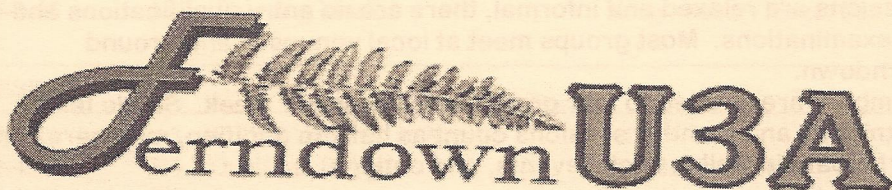


Ferndown and District
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PROGRAMME 2011 - 2012

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DRAMA * WALKS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!*

AUTUMN TERM 2011

12th September - 9th December
(Half term 24 - 28 October)

SPRING TERM 2012

9th January-30th March
(Half term 13-17 Feb)

SUMMER TERM 2012

16th April-25th 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.

The U3A is an all voluntary movement which caters for the interests of those over 50 who are no longer in full-time employment. It provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. Sessions are relaxed and informal, there are no entry qualifications and no examinations. Most groups meet at local venues in and around Ferndown.

Members are entitled to four groups or classes per week. Single term, fortnightly and monthly sessions count as half. In addition, members can participate in walks, social events, and outings.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Each member will receive a membership certificate which will indicate to which classes or groups they have been allocated.

The certificate will indicate the class or group, the venue, the tutor's name and the tutor's telephone number and/or email address, where the tutor has agreed to this.

Should there be an exceptional start date this will also be mentioned.

If you do not get into a class or group of your choice you will be automatically put on a waiting list and advised should a vacancy arise.

We do our best to fit everyone into the group of their choice and sincerely regret when we are unable to achieve this.

If you have an email address please print it on your enrolment form even if you have given it to us previously.

NEWSLETTERS

We try to keep our members informed of new information by Newsletter.

We do not do this as often as we would like as it is time consuming and costly; however, it is much easier to send emails and while these do not reach everyone it is possibly better than no newsletter at all. At present 62% of our members can receive emails, so please add an email address if you can. Members with email are requested to circulate newsletters and other information within their groups.

NOTICE BOARDS

We have the use of a notice board outside the Hayes room in the Barrington Centre and in the Ferndown Youth Centre. Newsletters and information about events will be posted on these boards. Please make it a habit to look on a regular basis.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place on Monday 12th December 2011 at 2.15pm in the Barrington Theatre, followed by some entertainment and refreshment.

TO ENROL:

Please complete the form in the middle of this programme and follow the instructions.

The Annual Enrolment Fee is £35 and is not refundable.

Some Bridge groups run longer than normal term times and meet up to 50 weeks per year, these groups incur a supplement of £15 per group.

The Yoga class incurs a supplement of £40 per term.

Members are responsible for providing their own course materials.

Please post your enrolment form as hand delivered ones are frequently put through the wrong door to the annoyance of neighbours and will not take precedence over posted ones. Please note the address is Pringles Close, not Pringles Drive!

Members' details are entered on a database for our own internal use only.

YOU CAN CONTACT FERNDOWN U3A in one of the following ways:

1. e-mail: ferndownu3a@googlemail.com - preferred option
2. Leave a message on the U3A telephone (please speak slowly and clearly) Tel. No: 07799 121 926 or on 01202 861132
3. Write to: Ferndown U3A , c/o 5 Pringles Close
Ferndown, BH22 8DD

FERNDOWN U3A COMMITTEE

Chairman: Sheila Goode (Tel: 01202 861132)

Vice-chairman & membership secretary: Margaret Wilson

Minutes secretary: Pam Utting (co-opted)

Treasurer: John Mullett

Groups co-ordinator: Betty Ford

Bridge co-ordinator: Laurie Shields

Accommodation officer: David Godfrey

Social secretary: Gerry Lewis

Catering co-ordinator: Edith Stannard

Regional representative: Helen Tremain

Committee member: Jennifer Zimmer

Please retain this programme and make a note of the term dates which are on the front page.

