



# **Ferndown and District**

## **University Of The Third Age**

**Registered Charity Number 1073206**

**Classes in Ferndown, Verwood and West Moors**

**2005 - 2006**

### **AUTUMN TERM**

**12<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2005**

**(Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October)**

**AGM and Christmas Party Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

### **SPRING TERM**

**9<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006**

**(Half Term 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February)**

### **SUMMER TERM**

**24<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

**(Bank Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> 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** Ferndown Youth Centre, Mountbatten Drive, Ferndown.

**Other courses are held at** Ferndown Community Centre, Ferndown  
King George V Pavilion, Peter Grant Way, Ferndown  
Ferndown library, Ferndown  
Ferndown Middle School Peter Grant Way, Ferndown  
West Moors Youth Club, Bond Avenue, West Moors  
St Anthony's Church Hall, West Moors  
St Michael's Parish Rooms, Manor Road, Verwood  
Methodist Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Verwood  
Verwood Youth Club, Howe Lane, Verwood  
Verwood Library, Manor Road, Verwood  
URC Church, Longham  
St Michael's Church Hall West Parley

Members are entitled to four sessions per week. Single term and fortnightly sessions count as half. In addition walks, social events, monthly meetings and outings are arranged (see last page).

**Annual Membership is £25 (Non-returnable)**

(Individuals are responsible for providing their own course materials)

**Further enquiries :**

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There are eleven other U3As in Dorset, and new ones start up every year.  
Other local branches are: Bournemouth - 01202 420700, Christchurch - 01202 480027,  
Poole - 01202 380113 and Wimborne - 01202 659719

The U3A National Office is at 19 East Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1QH -  
telephone number 0208 466 6139

## **ARTS and CRAFTS**

### **ART WORKSHOP (*David Godfrey*)**

*Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Wednesdays, 9.30 - 12.30*

Come and join us to paint in a friendly environment and gain encouragement and advice from others. No tuition.

### **BEADWORK (*Elizabeth Simpson*)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays, 1.30 - 3.30 First two terms only*

Learn to make beautiful things with beads. Just bring a small tray with you - I bring the beads.

### **CRAFT (VARIED) 1 (*Elma Champion and Jay Smith*) (NOT January)**

**CRAFT (VARIED) 2 (*Joy Greenfield*) (NOT September - starts October 4th)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 11.15 - 1.00*

This course offers members an opportunity to learn new skills.

### **DRAWING AND WATERCOLOUR PAINTING (*Beatrice Barr*)**

*West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.15 - 12.45*

For people who enjoy painting, to meet and share ideas, as well as painting with others of like minds. Some tuition will be given as required.

### **FUN WITH PAINT AND PASTELS (*Angela Forrest*)**

*Verwood St Michael's Parish Rooms, Mondays 1.00 - 3.00*

Intermediate standard required. Some tuition and sharing of ideas.

### **HAVE A GO AT DRAWING & PAINTING (*Bill Falconer*)**

*Verwood Methodist Church Hall, Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00*

All levels welcome to share practical art experience.

### **SUGARCRAFT (*Rita Steel*)**

*At home in Ferndown, Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00*

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.

### **TAPESTRY & CROSS-STITCH (*Geraldine Taylor*)**

*At home in Ferndown, Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00.*

For those who enjoy embroidery as well as anyone who would like to learn a new skill.

Hopefully everyone will complete a piece of work which he/she can design.

### **WATERCOLOUR & ACRYLIC (*Sue Hammond and Barrie Goode*)**

*Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Tuesdays 9.15 - 11.00*

The main objective is to acquire the skills to draw or paint what we like best. Most kinds of paint and pencil are used and most subjects tried. We will provide tuition and practical guidance.

### **WATERCOLOUR, OIL & PASTEL (*Doris Owen*)**

*Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Tuesdays 11.15 - 1.00*

The main objective is to acquire the skills to draw or paint what we like best. Most kinds of paint and pencil are used and most subjects tried. We will provide tuition and practical guidance.



## **ASTROLOGY**

### **ASTROLOGY I Beginners (*Pat Hutton*)**

*At home in Verwood, Tuesdays 10.00 - 12.00*

For those who have no, or little knowledge of the subject, come and unravel the mysteries of astrology through your own birth chart.

### **ASTROLOGY II Intermediate (*Pat Hutton*)**

*At home in Verwood, Wednesdays 10.00 - 12.00 fortnightly (Starting 14/9/05)*

For those with some knowledge of the subject. We shall be looking at topical interest seen through the birth chart.

