Merle Kilpatrick
Music Appreciation 2 music2@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Fortnightly Wednesday	Members bring and discuss favourite music Jane Greenwood
Nature Walks naturewalks@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various locations around Purbeck	Monthly 2 nd Thursday 2.00 – 4.00	Learn about the flora and fauna around Purbeck. David and Lynne Wills
Nordic Walking nordic@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various locations around Purbeck	Two Fridays per month at 10.00	Group will meet twice monthly and walk for about 1 ½ hours. John Challis/Jim McGivern
Painting – Self Help Group painting@purbecku3a.org.uk	Swanage Mowlem Room	1 st and 3 rd Monday 10.00 – 12.00	Members bring work for help and new idea. Jill Embleton/Janice Hale/Christina Hardman
Philosophy philosophy@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00	Discussion group to investigate basic philosophical thinking. Alan Bagley
Photography photography@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Monthly 3 rd Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00	Creative photography for all types and experience of camera user. Tony Smith
Play Reading 1 / Play Reading 2 plays1@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Fortnightly Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00	Classics to "whodunnits" and comedies. Parry Jones
Poetry 1 poetry1@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Home based	Monthly Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00	Poetry reading using a theme, subject, poet, format. Jim Humberstone
Quiz Group quiz@purbecku3a.org.uk	Corfe Castle Library	Monthly 2 nd Tuesday 2.00 – 3.00	Enjoy a quiz session Leonard Coling
Science & Technology s&tpurbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Parish Hall	3 rd Wednesday 10.00 - 12.00	Studies a variety of 'scientific' topics of interest to members. John Churchill
Short Tennis tennis@purbecku3a.org.uk	Furzebrook Village Hall	Weekly Thursday 2.00 – 4.00	Bring own equipment. All abilities / beginners welcome. Gill Calvin Thomas
Singing singing@purbecku3a.org.uk	Wareham Carey Hall	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00	Singing for pleasure. Varied repertoire. Rod Brassington/Veronica Ryder/Cyril Palmer
Table Tennis tabletennis@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Weekly Monday 10.00 – 12.00	A mixed ability group Di Cook/Alan House/Martin Howell
Walking 4U3AK9s K9s@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various start points	Monthly 3 rd Thursday 10.00 – 12.00	Walk your dog with us. Email for details Hilary Thraves
Walking Group walking@purbecku3a.org.uk	Various start points	Monthly 2 nd Monday 9.50 for 10.00 – 12.00	2 hour circular walks in the Purbeck area. No dogs. John Kirwin
Wine Appreciation wine@purbecku3a.org.uk	Harmans Cross Village Hall	Monthly 3 rd Monday 7.00 – 9.00	Wine production and selection. Small charge to cover costs. Roger Bartlett