U3A National Office is at

19 East Street, Bromley, Kent. BR1 1QE

Telephone number: 0208 466 6139

U3A stands for the University of the Third Age. There are other U3As in Dorset and all over the UK and information about these can be found on the national web site www.U3A.org.uk

ART

A1 ART WORKSHOP 1 (*Ruth Muspratt and Rita Kelly*)

King George V Pavilion Tuesdays 9.30 - 12.00

Whether you are a complete beginner or someone who just enjoys painting as a hobby, you are welcome. We can either start you off with the basic knowledge of paint and materials, or give you the opportunity to paint freely in a friendly atmosphere where we all help each other.

A2 WATERCOLOUR- with other media (*June Buxton*)

Conference room, Barrington Centre Tuesdays 9.30 - 12.30

Start Date: 20th September

We will be covering water colour techniques step by step and exploring the uses of other media like pen and ink, wax crayons etc. I will advise you on paints, brushes and paper, so don't rush out and buy before you come to class. There will be demonstrations, you can paint along with me or study your own subjects. Everyone is welcome, beginners and advanced.

A3 EXPLORING WILDLIFE & PETS IN ACRYLIC (*Krystyna Evans*)

King George V Pavilion Tuesdays (alternate weeks) 1.00 - 3.30

Start Date: 14th September

Enjoy, explore, and discover the versatility of acrylic paint through the techniques used to render texture and achieve natural colour and tone in painting wildlife and other animals going on to explore other subjects. All levels welcome.

A4 ART WORKSHOP 2 (*Dave Godfrey*)

King George V Pavilion Wednesdays 9.30 - 12.30

Come and join our art workshop and paint in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Beginners will be given individual help with choosing materials and the basic techniques, whilst the advanced members will be able to proceed at their own pace. It is intended to experiment with different media.

A5 AFTER WATERCOLOURS (*Michael Ward*)

King George V Pavilion Thursdays 2.30-4.30

Start Date: 6th October

A basic art course without 'artspeak' using a little art history to illustrate technique and style including the use of acrylic and oil paint for those who haven't used them but perhaps have done some watercolour.

BRIDGE

As in previous years, every effort will be made to admit members to the group of their choice. However, to avoid overcrowding and excessive disparities in the skill level it may be necessary to transfer some members between groups during the year. To prevent overcrowding, the maximum number permitted in any group that plays in the Library will be 36.

Everyone joining the U3A Bridge must fill in the enrolment form in the centre of the programme. If you wish to join a Bridge group that runs for 50 weeks please add a supplement of £15 per group.

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

**The Bridge co-ordinator is Laurie Shields who can be contacted on
Tel: 01202 894428 or email: laurieshields2@aol.com**

Bridge Group Descriptions

AB1 INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE (*Richard Buxton*)

Stapehill room, Barrington Centre Wednesdays 1.30 - 4.00 (prompt start) (*Term time only*) *Start Date: 21st September*

This is a taught course with plenty of opportunities to play. It is intended for those people who can open at the one level, respond and rebid correctly in most circumstances. It is hoped we can improve our play by looking at as many of the following topics as time permits: strong twos, pre-emptive bids, forcing bids, standard leads, defensive play, losing trick count, the use of doubles, protective bidding and slam bidding. The actual topics will be chosen by the class. In the last term the group will operate as a club enabling everyone to practise what they have learnt.

AB2 IMPROVERS' BRIDGE (*Tim Lines*)

Studio, Barrington Centre Wednesdays 1.30 to 4.30 (Term time only)

We play friendly Rubber Bridge with the emphasis on enjoyment. Minimal tuition is given but advice is offered when requested. To join this group you should be able to open, respond and rebid correctly in most circumstances.

**THE FOLOWING BRIDGE GROUPS WILL RUN FOR 50 WEEKS PER YEAR
AND ATTRACT A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ENROLMENT FEE.**

B3 RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB (*Laurie Shields*)

United Reform Church Hall, Longham Mondays 1.00 - 4.00

Start Date: 29th August

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.

B4 DUPLICATE BRIDGE –selected standard (*Brian Williams*)

Ferndown Library Tuesdays 1.00 - 4.30

Start Date: 30th August

We will play Duplicate Bridge all year. You will need a partner and it is preferable to arrange this in advance, but if you are unable to do so there is often a spare player available. To join this group you should be able to open, respond and rebid correctly in most circumstances.