## **BRIDGE**

As in previous years, every effort will be made to admit students to the course of their choice. However, to avoid overcrowding and excessive disparities in the skill level, a panel of bridge tutors will take the final decision on allocation of places. It will still be possible to transfer between courses during the year when vacancies arise.

Two groups are marked "selected standard". The Panel will be particularly strict regarding the standard of players accepted for these groups.

Everyone joining the U3A must fill in the registration form to join Ferndown U3A. If you want to apply for bridge you must also fill in the form for bridge. Please use a separate bridge form for each person. Applications received by the 14<sup>th</sup> August will be dealt with as if they arrived on the same day. Applications received after 14<sup>th</sup> August will be dealt with at the end of the week in which they arrive.

All classes are expected to use Basic Acol / Standard English, Foundation Version. (Weak N.T., weak take outs, Stayman & Blackwood).

### **Class Descriptions**

#### **BEGINNERS' BRIDGE - Structured Class (*John Turnbull*)**

*Verwood St Michael's Parish Rooms Thursdays 1.30 - 3.30*

We will start at the beginning so no knowledge of the game is expected. We will learn a simple bidding system and the emphasis will be on enjoyment as opposed to serious competition. By the end of the very first lesson, you will have played a form of bridge!

#### **BEGINNERS' BRIDGE (PART 2) – Structured Class (*Derrick Williamson*)**

*Ferndown King George V Pavilion Tuesday 1.15 – 3.45*

One of the best ways to improve your bridge is to bid and play prepared hands. Each prepared hand will contain a full explanation of what to bid and why. This programme can be used in many ways; to learn new concepts improve your all round bidding and play, or simply to have fun on the way to reaching your personal goal.

#### **IMPROVERS' BRIDGE - Structured Class (*Tim Lines*)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre Wednesdays 1.30 – 4.00*

Consolidate what you already know, learn a few new tricks and deal confidently with the main problems that arise in bidding and play. To join this group you should be able to open the bidding and respond correctly in most circumstances.

#### **RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB WITH GUIDANCE (*Bill Orme*)**

*Ferndown Community Centre Mondays 1.30 – 4.00*

Once you have completed the basic bridge course come along and practise with others of a similar standard. Some guidance will be available, but the intention is to consolidate what you have learnt rather than to break new ground and to have an enjoyable social afternoon. To join the group you should be able to open the bidding and respond correctly in most circumstances.

**RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB (*Barbara & John Wood with Richard Buxton*)**  
***Longham URC Church Hall, Fridays 1.30 – 4.00***

For experienced players wanting a relaxed afternoon of Rubber Bridge. It is not necessary to come with a partner; just turn up and enjoy yourself. Everyone will change tables after the tea break for an opportunity of mixing with different players. Help and guidance will be available when requested. To join the group you should be able to open and respond correctly in most circumstances.

**RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB– *Selected Standard (Laurie Shields)***

***Longham URC Church Hall, Mondays 1.15 – 4.15***

Now that you can play this wonderful game and wish to develop your skills, come along and play with others in a relaxed atmosphere. To join this group you should be able to open, respond and rebid correctly in most circumstances.

**CHICAGO BRIDGE CLUBS**

***West Parley St Mark's Church,– Selected Standard (Bill Carver) Wednesdays 1.00 – 4.00***

***Ferndown Library (Bea & Maurice Barr) Thursdays 1.15 – 3.45***

We will adopt the Chicago method of changing tables and scoring. This allows varying numbers to be accommodated; you do not need to come with a partner. The aim is to have an enjoyable social afternoon. To join these groups you should be able to open, respond and rebid correctly in the majority of circumstances. No instruction or guidance is to be expected in these groups.

**COMPUTING**

**COMPUTING for All (*Sheila Goode/Ken Stannard*)**

***Ferndown Middle School, Thursdays 5.00 – 6.00 Autumn term***

***Verwood Library, Wednesdays 2.00 - 3.00 Spring term***

We shall use Microsoft Office and Broadband Internet. All standards welcome. 15 places are available for tuition during the Autumn term. 5 places are available for Verwood members in the Spring term. Other members may come along and use the Broadband facility by phoning Sheila on 01202 861132.

**DANCING**

**COUNTRY DANCING (*Brian Hawkins*)**

***Verwood Methodist Hall, Wednesdays 2.00 - 3.30***

Covering 17<sup>th</sup> Century to modern English folk, some Scottish and some American contras and squares. Prior knowledge not required, instruction given.

**FOLK DANCING (*Margaret Thomas*)**

***Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.15 - 12.45***

You may remember this from school days as Country Dancing or you may have admired the dancing in the Jane Austen adaptations on television. These are the sort of dances you will meet in our class, ranging in date from the 1600s to the present day.

