

Farnham u3a programme 2025 – 2026



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General information

Welcome to Farnham u3a and our programme for 2025-2026. This is where we list all our groups and activities and tell you how you can participate.

Remember that changes will occur during the year. Please check back on the website www.farnhamu3a.org.uk to make sure you are accessing the latest information.

Key dates for 2025-2026

Open Morning – Monday, 7 July, 10.00 to 12.00, Farnham Maltings. An opportunity to talk to Group Leaders about the many groups available.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday, 15 September 2025** starting at **2.30pm** before a talk about the Refurbishment of St Andrew's Church by Dawn Champion from the British Pilgrimage Trust (BPT) in the Barley Room at the Maltings. The BPT is a project partner and will be engaging audiences with the heritage of pilgrimage around the world and Farnham's place in it. Refreshments will be served.

Annual Group Leaders and Group Contacts Meeting

This meeting will be held on **Friday, 20 March 2026** - Group Leaders and Group Contacts will be invited.

New Members' Receptions

We are eager to welcome new members and hold receptions for them in the autumn and in the spring. New members will receive an invitation to these

events, but as advance notice the first one is scheduled for **Monday, 6 October 2025** and the Spring one for **Monday, 9 March 2026**.

Groups

Groups operate from **Monday, 1 September to Friday, 26 June**, with short breaks for Christmas and Easter. A few groups may continue over the summer.

To join a group please email the group contact. If the group is full, please ask to be put on the waiting list by the group contact. To join a group, you must be a member of Farnham u3a, and you will need to provide your membership number.

If you find you can no longer attend a group, please inform the group contact so that someone on the waiting list can take your place.

Most groups meet at the **Farnham Maltings** – where this is not the case, the meeting location is specified in the programme. Please note that the rooms allocated to groups in the Maltings are posted daily on the whiteboard opposite the reception desk. Room changes can occur at short notice, so always check the board.

Social Events

Dates for social events will be posted on the Events Calendar, on the website, on the u3a noticeboard in the corridor towards the Great Hall, and in eNews.

Contact the Membership Engagement Facilitator for more information. Several **quizzes** are scheduled throughout the year in the evenings. They are usually held from 6.30 to 9.30pm. All u3a members are welcome. You may participate as a member of a team, but by all means turn up on your own as we form ad-hoc teams on the night.

Quiz dates	
25 September 2025	6 November 2025

11 December 2025	5 February 2026
16 April 2026	18 June 2026

The monthly **Cuppa-and-a-chat** sessions are informal pop-in affairs held in the Maltings café. They offer all members the opportunity to meet up with other members and exchange ideas, find out more about what is happening in Farnham u3a or simply to be sociable. Dates are published on the website.

We are planning further social events. More detailed information will be provided via eNews, on the website and by email.

Contacts

If you require further information on anything not covered in the programme, please contact the Secretary.

To email a committee member or key role holder, insert the relevant email name immediately in front of @farnhamu3a.org.uk (e.g. chair@farnhamu3a.org.uk).

Committee Members & Key Role-holders 2025-26

(* committee) - Committee to be agreed at the AGM

Role	Role holder	Email name
Chair*	Philip Oliver	chair
Vice-Chair*	Jane Moberly	vicechair
Secretary*	Sally Bowden	secretary
Treasurer*	Shree Merriman	treasurer
Membership Secretary*	Margaret Popovic	members
Groups Liaison*	Andrew Morgan	groups

Events*	Vivienne Miller	events
Membership Engagement & Accessibility Facilitator*	Jane Moberly	membereng
Marketing*	Steve Tilburn	marketing
Programme*	Annette Kratz	prog
Database*	Annette Kratz	beaconadmin
Theme Meetings	Pauline Belfield	theme
Monthly Meetings	Jenny Bray	monthlymtgs
Technical (sound & visual)	Clive Vinall	tech
Hybrid meetings	Alan Freeland	hybrid
Website	Keith Black	webmaster

Annual Theme

Our annual theme this year is Extraordinary People. Presentations are given monthly on Friday mornings normally in the Barley Room at Farnham Maltings, starting at 10.30 a.m. and lasting approximately one hour. Please note, however, that the Christmas Event starts at 2.00 p.m. All members are welcome.

The room capacity is 100 and admittance will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Date	Speaker	Title	Description
19 Sep	Holly Budge	Holly Budge	Holly Budge is an extraordinary adventurer. Not only has she climbed Everest she has also sky dived over the mountain. On land she has raced 1000kms over the Mongolian Desert on semi wild horses. Discover more about her motivation and what it takes to reach these exceptional goals.
24 Oct	Laurence Anslow	The Evolution of Charles Darwin: People and Places	This talk focuses on the family and friends of Charles Darwin; those who were important in all aspects of his life and work. Down House was his HQ for nearly 40 years. The work he did in this environment will be a major part of this presentation. Other places of importance will also feature, including those in London and from his early years.
21 Nov	John Atkinson	Spike Milligan (1918-2002)	Spike Milligan Irish comedian and writer, musician, poet, playwright and actor. The son of an English mother and Irish father, he was born in British India where he spent his childhood before relocating to England in 1931.
12 Dec pm	Andy Wood	Christmas Entertainment	An afternoon of music, humour and drama presented by Andy and friends.
16 Jan	Jonathan Jones	Charles Dickens	Charles Dickens - did Sykes and Nancy cause his death or was it Doctor Marigold?
20 Feb	Andy & Tricia Wood	Sultan Qaboos Bin Said	Sultan of Oman from 1970 to 2020. His fifty-year reign saw his country transformed from an almost medieval fiefdom to the progressive and modern

Date	Speaker	Title	Description
			state he left behind. The last of the 'Benevolent Despots'.
20 Mar	Andrew Morgan	H G Wells (1886-1946)	H G Wells was an English novelist, journalist, sociologist and historian best known for such science fiction novels as The Time Machine and The War of the Worlds.
17 Apr	Richard Thomas	Cleopatra	Cleopatra VII Thea Philopator (70 BCE – 30 BCE) was an Egyptian queen, famous in history and drama as the lover of Julius Caesar and later as the wife of Mark Antony.
15 May	Pam Taylor	King Philip II of Spain (1527-1598)	Philip had two main periods of influence on this side of the Channel – during the reign of Mary I and again as the initiator of The Armada against England. He had a long reign as King of Spain, at a time when the Spanish Empire spanned regions of the world. So, was he a mere figurehead or did his complex character influence the shape of world politics and the fierce religious disputes of his time?
19 Jun	Chris Herbert	Elizabeth of Austria (1837-1898)	Elizabeth of Austria, known as 'Sisi' was born in Munich in 1837. Married at age 16 to her cousin, the Austrian Emperor, Franz Josef, she became the Empress. She gave birth to three daughters and a son Crown Prince Rudolf who subsequently committed murder-suicide with his mistress. Whilst on holiday near Lake Geneva in 1898 Elizabeth was assassinated by an Italian anarchist. She had been Empress for 44 years.

Monthly Meetings

All members are welcome to Monthly Meetings, usually talks by external speakers, which take place on Monday afternoons at 14.00 normally in the Barley Room and last about an hour. Capacity is 100 and admittance is on a first-come first-served basis.

Date	Speaker	Title	Description
29 Sep	Gill Picken	William Beckford	He of 'Beckford's Tower' near Bath and Fonthill Abbey in Wiltshire which was built by James Wyatt. His immense wealth enabled him to indulge his passion for building and collecting paintings, china, statues and other objects d'art. An eccentric and reclusive man excluded from Georgian social life.
27 Oct	Susan Morris & Alfred Bradley	Fanny Burney	Burney was a best-selling novelist greatly admired by Jane Austen. She witnessed the madness of King George III and married a French general who had fled the French Revolution. From 1793 they lived in Surrey where at 41 Fanny produced their only child. At 59 she survived a mastectomy - without anaesthetic. It was quite a life!
28 Nov FRIDAY	Astrid Bowers-Veeman	Ethical Beekeeping	Astrid will explain how she and her husband farm bees and work with them in a natural way so that the bees are not stressed and live and work more as they would in the wild. She will talk about the 'anatomy' of a hive and bring samples of their honey and candles.

