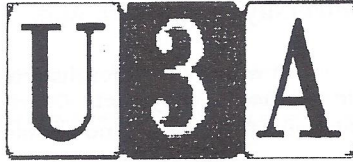


**10th Anniversary Edition**



# **Ferndown and District**

## **University Of The Third Age**

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**Classes in Ferndown and West Moors**

**2007 - 2008**

### **AUTUMN TERM**

**17th September – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2007**  
**(Half Term 22nd – 26th October)**  
**AGM Tuesday 11th December**

### **SPRING TERM**

**7th January – 15th March 2008**  
**(Half Term 18th – 22nd February)**

### **SUMMER TERM**

**14th April – 23rd May 2008**  
**(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 Ferndown Youth Centre, Mountbatten Drive, Ferndown.

Other courses are held at  
The Barrington 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 Marks Church Hall, West Parley  
URC Church Hall, Longham

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.

**Annual Membership is £33 (Non-returnable)**

(Individuals are responsible for providing their own course materials)

Initial applications **must** be made by post (see application form). Any problems can be dealt with by phoning the following number

07799121926

There are eleven other U3As in Dorset, and new ones start up every year.  
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 - 12.00*

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

### **BEADWORK** (*Elizabeth Sympton*)

*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*)

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

### **CRAFT (VARIED) 2** (*Joy Greenfield*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 11.15 – 1.00*

This course offers members an opportunity to learn new skills.

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

*At home in Ferndown, Wednesdays 2.00 – 4.00*

Enjoy all aspects of sugarcraft. Make flowers, foliage in petal paste. We also work with pastillage, marzipan, chocolate and much more.

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

*At home in Ferndown, Wednesdays 2.00 – 4.00. (Please note up two flights of stairs)*

This is for anyone who would like to make something special. Try embroidery, cross stitch and tapestry.

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

*Barrington Studio, Tuesdays, 9.00 -10.45*

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, with other mediums, PASTEL and ACRYLICS** (*June Buxton*)

*Barrington Studio, Tuesdays 10.45 - 12.30 (starting 1<sup>st</sup> week in October)*

We will be covering water colour techniques step by step and exploring the uses of other mediums with your water colour 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.

## BRIDGE

As in previous years, every effort will be made to admit members 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.

Three 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 in the centre of the prospectus. If you want to apply for bridge you must also fill in the bridge application form. Please use a separate bridge form for each person. Applications received by the 21<sup>st</sup> July will be dealt with as if they arrived on the same day. Applications received after 21<sup>st</sup> July 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). It is not necessary to bring a partner to any of our bridge groups.

### Class Descriptions

**BEGINNER'S BRIDGE CLASS** (*Richard Buxton*) (starting 1st week in October)  
*Barrington Centre, Thursdays 1.30 – 4.00*

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!

### **RUBBER BRIDGE CLUBS WITH GUIDANCE**

*Ferndown Youth Centre Wednesdays 1.30 - 4.00 (Tim Lines)*

*The Barrington Centre Mondays 1.30 - 4.00 (Bill Orme)*

Once you have completed the basic bridge course come along and practice 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 any one of the groups you should be able to open the bidding and respond correctly in most circumstances.

**RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB** (*Barbara & John Wood*)  
*Longham Church Hall Fridays 1.00 - 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. To join the group you should be able to open and respond correctly in most circumstances.

**RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB- Selected Standard** (*Laurie Shields*)  
*Longham Church Hall Mondays 1.00 - 4.00*

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.

**RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB Selected Standard** (*Martin Tuck*)  
*Ferndown Library Tuesdays 1.00 - 4.30*  
Rubber Bridge with regular competitions and at least one duplicate session a month.

### **CHICAGO BRIDGE CLUBS**

*St Mark's Church, West Parley – Selected Standard (Tony Chant)*  
*Wednesdays 1.00 - 4.00*  
*Ferndown Library Thursdays 1.00 - 4.00 (Bea & Maurice Barr)*

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

### **DESK TOP COMPUTING COURSE** (*Sheila Goode/Ken Stannard*)

*Ferndown Middle School, Tuesdays 5.00 - 6.00 (1<sup>st</sup> half of Autumn term, 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Spring term)*  
This will take place at Ferndown Middle School who have lots of good machines. It is an 11 week course which takes place from 5 to 6 p.m. so will be run in the first half of the Autumn term and the second half of Spring term to use daylight travelling. Software used is Microsoft Office and we have Broadband Internet access.

### **LAPTOP COMPUTER COURSE** (*Ann Mace*)

*St. Mary's Church Hall, Mondays 2.00 - 3.30*

Own Laptop required

Sept. – Dec. Word and Powerpoint.

Jan. – May Excel and recapping on Word and Powerpoint.

## DANCING

### **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 - 11.00.*

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/Improvers)** (*Jean Horsey*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 1.30 - 2.30.*

Beginners/Improvers. Come along and have some fun - no partners needed.

## GAMES

### **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. If you are a complete beginner please discuss with tutor.

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

*At home in Three Legged Cross, Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00*

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

## GARDENING

### **THE GARDEN CLUB** (*Tricia Page and Betty Wraw*)

*At home in Ferndown, 1st Thursday in the month, 2.00 - 3.30*

A get-together to talk about gardening. We hope to arrange garden visits using shared transport.

## HISTORY

### ASPECTS OF 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ENGLISH HISTORY (*Tom McConnell*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 11.15 - 12.30 (Class begins 1<sup>st</sup> Week of October)*

The course will cover the 'long century' 1800-1914 and will focus primarily on 'English' History. Scotland, Ireland and Wales will be mentioned only insofar as they impinge on England.

