





THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE Registered Charity Number 1073206

AUTUMN TERM

16th September – 5th December 2002 (Half Term 28th October – 1st November) AGM and Christmas Party Friday 6th December

SPRING TERM

6th January –10th April 2003 (Half Term 24th – 28th February)

SUMMER TERM

28th April – 22nd May 2002 (Bank Holiday 5th May)

Ferndown and District U3A is an independent group affiliated to the Third Age Trust, the national body of the University of the Third Age.

It is an all-voluntary movement which caters for the interests of those over 50 who are no longer in full-time employment. Courses are relaxed and informal, there are no entry qualifications and no examinations.

Most Courses are held at Other courses are held at Ferndown Youth Centre, Mountbatten Drive King George V Pavilion, Peter Grant Way West Moors Youth Club, Bond Avenue, West Moors United Reform Church, Verwood St Michael's Parish Rooms, Manor Road, Verwood

Annual Membership is £25

Non-returnable (Individuals are responsible for providing their own course materials)

Further enquiries:

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ART DISCUSSION (Celia Phillips)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays from 11.15 - 12.30 p.m.

Looking at pictures, sculpture and beautiful buildings is a joy that is increased when shared with others. This is an opportunity to share this enjoyment and knowledge of art in all its forms.

ART WORKSHOP

(Anne Dyer and Jill Francis) Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays from 9.30 - 10.45 a.m. Come and join us to paint in a friendly environment and gain encouragement and advice from others. No tuition.

ARTS AND CRAFTS (June Buxton)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays from 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

The craft items we will be making are simple, inexpensive, stylish and decorative. We hope to have some fun and a social afternoon. Trips to craft centres may be arranged if members wish. We will start by making pressed flower pictures (I will bring the flowers and cards) - you will need PVA or Copydex glue and scissors.

ASTROLOGY (Pat Hutton) fortnightly

At home in Verwood, Wednesdays 10.00 - 11.15 a.m. - starting 18th September An introduction to the ideas and meanings of astrology.

ASTRONOMY (Graeme Nash) Starts 23rd September

Ferndown Youth Centre, Mondays from 2 - 4 p.m.

This one-year course deals with all aspects of astronomy. Topics considered include: some basics of the earth's place in the universe, the history of astronomy to 1900, instruments and observing techniques, the solar system, the sun, the stars, galaxies and cosmology, including the origin of the universe. Weather permitting, observations of the sun (using safe filters) and Venus are made. The presentation is informal with use made of view graphs, slides, models and astronomical equipment. No previous knowledge of astronomy is assumed. Active participation by course members is encouraged and extra topics suggested by them are warmly welcomed.

BEGINNERS' CHESS (Daphne Brown)

West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays from 9,30 - 10,45 a.m.

Have you ever wanted to have fun playing with Kings, Queens, Knights and Bishops? If so, then come along to learn the basic skills of this fascinating game of strategies and tactics in an attempt to outwit your opponent and capture the King, whilst at the same time defending your own. Sessions will include instruction, analysis, problem-solving and some game-play. No previous knowledge required - just a desire to keep on exercising the 'old grey matter'.

BOOK CLUB (Gwenda Bennett) monthly

Verwood United Reform Church, Third Monday each month from 1.30 - 2.45 p.m. We meet to discuss a pre-arranged book (or books). We shall decide how we wish to proceed at our first meeting.

BOOK CLUB (Betty Wraw) monthly

Ferndown Youth Centre, Third Wednesday each month 1.30 - 2.45 p.m.

We meet to discuss a pre-arranged book (or books). We shall begin with Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee and A Child Called It by Dave Pelzer.

Bridge:

FERNDOWN BRIDGE CLUB (Bill Carver)

Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Thursdays 1.30 - 4p.m.

This Bridge Club (moved from Wednesday) will be for experienced players and will adopt the Chicago method of scoring. All players will be encouraged to use the EBU's modern version of the ACOL bidding system.

COUNTRY DANCING (Brian Hawkins)

Verwood St Michael's, Thursdays 1.30 - 3.30 p.m., starting 19th September From English Playford to American Square, and suitable for all. Newcomers welcome.

CURRENT AFFAIRS (Tom Graves)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.15 - 12.30 p.m.
Full and free discussion of important topics chosen by group members.

CURRENT AFFAIRS (Ron Clements)

Verwood United Reform Church, Mondays 3.00 - 4.30 p.m.

