



July – factor 50 or umbrellas? Maybe St Swithun’s day on 15th will provide the forecast. Meanwhile, we are waterproof and there are plenty of outside activities on offer such as the very popular **Bourne Show on 4 July**. Also don’t forget **Open Morning on Monday 6 July** from 10 – 12am. It’s a great opportunity to come and talk to our Group Leaders, to discover groups you may not know about and to plan new activities for the coming academic year.

Welcome to the July edition of eNews!



Many of you have had the pleasure of meeting Farnham u3a member Maria Amatt, a professional photographer who is helping the Marketing team by visiting groups and taking great photos for our promotional material. Some of these will be on display in the Barley Room on Open Morning – you might be in them! Read on for Maria’s message to you.

The U3A Farnham Photography Project

The project brief was simple, let’s just try and capture what U3A Farnham is all about through images that reflect members enjoying the wonderful diversity of activities, classes and events. For me it means doing so in an unobtrusive way, unposed and naturally, just being in the background and observing what you enjoy and having fun and capturing this as best I can. Not all of you want to be photographed and that’s absolutely fine as it is just as lovely to capture what you are creating or doing in an indirect way. Sometimes your creations for example say more about your activities and I always try to capture these too to tell that ‘story’.



So now I’ve been in to see several classes since starting this project last year and each time, I’ve had the warmest of welcomes from you all and I really want to thank you for that. You see I never really know what to expect before I arrive (which is just perfect) as class headings do not give a complete picture and that’s what makes doing something I love so rewarding and a surprise gift. I get to explore what U3A Farnham is really all about and to see your passions as you share time together, be it painting or dancing, moving to keep fit or getting on your bikes or into walking boots, playing instruments or games that challenge or crafting something

special that means something to you. And amongst it all you support each other as you catch up together or learn new skills if this is something new to you.



You love sharing and encouraging and having fun and meet up with long-time friends and make new ones. The 'community' space is as big or as personal as the group disco, or the class you attend. What's clear is that this is YOUR U3A and there are so many ways to get involved or to try out new things, or nurture that passion. I plan to visit more classes over the next year and am looking forward to meeting more of you.

On Monday 6th July, there is the open morning and Colin Jordan with those tech knowledgeable people amongst you, will create a slide show showing many of the photos taken. I hope some of you spot yourselves or part of yourselves or your creativity featured! Furthermore, I hope to meet some of you and class leaders that morning and into the following months and year ahead.

In the meantime, thank you to all of you for allowing me to come into your class or event spaces - I've loved it!



Update on St Andrew's Church

Those of you who attended the AGM last year will have heard an interesting talk by Nick Patrick on St Andrew's connection with pilgrimage. Nick was leading the National Lottery bid to turn St Andrew's into a bell ringing centre and to improve its use as a community asset. Being early for a meeting, I was exploring the churchyard recently and some of the gravestones are so ancient, the lettering has completely gone but still they stand as a reminder of all the Farnham folk who established our town and left us so much to enjoy today. Nick is now turning his attention to community involvement, as he explains below. Maybe you would like to add your contribution to the Farnham story by taking part in the activities he is planning.



Routes & Ringers" - St Andrew's Church, Farnham Volunteering Opportunities

We are moving slowly through the opening stages of the Development Round of our project. We hope to appoint a project manager soon and other members of the team will be confirmed in the coming months. As we move through summer and into autumn, I want to make some progress on the volunteer opportunities that we will have over the coming years. These would be ideal for the skilled, experienced members of Farnham U3A and they include:

Heritage Detectives – research into aspects of church history for information which can be used in interpretation etc...

Churchyard – volunteers to help enhance nature in the churchyard and research those buried there.

Welcome Hosts – volunteers to help visitors with information etc...and act as stewards during exhibitions

Walking/Pilgrimage – Assist with walks, help walkers/pilgrims who are visiting the church etc...

Tower guides – escort and help those who wish to go up the tower and take in the view and the history therein

If you would like to find out more, Nick's email address is Nick.patrick@btinternet.com.

Invitations from local u3a groups

Alton u3a – Christmas Short Break

Mary Tricker from Alton u3a is organising a short break at Christmas and they have some spare tickets. Please contact Mary on maryetricker@live.co.uk if this appeals and you'd like more details.

Alton u3a - Ballroom Dancing

Glynis Watts is the Group Leader for Alton Ballroom and Latin and has hired a professional teacher to run weekly classes on Tuesday afternoons from September. The cost will be £10 per session. Glynis is inviting Farnham u3a members to join and will be happy to answer any questions. Her email address is glyniswatts11@gmail.com.