B5 DUPLICATE / CHICAGO BRIDGE

St Mark's Church Hall, West Parley Wednesdays 1.00 - 4.30

Start Date: 31st August

We will play Chicago on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and Duplicate on other weeks. You will need a partner on the Duplicate days although it may be possible to find one at the group. To join this group you should be able to open, respond and rebid correctly in most circumstances.

B6 CHICAGO BRIDGE (Tom Driver)

Ferndown Library Thursdays 1.00 - 4.00 (prompt start!)

Start Date: 1st September

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 this group you should be able to open, respond and rebid correctly in the majority of circumstances. No instruction or guidance is to be expected in this group unless requested.

B7 RUBBER BRIDGE (John and Barbara Wood)

United Reform Church Hall, Longham Fridays 1.00 - 4.00

Start Date: 2nd September

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 to play with different partners. To join the group you should be able to open and respond correctly in most circumstances.

B8 CHICAGO BRIDGE (Laurie Shields)

Ferndown Library Fridays 1.30 - 4.30

Start Date: 2nd September

Just basic Bridge in a friendly and relaxed environment. This group is designed for those moving on from the Improvers' course but can accommodate and would welcome players with more experience to leaven the mixture. It is expected that members will be able to open, respond and rebid correctly in most circumstances.

CRAFTS

C1 GENERAL CRAFTS (Jan Gransden)

Studio, Barrington Centre Tuesdays 10.45 - 12.30

This course offers members an opportunity to learn new skills, practise old ones and share any that you know.

C2 BEADING WORKSHOP (Joy Greenfield)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Wednesdays 1.30 - 3.30

Learn to make beautiful things with beads. Advice will be given on what materials to bring.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

D1 THE GOLDEN AGE OF BRITISH COMEDY (*John Gooch*)

Stapehill room, Barrington Centre, alternate Tuesdays 1.30-3.00

Start date: 4th October Autumn term only.

How humour has changed from Music Hall to radio and TV. Personal contributions from members welcome.

D2 INVESTMENTS (*Edward Whittingdale*)

At home in Ferndown Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.15

Although unit trusts etc. are important they are not always sensible to our needs as pensioners. We consider, as an alternative, such companies as Sainsbury, 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.

D3 GREEN FINGERS (*Bridgette Johnson and Jane Norris*)

At home in Longham 2nd Wednesday monthly 2.00 - 4.00ish

Start Date: 14th September

Gardening for beginners and the experienced alike. No matter what size your garden, large, small or window box, come along and share ideas and knowledge with like minded green fingers. Please bring a chair. Visits to garden centres will be arranged.

D4 CURRENT AFFAIRS (*Brian Williams*)

Studio, Barrington Centre Thursdays 9.30-10.45

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

GAMES

G1 SCRABBLE, CANASTA AND OTHER GAMES (*Bea Barr*)

Noisy room, Ferndown Village Hall Wednesdays 1.15 - 3.15

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

HISTORY

H1 THE BLUE LAMP (*Rodger Pettengell*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45

Start Date: 1st November

It is generally accepted that modern policing in England started with the formation of the Metropolitan Police in 1829. We shall look at what there was before that time and then how, with government influence, policing has developed over the following 180 years. A number of sessions will be devoted to the way the police forces are currently structured before exploring the role and responsibilities of the senior investigating officer when conducting enquiries into a case of murder. Also, we will examine a number of interesting cases which have had an impact on things such as legislation, court procedures and the acceptability of forensic evidence.

H2 BASIC FAMILY HISTORY—getting back to 1841 (Brian Bevis)

Ferndown Youth Centre Tuesdays 9.30 –10.45

The growth of using the Internet has promoted a similar growth in interest of people tracing their ancestors. For many the complexities of doing the research and costs of using family history sites are a deterrent to getting started. Now we are able to offer two courses for those who may be interested in researching their family. The courses are a step by step process, using real case studies and low cost or free sites. The sessions include individual help and members will receive a copy of each week's presentation. Help will be given on the use of a computer.

The objective of this basic 10 week course is for you to trace your ancestors back to 1841—others have done it so why not you? There are tutorials on using [free](#) sites which will enable you to trace your ancestors through the national census along with birth, marriage and death indices, case studies on how to read documents and avoid errors, seminars on lunatic asylums, the workhouse and other examples of social history in the 19th century and how to construct a family tree plus individual help from the course tutor.

