



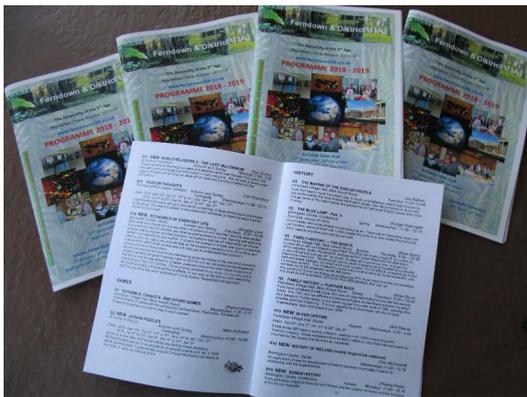
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New Improved Programme for 2018 - 2019



The new brochure is out so don't forget to collect your copy from the Barrington on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th, between 10.45 and 11.15.

Brian Williams is taking the Bridge members' copies and will make sure you get yours at whichever session you attend.

As always, please do try to collect your copy as the cost of sending them out can be high.

Remember - in order to be included in the first allocation to Groups, your Enrolment Form and your fees must be received by **Friday 13th July**.

OPEN DAY Friday 25th May 10am - 1pm

Don't forget to come to the Open Day as it is an opportunity to see what different Groups get up to and to talk to Group Leaders.

As always we encourage you to bring along anyone you think may be interested in joining us, friends, neighbours, and even relations are welcome.

SUMMER FIRST FRIDAYS

This year we will break with tradition and continue the well-established First Friday after the end of term.

There will be a programme of in-house entertainment with the usual tea or coffee, at the Barrington. Doors open at 9.45 for 10.30, so please make a note of the following dates:

Friday June 1st - A light-hearted **Fun Quiz**

Friday July 6th - Beetle Drive

Friday August 3rd - Call My Bluff

Friday September 7th - New Members' Welcome Party

The Summer break is more than 3 months long, and we thought that members might appreciate the opportunity to meet up from time to time. We hope you agree and look forward to seeing you.

In Memorium - We have been advised of three recent deaths.

Tom Driver who ran the Thursday bridge Group at one time, passed away at the end of March.

Peggy Hovell, another ex-Bridge player also passed away in March at the age of 106!

Olive Turner , another past member, died in April

Our thoughts are with their family and friends.

Brian Bevis, Leader of the Family History Groups has written the following:

A Recollection of Olive Turner I guess that many members FU3A did not know who Olive was by name but if Olive came into a room you would remember her - Olive had a striking appearance. Firstly she was tall - I guess around 6ft. I could say well dressed, but when I first met here, I thought she was going somewhere special after attending my class - not so it was part of her DNA to always be presentable, top to toe. Then there was her smile - it was a smile which drew you into her company, which was warm and always friendly. That was what you saw. Then there was the person. I remember her as a straight-talking lady, who I thought was in her late 60s (got that wrong), who liked to contribute to life. I got to know her more personal when we worked together on resolving a mystery in her family from the 1800s - plenty of laughter, a joy to be with.

There was an underlining feature of her character which came right to the forefront just before last Christmas. Olive just turned up at one of my classes, waited around to speak to me, and then told me she only had months to live. I don't do speechless - but Olive, a lady with 'grit' had me speechless. Gone but not forgotten.

**Eleanor Green has written this tribute to Les Brand
who died earlier this year.**

Goodbye Les

**We are missing you already,
Things you wrote and the way you spoke,
You were a very talented, clever bloke.
We remember you in words and song,
Your legacy will live on and on.**

**The things that Peter wrote for you,
Now that you're gone what will he do?
We always knew when you were there,
You spoke loud and clear without a care.**

**You gave us all your very best,
Now it's time to hang up your hats and rest.
Everyone would like to say, "Goodbye, God bless you Les".**



NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Glyn Bosanko shares his perspective on some of our Groups

I have the privilege of being a member of the **Table Tennis** group which (usually) meets weekly on a Friday morning at St Anthony's Church in West Moors, and also the **Readers' Circle**, meeting monthly in the Royal British Legion on a Wednesday morning. In addition my wife Liz and I are in the **Bon Viveurs** group, meeting monthly for gastronomic titillation.

Whilst these activities would appear to be very different, one taxes my physical fitness, another my mental fitness whilst the Bon Viveurs group puts back the pounds I may have lost playing Table Tennis or sweating over a book!

The Table Tennis group is mixed and whilst it may seem to be a reasonably friendly exercise, I have to confess that there is certainly a competitive element – particularly with the gentlemen!

The Readers' Circle has one book a month to read and discuss and we know in advance what our reading schedule is. I am an avid reader of mainly thrillers and I thought that the discipline of reading something outside my comfort zone would be a good thing. The group comprises people from different backgrounds and it is quite eye- and ear-opening to listen to other opinions on an individual book. Therein lies the attraction of reading - we all picture things differently. Vive la difference!

The Bon Viveurs group is new this year and we have had our palates tickled by cuisine from Spain, India and Thailand, as well as visits to the Marsham Court Hotel and Brasserie Blanc in Bournemouth – all costs incurred being paid by individual members.

