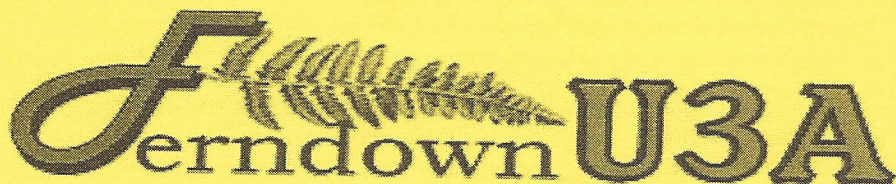


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AUTUMN TERM 2012

17th September - 7th December
(Half term 29 October- 2 November)

SPRING TERM 2013

7th January-22nd March
(Half term 18-22 Feb)

SUMMER TERM 2013

15th April-24th 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.

Welcome to Ferndown U3A, we hope you will join us and experience the pleasure our members receive from being part of this wonderful organisation.

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 Ferndown U3A groups meet at local venues in and around Ferndown.

We cannot thank enough those tutors and group leaders who give of their time so generously.

Thanks also go to our committee members and others who each play a part in the organisation and administration of Ferndown U3A.

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 can be costly; however, it is easier to send Newsletters by e-mail and while these do not reach everyone it is possibly better than no newsletter at all. At present 62% of our members can receive e-mails, so please add an email address if you can. Members receiving Newsletters via e-mail are requested to circulate copies within their groups to those who might otherwise not receive them.

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 ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Monday} 19th December 2012 at 2.15pm in the Barrington Theatre, followed by entertainment and refreshment.

U3A National Office is at
19 East Street, Bromley, Kent. BR1 1QE
Telephone number: 0208 466 6139

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

FERNDOWN U3A WEBSITE

IMPORTANT:

PLEASE READ THIS PAGE EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER

We now have a more impressive website with connections to our online database. Anybody can view some of the information including the current programme. Personal information is protected by various security measures including a personal password.

Ferndown U3A members can 'log- in' to view courses on which they are booked or for which they are waiting, as well as any personal details stored.

Tutors and group leaders, with special passwords, will be able to view the list of members booked on their activities.

The website and database are protected by security measures which have been checked with U3A head office and data protection authorities. However, should you not want your information on our website you have the opportunity to tick boxes on the enrolment form to indicate which information you do not wish to have stored 'on-line'.

It is not necessary for you to be computer literate , neither do you need to own a computer, for your information to be on the website. It would make our administration easier if you would at least allow your e-mail address, if you have one, to be recorded.

As you are all aware, costs keep rising and we are taking all the steps we can to keep the enrolment fee as low as possible. The majority of our members are now on e-mail and this is a quick and cost effective way to convey Newsletters and other information. If you are prepared to view course details on-line, this will make a considerable saving on future postage costs.

All our administrative team have signed a privacy notice and we do not share any personal details with anyone else.

For details on how to access the website and get your unique password (which you can change if you wish) please see the next page.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE WEBSITE AND ONLINE DATABASE?

To access the website, go to:

<http://www.ferndownu3a.co.uk>

On the 'HOME' page, CLICK on 'MEMBERS' tab, then CLICK on 'Times and dates of individual courses' .

'MEMBERS' will need to 'log- in' to view their personal details and change their passwords.

Please contact the Membership Secretary, Jim Cooke, at:

ferndownu3a@googlemail.com

1. To receive your user name and password.
2. To advise us that you would prefer to view courses on-line instead of receiving a programme and download an application form.
3. To request detailed notes on 'Member Access Procedures'.

MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE

Each member will receive a membership certificate (if they have enclosed a S.A.E.) which will indicate to which classes or groups they have been allocated. The certificate will indicate the class or group, the address of the venue, the tutor's name, the tutor's telephone number and/or email address, where the tutor has agreed to this. If, instead, you wish to view your application via the website then you will be able to do 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 automatically be put on a waiting list and advised if and when a vacancy arises.

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.

TO ENROL:

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

The Annual Enrolment Fee is £42⁴⁵ and is not refundable.

Reduced rates are available for members who join after Christmas
Our 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.

Some Bridge groups run longer than normal term times and meet up to 50 weeks per year, these groups incur a supplement of £18 per group.

Members are responsible for providing their own course materials.

Members' details are entered on a database for our internal use only; in addition, the database is now on a website that is password protected. Please read the notes on pages 3 and 4 relating to this.

Ferndown U3A reserve the right to cancel classes at their discretion.