**FOLK DANCING (*Daphne Brown*)**

***West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.15***

This is English Social Dancing, a happy part of our heritage where people come together to share in a very enjoyable group activity. The aims 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.

**LINE DANCING (Beginners) (*Jean Horsey*)**

***Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 1.30 - 2.30.***

Come along and have some fun - no partners needed.

## GAMES

### **CHESS for Beginners** (*Gloria Courtnage*)

*West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.00 – 12.30.*

Have you ever wondered about the intricacies of Chess and would like to know more. This class will set you on the road to playing this remarkable game.

### **CHESS CLUB** (*Daphne Brown*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 2.00 – 4.00*

An opportunity to enjoy playing this fascinating game, with some tuition and guidance given. A mixed-ability group, so all are welcome.

### **SCRABBLE** (*Ruth Whitton*)

(Starting 15/9/05)

*Verwood Methodist Hall, Thursday 3.00 - 4.30 fortnightly 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week.*

All abilities are welcome.

### **SCRABBLE AND OTHER GAMES** (*Beatrice Barr*)

*Ferndown King George V Pavilion, Thursdays 9.30 – 12.00*

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

## GARDENING

### **GARDENING** (*Jane Lake*)

(Starting 12/9/05)

*Verwood St Michael's Parish Rooms, Mondays 3.00 - 4.30, fortnightly 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks*

A get-together to talk about gardening. We will visit some members' gardens and similar places of interest to gardeners.

### **GARDENERS FORUM** (*Barbara Gooch*)

(Starting 13<sup>th</sup> September)

*At home in Colehill, once a month, 1.30 – 3.00*

A get-together to talk about gardening, with a different topic each session.

## HISTORY

### **ASPECTS OF TUDOR ENGLAND** (*Valerie Falconer*)

*Verwood St Michael's Parish Rooms, Thursdays 1.30 - 3.00*

The end of the Middle Ages and dynastic civil wars makes the Tudors worthy champions for the development of the national identity of England. David Starkey says "Henry VIII is the pivotal king of English history" and Elizabeth I saw the colourful flowering of English culture and commerce. The course will consider the nation state, and the relationship with Europe.

### **BASIC FAMILY HISTORY** (*Lesley Wilson*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Mondays 1.30 – 2.45 (from January)*

Where to start a family tree and how to make it grow using the various resources available. For the first six weeks we will look at records taking you back to 1837. After half term we will look at earlier records.

### **FAMILY HISTORY INTERMEDIATE** (*Bill Bowden*)

(Starting 21/9/05)

*Verwood Library, Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00 fortnightly*

This course uses computers and moves from basics to intermediate.



### **LOCAL HISTORY (Brian Hawkins)**

*Verwood Methodist Hall, Wednesdays fortnightly 10.30 – 12.00 (Starting 14/9/05)*

We will take a look at the prehistory origins and development of Verwood and the surrounding area.

### **KING RICHARD III (Babs Creamer)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.00 - 12.15 Terms 2 and 3 (see also Literature)*

Richard III is England's most controversial and enigmatic king. We will look at the background to his life, his boyhood, his career as Duke of Gloucester and his short reign as King of England. Towards the end of the course, we will consider the fate of his nephews, the Princes in the Tower, following which there will be a showing of Channel 4's "The Trial of Richard III" at my home.

### **WARFARE AND SOCIETY (Tom McConnell)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.15 – 12.30*

This is not a course about battles, which in any case make up only a small part of Warfare, but we will look at 4,000 years of History to see how the way the warfare is conducted is a reflection of the societies that fight.

### **KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY**

#### **BADMINTON (Ron Perry)**

*Ferndown Village Hall, Tuesdays 2.00 – 4.00 First two terms only*

Come along and whack that shuttlecock.

#### **KEEP FIT (Pat O'Riordan)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 9.45 - 10.45.*

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

#### **JEANIE'S FITNESS WORKSHOP (Jeanie Puckeridge)**

*Verwood Methodist Church Hall, Wednesdays 10.00 - 12.00*

A fun and motivated exercise class to increase strength and flexibility - less strenuous than last year.

#### **TABLE TENNIS**

*Wednesdays 9.30 – 11.00 Ferndown Youth Centre (Margaret Hart) Beginners only.*

For good standard players only:

*Wednesdays 11.00 – 1.00 Ferndown Youth Centre (Margaret Hart & Margaret Syson)*

*Fridays 10.00 - 12.00 West Moors St Anthony's (Margaret Hart & Margaret Syson)*

*Fridays 9.30 - 11.30 Verwood Youth Centre (Ron Clements)*

### **LANGUAGES**

#### **FRENCH REFRESHER (Solange Burge)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 1.30 - 2.45*

About intermediate level. A little grammar, reading and conversation.