Date	Speaker	Title	Description
8 Dec	Chris Gorman	Big Ladder Photographer	'The Big Ladder'™ is widely regarded as the UK's leading drone photography and video specialist. Clients include Waitrose, The National Lottery, and Universal Pictures. It also featured globally throughout the Covid 19 Pandemic for its groundbreaking images documenting the crisis from the unique perspective of a drone. Come and marvel at the Bigger Picture.
26 Jan	Sir Stephen Lamport GVCO DL	Government, Monarchy and Church	Sir Stephen Lamport reflects on 'Government, Monarchy and Church: Life in Public Service', which covers his career as Diplomat in Tehran during the Iranian Revolution, his ten years as Private Secretary to the then Prince of Wales, and his role as Receiver General of Westminster Abbey.
23 Feb	Susan Purcell	The Story behind the English Dictionary	This is a light-hearted and entertaining talk, during which she will introduce you to some of the great dictionary-makers of the past. These days we take dictionaries very much for granted, but the English dictionary is a relatively recent invention. We talk of THE dictionary as if there were only one, but there are thousands, and they change over time.
23 Mar	Gary Johnson	Juan Garcia	The Spanish Chicken Farmer who won the War for Britain by influencing Nazi strategy at the highest level after winning the trust of Churchill and Hitler. Saved thousands of Allied lives on D Day. Made enough money to fund the entire British Secret Service. A fascinating story not to be missed.

Date	Speaker	Title	Description
27 Apr	Ian Porter	The Real Mr. Selfridge & the History of Shopping	Mr Selfridge's extraordinary real life. His invention of things we take for granted today when shopping. His many lady friends. His incredible lifestyle and high spending. His downfall.
11 May	Martin Lloyd	Becoming a Famous Author	Discover the truth about writers, publishers and bookshops. In a step-by-step exposé you will learn what I had to do to get my first book published. Prepare to be shocked, entertained, amazed and amused.
29 Jun	Paul Whittle	Steaming On - Britain's Heritage Railways	Britain led the way in establishing Railways two hundred years ago. The talk features a wide selection of preserved lines and the willing volunteers who devote their time, skills and enthusiasm by recreating those days of train travel at a more leisurely pace and keeping them literally on track.

Group information September 2025 to June 2026

For more information on each group and to register an interest in being a member, please get in touch with the person named as the Contact for the group using the email address given.

Groups are listed in alphabetical order of subject. An [index](#) follows the main list.

Architecture – John Townsend				
<i>An informal participatory group with a shared interest and enthusiasm for architecture. Largely self-led with member presentations accompanied by lively discussion. Occasional visits. All are welcome.</i>				
Contact	John Townsend – arch@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesdays, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 16	Oct 21	Nov 18	Dec 16	Jan 20
Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 21	May 19	

Art History - Ann Vickers				
<i>We encourage members to give an illustrated talk on an artist, school of painting, or era, of their choice. You can also just come to watch and listen.</i>				
Contact	Ann Vickers - arthist@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Friday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 5	Oct 24	Dec 5	Jan 16	Feb 6
Mar 6	Apr 10	May 15	Jun 5	

Artificial Intelligence

– Alan Freeland

This group has two aims. First, to provide members the confidence and support to proactively use Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their everyday lives both for fun and as an assistant in solving life's many tasks. Members will be expected to use AI Chatbots, such as ChatGPT, between meetings and share their experiences. Second, to explore how AI is being used in society. Members will be expected to share their views on these topics. Typically, each month's class will have two sessions, one focused on AI and society and one focused on members' use of AI.

Contact	Jane Foster - ai@farnhamu3a.org.uk
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Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 14.00-16.00
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Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 10	Jan 7	Feb 11
Mar 4	Apr 1	May 13	Jun 3	

Astronomy

- Laurence Anslow

An informal group with discussions and presentations on all aspects of Astronomy and Space Exploration. The group is led by a science and astronomy teacher. Beginners and more experienced astronomers are welcome.

Contact	Lynne Watson - astro@farnhamu3a.org.uk
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Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 14.00-15.45
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Sep 10	Oct 15	Nov 12	Dec 10	Jan 14
Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 15	May 13	Jun 10

Ballet for Exercise - NEW

– Carol Chappell

*An exercise class aimed at those who wish to use ballet movement as the basis of their exercise sessions. Run by a former professional dancer and dance instructor, the group will meet weekly at the **Bourne Club**.*

Contact	Carol Chappell - ballet@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Tuesday, 12.30-13.30			
Sep 9, 16, 23, 30	Oct 7, 14, 21, 28	Nov 4, 11, 18, 25	Dec 2, 9	Jan 13, 20, 27
Feb 3, 10 17, 24	Mar 3, 10 17, 24, 31	Apr 7, 14, 21, 28	May 5, 12, 19, 26	

Birdwatching

– self-led

A monthly two hour long amateur birdwatching walk, visiting local nature and bird reserves with members choosing to lead walks throughout the programme.

Contact	Chris Wilson - bird@farnhamu3a.org.uk Heather McGraw - bird@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Third Tuesday at 10.00am, at various locations			
Sep 16	Oct 21	Nov 18	Dec 16	Jan 20
Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 21	May 19	Jun 16

Book Groups

We have six groups in this category currently: two generic Book Groups, Modern Novel, a Theme Book Group and two groups discussing World Literature.

Book Group 1 - self-led				
<i>This lively group meets to discuss a book we have read, introduced by a member of the group. We choose ten books in advance covering a wide range of modern novels, classics and biographies, old and new.</i>				
Contact	Penny Bonner – book1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Friday, 14.00-15.30			
Sep 19	Oct 17	Nov 21	Dec 19	Jan 23
Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 17	May 15	Jun 19
Book Group 2 – self-led				
<i>Another group of keen readers meeting monthly to discuss a wide range of books chosen in advance, from 19th and 20th century classics to contemporary novels and non-fiction, each introduced by a group member.</i>				
Contact	Margot Tringham - book2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Friday, 11.00-12.30			
Sep 19	Oct 17	Nov 21	Dec 19	Jan 23
Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 17	May 15	Jun 19
Modern Novel – David Helsdon				
<i>We select literature of the 21st century. Ten titles are chosen from suggestions within the group, and a member presents the chosen book for discussion at the monthly meeting.</i>				
Contact	Margaret Popovic - modnov@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 10.00-12.00			

Sep 3	Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 3	Jan 7
Feb 4	Mar 4	Apr 1	May 6	Jun 3
Theme Book Group – Patricia Thorns				
<i>Our theme this year is “Decades”.</i>				
Contact	Patricia Thorns - themebook@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 14.00 – 16.00			
Sep 16	Oct 21	Nov 18	Dec 16	Jan 20
Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 21	May 19	Jun 16
World Literature 1 – Gillian Watts				
<i>We read novels which explore countries and cultures around the world. Each month a novel is introduced by one of our group, leading to lively discussions about the authors, the writing, the countries covered and wider issues.</i>				
Contact	Gillian Watts - worlit1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 2	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2	Jan 6
Feb 3	Mar 3	Apr 7	May 5	Jun 2
World Literature 2 - self-led				
<i>We take a lively look at books - mainly fiction but not exclusively - from around the world by authors, some known but many unfamiliar. We enjoy the discovery of new names, stories and ways of life that the books open for us.</i>				
Contact	Katy Dawes - worlit2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Friday, 10.15-12.00			

Sep 5	Oct 3	Nov 7	Dec 5	Jan 9
Feb 6	Mar 6	Apr 10	May 8	Jun 5

Bookbinding – Rhona Jones				
<i>Discover how to become a Bookbinder, creating a book from scratch. Also learn about book repair. Help and advice is given if required. Some equipment and materials are provided at cost.</i>				
Contact	Jane Kirby - bobind@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Thursday, 9.30-12.30			
Sep 4, 18, 25	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nov 6, 13	Dec 4	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb 19, 26	Mar 5, 12	Apr 2, 9, 16, 30	May 7, 14, 21, 28	Jun 4, 18, 25

Bowls, Lawn – Stephen Samuel				
<i>Why not try the game of bowls with a very friendly club? Taster sessions introduce beginners to try out and then improve their skills over a number of weeks - all comers being most welcome. Wear what you like but you must have flat-soled shoes. First Free Taster Session on Sunday, 10th May 2026 at 10.00am. This will be the first of three sessions at Seale and Sands Bowls Club located by the British Legion, The Sands, GU10 1LL. The following sessions will be 17th and 31st May. Plentiful parking. The club will lend you bowls. PLEASE RESERVE A PLACE.</i>				
Contact	Stephen Samuel - bowls@farnhamu3a.org.uk			

Meets	Weekly roll up sessions throughout the summer, Tuesdays/Thursdays, from June, 10.00-12.00, for members who join the Seale and Sands Bowls Club.
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Bridge – Duncan Weir There are three bridge groups, catering for a variety of levels. <i>We are a friendly group. No tuition. Come with or without a partner. This group meets at the Bourne Club in order to accommodate more members. There is a table fee of £2.</i>							
Contact	Duncan Weir – bridge@farnhamu3a.org.uk						
Meets	Weekly, Thursday, 13.45-16.00						
Sep 4, 11, 18, 25	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nov 6, 13, 20, 27	Dec 4, 11, 18	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29			
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	May 7, 14, 21, 28	Jun 4, 11, 18, 25			
Bridge - Improvers - NEW – Andrew Ward <i>This group is for players who currently play bridge socially and want to go onto the next level with interest to play gentle duplicate or eventually play in bridge clubs. We will cover topics like opening 1NT, 1 of a Suit, Overcalling, Pre-empt and opening strong hands. We will also look at defence and declarer techniques. This will take place at the Maltings.</i>							
Contact	Andrew Ward – bridge2@farnhamu3a.org.uk						
Meets	Fortnightly, Wednesday, 13.30-15.30						
Sep 10, 24	Oct 8, 22	Nov 5	Dec 3	Jan 14, 28	Feb 11, 25		