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

FERNDOWN U3A COMMITTEE

Chairman: Sheila Goode (Tel: 01202 861132)

Vice-chairman & programme editor: Margaret Wilson

Minutes secretary: Kathy Butler (co-opted)

Treasurer: John Mullett

Membership secretary: Jim Cooke

Groups co-ordinator: Betty Ford

Bridge co-ordinator: Laurie Shields

Social secretary: Gerry Lewis

Committee member: Helen Tremain

Accommodation officer: Sheila Clark (not a committee member)

TO CONTACT FERNDOWN U3A:

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 93 Redhill Drive, Bournemouth, BH10 6AG

COURSES AND GROUPS

You may choose up to 4 classes with fortnightly, monthly and single term classes counting as half. Please note any unusual starting dates.

ART

A1 ART WORKSHOP 1 (*Dave Godfrey*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Mondays 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.

A2 /A3 ACRYLIC PAINTING- FUR, SKIN & FEATHERS, WILDLIFE AND PETS (*Krystyna Evans*) (2 terms only)

A2 alternate Mondays Start Date: 17th September Ferndown Village Hall

A3 alternate Mondays Start Date: 24th September Studio, Barrington Centre

You may only enrol on one of these courses, both are the same.

Explore this versatile painting medium plus colour and tone by learning techniques used to paint fur, skin and feathers. Learn, also, how to build a library of essential 'subject' images using observational drawing, photography and collecting/sourcing images. Enthusiasm, a sense of fun and hard work are essential. All successful applicants will be required to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the tutor for details of the necessary art materials and equipment required. Numbers will be strictly limited.

TOWARDS EXTRACTION AND BEYOND - (Krystyna Evans)

A4 ART WORKSHOP 2 (*Ruth Muspratt*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Tuesdays 9.30 - 12.30

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.

A5 ART WORKSHOP 3 (*Ray Gosling and Janet Price*)

Conference room, Barrington Centre. Tuesdays 9.30 - 12.30

Bring your own things and do your own thing in a friendly and sociable atmosphere. No tuition will be given but lots of moral support.

A6 ACRYLIC PAINTING (*Michael Ward*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Alternate Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00 (2 terms)

Start Date: 27th September

A basic art course without 'artspeak' using a little art history to illustrate technique and style including the use of acrylic paint.

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 34.

Everyone joining Ferndown 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 £18 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 by email: laurieshields2@aol.com or Tel: 01202 894428

Bridge Group Descriptions

AB1 BEGINNERS' BRIDGE (*Richard Buxton*)

Stapehill room, Barrington Centre. Wednesdays 1.30 - 4.00 (prompt start)

Start Date: 17th April (Summer Term only)

It is the intention, subject to numbers interested, to start a new beginners' course after Easter (2013) with a continuation the following September. Anyone interested should contact the Bridge co-ordinator, preferably by e-mail to register.

This is a taught course with plenty of opportunities to play.

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. Exceptionally, the group leader will be away for the first few weeks, so here's your chance to come along and enjoy your tea break without him droning on about the losing trick count!

**THE FOLOWING BRIDGE GROUPS WILL RUN FOR 50 WEEKS PER YEAR
AND ATTRACT A SUPPLEMENT OF £18 PER GROUP TO BE ADDED TO
THE ENROLMENT FEE.**

B3 RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB (Laurie Shields)

United Reform Church Hall, Longham Mondays 1.00 - 4.00

Start Date: 3rd September

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: 4th September

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 (*Barbara Tunstall*)

Heatherlands Centre, Barns Road, Ferndown BH22 8XH.

Wednesdays 1.00 - 4.30

Start Date: 5th September

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

Start Date: 6th 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: 7th 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, respond and rebid correctly in most circumstances.

B8 CHICAGO BRIDGE (*Laurie Shields*)

Ferndown Library. Fridays 1.30 - 4.30

Start Date: 7th 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.

Chair Carving ~~course~~. (Mike Power)

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FLOWER ARRANGING

There will be a demonstration once per term. Please watch Newsletters and the notice-boards for details.

Book Page.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

D1 SOCIOLOGY- ~~NOW AND THEN~~ (*Lynda Claridge*)

Studio, Barrington Centre. Tuesdays 9.30-10.45 (1 term only)

We will learn about the lives of 5 British women, their aims and achievements in forming legislation over the last 150 years. Megan Lloyd George will be familiar, others less so. Topics range from juvenile penal reform to equal pay, with group discussion on how these are still resonant in society today. Some sociology concepts will be introduced.

The State of Welfare

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 minimising risk.

D3 GREEN FINGERS (*Jane Norris & Barbara Gooch*)

At home in Ferndown. 2nd Wednesday monthly 2.00 - 4.00ish

Start date: 12th 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, Triominos, Canasta etc. Please bring games you wish to play to each session.

G2 SUDOKU AND BEYOND (*Martin Tuck*)

At home in West Parley. Fridays 10.30 - 12.00

Help will be given to attempt these puzzles and get that brain working! 'Beyond Sudoku' published every 6 weeks and available from W.H. Smiths will be our inspiration.