#### **FRENCH CONVERSATION (Enid Rothwell)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45.*

Please be prepared to subscribe to 'Ostre Manche' (French magazine). This group is NOT for beginners; some fluency is required.

#### **FRENCH CONVERSATION (Catherina Green and Marjorie Tilsley)**

*At home in Verwood, Thursdays 11.00 - 12.30*

**FRENCH STUDIES** (*Jenny Daniel*) Class full  
*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45*

**GERMAN CONVERSATION** (*Catherina Green*)  
*At home in Verwood, Thursdays 9.30 -11.00 fortnightly (Starting 15/9/05)*

**GERMAN STUDIES** (*Jim Wall*)  
*At home in Ferndown, Tuesdays 11.15 - 12.30*  
About intermediate level. A little grammar, reading and conversation.

**GERMAN** (mixed ability) (*Charles Hawkins*)  
*West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.45*  
Not for beginners. If you have some knowledge or are 'rusty', this is for you.

**SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS** (*Jenny Daniel*) Class full  
*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 1.30 - 2.45*  
We learn by reading and conversation and we make great progress.

## LITERATURE AND BOOKS

**BOOK CLUB** (*Betty Wraw*) (*Starting 22<sup>nd</sup> September*)  
*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.15 - 12.30, fortnightly (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in month)*  
We select a book to read and discuss each month and at other meetings we discuss favourite books, authors etc. We are a friendly group who enjoy reading a wide range of books. At our first meeting we will discuss *Cider with Rosie* by Laurie Lee.

**PLAY READING** (*Peter Bowles and Margaret Thomas*)  
*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 1.30 - 3.30*  
Members take turns to select a play for the group to read, so we encounter a wide range of playwrights. The group is not involved in play performance so it is relaxed and friendly.

**POETRY FOR PLEASURE** (*Pat Davies*)  
*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.30*  
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 competition to produce your own poem, but these are always welcome.

**SHAKESPEARE'S RICHARD THE THIRD** (*Babs Creamer*)  
*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.00 - 12.15, Term 1 (see also History)*  
After a brief look at Richard's introduction in Henry VI, Parts 2 and 3, the course will proceed with a study of the play itself. Please bring along any copy of the play you have. Towards the end of the course there will be a showing of Lawrence Olivier's Richard III at my home.

## MUSIC

**MUSIC APPRECIATION WORKSHOP** (*Joan Waugh*)  
*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 1.45 - 3.45*  
If you like Classic FM you will enjoy the opportunity to learn more about composers and their music and grow in your musical taste. We are a friendly group who enjoy listening to a varied selection of music mainly classical. We regularly visit Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre for operas, ballets and galas sharing cars for transport.



## **TECHNICAL TOPICS**

### **ASPECTS OF SPACE EXPLORATION (Brian Ford)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 – 10.45*

This course is a combination of previous Years 1 & 2. It may appeal to members who have attended Years 1 & 2 and to others interested in the subject. On offer will be the topics covered in previous years. At the start of the course members may choose a selection from the lecture list.

### **ASTRONOMY (Graeme Nash)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Mondays 2.00 – 4.00*

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.

### **ASTRONOMY/SPACE EXPLORATION CLUB (Gina Pointing) (Starting 6<sup>th</sup> October)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.15 – 12.30 – Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday*

A chance to meet others who share the same interest with a view to exchanging information and trying to keep up-to-date with space launches, discoveries, etc., in a friendly and informal atmosphere. It may be possible to have an occasional speaker, also Graeme Nash and Brian Ford will try and attend once a term to answer questions. Field meetings for observing the night sky and a few excursions are also possibilities.

### **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY (Chris Powell)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Mondays 2.00 – 3.30, Term 1*

This course is aimed at people who have recently acquired or are thinking of acquiring a digital camera. Much of the course will concentrate on the differences between digital and conventional photography and we will explore the following major areas.

Different types of digital cameras and how they work; lenses, viewfinders, batteries; camera handling, focusing, depth of field, flash, zoom (optical and digital), dial modes and panoramas; scanners, viewing, storage and slide shows; different ways of printing, printer types, printing services, paper types; and basic editing of digital images.

### **GEOMORPHOLOGY (Dr Ken Coombe)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 – 10.45*

The course consists of a series of illustrated lectures covering basic wave dynamics, beach response (morphology), sea level movements, sea defences, coastal (mis)management, cliff geology and form, estuarine and fluvial implications on coasts, basic rock types and resulting landforms. Field trips to Lulworth Cove, Osmington, Chesil Beach, Portland etc., as well as Poole area.