The sessions are intended to give those attending an opportunity to have a frank and open discussion about any issues currently or recently in the news, in a relaxed and informal atmosphere

DISCUSSION GROUP (Celia Phillips)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m.

You are invited to join us to talk, discuss and learn about a wide range of subjects - from Art and Books to Victorians and Zoology. Be prepared to find out how much more you know than you thought.

DRAMA WORKSHOP (Colin Culham)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 11.15 - 12.45 p.m.

This group deals almost entirely with improvisation - that is unscripted drama. The members of the group will be given unlimited scope to explore ideas, character, feelings, and to make full use of the imagination through the playing of drama games and the creation of improvised situations. This type of work will help, if necessary, to eliminate shyness, self-consciousness, diffidence, and help towards a fluency of communication. A drama workshop can be serious or lighthearted, depending on the mood of the moment. It should always be creative and enjoyable. It is not intended to be a traditional drama club where public performance is the main objective, but some time will be given to the Christmas entertainment.

DRAWING & PAINTING (Mike Rex)

Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Tuesdays 10.30 - 12.30 p.m.

The group consists of people with a range of experience from 'which pencil do I use to draw a tree' to 'which colour do I use to show panic'. Members use pastels, oils, acrylics and watercolour to express their own character and tastes. Subjects include landscapes, still life and portraits.

DRAWING & PAINTING (Mike Rex)

Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Thursdays 11.15 - 1 p.m.

The group will continue as before with a mixture of occasional delight, paint on the floor and horrified portrait models. New members should expect to be helped, to learn more about art and to laugh a lot. Subjects include landscapes and still life - even flowers.

DRAWING & PAINTING WORKSHOP (Beatrice Barr)

Verwood United Reform Church, Mondays 1.30 - 2.45 p.m..

This is a course for people who enjoy painting to meet and share ideas as well as painting with others of like minds.

FAMILY HISTORY (Graham Ledbrook) 1 term

Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays from 2.30 - 4.15 p.m.

Subjects to include: Collecting basic information on family; Where to find information on births, marriages & ceaths; International Genealogical Index; How to record data, paper and computerised systems; Various sources of information; Books and magazines, family history societies; Internet resources; PC Family History software; Practical sessions on the internet.

FLOWER ARRANGING (Marilyn Nourse)

Ferndown Village Hall Annex, Tuesday 12 - 1.30 p.m., fortnightly starting 17th September Flower arranging for the home, using colour, texture, etc., (not for beginners).

FLOWER ARRANGING (Ivy Parker)

Verwood United Reform Church, every other Monday 3.00 - 4.30 p.m., starting 16th Sept Beginners welcome to this new class.

FOLK DANCING (Margaret Thomas)

Ferndown Youth Centre. Thursdays 11.15 - 12.45 p.m.

You may remember this from school days as Country Dancing or you may have admired the dancing in the Jane Austen productions on television, as in Pride & Prejudice, etc. These are the sort of dances you will meet in our class ranging in date from the 1600s to the present day. And as any of our present members will tell you, it is fun and very enjoyable

FOLK DANCING (Daphne Brown)

West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.15 - 12.30 p.m.

The dances, dating from the 1600s to the present day are those which you may remember as 'Country Dances' and also those presented so elegantly on the television in the Jane Austin adaptations. This is English Social Dancing, a happy part of our heritage where people come together to share in a very enjoyable group activity and the more people, the more the enjoyment. The aims during the year are to teach the necessary steps, style and movements, and to introduce a variety of dances which have been enjoyed by people over the centuries and which are still danced today in Folk Dance Clubs throughout the country.

GARDENING CLUB (Barbara Gooch) Monthly

Verwood St Michael's Church, second Monday each month 1.30 - 2.45 p.m.

A get-together to talk about gardening topics, techniques, timing and triumphs. We may visit some members' gardens and some gorgeous NGS gardens in the summer months.

History for Pleasure:

BRITAIN AND AMERICA IN THE 18TH CENTURY (Valerie Falconer) 2 Terms Verwood St Michael's, Thursdays fortnightly 1.30 - 3.30 p.m., starting 19th September We shall look at the establishment of the British Colonies in North America, their struggle for independence and the establishment of a new nation. The course will concentrate on the social, economic and constitutional consequences of these events at an exciting time of exploration, immigration, and adventure.

