

Upton and Lytchett u3a

NEWSLETTER - January 2025

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New in January

Coming soon ...

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Fancy a Tango ?

We have an Argentine Tango dancer and coach who will run a series of dance lessons from Tuesday 14th of January in the Lytchett Matravers Village Hall.

Mail Vito Poglioli on glytch2@gmail.com to secure a place or come along at 2.00pm to watch, why not throw caution to the wind and join in!

Tea & Talk on Thursday 6th February

This term's talk with tea and biscuits will be held from 2.00pm in the St Dunstan's Church Hall, Upton (near the 2 little roundabouts). With lots of parking.

This is a chance to learn about the many collections held at the Russell Cotes Museum in Bournemouth. Dr James Taylor is our speaker, he has been an historian associated with the Russell Cotes for many years and is the ideal person to whet your appetite as he guides you around the collections virtually. Free to all members and your guests just pay a couple of pounds to cover refreshments.

Views from the Groups – the Bridge – Tim Smith

“Learn, Laugh and Live” is also the Credo of our group and new members are always welcome. Our playing style is as a social group with no fixed partners or competitive scoring – a refreshing alternative to most other Bridge venues.

After 20 happy years at Bulbury Woods Golf Club we have moved into the Lytchett Matravers Scout Hut temporarily until refurbishments are finished at the Chequers Inn. For current information about venue and times please call Liz Vigor our Group Coordinator on 07586 531878.

Contact us: for privacy reasons we use the website below:

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HELP! Your subscriptions mainly cover the cost of the venues, but, as a self-help group, the organising and administration is handled by our ourselves. Could you offer a little of your time to keep our group going ?

We need a few more people, in particular, somebody to do the book keeping for this year (turnover c.£5k).

You'd make Dawn's day if you called her with an offer on 01202 624233

A Poem by Jean Tanner

I was feeling lost and lonely when my husband passed away
I searched for new activities to get me through the day
A notice in the library said 'Why not join the u3a?'
Expand your mind or just keep fit, we'll help you find the way.

There is such a lot to choose from, I'd like to try them all
Tai Chi, short walks, pétanque and pickleball
Take up pottery or swimming or maybe art and craft
Whatever you decide on you'll always have a laugh.

All the groups are friendly and welcome everyone
The social get togethers are also lots of fun
So, thanks to the committee for their organising skills
When you join u3a you can throw away those pills.

Dawn Bason – Chair

A new year and I hope it proves a very happy and a healthy one for all.

Our u3a starts 2025 with more members and more groups than at any time since I took over as Chair in September 2022. Several new groups have started since enrolment in September '24 and there are more planned - so watch this space!

Our success relies not just on the hard work and enthusiasm of the Committee and our Group Leaders but also on you, the members. Without your commitment and continued participation our u3a would not flourish. So, as we enter a new year with the challenges it will bring, I look forward to your continued support and involvement.

Whether you are a long-standing member or new to u3a, I look forward to meeting you during the year and to seeing many of you at our up and coming Tea & Talks in February (see above) and in May.

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