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## **ONLY 17 DAYS TO GO!**

(To the start of the new term, if you were wondering!)

Most groups will start in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September. A few however won't start until later and in that case those members registered for that group will have been advised.

It isn't too late to sign up for another group, so take a fresh look at the brochure and see if anything takes your fancy!

**Please note that this is the last newsletter which will be sent out by email. From September, all newsletters will be posted onto the website, so don't forget to check it regularly. We will also put a message on the notice boards to let you know when a new newsletter is available.**

**Those people without internet access will continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter.**

**Can I take this opportunity to remind you that content for the newsletter is always welcome.**

### **AUTUMN FRIDAYS** A series of talks and group presentations throughout the Autumn **Fridays 10.30 – 12 noon**

Sept 19 No talk  
Sept 26 Discovering Dorset 1 \*  
Oct 3 A chance for U3A members - especially those newly-enrolled this year - to meet members of their committee and hear about plans for this year.

Coffee will be available in the Conference Room from 10.00am.

Oct 10 Discovering Dorset 2 \*  
Oct 17 Richard Tucker talks about the charity 'Tools for Self-Reliance' which refurbishes unwanted tools for use in the Third World.  
Oct 24 Bob Reeve introduces the charity 'Woofability' - and some of its dogs - which supports independence for the disabled.  
Oct 31 No talk (U3A half-term)

*\* The sessions on Sept 26 and Oct 10 are for those members already enrolled on Course J1 'Discovering Dorset'.*

Coffee and tea are available every Friday from 9.30a.m, provided by  
The Ferndown Area 50+ Forum

For further information on 'Autumn Fridays' contact Bob Reeve at [<reeve64@btinternet.com>](mailto:reeve64@btinternet.com)

## PARLIAMO ITALIANO

Although we had to cancel this Group, due to the tutor's ill health, there is a possibility of its continuing in a slightly different format. With a good working knowledge of conversational Italian, I am able to act as facilitator for the Group and to cover the basic rules and pronunciation, following on with useful everyday phrases and questions. If you have no or little knowledge of the language, then please contact me if you would like to join the Group.

It will run initially for the Autumn Term, every alternate Tuesday commencing September 16.

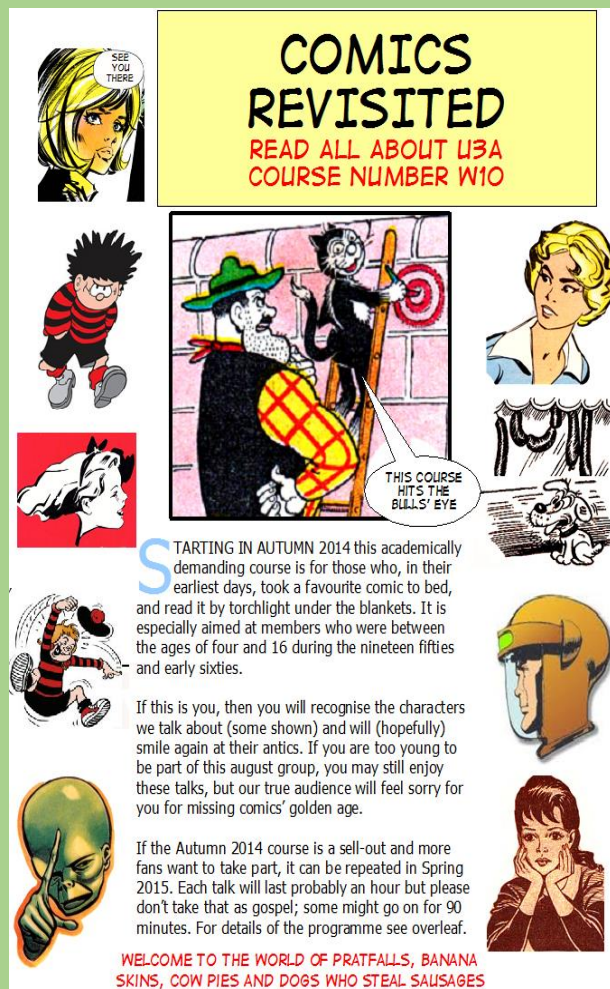
We will need a minimum number of members to justify the cost of accommodation, so, if you are interested, let me know as soon as possible (not later than 8 September) and I will get back to you once the total number is known.