H3 THE WAY WEST (Barry Wye)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Tuesdays 11.15 -12.30

Start Date: 10th January 2012 Spring term only

A study of emigration to North America during the centuries and the westward expansion of the United States and Canada, culminating in the Yukon Gold Rush.

H4 THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH PEOPLE (Jim Barber)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Wednesdays 11.15 –12.30

Start Date: 11th January 2012 Spring term only.

From their beginnings to the present day, an uncomplicated, amusing and thought provoking look at the events that have shaped the English people.

There will be eight sessions and you will be helped on a journey through some of the major historic experiences that still reverberate and shape the English standards and thinking of today.

H5 ADVANCED FAMILY HISTORY—1841-1575 (Brian Bevis)

Ferndown Youth Centre Thursdays 9.30 –10.45

This advanced 10 week course is for those who have gained knowledge from the basic course and wish to trace their family back as far as records will allow. You will search through online sites and parish records and confirm your findings against original records. There will be seminars on reading old documents, including Latin used in births, marriages and deaths plus individual help from the tutor.

H6 SOME ASPECTS OF 19th CENTURY ENGLISH HISTORY

(Tom McConnell)

Studio, Barrington Centre Thursdays 11.15 - 12.30

The subject speaks for itself, says this popular tutor.

KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY

K1 YOGA (*Jane Handscombe*)

United Reform Church Hall, Longham Tuesdays 11.15 - 12.15

Specially tailored class for our stage of life. It is never too late to begin practising Yoga to lead to a positive change in the quality of your life. The aim is to gently maintain and improve body flexibility and strength. No-one is asked to do more than they are able to but you must be happy to use floor mats for some movements. This is initially a 10 week course and incurs an extra payment of £40 for specialist tuition and will require a minimum class size of 12. The course will continue for further terms should there be a demand.

K2 BADMINTON 1 (*Ron Perry*)

Ferndown Village Hall Tuesdays 1.00 - 2.30

Two friendly, enthusiastic groups both of very mixed abilities. We would welcome players of all standards but some experience is necessary. If you played in the past, you probably still can! Numbers are strictly limited to ensure participants have plenty of exercise. No need to bring a partner.

K3 BADMINTON 2 (*Betty Ford*)

Ferndown Village Hall Tuesdays 2.30 - 4.30

As above.

K4 LINE DANCING (*Jean Horsey*)

Ferndown Youth Centre Tuesdays 1.30 - 2.30.

Beginners leading to improvement! Come along and have some fun - no partners needed.

K5 KEEP FIT (*Kath Hollingworth*)

Ferndown Village Hall Wednesdays 9.45 - 10.45

This exercise class is aimed at improving health, fitness and quality of life with a varied programme of evidence-based exercises which are known to be safe and effective to improve mobility, stamina, muscle and bone strength, flexibility, balance and heart health. The programme will be varied and fun. It will be tailored to meet all levels of fitness and health. No one will feel left out. There will be a supplementary fee of £2.00 per session, payable each week, to cover the cost of specialist tuition.

K6 TABLE TENNIS (*Margaret Hart*)

Ferndown Youth Centre Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.00

Improvers' group. Both groups have a great time with much laughter and fun, but also improved play.

K7 TABLE TENNIS (*Margaret Hart*)

Ferndown Youth Centre Wednesdays 11.00 - 12.30

Experienced players only.

K8 FOLK DANCING (*Margaret Thomas*)

Village Hall, Church Road, Ferndown (mostly) Wednesdays 11.15-12.45

In this course we see how English country dancing has continued and developed from 1950 to the present day. A friendly and sociable way to spend a morning!

K9 FOLK DANCING (*Margaret Thomas*)

Ferndown Youth Centre Thursdays 11.15 - 12.45

Many are unaware of the long and continuing tradition of English country dancing which has involved and delighted people for centuries. In this course we explore dances from 1650—1950. Come and discover this very sociable scene and keep this tradition alive and flourishing.

K10 TABLE TENNIS (*Margaret Hart*)

St Anthony's Church Hall, West Moors Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Experienced players only.