ENGLISH MEDIEVAL SOCIETY (Barry Wye)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m. (starts January 8th)

The Feudal and Manorial systems, the Church, Castles, Guilds, Crusades, Plagues <u>and</u> a visit to Southampton

HISTORY THROUGH BIOGRAPHY (William Falconer)

Fortnightly at home in Verwood, Tuesdays 10.00 - 11.15 a.m., starting 17th September "People make history or history makes people" - we will look at the biographies of some well-known characters and see what we think.

LOCAL HISTORY (Valerie Falconer and Brian Hawkins)

Verwood St Michael's, every other Thursday 1.30 - 3.30 p.m., starting 26th September As so many of us are new to this area, we propose to investigate and explore Wessex and its rich heritage together.

HOLIDAY GROUP (Audrey Confrey)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 1.30 - 2.45 p.m.

Those interested will meet to discuss the feasibility of forming a group from U3A to go on holiday together. While it may be of special interest to single members, it is hoped that people in partnerships will also be interested in joining. The pooling of ideas and experiences should lead to some satisfactory group holidays being arranged.

INVESTIGATING NUMBERS (Brian Ford)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m.

This course will appeal to people who have an interest in numbers and those who would like to find out how working with them can be enjoyable. It is not intended for people with advanced maths qualifications; a basic grounding in numeracy is all that is required and calculators may be used when necessary. The course is based on a variety of investigative puzzles involving numbers and for those who like a challenge, algebra. Guidance will be given at the start of each session. Course members can then work on the investigation either on their own or with others. Each session will end with a discussion of the results. The course will not be rigid and members may suggest investigations or problems for the rest of the group to solve. The objective is that the sessions should be thought provoking, but more importantly FUN!

KEEP FIT (Pat O'Riordan)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 9.45 - 10.45 a.m.

The aim of the class is to improve shape, mobility, strength, stamina, circulation and confidence. Please wear suitable clothing and bring a towel or mat for floor work.

Languages:

FRENCH (Solange Burge)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 1.30 - 2.45 p.m.

This class is still struggling with it's subjunctives but is very supportive.

FRENCH CONVERSATION (Advanced) (Enid Rothwell)

Ferndown Youth Centre. Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m.

For anyone who has enough French to have a go at keeping up a conversation, or discussing a French newspaper article; willing to try it out and have (some) mistakes corrected.

FRENCH CONVERSATION (Geraldine Taylor)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m.

This group caters for those who find the fluent group too hard. You will be expected to join in as much as possible with conversation and reading. Please be prepared to subscribe to 'Outre Manche' (French magazine). This group is NOT for beginners; some fluency is required.

FRENCH STUDIES (Jenny Daniel)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m.

For those interested in reading French books and studying grammar.

GERMAN (Jenny Daniel and Rosemary Dark)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 11.15 - 12.30 p.m.

Self-help group, about intermediate level. A little grammar, reading and conversation.

GERMAN (mixed ability) (Charles Hawkins)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m.

Not for complete beginners. If you have some knowledge or are 'rusty', this is for you.

SPANISH (COLLOQUIAL) (Maria Gonzales)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Mondays 1.30 - 2.45 p.m.

No grammar necessary, or taught, during this course.

SPANISH INTERMEDIATE (Maria Gonzales)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.15 - 12.45 p.m.

Students must have a certain knowledge of Spanish grammar. Two books - '501

Spanish Verbs' and 'One Thousand Spanish Words' - are a must.

SPANISH CONVERSATION (Ivy Parker)

Verwood United Reform Church, Mondays 3.00 - 4.30 p.m., fortnightly starting 23rd September

Join this group for friendly conversation - all abilities welcome.

LINE DANCING (ADVANCED) (Mary Dainton) 2 terms Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Join this class to learn the latest dances!

LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS) (Mary Dainton) 2 terms Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 2.45 - 3.45 p.m. Come along and have some fun - no partners needed.

MAP AND COMPASS (Richard Buxton)

Ferndown Youth Centre Portacabin, Tuesdays 11.15 - 1.00 p.m.

Here is an opportunity to learn how to read a map and practice your skills with others. The speed at which the course progresses will depend on the group. However the intention is to start at the very beginning, no prior knowledge required. It won't be all theory, about half the time the group will be going outside, relating the map to what they see around them. We will be walking, but at a slower pace than normal, the distance depends on the activity, but around one or two miles is to be expected. The course will be based on the OS Outdoor Leisure map 22 (New Forest) 1:25,000 scale. If you haven't got a copy, don't go out and buy one, or a compass for that matter.