Mar 11, 25	Apr 8, 22	May 6, 20	Jun 3, 17	Jul 1, 15, 29	
Bridge - Beginners -NEW -Andrew Ward					
<i>This group is for people who like to learn to play bridge or start again after many years. We start playing Mini Bridge, a simplified form of the game where people will be playing almost immediately! After a few sessions people will be playing hands on their own with helper support. Then players can progress to play Rubber Bridge. Groups will play at their own pace on separate card tables and newcomers are welcome to come at any time. This will take place fortnightly at the Bourne Club. There is a table fee of £2.</i>					
Contact	Andrew Ward – bridge2@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	Fortnightly, Wednesday, 13.30-15.30				
Sep 3, 17	Oct 1, 15	Nov 12, 26	Dec 10	Jan 7, 21	Feb 4, 18
Mar 4, 18	Apr 1, 15, 29	May 13, 27	Jun 10, 24	Jul 8, 22	

Choral Music Appreciation – Geoff Quick				
<i>The group will meet monthly for a 90 min to 2 hour session. At each meeting, one member of the group will introduce a composer or theme and play a selection of choral excerpts or complete pieces to illustrate the theme/composer. There will be informal discussion about the pieces chosen over tea/coffee.</i>				
Contact	Geoff Quick - choapp@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 10.00-12.00			
Oct 14	Nov 4	Dec 2	Jan 6	Feb 3
Mar 3	Apr 7	May 5	Jun 2	

Church Visits – Geoff Quick	
<i>The group meets every 4 to 6 weeks. One member of the group will organise a morning or afternoon visit to one or more local places of worship, followed by a coffee/tea or lunch stop. Hopefully we can organise someone to be on hand at each church to talk about the history of the building and point out the interesting features.</i>	
Contact	Geoff Quick - chuvis@farnhamu3a.org.uk
Meets	Various

Classical Studies – Laurence Carter				
<i>Classical Studies covers a huge variety of topics: Art, Drama, Poetry, History, Philosophy etc. Knowledgeable people in our u3a lead sessions on their own subjects but there's lots of room if you just want to come along and listen.</i>				
Contact	Alison Gordon - class@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 9	Oct 14	Nov 11	Dec 9	Jan 13
Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 14	May 12	Jun 9

Climate Change - Stewart Edge & Philip Oliver	
<i>For those concerned about the future of the planet and our legacy for future generations. We will explore the issues involved - technical, economic, behavioural and more. Members will be encouraged to research specific topics and present their findings to the group for discussion.</i>	
Contact	Stewart Edge - clim@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 10	Oct 15	Nov 12	Dec 10	Jan 14
Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 15	May 13	Jun 10

Concert Club

– Alison Boydell, Mary Somerville, Juliet Evans

Concert Club is for people who enjoy listening to live classical music. We organise concerts at various venues, travelling by coach. For trips to London we try to arrive about an hour before the concert so people can have a meal beforehand if they wish. The concerts we choose cover as wide a spectrum of music as possible – we try to vary orchestras, venues and repertoire to please as many group members as we can. They can select as many concerts (or as few) as they like. For more details go to: <https://farnhamu3a.org.uk/groups/concert-club/>

Contact

Mary Somerville – concert@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets

Meeting dates and the programme will be on our group page on the Farnham u3a website.

Cookery for Beginners and Improvers

– Pat Thorns and the Cookery Team

A basic cookery course of 10 lessons for those with little or no previous cookery knowledge. The aim is to give participants sufficient skill and confidence to carry on cooking after the course. The course will cover nutrition, food hygiene and knife skills. There will be a small fee for this course for shared ingredients. Classes will be in the early evening at All Hallows school.

Contact

Patricia Thorns – cook@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets

Classes will be held on Tuesdays at All Hallows School, 17.00-19.00

Sep 16, 23, 30	Oct 7, 14, 21	Nov 4, 11, 18, 25	
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Creative Writing – self-led				
<i>This self-led group aims to provide a friendly and encouraging venue for aspiring writers. Every month we each read a short (no more than 1,000 words) work of fiction we have written, on a title or idea chosen the previous month. Our stories encompass a wide range of genres and may include memoirs, poetry, flash fiction, and excerpts from longer works. They just have to be creative! Only positive, non-critical feedback is allowed.</i>				
Contact	Len Davis - cw@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 10	Oct 15	Nov 12	Dec 10	Jan 14
Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 15	May 13	Jun 10

Croquet - NEW – Bruce Merrells	
<i>We will play every Thursday from 30 April until 24 September (22 sessions) – the play each week depending on the weather. The play is at Guildford and Godalming Croquet club (GGCC) Godalming. All equipment is provided and all you need is flat shoes. There are club mallets. The group will be taught/assisted/supported by members of the GGCC each week. We will offer two free taster sessions on 30 April and 6 May Thereafter the cost will be £100 for the full season until late September, payable by standing order to the Croquet Club in £20 monthly instalments.</i>	
Contact	Bruce Merrells - croq@farnhamu3a.org.uk
Meets	Weekly, Thursday, 10.30-12.30

April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28	Jun 4, 11, 18, 25	Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Aug 6, 13, 20, 27	Sep 3, 10, 17, 24
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Cryptic Crosswords – Geoff Quick				
<i>For those intrigued by cryptic crosswords. Ideally, you'll have an interest in words and a warped mind. All levels are welcome. Starter training sessions will be given in October, for complete beginners.</i>				
Contact	Geoff Quick – cryp@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 14.00-15.00			
Sep 8, 22	Oct 13, 27	Nov 10, 24	Dec 8	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 23	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 8, 22, Jul 6
Online meetings	Other meetings will take place on Zoom – contact Geoff Quick for details.			

Current Affairs We have three groups. Members come prepared to discuss significant events at home and abroad. They are encouraged to add topics for discussion.				
Current Affairs 1 – Sharon Downs				
Contact	Di Huddleston - ca1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 1, 15	Oct 6, 20	Nov 3, 17	Dec 1, 15	Jan 13, 27

Feb 2, 16	Mar 2, 16, 30	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 1, 15, 29
Current Affairs 2 – Clive Cook & Paul Sacha				
Contact	Carol Sacha – ca2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Wednesday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 10, 24	Oct 15, 29	Nov 12, 26	Dec 10	Jan 14, 28
Feb 11, 25	Mar 11, 25	Apr 15, 29	May 13, 27	Jun 10, 24
Current Affairs 3 – Stewart Edge				
Contact	Stewart Edge - ca3@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Thursday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 4, 25	Oct 9, 23	Nov 13, 27	Dec 11	Jan 15, 29
Feb 26	Mar 12, 26	Apr 16, 30	May 14, 28	Jun 18, July 2

Cycling Club

Monday: Andrew Melbourne, Maxine Dunn; Wednesday: Bob Mercer, David Hepper; Thursday: Ian Newman, Douglas and Jenny Gordon

This group gives all abilities of cyclists a chance to ride in a friendly, non-competitive environment. There are four rides in total across Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Minimum equipment: a well-maintained bike, cycle helmet, spare inner tube & pump. Additional equipment suggested: hi-vis jacket/tabard (u3a tabards available free to members), water bottle, money for coffee and cake. Cyclists with e-bikes are very welcome to join the rides. See also the group's webpage <https://farnhamu3a.org.uk/groups/cycling/> for information on risk assessment and compliance with regulations.

Monday Riders: a fortnightly chance for a bit of exercise after the weekend, a circular ride starting at 10.00 am from The Bourne Green (parking available). Distance will be between 20 and 25 miles at about 10-12 miles an hour, inevitably with undulations! We will generally keep to roads with a chance for refreshments during or at the end of the ride. Places will be limited to 15 plus a leader so group members will need to sign up for each ride via our group email.

Contact	MONDAY RIDERS - Andrew Melbourne & Maxine Dunn. cyclmon@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	Fortnightly, The Bourne Green, 10.00am				
Sep 1, 15, 22	Oct 6, 20	Nov 3, 17	Dec 1, 15, 29	Jan 5, 19	Feb 2, 16
Mar 2, 16, 30	Apr 20	May 4, 18	Jun 1, 15, 29	Jul 13, 27	Aug 10, 24

Wednesday Riders: There are two rides: easy EASY ROCKERS - about 15 - 20 miles at an average speed of about 9 mph, with some tracks; moderate MODS - about 25 - 35 miles, at an average speed of about 13 mph, all on roads. Both groups will stop for refreshments in a local café. These two groups are limited to 15 riders so please advise the contacts below if you wish to attend.