K11 TABLE TENNIS (*Bob Whittall*)

St Anthony's Church Hall West Moors Fridays 11.15—1.00

Experienced players only.

LANGUAGES

L1 SPANISH (*Terry Nolan and Tim Lines*)

At home in Ferndown Wednesdays 11.15 - 12.30

The Spanish group will continue to run during the coming year. It is not a group for absolute beginners but rather suits those with a little knowledge of Spanish who would like to learn more or retain what they do know.

L2 FRENCH CONVERSATION (*Geraldine Taylor*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Thursdays 11.15 - 12.30

This group is for people with moderate knowledge of the language. There will be no formal teaching, just conversation, reading and games. This group is not suitable for beginners or anyone fluent.

MUSIC

M1 ENJOYING MUSIC (*Rachel Lewington*)

Noisy room, Ferndown Village Hall Mondays 2.15-3.45

We will study a wide variety of classical music using the very best recordings and scores where appropriate. We shall also place the music in context linking it to the life and times of the composer and to the history and art of the period.

M2 MUSIC APPRECIATION (*Joan Waugh and John Bowyer*)

Hampreston room, Barrington Centre Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00

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 etc., sharing cars for transport.

M3 ENJOY SINGING (*Caryl Longland*)

United Reform Church Hall, Longham Thursdays 2.00 –3.15

This course is for men and women who enjoy singing. We will tackle a variety of popular and light classical songs. Some experience could be useful but not essential.

M4 OPERA (*John Gooch*)

At home in Colehill. 4th Friday of the month 2pm –possibly 5.00 pm

Start Date: 30th September (5th Friday)

Opera: Life, love, sex and death. Viewing and discussing DVD's of well known operas.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

T1 ASTRONOMY (*Graeme Nash*)

Hayes room, Barrington 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.

T2 DESK TOP COMPUTING - Autumn Term (*Jim Cooke, assisted by Sheila Goode and Jane Norris*)

Ferndown Middle School Tuesdays 5.00 - 6.00

All the desk top computing courses will take place at Ferndown Middle school where we can use their machines. Microsoft Office will be used throughout. This term will be for beginners and will be an introduction to computers and the Internet. We will concentrate on word processing using Microsoft Word.

T3 DESK TOP COMPUTING -Spring Term (*Jim Cooke, assisted by Sheila Goode and Jane Norris*)

Ferndown Middle School Tuesdays 5.00 -6.00

For more experienced users or as a follow on to Term 1. This course will demonstrate mail merge, labels and tables in Word as well as Excel spreadsheets, Powerpoint and Publisher.

T4 DESK TOP COMPUTING -Summer Term (*Jim Cooke, assisted by Sheila Goode and Jane Norris*)

Ferndown Middle School Tuesdays 5.00 –6.00

This term we will concentrate on Access database.

You may enrol for Autumn term (Code T2) and/or Spring term (Code T3) and/or Summer term (Code T4). To enrol for three terms counts as one course.

T5 BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURE PART 2 (Gina Pointing)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Wednesdays 11.15-12.30

Autumn term classes; Spring term Field trips, Mondays twice monthly.

This year the focus will be on the development of architectural designs in Europe and America plus a quick look at the Middle East. There will be some field trips but not as many as this last year. In the Spring term there will be twice monthly trips on Mondays.

T6 ASTROLOGY (Intermediate class) (Pat Hutton)

At home in West Moors Alternate Wednesdays 10.00-12.00

Start Date: 14th September. This group is for those who have done a beginners' course and are familiar with signs of the Zodiac and planetary energies. It will expand your knowledge of yourself and the world around you.

T7 ASTROLOGY FOR BEGINNERS (Pat Hutton)

At home in West Moors Thursdays 10.00-12.00

Astrology looks at cycles of the Sun, Moon and planets and how they affect us on earth. Learn about the signs of the Zodiac, planetary energies, how to read a birth chart and much more. You will learn about these patterns through your own birth chart which will be drawn up for you.

WORDS -WRITTEN, SPOKEN AND VISUAL

W1 A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (Enid Rothwell)

Studio, Barrington Centre Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45 (2 terms only)

This is perhaps the best known and most varied of Shakespeare's comedies and is being performed at Upton Country Park in July this year. In the Spring term we shall take a light hearted look at the infrequently performed 'Love's Labours Lost' scheduled for Brownsea Island in 2012 .