Fleet u3a – 3-night trip to the Gladstone (Pottery) Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

Carole Matthews is inviting Farnham members to express their interest in the above trip. You would be staying at Warner's Alverston Hall, Newark from Friday to Sunday. On Saturday, there would be a visit to the Gladstone Museum with exhibits from the TV programme The Great British Throw Down and an artisan fair of ceramics for sale. The next visit would be to historic Chester with surprise visits en route and homeward. For more information, contact Carole: visit@Fleetu3a.org.uk.

See the Seals with Farnham u3a

Seal Safari Trip – Chichester Wednesday, 22 July

There are 6 spare places available on the trip. If you'd like to go, send an email to u3adaytrips1@outlook.com for details, giving your name and the number of places wanted.



Dates for your diary

MOTO (Members On Their Own) aren't slowing their activities over the summer. New members are always welcome to take part in coffee and chat, lunches/dinners out, quizzes, singalongs, games and a host of local music events. Contact Maria at MOTO@farnhamu3a.org.uk or better still, come to the Open Morning on 6 July and talk to her in person.

Membership Engagement

The u3a year is drawing to a close, but we are going out with a bang not a whimper!

The sixth quiz

The final quiz of this year will be on **Thursday, 16 July** when we will be celebrating a year of quizzing fun. Not only will there be food for thought but also food and drink to sustain you. The entry fee (£10) will include an individual cheese box, and the bar will be open.

It's a sociable event with a smattering of friendly competition. All members are welcome either as individuals or as teams of 6.

To book your place please contact me via membereng@farnhamu3a.co.uk

If you have any dietary requirements or food allergies it is important to let me know when you book your place, and definitely by **July 12th**.

Cuppa and a Chat

The conversations continue over the summer, with sessions on **23 July** and **10 August**. If you are free then why not pop in to the Reception Café of the Maltings between 10 and 12 midday? Rain or shine, or even another heat wave, a friendly welcome awaits you.



Book swap

As has become our tradition, the Open Morning on 6 July will also feature a book swap - give your favourite reads the opportunity to delight someone new and find a new home. Bring them along to the Barley Room. Any surplus books at the end of the morning will go to the charity shops.

Whichever of these events you come to, I hope you will have a good summer and can 'recharge the batteries' before the new u3a year in September. See you soon.

Jane Moberly
Membership Engagement



Details of all these lovely member only offers are on our website.

More dates for your diary

From the Maltings own programme

Fringe Double Bill: Sophie Duker & Cecily Hitchcock

Catch top comedians testing out their material before this year's festivals.

Don't miss a groundbreaking comedy hour from Taskmaster star Sophie Duker, also seen on Live at The Apollo, Mock the Week and 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown

Cecily Hitchcock is a comedy siren and crowd enchantress. In her debut hour she revisits childhood in early-2000s Britain. "Outstanding" – *The Independent*.

Details: Friday, 3 July, 8pm

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com/events/fringe-sophie-duker-cecily-hitchcock



Michelle Wolf: Best Job in the World



'Smart & sly' – *The Guardian*

Primetime Emmy Nominee Michelle Wolf has established herself in the comedy landscape. Her stand-up specials across HBO and Netflix have garnered critical acclaim and top viewing figures.

Join her for a new tour show with topical and satirical observations from the chaotic mind of a mother of two who is typing this with one hand because the other is always holding someone or something.

Details: Tuesday 7 July, 8pm

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com/events/michelle-wolf-best-job-in-the-world

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Celebrated for inventive staging, breakneck character changes, and playful dismantling of tradition, Four Forty Theatre breathe fresh mischief into Shakespeare's best-loved comedy.

The result is part affectionate homage, part riotous reinvention: clever, chaotic, and utterly alive. A joyous show for all, both as an introduction to Shakespeare and fervent fans of the Bard's mischief.

Details: Friday, 17 July, 7pm

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com/events/a-midsummer-nights-dream



Fringe Double Bill: Eli Matthewson & Eryn Tett

Catch top comedians testing out their material before this year's festivals.

Eli Matthewson is the first ever New Zealander to move to London and he has done it right on time for the end of the world. Just as life was starting to feel safe and secure, he has upped and moved to the UK.

Eryn Tett cordially invites you to a comedy tasting menu. Her set promises various courses of escalating mischief, including her signature offbeat one-liners.

Details: Saturday, 18 July, 8pm

Tickets: farnhammaltings.com/events/fringe-eli-matthewson-eryn-tett



And finally....

If there are any idiots in the room, will they please stand up", said the sarcastic teacher. After a long silence, one youngster rose to his feet. "Now then mister, why do you consider yourself an idiot?", inquired the teacher scornfully. "Well, actually I don't," said the student, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself."

A man said to God, "God, is it true that to you a billion years is like a second?" God said yes. The man said, "God, is it true that to you a billion dollars is like a penny?" God said yes. The guy said, "God, can I have a penny?" God said, "Sure, just a second."

Looking forward to seeing you in the Maltings.

Lynda

Acting Chair