MUSIC APPRECIATION WORKSHOP (Joan Waugh)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

If you like Classic FM you will enjoy the opportunity to learn more about composers and to listen to their music. We will investigate everyone's likes and dislikes, from Schubert to Strauss and Souza to Scott Joplin, from Kiri Te Kanawa to the Three Tenors, from Madame Butterfly to Swan Lake. We will all grow in our musical tastes and we will plan trips to concerts, opera and ballet, as well as musicals and perhaps even the Proms!

ON THE SHAKESPEARE TRAIL (Audrey Confrey)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11,15 - 12,30 p.m.

A leisurely journey through the text of Henry IV, Part One, pausing to admire the scenery of Shakespeare's poetic imagery and deep knowledge of human nature. This will be a group interactive study, the leader will be hoping to explore the thoughts, feelings and knowledge of members. We may even get to the end of the play and on to Part Two. Bring along your own copy or copies of the play, hopefully one that contains line numbers. The Wordsworth Classics edition is available from Borders at £1.

PASSPORT TO THE LAND OF WINE (Gerry Lewis)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.15 - 12.30 p.m.

This course is specifically tailored to meet the needs of members who wish to obtain a comprehensive framework of information and guidance about the wines of the world. This all-consuming subject will be presented in an interesting and easy way, particularly for the beginner. We should all take the opportunity to sample the wide variety of good quality wines so readily available to us, both at home and on our holidays.

PHILOSOPHY WORKSHOP (Terry Baker)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Mondays 3.00 - 4.15 p.m.

We are a small group of people interested in contributing to discussions on philosophical matters. There is a short introductory talk lasting perhaps 20 minutes or so, and then the group as a whole considers and discusses that topic in some detail. No point of view is barred, but consideration and respect for others is a requirement.

PLAY READING (Jo de Havilland)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Each session will finish with discussion of the chosen play, and perhaps the course will lead to a performance at the end-of-term party.

POETRY FOR PLEASURE (Pat Davies)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.15 p.m.

Not opened a poetry book since schooldays? Don't know a quintain from a quatrain or a nonet from a sonnet? Don't worry - this class aims to provide enjoyment in reading many differing types of verse. Members bring along poems they find interesting and, in this way, we meet old favourites, and make new discoveries. At least once a term we take a

closer look at one specific poet. There is no compulsion to produce your own poems but these are always welcomed.

SCRABBLE (Sue Lancy)

Verwood St Michael's, Thursdays 1.30 - 3.30 p.m., fortnightly starting 26th September All abilities are welcome.

SCRABBLE AND BOARD GAMES (Beatrice Barr)

Ferndown Youth Centre Portacabin, Tuesdays 1.30 - 3.30 p.m.

It will be mainly scrabble with the introduction of Rummikubs, Triominoes, etc. Please bring games you wish to play to each session.

SPACE EXPLORATION 1957 - 2002 (Brian Ford)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.15 p.m.

The tutor of this new course has been interested in astronomy and space flight since 1954 and he would like to share his interest in this fascinating subject. The course is an overview of unmanned and human space flight from Sputnik 1 to the International Space Station. No previous knowledge of astronomy or other sciences is necessary. The course will be a mixture of lectures, visual presentations and hopefully discussions. It will appeal to those who have curiosity and interest in all aspects of space exploration.

TABLE TENNIS

Wednesdays 9.30 - 12.30 p.m. Ferndown Youth Centre (Margaret Hart & Margaret Syson)
Thursdays 1.30 - 4.15 p.m. Ferndown Youth Centre (Bill Orme)
Friday mornings at West Moors St Andrews (Bill Orme) (Additional charge £1 per week)
No need to be an expert, all standards are welcome. We have three tables.

UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE (Sheila Goode)

West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays at 11.15 - 12.30 p.m.

This is a course for those who feel they missed out on science and would like to look at the basic principles but link those ideas to modern developments which are transforming our lives. Some simple experiments and no maths.

WRITERS' CIRCLE (George Lorimer)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m.

No formal lessons are given. An essay subject is set each week, although most members of the group prefer to choose their own subject. It is not expected that everyone will produce work each week but the essays submitted are read aloud (by their writers) and criticised sympathetically (by the remainder of the group). A certain amount of stimulating discussion, on writing and kindred subjects, takes place each week. Although some members have had work published, others prefer to write purely for enjoyment.