Contact	EASY ROCKERS: David Hepper – cyceasy@farnhamu3a.org.uk MODS: Bob Mercer – cycmods@farnhamu3a.org.uk We have created a WhatsApp group for the MODS cycling group to keep in touch. To be added, please email Bob Mercer.				
Meets	EASY ROCKERS and MODS: the plan is for rides to be weekly, Wednesday, 10.00 - 13.30, throughout the year, meeting at Farnham Maltings, unless otherwise advised.				
Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Nov 5, 12, 19 26	Dec 3, 10, 17, 31 (Mods only)	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28	Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 1, 8, 15 22, 29	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 3, 10, 17, 24	Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Aug 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursday Riders: *Circular cycle rides of around 15 to 18 miles at an average speed of 8 to 9 mph, organised and led by group members, from various locations in the wonderful Surrey-Hampshire countryside, mostly on-road (quiet country lanes) and some tracks.*

Contact	Ian Newman. Douglas Gordon, Jenny Gordon – cycthu@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	Thursday, 10.00 – 13.30, weekly, throughout the year at locations to be advised. You must let us know if you are planning on coming on a ride – please use the group email above.				
Sep 4, 11, 18, 25	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nov 6, 13, 20, 27	Dec 4, 11, 18	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	Feb 5, 12, 19, 26
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	May 7, 14, 21, 28	Jun 4, 11, 18, 25	Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Aug 6, 13, 20, 27

Day Trips

– Steve Tilburn and Mandy Caine

We aim to provide at least 10 trips each year by coach from 2 pick-up points in Farnham — namely Hart Car Park and Sainsbury's Water Lane. We have arranged with a local Travel Company to provide day trips selected by the Day Trip Group Leaders, to various sites in the Southeast. Members' suggestions are always welcome. The places visited will be of general interest and each trip length will aim to be up to a maximum of 8 hours. Trips will be competitively priced, and members selected on a first come, first served basis.

Contact	Steve Tilburn - u3adaytrips1@outlook.com Mandy Caine - u3adaytrips2@outlook.com
Meets	Various

French				
<i>We have seven French language groups, set out below.</i>				
Elementary French - Charlotte Hurst				
<i>Level 1/2. A friendly group, targeted at people who have a little, perhaps rather rusty knowledge of the language and who want to practice and improve their conversational French.</i>				
Contact	Charlotte Hurst - freel@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Wednesday, 13.15-14.45			
Sep 3, 17	Oct 8, 22	Nov 5, 26	Dec 3, 17	Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18	Mar 4, 18	Apr 8, 22	May 6, 20	Jun 3, 17
French Intermediate Conversation 1 – Maryse Houston				
<i>Level 3+. Relaxed topical conversation at your own level.</i>				
Contact	Maryse Houston - freintcon1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Thursday, 11.00-12.00			
Sep 4, 18	Oct 9, 23	Nov 6	Dec 4	Jan 8, 22
Feb 5, 26	Mar 12	Apr 16, 30	May 14, 28	Jun 4, 25
French Intermediate Conversation 2 – Clare and Jim Parker				
<i>Level 3+. Relaxed topical conversation at your own level</i>				
Contact	Clare and Jim Parker - freintcon2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Tuesday, 12.30-13.30			
Sep 2, 16	Oct 7, 21	Nov 4, 18	Dec 2, 16	Jan 6, 20

Feb 3, 17	Mar 3, 17	Apr 7, 21	May 5, 19	Jun 2, 16
French Advanced Conversation - Sarah Hebbbron				
<i>Level 6. A conversation class, conducted entirely in French, where participants are expected to be completely fluent in French. Best suited to those who have lived and worked in French speaking countries or are graduates in French or whose mother tongue is French.</i>				
Contact	Sarah Hebbbron - freadcon@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Tuesday, 10.00-11.30			
Sep 9, 23	Oct 14, 28	Nov 11, 18	Dec 9, 23	Jan 13, 27
Feb 10, 24	Mar 10, 24	Apr 14, 28	May 12, 26	Jun 9, 23
French Higher Intermediate – Odette Byrne				
<i>Level 4. This year we will be reviewing major grammatical points for practice and improvement of written and oral skills and looking at French culture and life in a variety of ways.</i>				
Contact	Ian Ford - frehint@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Wednesday, 14.00-15.30			
Sep 3, 17	Oct 8, 22	Nov 5, 12	Dec 3, 17	Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18	Mar 4, 18	Apr 8, 22	May 6, 20	Jun 3, 17
French Intermediate – Sue Leach				
<i>Level 3. A qualified French teacher will run this group with the emphasis on oral practice including role play and using the book "French Experience Vol 1" (with CD).</i>				
Contact	Sue Leach – freint@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 10.30-12.00			

Sep 8, 22	Oct 13, 27	Nov 10, 24	Dec 8	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 23	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 8, 22; Jul 6
French Improvers – Jane Raw				
<i>Level 3. We will try to progress our grammar and conversation, learn more about French life and culture and maybe listen to the odd “chanson”.</i>				
Contact	Jane Raw - freimp@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 10.00-11.15			
Sep 8, 22	Oct 13, 27	Nov 10, 24	Dec 8	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 23	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 8, 22; Jul 6, 20

Geology 4 Non-Geologists				
- Mick Caulfield and Andy Wood				
<i>The Geology 4 Non-Geologists group is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about geology, from rock types to fossils and from plate tectonics to meteorites.</i>				
Contact	Mick Caulfield - geol@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 3	Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 3	Jan 7
Feb 4	Mar 4	Apr 1	May 6	Jun 3

Geopolitics				
- Rotating Chairperson				
<i>Discussion of a wide-ranging set of international and geopolitical subjects led by group members.</i>				

Contact	Pam Martin - geopol@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Friday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 26	Oct 17	Nov 28	Dec 19	Jan 23
Feb 27	Mar 13	Apr 17	May 22	Jun 19

German <i>Our two German groups cater both for more advanced German language students as well as those continuing to master the language.</i>				
German Conversation – Clive Peters				
<i>Level 5+. This is largely a conversation group for those with a sound knowledge of German and willingness to participate. Members introduce a variety of subjects for discussion. New members welcome. There are two native German speakers in the class.</i>				
Contact	Clive Peters - gercon@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Wednesday, 10.00-11.30			
Sep 10, 24	Oct 15, 29	Nov 12, 26	Dec 10	Jan 14, 28
Feb 11, 25	Mar 11, 25	Apr 15, 29	May 13, 27	Jun 10, 24
German Improvers – Sigi Brown				
<i>Level 2+. For German Improvers, with emphasis on useful conversation for tourism/travel purposes in continental Europe, concentrating mainly on communication by learning vocabulary, pronunciation, everyday expressions and grammar.</i>				
Contact	Sigi Brown - gerimp@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Thursday, 10.30-12.00			
Sep 4, 25	Oct 9, 16	Nov 13, 27	Dec 11	Jan 8, 22
Feb 5, 19	Mar 5, 19	Apr 2, 16, 30	May 7, 14	Jun 25

Grumpy Old People

– Mary Williams

Have you watched those Grumpy Old Men and Women on television, and can only think they talk good sense? If that is you – this is the group for you. We have two sub-groups, the first meeting normally on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and the second on the third Tuesday. Both are self-led: at the end of each meeting, members choose three or four topics for discussion at the next, giving time to arrive ready to have your say.

Contact	Mary Williams - grum1@farnhamu3a.org.uk
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Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 14.30-16.00
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Grumpy Old People 1

Sep 9	Oct 14	Nov 11	Dec 9	Jan 13
Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 14	May 12	Jun 9

Grumpy Old People 2

Sep 16	Oct 21	Nov 18	Dec 16	Jan 20
Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 21	May 19	Jun 16

Handicraft

– Lynne Hutt

We are a self-led group dedicated to knitting, sewing, tapestry, embroidery or any other type of handicraft. Bring along your current project and join us to share skills, ideas and the occasional guest demonstration.

Contact	Lynne Hutt - handi@farnhamu3a.org.uk
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Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 14.00-16.00
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Sep 8, 22	Oct 13, 27	Nov 10, 24	Dec 8	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 23	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 8, 22; Jul 6

Healthy Eating

– Thea Morgan

*An interactive group. Each meeting focuses on a different food group or groups, exploring the nutritional and health benefits or otherwise of the components. Recipes will be discussed for their health benefits then tried at home. Other topics will cover fats, proteins, carbohydrates, Ultra-processed Foods and types of diet. Additionally, members are invited to bring their favourite recipes or meal ideas to discuss how these can be made healthier. **Please note that this group will largely cover the same topics as in 2024-25**, so if you attended that group, you may not wish to attend again.*

Contact	Thea Morgan – health@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 14.00-15.30			
Sep 23	Oct 28	Nov 18	Dec 16	Jan 27
Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 28	May 26	Jun 23

History groups

We have six groups which explore different aspects of history, both local and global.