### THE BANKES FAMILY (*Babs Creamer*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, 11.15 - 12.30, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in month (fortnightly)*

We will look at the remarkable family to whom Corfe Castle, Kingston Lacey, Studland and Badbury Rings belonged.

### LOOKING AT ART (*Betty Wraw*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.15 - 12.30. Monthly - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in month.*

A chance to explore and discuss the lives and works of some of our best known and influential painters.

## KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY

### BADMINTON (*Ron Perry*)

*Ferndown Village Hall, Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00.*

Come along and whack that shuttlecock. Some experience necessary.

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

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Tuesdays 9.45 - 10.45 Starting September 25th*

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.

### TABLE TENNIS

Improvers' Group

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.00 (Margaret Hart)*

For good standard players only:

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.15 - 1.00 (Margaret Hart & Margaret Syson)*

Experienced players only

*West Moors St Anthony's, Fridays 9.30 - 11.30 (Margaret Hart & Margaret Syson)*

*West Moors St. Anthony's, Fridays 11.30 - 1.00 (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*)

*King George V Pavilion, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45.*

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

### FRENCH STUDIES (*Jenny Daniel*)

*At home in Ferndown, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45*

Very experienced group

### **GERMAN STUDIES** (*Jim Wall*)

*At home in Ferndown, Tuesdays 11.15 - 12.30*

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

### **ITALIAN WORKSHOP** (*Helen Tremain*)

*Ferndown Youth Club Wednesday 9.30 - 11.00*

Let's Learn Together. An attempt to teach ourselves Italian using a variety of materials. It's always more fun to suffer together than suffer alone.

### **SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS** (*George Webb*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 9.15 - 11.00*

We learn by reading and conversation and we make great progress.

## **LITERATURE AND BOOKS**

### **BOOK CLUB** (*Clive Hood*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 11.15 - 12.30, Monthly*

We select a book to read and discuss each month. We are a friendly group who enjoy reading a wide range of books. At our first meeting (26<sup>th</sup> September) we will discuss *The Island* by Victoria Hislop.

### **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 2.30 - 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.

## **MUSIC**

### **HAND CHIMES ENSEMBLE** (*Daphne Brown*)

*West Moors Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.15 - 12.30*

We play 12 hand chimes (plus a few other percussion instruments) and just enjoy making music. The only requirement is the ability to read music in the treble clef. I.e. middle C to top G with no accidentals.

### **MUSIC APPRECIATION WORKSHOP** (*Joan Waugh and John Bowyer*)

*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.

### **ENJOYING MUSIC** (*Rachel Lewington*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Mondays 1.30 - 3.00*

We will study a piece of music, from the best recording of that music and from the score; linking it with the life and times of the composer as well as the history and art of the period.

### **MUSIC FOR MUSICAL THEATRE** (*Martin Tuck*)

*At Home in Ferndown, Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00*

An international survey of the music written for musical theatre including opera, ballet, operetta, musical comedy, musicals, from 1880 to the present day..

### **LEARN TO READ MUSIC** (*Jane Caley*)

*At Home in Ferndown, Tuesdays 10.30 - 12.30*

Continuing this course with much revision. Total beginners are encouraged to contact the tutor.

## **TECHNICAL TOPICS**

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.00 Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday*

For all those interested this is a chance to learn about the many new developments and discoveries in both Astronomy and Space Exploration. A number of speakers are planned. Graeme Nash and Brian Ford have once again promised to attend and in addition we will have two speakers from the Astronomy Department, Southampton University. Material from other U3As with active groups will also be presented from time to time.

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

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Wednesdays 11.15 - 12.30*

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.

### **INVESTIGATING NUMBERS** (*Brian Ford and Martin Tuck*)

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.15 - 12.30*

Do you like puzzles? Do you like playing around with numbers? If so, then this course is for you. Examples: How many squares are there on a chess board? (No – the answer is not 64). How many ways can five friends sit together in a row at the theatre? If you want to find out, join the class.

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

*Ferndown Youth Centre, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.00 (Not 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in month – See Space Club)*

A relaxed look at the science and technology behind the modern developments which are transforming our world. The course will take place every Thursday except the first in the month when the time and space will be given over to the Astronomy Club. We shall include some experiments and there will be no equations. Visits to places of scientific interest will be arranged for the summer term.



## WRITERS

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

*Ferdown Youth Centre, Thursdays 9.30 - 11.00.*

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.

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

*Ferdown 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** (*Joan Beebee*)

*Ferdown Youth Centre, Thursdays 11.15 - 12.45*

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

### **INVESTMENTS** (*Edward Whittingdale*)

*At home in Ferdown Tuesdays 1.30 - 3.00*

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.

### **PHILOSOPHY WORKSHOP** (*Terry Baker*)

*Ferdown Youth Centre, Mondays 2.00 - 3.30*

We shall read, consider and discuss ideas in the book 'The Pig that wants to be Eaten' by Julian Baggini. Each member will need to have a copy of this.

### **SPIRITUALITY** (*Judith Henderson*)

*Ferdown Youth Centre, Thursdays, 11.15 - 12.30*

Informal discussion on faith in the 21st century.

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

**LUNCH at LANSDOWNE COLLEGE** on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Gerry Lewis 578451)

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **CELEBRATION LUNCH** on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October ( details to follow)

**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.

*Fourth Friday morning of each month (Richard Buxton 01425 472397 ) 9.15 a.m. start.*

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 in the centre if you intend coming.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS**

*First Friday of each month at 10.30 – 12.00*

Everyone is welcome. There will always be an Entertainment. This may take the form of a talk, quiz or game. You can sit out and watch if you like. October 5<sup>th</sup> will be the first one and is especially for new members. Entry includes coffee and biscuits.

**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.