YOUR MONEY IN RETIREMENT (Robert Browning)

West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.45 a.m., from 18th September Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.15 - 12.30 p.m., from 8th January
This is a 7 week course. It examines the various investment opportunities available and their relevance to your particular needs. We normally have the services of 2 guest speakers - a solicitor who gives an entertaining talk on Inheritance Tax, and a stockmarket guru, who was a former class student. Subjects include: investment income, how to use your assets to their maximum potential, how to invest wisely in the stockmarket, personal tax, and many others. It is important to realise that the maximum benefit is obtained by attending all lectures where possible. Summary notes will be provided at a charge of £2 for photocopying.

WEST MOORS BRIDGE CLUB

West Moors Youth Club, Wednesdays 1.30 - 4 p.m.

This Bridge Club will be for experienced players and will adopt the Chicago method of scoring. This allows varying numbers to be accommodated, you do not need to come with a partner. All players will be encouraged to use the EBU's modern version of the ACOL bidding system.

BASIC BRIDGE (Richard Buxton)

Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Tuesdays 1.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Basic Acol/Standard English bidding explained. Plenty of time for paying set hands to illustrate the explanations. Learn to enjoy the game in a friendly environment.

SECOND YEAR BRIDGE (Tim Lines)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 1.30 - 3.30 p.m.

Bridge that gap between beginner and 'improver'. Second Year Bridge should help you to consolidate what you already know, learn a few new tricks, and deal confidently with the main problems that arise in bidding and play.

THIRD YEAR BRIDGE (Bill Orme)

Ferndown Youth Centre, Mondays 1.30 - 4.15 p.m.

Now you can play this wonderful game and wish to develop your skills, come along and play with others of a similar standard in a relaxed atmosphere - because BRIDGE CAN BE FUN!

CAMERA WORKSHOP (Ann Williams and Richard Buxton) Fortnightly starting 19th September

Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 1.30 - 2.45 p.m.

This course is a series of workshops to improve your photography. Each month there will be a new theme to our activities, with some theory and lots of practice. You can discuss your trials and tribulations. Photography need not be expensive, come and find out how in a friendly supportive atmosphere.

CHRISTMAS SUGARCRAFT (Rita Steel) 1 term

West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays 2 - 4 p.m.

A flexible class suitable for beginners. Marzipan, ice and decorate your Christmas cake to your own design - plenty of ideas and help given. Fun with marzipan modelling and flowers and foliage in petal paste.

COMPUTING - (Sheila Goode)

Ferndown Middle School, Thursdays 5 - 6 p.m.

A hands on computer course which will be held in the computer room at Ferndown Middle School. We shall use Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher and the Internet, learn to create folders in which to save your documents and learn how to make a database of names and addresses which we could use to mail merge and address envelopes. The software used is compatible with Microsoft Works. Wherever you are on the learning curve this course should enable you to advance and learn new techniques. There is a charge of £20 per term for the course because we have to pay the school for the use of the facilities. 15 places are available each Autumn and Spring term.

CRAFT (VARIED) - (Elma Champion and Jay Smith) Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 11.15 - 1 p.m.

This course offers members an opportunity to learn new skills.

CREATIVE WRITING (Barbara Bateman)

Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.15 a.m.

This group is for people who like to express their feelings and emotions through prose or poetry, or try their hand at creating characters, situations and stories. Members give one another lots of encouragement and help. Most writing is for our own pleasure and beginners are most welcome.

IN ADDITION

SATURDAY SINGLES SOCIAL GROUP (Pat O'Riordan)

Primarily this is a group of members who, because they live alone, meet for a pub lunch the second Saturday in each month. In addition, arrangements are made to attend the theatre, ballet, cinema, etc. on an ad hoc basis.

PUB WALKS (Various leaders - volunteers please!)
On the LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH a walk of four or five miles is organised, finishing at a pub for lunch. Watch the noticeboards for details.

Outings and trips are arranged from time to time - check the noticeboard regularly.



There are nine other U3As in Dorset, and new ones are starting up every year. Other local branches are:

Poole - 01202 380113, Bournemouth - 01202 303777 and Christchurch - 01202 480493.

The U3A National Office is at 26 Harrison Street, London WC1H 8JG - 0207 837 8838