### **MAP AND COMPASS (Richard Buxton)**

*Indoors at Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 9.30-10.45 (1<sup>st</sup> week at FYC 9.30)*

*or outdoors all morning, meet at 9.15 a.m. in Ringwood*

Learn how to read a map and use a compass - no prior knowledge required. It won't be all theory; when it's fine the group will be going outside, relating the map to what they see around them and walking around three miles. 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.

### **UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE (Sheila Goode)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 1.30 – 2.45*

This is a course for those who feel they missed out on science and would like to look at the basic principles and link those ideas to the modern developments which are transforming our lives. Some simple demonstrations, experiments and no maths. Probably visits instead of talks in summer term.

### **WRITERS**

#### **CREATIVE WRITING (Barbara Bateman)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 9.30 – 11.15.*

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

#### **CREATIVE WRITING CIRCLE (Colin Gregory)**

*(Starting 6/10/05)*

*At homes in Verwood*

*Thursdays 9.30 – 11.00, fortnightly 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks*

Come and develop and improve the skills of Creative Writing by exercise, practice and discussion, in a supportive atmosphere, structured to encourage writers of all levels of experience.

#### **WRITERS' CIRCLE (Chris O'Donoghue)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 9.30 – 11.00.*

No formal lessons are given - a subject is chosen each week, but members may choose their own subject. Whilst not everyone will have a piece of work every week, those submitted are read aloud, stimulating discussion on writing and kindred subjects. Some have had work published, whilst others prefer to write purely for enjoyment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **CURRENT AFFAIRS (Jackie Burns)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.30 – 12.45*

Members enjoy a full and free discussion of important topics chosen by the group.

#### **DISCUSSION GROUP (Betty Wraw)**

*(Starting 12/9/05)*

*Verwood St Michael's Parish Rooms. Mondays 1.30 – 2.45, fortnightly (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)*

An informal group where members will be able to share their opinions about current affairs, ethics, moral leadership and local issues. Topics to be chosen by the group.

#### **DRAMA WORKSHOP (Colin Culham)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 11.15 – 12.45*

This group deals almost entirely with improvisation – that is, unscripted drama. The members 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 to eliminate shyness, self-consciousness, diffidence, and help towards a fluency of communication. A drama workshop can be serious or light-hearted, depending on the mood of the moment. It should always be creative and enjoyable.

#### **INVESTMENTS (Edward Whitingdale)**

*At home in Ferndown, Tuesdays 2.30 – 4.00*

Although unit trusts etc. are important they are not always sensible to our needs as pensioners. We, as an alternative, consider such companies as Sainsburys, Marks and Spencer, and the rest of the market, in some detail and in addition ways to invest to enhance our pensions while at the same time minimizing risk.



**PASSPORT TO THE LAND OF WINE (Gerry Lewis)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 1.30 – 2.45*

This course allows members 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 2.00 - 3.30*

We are a group interested in discussing philosophical matters and active participation is encouraged. We look at the ideas of major philosophers from Aristotle to Wittgenstein with the course centred round the book *Philosophy, the Classics*, by Nigel Warburton, (Routledge £9.99)

**SPIRITUALITY (Judith Henderson)**

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 – 10.45*

Informal discussion on faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## ***IN ADDITION ....***

**LECTURE** on Nationalism by Tom McConnell on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00, at Colehill Memorial Hall, Middlehill Road – open to all local U3As.

**LUNCH** at LANSDOWNE COLLEGE on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> November (*Gerry Lewis 578451*)

**VERWOOD MONTHLY PUB LUNCHES** (*Jeanette Warburton*)

*Second Friday of each month*

Members enjoy lunch together at various locations. Details on notice boards.

**PUB WALKS** (*John Smith 875446*)

*Third Friday morning of each month*

A walk of five or six miles, finishing at a pub for lunch. Watch the noticeboards for details.

**COFFEE MORNINGS** – *Ferndown Youth Centre*

*Fourth Friday of each month at 10.30*

Everyone is welcome. We usually have a speaker, or an entertainment by one of the groups. September 23<sup>rd</sup> is especially for New Members.

**CULTURE CLUB** (*Angela Dennett 241973 and John Gooch 882590*)

Outings and trips are arranged from time to time – check the noticeboards regularly.

**SATURDAY SINGLES SOCIAL GROUP** (*Pat O'Riordan 891744*)

*Second Saturday in each month*

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