If you think you would like to join one of these groups, or indeed, any of the 80-odd groups we now run, then please make contact with us at Ferndown U3A.

Discovering Dorset

Members of the Discovering Dorset Group made a visit to Athelhampton House in March and enjoyed a very interesting tour by one of their volunteer guides. It was a cold day, and the fire in the main hall was most inviting! The mounted Antelope has a very strange look in his eye!



Bon Viveurs

On a filthy, wet morning in March, this Group arrived keen and eager at Flavours Cookery School in Pokesdown. We were met by the chef/owner the lovely Des and his equally lovely wife Amy.

The occasion was a 'hands on' coffee morning where we could drink as much coffee as we liked and sample Des's 'here's some I made earlier' pastries and cakes and then were given an informative and entertaining lesson in how to make them all.

It was over all too quickly, but we were then given a cake box each to fill with the, Welsh Cakes, Chocolate dipped shortbread, Sachertorte, Madeleine (and something else I can't remember!) which we cooked. Kay doesn't feature in the photos as she didn't want to breathe germs all over everything, but she was there in spirit as was Richard who just sneaked into Ralph's photo!



Make what you will of the expressions, but Janet looked quite uneasy at this new venture into baking, whilst Ralph is very proud (get over it Ralph you only had to burn butter!) And Clare is looking positively smug...



An extract from the U3A National Newsletter



Appear on TV with Russell Howard!

The Russell Howard Hour on Sky1 is a topical show that runs for 14 weeks over the Autumn. In the next month, the team are looking to speak to U3A members across the UK who are happy to impart their wisdom on Howard!

The show wants real and entertaining characters with interesting backgrounds and different outlooks on life. The tone should be heart-warming, informative, funny and full of hope.

Young people increasingly, outside their own family, have little or no meaningful contact with the older generation anymore. Russell wants to mend this divide.

If you're interested in taking part please contact jmerrins@avalon-entertainment.com and be sure to let national office know how you get on.

Volunteers needed for the Citizens Advice Witness Service

We are looking for volunteers to join the Witness Service based at Bournemouth Crown and Poole Magistrates courts and wondered if you may have members who have a day per week to spare and who may be interested in applying.

Giving evidence as a witness can be daunting and the court process can be complicated and difficult to understand. The Citizens Advice Witness Service provides free and independent support for both prosecution and defence witnesses in every criminal court in England and Wales. Our trained volunteers provide practical information about the court process as well as emotional support to help witnesses feel more confident when giving evidence. The aim is for the witness to be in a position to give their best evidence.

We're looking for volunteers who have a friendly, mature and empathetic manner towards others. Good listening and verbal communication skills are essential. We're also looking for people who are non-judgemental and impartial in supporting all people, and who have the confidence to support vulnerable people and people with specific needs.

Many of our current volunteers are retired, very competent people who want to keep using their skills and be in a professional environment, doing a rewarding role that offers a chance to keep learning.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

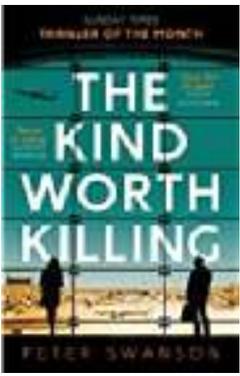
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BOOK REVIEW



The Kind Worth Killing by Peter Swanson



When men fall for the beguiling wiles of women!

The chance meeting in the business-class lounge at Heathrow Airport of Ted Severson and Lily Kintner has far-reaching implications of murder and mayhem. This is a well set-out novel where the main protagonists alternate with each chapter. After Ted tells Lily of his suspicions of his wife Miranda and their house contractor, Brad Daggett, the conversation moves on at pace and starts rolling to its logical conclusions.

We are introduced to Lily's early life – a pattern to be maintained in her later life – and we find that there is an historical connection between Lily and Miranda. Written by a man, this book emphasises some men's naïve infatuation with the opposite sex, to the point of their own destruction. This is juxtaposed with the allure and wiles of the two main female characters. And even at the final knockings of the story there is still room for a final twist or two.

A very clever book and one I whole-heartedly recommend.

Sméagol



Can you see anything strange about this picture?



The sun has got its hat on
Hip Hip Hip Hooray
The sun has got its hat on
And he's coming out today

Now everybody's happy
Hip Hip Hip Hooray
The sun has got its hat on
And he's coming out to play

We wish everyone a relaxing Summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Whether you are holidaying abroad, in this country, or just enjoying each day as it comes, we hope everyone has a great time!



Ferndown U3A Booking Form

Please reserve tickets for the event below
I enclose a cheque for £
(made payable to Ferndown & District U3A Social Account)

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Name of Event

Date Departure Point
Organiser

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First Participant

Contact Number Email

Any special requirements?

Emergency Contact *Please provide details of someone who can be contacted in an emergency. This needs to be someone who will NOT be travelling with you.*

Name Landline

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Second Participant

Contact Number Email.....

Any special requirements?

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Name Landline

Mobile Email

Any further participants need to be listed on a separate form.

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Please place form and cheque in an envelope to be returned to the organiser.