W2 DRAMA WORKSHOP (Rita Burke)

Royal British Legion, Ferndown (most weeks) Tuesdays 2.00 -4.00

I am a retired drama teacher having produced and directed many school productions from Shakespeare to panto. Come along and forget yourself, experience improvisations of character, situations tragic or comic based on real or imaginary lives. Do something you have always dreamed about and help create a piece of theatre. Men most welcome!

W3 READERS' CIRCLE (Clive Hood)

Noisy room, Ferndown Village Hall 3rd Wednesday monthly 11.15-12.30

Start Date: 21st September

At our first meeting on 21st September we will discuss 'The Age of Innocence' by Edith Wharton (Pulitzer Prize winner 1921) followed by some other 20th century prize-winning novels. Come and enjoy our lively discussions.

W4 CREATIVE WRITING (*Hope Rhodes*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Thursdays 9.30 - 11.00.

This group is for people who like to express their feelings through prose or poetry, or wish to 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.

W5 PLAY READING (*Margaret Thomas*)

At home in Ferndown Thursdays 1.30 - 3.30.

We read a range of plays, old and new, and meet a range of playwrights.

The group is not involved in performance so you can relax. Where else could you be a stropky teenager, a clever detective, a young lover, or a wicked villain for the afternoon? Just bring your voice!

W6 GREAT PLOTS - GREAT STORIES (*Helen Tremain*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Thursdays 1.45 - 3.00

We spend a lot of time telling and following stories. We listen to them, read them and watch them being acted out. Why do we do so and how do the creators of stories capture our imagination? This course will look at written evidence dating from 5000 years ago to the present day.

W7 THE ITALIAN CONNECTION (*Helen Tremain*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre Thursdays 3.15 - 4.30

From the Romans to the Renaissance what the Italians have done for us. This course will concentrate on their literature, music, ideas and scholarship and acknowledge the contribution to our own development in these areas (never mind to our menus and holidays!)

W8 FILM CLUB (*Pat Greenland*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre alternate Fridays 1.30 - 4.15

Start Date: 16th September

I have worked 40 years in the television and film industry and would like to share my knowledge and love of films. There will be a broad spectrum covering different genres, directors and actors. Each fortnight we will watch a film and then discuss how the director, actors and technicians contributed towards the visualisation of the script and whether we liked or disliked what they achieved.

SOCIAL EVENTS

In addition, as a member you are welcome to participate in the following social activities:

COFFEE MORNINGS (*Gerry Lewis Tel: 01202 578451*)

First Friday of some months 10.30 – 12.00 (generally, Oct., Nov., Feb., Mar., Apr., May.) Conference room, Barrington Centre

Everyone is welcome. There will always be an entertainment. This may take the form of a talk, quiz or game. Posters on the notice boards will have details of the next month's subject. Entry fee of £1.50 includes coffee/tea and biscuits.

The Coffee Morning on Friday 7th October 2011 is to welcome new members. We hope as many new and 'old' members as possible will attend. There will be no charge and a quiz put on by Gerry usually provokes some fun. Make a note in your diary now...Friday 7th October, at 10.30am in the Conference room at the Barrington Centre. Come and join the U3A family.

3 MILE WALKS (*Richard Buxton*)

Second Friday of each month 10.00am at the starting point.

A walk of around 3 miles with very few stiles and a point of interest, finishing at a pub for lunch, snacks or drinks. Please sign the list on the notice board if you intend coming or e-mail Richard at buxton.home@nasuwt.net.

5 MILE PUB WALKS (*John Smith Tel: 01202 875446*)

Third Friday of each month 10.00am start.

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

SATURDAY SINGLES SOCIAL GROUP (*Pat O'Riordan Tel: 01202 891774*)

Second Saturday in each month

This is a group of members who, primarily 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 where everyone is welcome.

SKITTLES

We hope to make this a bi-monthly event starting in September, probably on the fourth Friday from 11.15a.m.– 2.30p.m. Please keep an eye on the notice-boards if you are interested - places will be limited.

Trips and other social activities may be organised throughout the year. Please watch the U3A notice boards in the Barrington Centre and the Ferndown Youth Centre for information.