Family History 1 & 2 – Lorna Thomas

Family History Main Group (1): The format: Workshop style meetings with plenty of interaction and contributions from members. For those who have already begun their Family History research and want to take their research further. What do we cover: Recent Family History developments; DNA, AI for family history; improving research techniques; recent digital technology developments; family trees and seeing ancestors from a historical perspective. Informative talks; group discussions; small projects and a lot of fun. Dates marked with an asterix(*) are dedicated to Digital Family History.

Family History Getting Started (2): We cover the BASICS: where to start / what to do next / why combine various research techniques / how to get started. Anyone wanting to start their family history journey and/or those who have started but had a break and need to reacquaint themselves. The format is a combination of talks, discussions, members experiences, hints and tips to get you successfully started on your own fascinating journey.

	Family History Main Group (1)			
Contact	Lorna Thomas - alderton90@outlook.com			
Meets	Monthly, Thursday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 18	Oct 16*, 23	Nov 13	Dec 11*, 18	Jan 22
Feb 26	Mar 19, 26*	Apr 16, 30*	May 21, 28*	Jun 18, 25*
	Family History Getting Started (2)			
Contact	Lorna Thomas - alderton90@outlook.com			
Sep 4	Oct 2	Nov 6	Dec 4	Jan 8
Feb 5	Mar 5	Apr 2	May 7	Jun 4
Farnham Local History – Brian White				
Farnham and the surrounding area is rich in history. Group members are encouraged to share their knowledge and research. Some guest speakers.				
Contact	Brian White - lochist@farnhamu3a.org.uk			

Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 3	Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 3	Jan 7
Feb 4	Mar 4	Apr 1	May 6	Jun 3
History of Science – Simon Atkinson <i>We will be looking at some of the most important scientific discoveries and theories, the people involved and their impact. No scientific knowledge is necessary, but group members will be expected to make a contribution and perhaps do some research of their own.</i>				
Contact	Simon Atkinson- histsci@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Thursday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 25	Oct 30	Nov 27	Dec 18	Jan 29
Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 30	May 28	Jun 25
Military History – Nigel Hoad <i>We have presentations covering a variety of aspects – personnel, strategy, logistics, intelligence gathering, training, the evolution of weapons and their impact on battle tactics from ancient times to the present day.</i>				
Contact	Chris Howard – mihis@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Friday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 5	Oct 3, 31	Dec 5	Jan 9	Feb 6
Mar 6	Apr 10	May 15	Jun 5	
World History: Ancient, Medieval and Modern – Lorna Thomas, Alan Freeland, Tim Davies				

A diverse group where the members have a passion for history. The group offers a variety of talk formats ranging from 80-minute talks on a single subject, short talks by several presenters on a theme, debates, interviews and occasional book reviews. We cover World History from Ancient times

through the Medieval years to the Present. Our meetings usually use our successful hybrid format giving members the choice of joining the meeting in the Maltings or using our Zoom link to tune in from home.

Contact	Lorna Thomas - alderton90@outlook.com			
Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 15, 29	Oct 13, 27	Nov 3, 17	Dec 1, 15	Jan 5, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 16, 30	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 1, 15, 29
Hybrid meetings	Most meetings will use the successful hybrid format i.e. meeting in person at the Maltings AND via Zoom link.			

Horticulture

– Costas Lymbouris

Horticulture offers an informative programme for experienced and inexperienced gardeners. You are welcome to join us whether you have a small courtyard garden or an extensive plot. We meet monthly for presentations by members sharing their horticultural knowledge, experiences, hints and tips; or presenting on places of horticultural interest they have visited. There are talks by outside speakers, but we especially welcome participation by members, encouraging them to talk about their gardens and the plants they grow and also to share photos of these in our monthly video slideshow. A yearly subscription of £5 to cover the group's costs is required.

Contact	Jenny Colquhoun - horti@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 2	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2	Jan 6

Feb 3	Mar 3	Apr 7	May 5	Jun 2
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Italian

We have two Italian language groups, basic and advanced.

Italian Conversation – self-led

Level 3 - For reasonably fluent Italian speakers. The group has a maximum of 12 to allow a free-flowing relaxed conversation on any topics that arise.

Contact Lucy Sanders-Hewitt- itcon@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets Fortnightly, Monday, 11.30-12.30

Sep 8, 22	Oct 13, 27	Nov 10, 24	Dec 8	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 23	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 8, 22 Jul 6

Italian Improvers – Laurence Carter

Level 2 – For those who have covered the basic grammar and have a reasonable vocabulary.

Contact Laurence Carter - itimp@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets Fortnightly, Monday, 11.30-12.45

Sep 1, 15	Oct 6, 20	Nov 3, 17	Dec 1	Jan 5, 19
Feb 2, 16	Mar 2, 16, 30	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 1, 22; Jul 6

Jazz Club

– Alan Little & Tony Ashwell

*"It Don't Mean A Thing, If It Ain't Got That Swing ". We have an eclectic approach that embraces all genres of jazz, blues and related music. There is 'something for everybody'. Most sessions are created by members. We welcome new members and new contributors to the programme. * later start time.*

Contact	Ann Vickers - jazz@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Thursday, 14.15-16.15			
Sep 4, 18	Oct 2, 23	Nov 13	Dec 4, 18*	Jan 8, 22
Feb 5, 19	Mar 5, 19	Apr 2, 16	May 7, 21	Jun 4, 18

Literary Topics –

Jan Herbert

A thought-provoking series of lectures relating to matters of literary interest. This year each presenter has chosen a book which in some way is typical of its decade of origin in the twentieth century. We shall consider works by Kipling, Vera Brittan, Virginia Woolf, Nancy Mitford, Albert Camus, Evelyn Waugh, Sam Selvon, Kazuo Ishiguro, Alan Sillitoe, Malcolm Bradbury, Tolkien and Rowling.

Contact	Ann Sykes - littop@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Thursday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 18	Oct 23	Nov 27	Dec 18	Jan 22
Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 16	May 21	Jun 18

MahJong

– self-led

Guidance is available and beginners are welcome. Guidelines and lists of hands are available to those who are new to the group. Bring along your MahJong set and/or racks to the sessions.

Contact	Gill & Steve Tilburn - mah@farnhamu3a.org.uk
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Meets	Fortnightly, Tuesday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 9, 23	Oct 14, 28	Nov 11, 25	Dec 9	Jan 13, 27
Feb 10, 24	Mar 10, 24	Apr 14, 28	May 12, 26	Jun 9, 23

MOTO Group – for Members On Their Own <i>Members will meet others in a similar situation and learn from each other's experiences through regular social gatherings and visits to local events and attractions. Additional coffee mornings/afternoons, lunches, dinners etc are arranged throughout the year including July and August. These are advised by email to MOTO members.</i>				
Contact	Maria Mitchell - moto@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Friday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 19	Oct 31	Nov 28	Dec 19	Jan 30
Feb 27	Mar 20	May 1, 29	Jun 26	

Movement and Balance – Joanna Payne <i>While moving to music, we aim to improve our balance, strength, coordination, and flexibility, working through the whole body and ending with a feeling of well-being</i>				
Contact	Joanna Payne – movbal@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Tuesday, 12.15-13.15			
Sep 2, 16	Oct 7, 21	Nov 4, 18	Dec 2, 16	Jan 6, 20
Feb 3, 17	Mar 3, 17	Apr 7, 21	May 5, 19	Jun 2, 16

Movement to Music

– Caryl Griffith

A gentle warm up of the whole body to help with balance and movement. It is good for keeping an active mind and we have fun. All are welcome.

Contact	Joanna Hobbs - movmus@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Friday, 10.00-11.00			
Sep 5, 19	Oct 3, 24	Nov 7, 21	Dec 5, 19	Jan 9, 23
Feb 6, 20	Mar 6, 20	Apr 10	May 8, 22	Jun 5, 19

Opera

– Pam Laslett

Talks and screenings covering all periods and aspects of opera. The programme is varied to include interests or contributions from members.

Contact	Glennis Turner - opera@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 13.30-16.00			
Sep 16	Oct 21	Nov 18	Dec 16	Jan 20
Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 21	May 19	Jun 16

Painting

We have three fortnightly painting groups. Drawing and Painting is for beginners and those with only a little experience and the other two welcome beginners as well as more experienced painters.

Drawing and Painting for Beginners and Improvers - Val Atkinson

Want to have a go at drawing and painting, but not sure where to start? Come and learn a few basic techniques, have fun trying new ideas, and maybe even produce something you'll be proud of!

