

Ferndown and District University of the Third Age

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Hello everyone,
Here is some information on new groups starting in January in which you may be interested.

The Industrial Revolution -These talks will run on Tuesdays from January 5th until 23rd March (except half-term Feb.16th). It will be held in the Noisy Room, Village Hall, Church Road, Ferndown from 9.30am to 11.30am and the tutor will be Barry Wye. There are still places available so should you wish to attend please e-mail me or leave a message on the U3A telephone.

Green Fingers - Calling all garden enthusiasts and would-be green fingers! This is a new group meeting on the second Wednesday of the month from 2.00pm to 3.30pm led by Bridgette Johnson at home in Longham. No matter what size your garden, large, small or a window box, come along and share ideas and expertise with likeminded green fingers.

The Golden Age of the Detective Story - Martin Tuck Has offered to host this group at home starting in January but so far we have not had any takers. Aimed at readers of detective stories especially American ones from 1925-1955. It will take place on Thursdays from 2.00pm -4.00pm and will be one term only. If you would like to join this group please e-mail me or leave a message on the U3A telephone.

Humour Group - Because the first group was full a second humour group was started which has vacancies. This is led by John Gooch and is being held in Ferndown Youth Centre, behind the First School, off Church Road, Ferndown on the second Wednesday of the month so the next one will be on Wednesday 13th January 2010 from 10.00am - 11.30am. Please e-mail me or leave a message on the U3A telephone if you would like to join this group.

Yoga Stretch - This very popular group will run again for the winter term with Jane Handscombe guiding you gently through the exercises. The class will start on Tuesday 12th January from 11.15am - 12.15pm in the Ferndown Youth Centre and will be for 10 weeks. There is a supplement of £30.00 for this class. If you would like to join please send a cheque for £30.00, payable to 'Ferndown and District U3A' to Ferndown U3A, c/o 5 Pringles Close, Ferndown, BH22 8DD or contact Betty Ford Tel.No: 01202 873125. There are five places available.

Beginner's Bridge - This new introductory course led by Richard Buxton will be held at the Barrington Centre on six Wednesdays starting 21st April 2010 from 1.30pm to 4.00pm. There are currently three vacancies so should you wish to join then please let me know by e-mail or the U3A telephone .

Reminders.

Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th December at 1.30pm in Ferndown Village Hall. It will be followed by Hilary Warner entertaining us with 'More Memories of the BBC' and refreshments. There won't be a charge for the festivities after the AGM but we are restricting it to 100 (there are over 500 members!) so please try and get a ticket from Gerry Lewis Tel.No: 01202 578451 to be sure of a place and to help us with numbers for catering. Somehow we will accommodate 500 for the AGM should you all turn up! Out of that 500 we are still looking for someone to take on the role of secretary or minutes secretary, please, please help us. You can e-mail me and we can discuss it.

Notice Board The notice board in the Barrington Centre is the one most people see so this will become the definitive notice board to keep an eye on. It is situated on the wall outside the Hayes room at the end of the corridor that goes past the Bar, through the wooden double doors. Here you will find information on the regular activities, however I will list here some contact numbers for you.

3 mile walks -second Friday of each month Contact:Richard Buxton e-mail: buxton.home@nasuwt.net

5 mile walks - third Friday of each month. Contact: John smith Tel: 01202 875446

Saturday Singles lunches - Second Saturday of each month. Contact: Pat O'Riordan Tel: 01202 891774

Holidays- Contact: Gina Pointing Tel: 01202 880362

Last but not least.....

The next Coffee Morning will be on Friday 5th February 2010 from 10.00am -12.00 noon in the Conference Room at the Barrington Centre. Our current Chairman, Betty Wraw's son John Wraw has sailed 5000 miles across the ocean blue (or was it black!) and will entertain us with his illustrated story entitled 'Hull to Rio, The Race of a Lifetime, 5000 Miles Across Two Oceans'. Tickets will be available from Gerry Lewis.

I am now going to attempt to send you another e-mail with the minutes of last year's AGM which you are requested to bring to the meeting with you, keep your fingers crossed!

As always can you please pass on the information in this Newsletter to those in your group who are not on e-mail. It only leaves me to wish you and all our members, tutors and committee a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

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