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### W10 – A Reunion with Childhood Friends - *Group under threat!!!*

For some reason, this great new group has had a very low sign-up. Perhaps the last sentence in the brochure has put people off, but this should be a really fun group, so please have another look. Unless there are a few more members we will be unable to run the group.



**COMICS REVISITED**  
READ ALL ABOUT U3A  
COURSE NUMBER W10

SEE YOU THERE


THIS COURSE HITS THE BULLS' EYE

**S**TARTING IN AUTUMN 2014 this academically demanding course is for those who, in their earliest days, took a favourite comic to bed, and read it by torchlight under the blankets. It is especially aimed at members who were between the ages of four and 16 during the nineteen fifties and early sixties.

If this is you, then you will recognise the characters we talk about (some shown) and will (hopefully) smile again at their antics. If you are too young to be part of this august group, you may still enjoy these talks, but our true audience will feel sorry for you for missing comics' golden age.

If the Autumn 2014 course is a sell-out and more fans want to take part, it can be repeated in Spring 2015. Each talk will last probably an hour but please don't take that as gospel; some might go on for 90 minutes. For details of the programme see overleaf.

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF PRATFALLS, BANANA SKINS, COW PIES AND DOGS WHO STEAL SAUSAGES**



**YOUR CHANCE TO MEET AGAIN THE FRIENDS YOU MADE AS A KID**

**ENROL ON COURSE W10**

For the full programme, please refer to the brochure.

## J1 – Discovering Dorset

This group has grown 'like topsy' and has 56 people registered which is great!

We have a nice big room for the first session each month, but in view of the numbers we will try to split into 2 groups for the visits. I will take one group, and the other will be led by Bob Reeve.

Please come along to the first session on 26<sup>th</sup> September with lots of ideas of places to visit.

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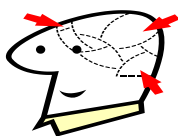
**On Your Bike** - Just a reminder that due to a fracture Linda is unable to lead this group on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Unless anyone volunteers to take it on, then again, the group will have to be cancelled.

To volunteer, email : [ferndownu3a@gmail.com](mailto:ferndownu3a@gmail.com)



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## Exercise for the Brain!



- 1) If a plane crashes on the Italian/Swiss border, where do you bury the survivors?
- 2) If the day after the day before yesterday was Tuesday, and the day before the day after tomorrow is Thursday, what day is today?
- 3) How many animals of each species did Moses take into the Ark?
- 4) A cowboy rode into town on Friday, spent one night there, and left on Friday. How do you account for this?
- 5) Four people try to get underneath one small umbrella, but nobody gets wet. How is this possible?

If you got all these right, give yourself a round of applause!

For answers, check the website!

## Alan Loughton

I am sorry to advise that Alan passed away on the 21<sup>st</sup> August. Alan was an enthusiastic member of the Tuesday Art group and will be greatly missed.

Our condolences go out to his wife Barbara.



## Visit to Portsmouth

Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> - 8.30am - 6pm

Departs from the Village Hall

Have coffee at the top of the Spinnaker Tower overlooking the harbour.

(The view is special. If you haven't been to the top, don't miss the opportunity!)

Then enter the Dockyard and:-

*See the new Mary Rose exhibition - Tour The Victory / HMS Warrior - Take a trip around the harbour to "review the fleet" - Get interactive at "Action Stations" - Visit the National Museum of the Royal Navy.*

**£31 for the Tower & all the Dockyard attractions.**

**£27 If you prefer NOT to go up the Tower.**  
(You can shop at Gunwharf Quays or go straight to the dockyard).

As we do not go back to U3A until mid-September we need to know if there are enough people interested in the trip. Therefore it would be appreciated if you would contact **Betty Ford on 01202 873125** or [mrsbaford@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsbaford@yahoo.com) to reserve your place. If leaving a message. give a contact name & phone number plus the name of one of your classes.

We will give out forms and collect money in the **first 2 weeks of term.**

Any comments to Judith: [jdth.hodges@gmail.com](mailto:jdth.hodges@gmail.com)