Contact Val Atkinson - begpaint@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets Fortnightly, Wednesday, 10.00-12.00

Sep 3, 17	Oct 8, 22	Nov 5	Dec 3, 17	Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18	Mar 4, 18	Apr 8, 22	May 13, 20	Jun 3, 17

Painting 1 – Alison Ridgeon

A friendly painting group for all abilities, with a programme of activities. Help and advice given where necessary. Occasional workshops and demonstrations are organised.

Contact Alison Ridgeon - paint1@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets Fortnightly, Tuesday, 14.00-16.00

Sep 9, 23	Oct 14, 28	Nov 11, 25	Dec 16	Jan 13, 27
Feb 10, 24	Mar 10, 24	Apr 14, 28	May 12, 26	Jun 9, 23

Painting 2 – self-led

Painters of all abilities are welcome to join this friendly group. You can do your own thing or join in some themed sessions. We also have demos and taught sessions occasionally and charge a small fee to cover these at the beginning of the u3a year.

Contact Val Atkinson - paint2@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets Fortnightly, Friday, 10.00-12.00

Sep 5, 19	Oct 3, 24	Nov 7, 21	Dec 5, 19	Jan 9, 23
Feb 6, 20	Mar 6, 20	Apr 10	May 8, 22	Jun 5, 19

Pétanque - NEW				
- Colin Jordan				
<i>This group has a limit of 40 players. There will be a charge of £3 per session.</i> <i>Play will be at Crondall Pétanque Club, Cody Sports & Social Club, The Fairway, Old Ively Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 0LP. We play from mid-March to mid-October. July to October are 2025 dates.</i>				
Contact	Colin Jordan petan@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Wednesday, 10.00-12.00			
	Jul 16, 30	Aug 13, 27	Sep 10, 24	Oct 8, 22
Mar 18	Apr 1, 15, 29	May 13, 27	Jun 10, 24	Jul 8, 22

Philosophy				
<i>We have two Philosophy discussion groups, differing slightly in mode of operation, as explained below.</i>				
Philosophy 1 – Ann Vickers				
<i>In Philosophy 1 we prepare a chapter from our current book-choice (or something from the media) and then look at it in detail during the class. Discussion is encouraged.</i>				
Contact	Ann Vickers - phil1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 24	Oct 29	Nov 26	Jan 28	Feb 25
Mar 25	Apr 29	May 27	Jun 24	
Philosophy 2 – self led				

Philosophy 2 differs from Philosophy 1, in that we each take it in turn to present a chapter from our chosen book. Again, discussion is encouraged.

Contact	Ann Vickers - phil2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 10	Oct 15	Nov 12	Dec 10	Jan 14
Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 15	May 13	Jun 10

Photography

– committee led

*This is a friendly group suitable for all abilities. Improve your digital images. Enjoy talks and workshops on various aspects of Photography. The group's end of year digital image competition celebrates the achievements of all members. Please see our detailed programme on the u3a website. A yearly subscription of £10 to cover the group's cost is required. * Meeting will take place 6-8pm.*

Contact	Tricia Osborne, Janet Blaver, Ian Newman - photo@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 8, 29	Oct 13*, 27	Nov 10, 24	Dec 8	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 23	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 8, 22; Jul 6

Pickleball - NEW

- Janine Durrant

*We are running a 12-week Pickleball group. We will provide balls and some paddles and introduce Beginners to the game. Members who have played before are equally welcome. Venue: **Bourne Club**.*

Contact	Janine Durrant pickle@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Thursdays, 13.00-14.30			
Sep 18, 25	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23	Nov 6, 13, 20, 27	Dec 4, 11	

Pilates

We have six groups, providing exercises to improve posture, balance and flexibility, to strengthen muscles and to keep joints mobile. Each class is run by an external qualified tutor who caters for all ability levels, with or without experience. There is a fee for each group.

The Wednesday Pilates classes meet at **Daniel Hall**, Long Garden Walk, Farnham, GU9 7HX.

Pilates 1 – Amy Taylor (external qualified tutor)

Mats are NOT provided.

Contact	Angela Hale - pila1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Monday, 12.15-13.15			
Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Oct 6, 13, 20	Nov 3, 10, 17, 24	Dec 1, 8	Jan 5, 12, 19, 26
Feb 2, 9, 23	Mar 2, 9, 16, 23	Apr 13, 20, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Pilates 2 – Carron Wellings, (external qualified tutor)

Contact	Alison Hepburn – pila2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Wednesday, 13.00-14.00			

Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	Dec 3, 10, 17	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 3, 10, 17, 24
Pilates 3 – Carron Wellings (external qualified tutor)				
Contact	Mary Riggs – pila3@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Wednesday, 14.00-15.00			
Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	Dec 3, 10, 17	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 3, 10, 17, 24
Pilates 4 – Kay Wardle (external qualified tutor)				
<i>Mats are NOT provided.</i>				
Contact	Doreen Chelton - pila4@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Monday, 09.50 – 10.50			
Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Oct 6, 13, 20,	Nov 3, 10, 17, 24	Dec 1, 8, 15	Jan 5, 12, 19, 26
Feb 2, 9, 23	Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Apr 13, 20, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Pilates 5 – Amy Taylor (external qualified tutor)				
<i>Mats are NOT provided.</i>				
Contact	Sarah Burt - 725127 (telephone only)			

Meets	Weekly, Monday, 11.00-12.00			
Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Oct 6, 13, 20	Nov 3, 10, 17, 24	Dec 1, 8	Jan 5, 12, 19, 26
Feb 2, 9, 23	Mar 2, 9, 16, 23	Apr 13, 20, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 21, 8, 15, 22, 29
Pilates 6 – Carron Wellings (external qualified tutor)				
Contact	Karen Tinson - pila6@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Wednesday, 11.30-12.30			
Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Nov 5, 12, 19, 26	Dec 3, 10, 17	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 3, 10, 17, 24

Play Reading				
– Geoff Quick				
<i>An informal gathering round a table reading plays for pleasure. We have recently read works by Joe Orton, George Bernard Shaw, Muriel Spark and Noel Coward.</i>				
Contact	Geoff Quick - play@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Two meetings monthly, same Thursday, first meeting from 10.00-12.00; second meeting 14.00-16.00			
Sep 18	Oct 16	Nov 13	Dec 18	Jan 15
Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 9	May 14	Jun 18
Online meetings	When not at the Maltings, a number of the group also meet weekly on Zoom at 14.00 (for 1 hour) taking two weeks to read through a complete play. – contact Geoff for details.			

Poetry				
– Patricia Thorns				
<i>Our theme this year is “Women of the World and Metaphysical Men”.</i>				
Contact	Ann Vickers - poet@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 2	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2	Jan 6
Feb 3	Mar 3	Apr 7	May 5	Jun 2

Pub Lunch				
- David Swayne				
<i>We meet for topical and convivial discussion over lunch in local pubs.</i>				
Contact	David Swayne – publun@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Tuesday 12.15. Venue as advised.			
Sep 2	Oct 7	Nov 4	Dec 2	Jan 6
Feb 3	Mar 3	Apr 7	May 5	Jun 2

Ramblers				
<i>Two Ramblers groups where members get together to enjoy a sociable walk and (optional) pub lunch and a chat.</i>				
Ramblers 1 – Roger Jude				
<i>Circular walks of around five miles, organised by members, from different locations, finishing c 12.30 p.m. in time for the optional pub lunch and chat.</i>				
Contact	Christina Evans - ramb1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			

Meets	Fortnightly, Friday, 10.00 - 12.30 (approx.)				
Sep 26	Oct 10, 24	Nov 7, 21	Dec 5, 19	Jan 9, 23	Feb 6, 20
Mar 6, 20	Apr 10, 24	May 8, 22	Jun 5, 19	Jul 3, 17, 31	
Ramblers 2 – Sarah Burt					
<i>A second rambling group similar to Ramblers 1, with local circular walks of 5 miles or less and an optional pub lunch and chat at the end. Members are encouraged to lead walks and volunteers are always needed for this.</i>					
Contact	Sarah Burt – ramb2@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	1st and/or 3rd Thursday of the month, 10.30-12.30 approx.				
Sep 4, 18	Oct 2, 16	Nov 6, 20	Dec 4, 18	Jan 15	Feb 5, 19
Mar 5, 19	Apr 16	May 7, 21	Jun 4, 18	Jul 2	

Russian					
– Steve Eddolls					
<i>There are two Russian groups led by Steve.</i>					
Russian Level 1 - Steve Eddolls					
<i>Complete beginners and those with a previous knowledge of the language who need to go back to basics are welcome to attend sessions from 10.30 to 11.00 immediately before the fortnightly 11.00 - 12.00 sessions for advanced learners.</i>					
Contact	Steve Eddolls - russ@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	Fortnightly, Tuesday, 10.30-11.00				
Sep 9, 23	Oct 14, 28	Nov 11, 25	Dec 9	Jan 13, 27	