HISTORY

H1 IN ENGLAND'S TIME OF NEED (*Barry Wye*)

Noisy room, Village Hall, Ferndown Tuesdays 9.30-10.45

Start Date: 8th January (Spring term only)

1. The Spanish Armada, 1588
2. The Trafalgar Campaign, 1805
3. The Battle of Britain, 1940
4. The Battle of the Atlantic, 1939-1945

A study of four campaigns which, had they had a different outcome, might have resulted in the defeat and occupation of Britain. The aim will be to consider the religious, political, economic and diplomatic events which led to these campaigns. It will NOT be solely concerned with the actual warfare but will also consider the personalities involved and the effects on the ordinary people of Britain.

Aspects of the First World War

H2 THE MAKING OF THE ENGLISH PEOPLE (*Jim Barber*)

Noisy room, Village Hall, Ferndown Tuesdays 11.15 - 12.45

Start Date: 8th January 2012 (Spring term 8 weeks 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.

H3 THE BLUE LAMP - Part 2 (*Rodger Pettengell*)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Alternate Wednesdays 9.30 - 10.45

Start date: 19th September (same week as H4) (2 terms only)

Although following on from Part 1, this course is suitable for both existing and new group members. The sessions will look in depth at how a murder enquiry is conducted and the various responsibilities with which the Senior Investigating Officer has to contend. For this purpose we will be examining the mass murders of Fred and Rose West in Gloucester.

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HISTORY (continued)

The life and Death of Richard III (Babs Cromer)

H4 DISCOVERING ART: PAINTING AND SCULPTURE (Gina Pointing)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Alternate Wednesdays 11.15-12.30

Start date: 19th September (same week as H3) (2 terms only)

This will be a PowerPoint presentation so plenty of pictures to look at and discuss. We will trace the history of art, various styles, techniques etc. together with the lives of the artists and try to relate them to the events of each period. In addition we will spend some time each session looking at 20th century and contemporary artists, many local, all interesting and some really excellent. There will be field trips to local galleries as well as galleries further afield.

H5 BASIC FAMILY HISTORY—getting back to 1841 (Brian Bevis)

Ferndown Youth Centre Thursdays 9.30 -10.45

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? The course is a step by step process using real case studies. There will be 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. 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 if needed.

H3? Family History Part 2

H6 WARFARE IN HISTORY (Tom McConnell)

The European Dictators

Studio, Barrington Centre Thursdays 11.15 - 12.30

Battles play a very small part in warfare so this course will largely ignore them and look at how armed forces reflect the society of which they are a part. We shall cover about 4000 years of history.

H7 LATIN AND THE ROMANS (Geraldine Taylor)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Thursdays 11.15 -12.30

During this course you will learn some Latin and find out how the Romans lived and ran their empire. You'll be surprised as to how much Latin you already know!

KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY

K1 PETANQUE BOULES (Les Brand)

Ferndown Youth Centre. Mondays 11.00 -1.00 (Sep.-Nov. & March-May)

Just come along, play and have fun. Tuition will be given. If you have your own boules please bring them along.

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

KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY (continued)

K4 LINE DANCING (*Jean Horsey*)

Ferdown 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*)

Ferdown Village Hall (mostly). 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*)

Ferdown 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*)

Ferdown Youth Centre Wednesdays 11.00 -12.30

Experienced players only.

K8 FOLK DANCING (*Margaret Thomas*)

Ferdown Village Hall (mostly). Wednesdays 11.00-12.30

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*)

Ferdown 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.

SQUARE DANCE TEA PARTY (*Margaret McAllaster & Bernie Clare*)

Ferdown Village Hall, Thursday afternoons

It is hoped to host this social occasion once each term. Please watch notice-boards for details.

LANGUAGES

L1 VAMOS A CONOCERENOS DURANTE LA TERTULIA (*Maria Gonzales*)

At home in Ferndown 2nd Monday monthly 2.30-3.45

Start date: 8th October

Translates as 'Let's know each other during the 'gathering''. This intermediate/advanced Spanish conversation class will discuss a different topic each month. An introduction, in Spanish, with information and questions will be sent to each student on enrolment to enable them to prepare for the first 'Tertulia'. The tutor will then assess the level of the group and plan accordingly.

L2 GERMAN FOR BEGINNERS (*David Schirn*)

At home in Ferndown Tuesdays 11.15 - 12.15

This is a course for absolute beginners. We will follow the text of 'Deutsch plus' which it is not necessary to purchase.

L3 SPANISH (*Terry Nolan*)

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.

L4 GERMAN (*Friederika Justin-Marshall*)

Studio, Barrington Centre. Tuesday's 9.30—10.45

Start Date: January 8th 2013

For those with some knowledge wishing to improve their communication skills. Some grammar teaching will be involved.