Feb 10, 24	Mar 10, 24	Apr 14, 28	May 12, 26	Jun 9, 23
Russian Level 2 - Steve Eddolls				
<i>The aim of the course is to achieve a good reading standard and an ability to communicate using basic sentence structures with grammar explained by example. The course is based on The New Penguin Russian Course by Nicholas Brown.</i>				
Contact	Steve Eddolls - russ@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Tuesday, 11.00-12.00			
Sep 9, 23	Oct 14, 28	Nov 11, 25	Dec 9	Jan 13, 27
Feb 10, 24	Mar 10, 24	Apr 14, 28	May 12, 26	Jun 9, 23

Scrabble				
- Shirley Forster				
Our Scrabble group is friendly and fun. We are not all experts and welcome all levels of expertise.				
Contact	Shirley Forster - scrab@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Friday, 14.00-16.00			
Sep 5, 19	Oct 3, 24	Nov 7, 21	Dec 5, 19	Jan 9, 23
Feb 6, 20	Mar 6, 20	Apr 10	May 8, 22	Jun 5, 19

Scrapbooking Group				
– Rosemarie Gilbert				
<i>Do you have a box of photos that need mounting and identifying? Perhaps you are interested in Family History? Come along and join a keen happy group who are enjoying sorting out their photos and displaying them with any details and memories for future generations.</i>				
Contact	Rosemarie Gilbert - scrap@farnhamu3a.org.uk			

Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 8, 29	Oct 13, 20	Nov 10, 17	Dec 1	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 30	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 8, 22 Jul 6

Shakespeare

– Tricia Wallis

“He was not of an age but for all time”. We will cover one play a month. Analysis of key scenes. Informative and interactive. Lots of opportunities to read aloud and discuss. Please only join one of the groups. 17 December will be a joint meeting with a limit on numbers.

Contact Tricia Wallis - shak1@farnhamu3a.org.uk shak2@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets Monthly, Wednesday, 10.00 – 12.00

Shakespeare 1

Sep 10	Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 17*	Jan 7
Feb 4	Mar 4	Apr 1	May 6	Jun 3

Shakespeare 2

Sep 17	Oct 22	Nov 26	Dec 17*	Jan 21
Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 22	May 20	Jun 17

Short Stories

– Jane Blandy

Members read a short story selected from an anthology (currently 'That Glimpse of Truth' Ed. David Miller) in preparation for the session. We listen to a presentation by a member of the group about the writer and the story, then share our views and discuss set questions as a whole group.

Contact	Richenda Wallace - short@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 17	Oct 22	Nov 26	Dec 17	Jan 21
Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 22	May 20	Jun 17

Smartphone Workshop				
– Kate Harvey and Sally Bowden				
<i>This workshop, consisting of two times 4 sessions, is designed to help you get more out of your Smartphone. Suitable for users of either iPhones or Android phones. This is a repeat of sessions held in previous years so priority will be given to those that haven't already attended a Smartphone Workshop.</i>				
Contact	Kate Harvey - smart@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Wednesday, 10.00-12. 00			
Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 3	Jan 7	Feb 4
Mar 4	Apr 1	May 6		

Songwriting				
– Peter Crutchfield & Mike Rawlins				
<i>We introduce the basic concepts of songwriting such as song structures, lyrical forms, melody, etc., while drawing on familiar songs as examples. During each session participants will work together and write a song. Some musical knowledge would be an advantage but is not essential – we all have songs within us.</i>				
Contact	Peter Crutchfield – songw@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Thursday, 11.30-13.30			
Sep 18	Oct 16	Nov 13	Dec 4	Jan 15
Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 9	May 14	Jun 18

Spanish								
We have four Spanish language groups, set out below.								
Spanish Advanced Conversation – Cesc Ingles								
<i>Level 6. Conversation group, conducted entirely in Spanish, for those with a sound working knowledge of the language. Members generally attend in person at the Maltings and Cesc attends via a Zoom link. Members can also attend via Zoom if they cannot be present in person.</i>								
Contact	Cesc Ingles - spaadcon@farnhamu3a.org.uk							
Face to face	Fortnightly, Friday, 10.00-11.30							
Sep 5, 19	Oct 3, 24	Nov 7, 21	Dec 5, 19	Jan 9, 23				
Feb 6, 20	Mar 6, 20	Apr 10	May 8, 22	Jun 5, 19				
Online	Face to face meetings will be supplemented with online meetings on Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30 in October, January and April arranged during the class.							
Spanish – First Steps – Sue Treherne								
<i>Level 1-3. This is a fun course taught predominantly in Spanish using stories and games to reinforce vocabulary. Students are encouraged to study on their own as well, using language apps and podcasts, in order to make rapid progress. Emphasis is on comprehension rather than grammar. Hasta luego, amigo – see you later, my friend.</i>								
Contact	Sue Treherne – spafistep@farnhamu3a.org.uk							
Meets	Weekly, Thursday 14.00 – 15.30							
Sep 4, 18, 25	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nov 6, 13, 27	Dec 4, 11, 18	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29				

Feb 5, 19, 26	Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	Apr 2, 9, 16, 30	May 7, 14, 21, 28	Jun 4, 18, 25
Spanish Higher Intermediate – Gary Tyas				
<i>Level 4. Participants should have a sound knowledge of Spanish grammar and vocabulary. The class aims to extend this and to promote greater oral fluency.</i>				
Contact	Gary Tyas – spahint@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Wednesday, 11.30-13.00			
Sep 3, 17	Oct 8, 22	Nov 12	Dec 3	Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18	Mar 4, 18	Apr 1, 22	May 6, 20	Jun 3, 17
Spanish Improvers – Gary Tyas				
<i>Level 3 - Suitable for people seeking to build on a basic knowledge of Spanish. The emphasis is on improving oral skills, extending vocabulary and grammatical knowledge through the use of reading, listening and written material. Face to face meetings at the Maltings are supplemented in alternate weeks by online Zoom sessions.</i>				
Contact	Gary Tyas – spaimp@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Monday, 9.30-11.00			
Sep 8, 22	Oct 13, 27	Nov 10, 24	Dec 8	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 23	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 18	Jun 8, 22; Jul 6

Sunday Lunch Club

This is an opportunity for those who live on their own to enjoy Sunday lunch out in convivial company. There are three Sunday Lunch Clubs, meeting monthly on a Sunday from 12 midday onwards at different local or further afield venues. Members should join one group only. New for this year: there are plans to hold a combined Christmas lunch for all three clubs in late November.

Sunday Lunch 1 - Maria Mitchell				
Contact	Maria Mitchell - sund1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Sunday, 12.00 onwards			
Sep 21	Oct 19	Nov 16, 30	Jan 18	Feb 15
Mar 22	Apr 19	May 17	Jun 28	
Sunday Lunch 2 - Nigel Bulbeck				
Contact	Nigel Bulbeck - sund2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Sep 21	Oct 19	Nov 16, 30	Jan 18	Feb 15
Mar 15	Apr 19	May 17	Jun 21	
Sunday Lunch 3 - Nigel Bulbeck				
Contact	Nigel Bulbeck - sund3@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Sep 28	Oct 26	Nov 23, 30	Jan 25	Feb 22
Mar 22	Apr 26	May 24	Jun 28	

Swimming	
– Shuang Cowen	
<i>This is purely recreational swimming with a very friendly group. There is no tuition, the pool is 25m in length with 2 lanes dedicated to the group. A lifeguard is present and parking is available at Farnham town rates close by.</i>	
Contact	Shuang Cowen - swimm@farnhamu3a.org.uk
Meets	Fortnightly, Tuesday, 12.00-13.00 at the Farnham Leisure Centre .

Sep 9, 23	Oct 7, 21	Nov 4, 18	Dec 2	Jan 6, 20
Feb 3, 17	Mar 3, 17, 31	Apr 14, 28	May 12, 26	Jun 9

Table Tennis

*We have two Table Tennis groups that meet alternate Mondays at the **Bourne Club**. Both groups are for players of all abilities. We have the use of four tables, adequately spaced in a comfortable room, playing doubles to the old rules of 21 up. Please do not join both groups.*

Table Tennis 1 – Anne Connolly

Contact Anne Connolly - tabten1@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets Twice monthly, Monday, 13.30 - 15.30

Sep 8, 22	Oct 6, 20	Nov 3, 17	Dec 1, 15	Jan 5, 19
Feb 2, 16	Mar 2, 16, 30	Apr 20		

Table Tennis 2 – Colin Hall

Contact Annette Kratz - tabten2@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets Twice monthly, Monday, 13.30 - 15.00

Sep 15, 29	Oct 13, 27	Nov 10, 24	Dec 8, 22	Jan 12, 26
Feb 9, 23	Mar 9, 23	Apr 13, 27	May 11, 25	

Tai Chi

These groups are led by professional, paid tutors. All groups cater for beginners and improvers. They begin with warm-up exercises and deep breathing routines, leading to the slow controlled movements of the Form, to improve balance, coordination and concentration. There is a fee for each group.

Tai Chi 1 – Debbie Heaney (external qualified tutor)				
Contact	Janet Wilson – tai1@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Thursday, 13.45-14.45			
Sep 4, 18, 25	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nov 6, 13, 27	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	Feb 5, 19, 26
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	Apr 2, 16, 30	May 7, 14, 21, 28	Jun 4, 18, 25	
Tai Chi 2 – Arta Split (external qualified tutor)				
Contact	Diane Godwin – tai2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Wednesday, 09.45-10.45			
Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Nov 5, 12, 26	Dec 3, 10, 17	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 3, 10, 17, 24
Tai Chi 3 – Arta Split (external qualified tutor)				
Contact	Diane Godwin – tai3@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Wednesday, 10.45-11.45			
Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Nov 5, 12, 26	Dec 3, 10, 17	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 3, 10, 17, 24
Tai Chi 4 – Debbie Heaney (external qualified tutor)				

Contact	Geoff Dorrell - tai4@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Friday, 11.15-12.30			
Sep 5, 19, 26	Oct 3, 17, 24, 31	Nov 7, 21, 28	Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Feb 6, 20, 27
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	Apr 17	May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Jun 5, 19, 26	

Tennis				
- Paul Townson				
<i>The Tennis Group meets at Wrecclesham Tennis Club for social tennis. Please bring your own racquet and wear suitable shoes and clothes. Balls will be provided.</i>				
Contact	Paul Townson- tennis@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Thursdays, 1000-12.00			
Sep 4, 18	Oct 2, 16	Nov 6, 20	Dec 4, 18	Jan 8, 22
Feb 5, 26	Mar 12, 26	Apr 16, 30	May 14, 28	Jun 11, 25

Theatre Group	
- Steve Tilburn & Mandy Caine	
<i>The Theatre Group arranges visits, by coach, to a variety of theatres in the area, including Chichester, Southampton, Woking, Richmond and London. We aim for a varied programme including musicals, comedy, and serious plays. Future shows are advertised in advance on the group's webpage; details are emailed out to the group's members approximately 8-10 weeks beforehand. Members will be selected on a first come, first served basis.</i>	
Contact	Steve Tilburn - theatre@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Traditional Dancing

– Caryl Griffith

Enter the Mediaeval world through dance. We will then become time travellers experiencing each era through dance and the manners of each new age.

Contact	Joanna Hobbs - traddan@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Fortnightly, Thursday, 11.00-12.00			
Sep 4, 18	Oct 2, 16, 30	Nov 13, 27	Dec 11	Jan 8, 22
Feb 5, 19	Mar 5, 19	Apr 2, 16, 30	May 14, 28	Jun 25

Travelling the World

– Fiona MacDonald & Sue Lawrence

This informal group is for people who enjoy travelling and finding out about our world through sharing stories. We will also look at different ways of travelling and how to record and share your experiences.

Contact	Fiona MacDonald - travel@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Monthly, Mondays, 10.00-12.00			
Sep 15	Oct 20	Nov 3	Dec 8	Jan 12
Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 20	Jun 8, 29	

Wine Club

We have five u3a groups dedicated to Wine.

Wine Discovery – John Hemsley

The course comprises 9 sessions with a charge of £80 to buy the wine. Our group of enthusiastic amateurs is self-led, enjoying and learning more about quality wines from all parts of the world.

Contact	Tony Burke - winedisc@farnhamu3a.org.uk		
Meets	Monthly, Thursday, 14.00-16.00		
Oct 9	Nov 13	Dec 11	Jan 8
Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 9	May 14, Jun 4

Wine for Fun 1 – Kate Harvey

The Wine for Fun 1 group meets monthly for twelve meetings a year when a lively group get together to taste wine and learn something about it.

Members take turns to present their own choice of wine. The cost is £80 per person per year payable in advance.

Contact	Pauline Belfield - wine1@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	Monthly throughout the year, Thursday, at the Maltings except in August, 17.00-19.00				
Sep 18	Oct 16	Nov 13	Dec 18	Jan 15	Feb 19
Mar 19	Apr 16	May 21	Jun 18	Jul 23	Aug 20

Wine for Fun 2 – Karen Kelley

Wine tasting sessions presented by group members. A very participative group which runs all year and aims to include a field trip. The cost is £80 for the year, payable in advance.

Contact	Joan Kerr - wine2@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	Monthly throughout the year, Wednesday, 17.00-19.00 except in December and August				
Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10	Jan 14	Feb 11

Mar 11	Apr 15	May 13	Jun 10	Jul 8	Aug 12
Wine for Fun 3 – Colin Jordan					
<i>Wine tasting sessions presented by group members. A very participative group which runs for 10 months and aims to include a field trip. The cost is £65 for the year, payable in advance.</i>					
Contact	Colin Jordan - wine3@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	Monthly throughout the year, Wednesday, 17.00-19.00				
Sep 3	Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 3	Jan 7	Feb 4
Mar 4	Apr 1	May 6	Jun 3		
Wine for Fun 4 – Charlotte Hurst - NEW					
<i>Wine tasting sessions presented by group members. A very participative group which runs all year and aims to include a field trip in August. The cost is £80 for the year, payable in advance.</i>					
Contact	Charlotte Hurst - wine4@farnhamu3a.org.uk				
Meets	Monthly throughout the year, Thursdays, 17.00-19.00				
Sep 18	Oct 23	Nov 27	Dec 18	Jan 22	Feb 26
Mar 26	Apr 30	May 28	Jun 25	Jul 30	Aug 27

Yoga	
We offer four groups, catering for mixed abilities. Two Yoga and two Chair Yoga groups.	
Yoga 1 - Caroline Clarke (external qualified tutor)	
<i>There is a fee for this group.</i>	
Contact	Christina Evans - yoga1@farnhamu3a.org.uk

Meets	Weekly, Wednesday, 10.00-11.00			
Sep 10, 17, 24	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Nov 5, 12, 26	Dec 3, 10, 17	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 15, 22, 29	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 3, 10, 17, 24
Yoga 2 - Caroline Clarke (external qualified tutor)				
<i>There is a fee for this group.</i>				
Contact	Christina Evans - yoga2@farnhamu3a.org.uk			
Meets	Weekly, Wednesday, 12.00-13.00			
Sep 10, 17, 24	Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Nov 5, 12, 26	Dec 3, 10, 17	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	Apr 15, 22, 29	May 6, 13, 20, 27	Jun 3, 10, 17, 24

Chair Yoga - NEW	
– Carol Chappell	
<i>Chair Yoga is a gentle, accessible form of yoga designed for individuals who may have difficulty with traditional yoga poses. It involves performing yoga postures while seated in a chair or using a chair for support during standing poses. This practice is particularly beneficial for seniors, individuals with mobility challenges, or anyone looking for a low-impact way to improve flexibility, strength, and mindfulness. There are two groups. It is run by a professional tutor and there will be a charge for the course. The meeting place is Spire Church, South Street.</i>	
Contact	Carol Chappell - chyoga@farnhamu3a.org.uk
Meets	Chair Yoga 1 Weekly, Thursdays, 12.30-13.30

Sep 11, 18, 25	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23	Nov 6, 13, 20, 27	Dec 4, 11	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	Apr 16, 23, 30	May 7, 14, 21	Jun 4, 11, 18, 25
Meets	Chair Yoga 2 Weekly, Fridays, 12.30-13.30			
Sep 12, 19, 26	Oct 3, 10, 17, 24	Nov 7, 14, 21, 28	Dec 5, 12	Jan 9, 16, 23, 30
Feb 6, 13, 20, 27	Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	Apr 17, 24	May 1, 8, 15, 22	Jun 5, 12, 19, 26

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Language levels

- **Level 1** - Beginner - No previous knowledge required.
- **Level 2** - Elementary - "I can use simple phrases and sentences to describe where I live and people that I know".
- **Level 3** - Lower intermediate - "I can use a series of phrases and sentences to simply describe my family and other people, living conditions, my educational background and my present/most recent job".
- **Level 4** - Mid intermediate - "I can connect phrases in a simple way in order to describe experiences and events, my dreams, hopes and ambitions. I can briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans. I can narrate a story or relate the plot of a book or film and describe my reactions".
- **Level 5** - Higher intermediate - "I can present detailed descriptions on a wide range of subjects related to interests. I can explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options".
- **Level 6** - Advanced - "I can present clear, detailed descriptions of complex subjects integrating sub-themes, developing particular points and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion.