LATIN See H7 page 15

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 SWING IS KING (*Brian Bevis*)

Stapehill room, Barrington Centre. Alternate Tuesdays 9.30 –11.15

Start date: 25th September (same week as T2)

The music of the swing era ran from 1935-1946, but in reality this foot-tapping form of music ran on into the 60's. This style of upbeat music resonates with many of our members' early memories. The group will listen to, discuss and enjoy, the bands, singers, and tunesmiths of these times. Members will be encouraged to contribute memories and music of their own. If you enjoy listening to 'feel good' music come and share a good time with us.

MUSIC (continued)

M3 MUSIC APPRECIATION (*Joan Waugh and John Bowyer*)
Hampreston room, Barrington Centre. Alternate Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00
Start date: 27th September

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.

M4 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.

M5 OPERA (*John Gooch*)

At home in Colehill. 4th Friday of the month 1.30 - 4.00

Start Date: 28th September

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 A WALK IN THE SKY (*John Mullett*)

Staplehill room, Barrington Centre. Alternate Tuesdays 11.30-12.30

Start Date: 25th September (same week as M2)

An 11 session basic beginners' guide to exploring the fascinating world and sky around us. Looking at the Universe, our galaxy, Solar System and the major visible star constellations, with a brief look at related topics and what is in the sky each week.

T3 DESK TOP COMPUTING - Autumn Term (*Jim Cooke*)

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.

T4 DESK TOP COMPUTING - Spring Term (Jim Cooke)

Ferdown Middle School Tuesdays 5.00 -6.00

For more experienced users or as a follow on to Term 1. This course will cover more advanced topics in Word such as mail merge and tables. It will give a brief introduction to other programmes like Excel, spreadsheets, PowerPoint, Publisher and Access database.

T5 DESK TOP COMPUTING - Summer Term (Jim Cooke)

Ferdown Middle School Tuesdays 5.00 -6.00

This term will take the form of a 'computer workshop' for solving specific problems or covering popular topics in more depth. You may enrol for Autumn term (Code T3) and/or Spring term (Code T4) and/or Summer term (Code T5). To enrol for three terms counts as one course.

T6 ASTROLOGY (Intermediate class) (Pat Hutton)

At home in West Moors Alternate Wednesdays 10.00-12.00

Start Date: September 12th

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 SHAKESPEARE (Enid Rothwell)

At home in Ferdown Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.45 (2 terms only)

The Tempest is the chosen play for the first term and texts will be available. In the Spring term we shall look at Pericles which is to be performed on Brownsea Island in 2013. It is probably unfamiliar to most people but we shall find things of interest in it.

W2 DRAMA WORKSHOP (Rita Burke)

Royal British Legion, Ferdown (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 ENGLISH UNLOOSED (Helen Tremain)

Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Tuesdays 1.45-3.00

Where did our language come from and what have we done with it? Experience the literature, politics, culture and ways of thought in our own words over the centuries.

WORDS –WRITTEN, SPOKEN AND VISUAL (continued)

W4 TALES FROM THE MED.—meeting place & melting pot (*Helen Tremain*)
Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Tuesdays 3.15-4.30
The peoples of the Mediterranean through their literature which they left behind for us to take to heart.

W5 READERS' CIRCLE (*Clive Hood*)
Noisy room, Ferndown Village Hall 3rd Wednesday monthly 11.15-12.30
Start Date: 19th September
At our first meeting we will discuss 'A Suitable Boy' by Vikram Seth. Please don't be deterred by the length of this novel as we have all summer to read it and subsequent titles will be much shorter. Discussions can be lively but good fun.

W6 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.

W7 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!

W8 FILM STUDIES (*Pat Greenland*)
Hayes room, Barrington Centre. Alternate Fridays 1.30 –4.15
Start Date: 21st September (2 terms only)
Having worked 40 years in the television and film industry, I would like to share my knowledge and love of films. This year we are looking at the 'Best of British'. Each fortnight we will watch a film and discuss how the director, actors and technicians contributed towards the visualisation of the script and whether or not we liked 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.

FRIDAY 5th October 2012 This Coffee Morning is to welcome new members. We hope as many new and 'old' members as possible will attend. It will be free of charge and a quiz put on by Gerry usually provokes some fun. Come and join the U3A family. The subsequent coffee morning will be held on Friday 2nd November.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, which is always followed by refreshments and entertainment, is on Wednesday, 19th December at 2.15pm in the Barrington Theatre.

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 5 or 6 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 (*Mike Pimley Tel: 01202 875229 e-mail: mjgpimley@gmail.com*)

Fourth Friday, bi-monthly. 11.15– 2.30

We hope to make this a regular event starting in September. Please keep an eye on the notice-boards if you are interested - places will be limited.

'LANSDOWNE LUNCH'

This is held at the Catering College, usually in late November, and enables the students to practise their skills. Watch noticeboard, etc.

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.