

PORTSDOWN U3A  
NOTICES  
17 JANUARY 2018



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# TO ALL MEMBERS (1)

- ON 14 JANUARY, THIS WAS EMAILED TO EVERYONE WITH A KNOWN EMAIL ADDRESS
- The constitution of Portsdown U3A allows us to have a committee of ten people with the additional ability to co-opt two more for the period up to the next AGM. At present we have nine members, at least three of whom have decided to stand down at the next AGM (November 2018) and another three who may or may not seek re-election this year.
- I am sure you can appreciate that this state of affairs does not bode well for the future of our U3A. We know what happens to groups when no one comes forward to act as Group Leader and Portsdown U3A itself is no different.
- Joyce Wilkinson will be standing down this year but will continue to act as Group Co-ordinator. This does not present any problem as the Group Co-ordinator does not need to be on the committee.
- Both Beryl and Carole have also expressed a wish to retire this year although they would be happy to serve a further year on the committee in an advisory capacity to ensure a smooth transition.
- Both Beryl and Carole perform Duties that are not in their job descriptions and it is hoped to find several volunteers to do these tasks which should make the jobs of Chairman and Business Secretary more manageable.

# TO ALL MEMBERS (2)

- If you are willing to serve in any capacity, we would be pleased to meet with you and explain the duties and the commitment and give you an opportunity to ask questions and see what roles are on offer. Maybe you do not wish to join the committee but would be willing to take over one of the many smaller tasks that are necessary; if so, we would love to hear from you.
- The committee is to meet again in about three weeks' time to discuss how we move forward and we will issue an update afterwards. In the meantime, however, we do urge you all to consider the situation and maybe volunteer or offer suggestions as to how we ensure the future of Portsdown U3A.
- Beryl will be pleased to hear from you. Her email is [beryl@berylshepherd.co.uk](mailto:beryl@berylshepherd.co.uk) and her phone number is 02392 377 473..
- The Committee of Portsdown U3A
- 14th January 2018

# PORTSDOWN U3A COMMITTEE

- CHAIRMAN: BERYL SHEPHERD
- VICE CHAIRMAN: VIVIENNE GRIGSON
- TREASURER: TONY PAUL
- BUSINESS SECRETARY: CAROLE CHAPMAN
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: JULIE BLOOMFIELD
- GROUP CO-ORDINATOR: JOYCE WILKINSON
- MINUTES SECRETARY: MARGARET FAIRHEAD
- SPEAKERS SECRETARY: PETER SMITH
- JUDY JONES

# PROGRAMME FOR 2018

- AT OUR RECEPTION DESK, COLLECT THE LIST OF SPEAKERS FOR JANUARY – MAY 2018
- THE SECOND PART OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY

# DIRECT MAIL SCHEME

- EVERYONE WHO CURRENTLY RECEIVES *THIRD AGE MATTERS* NEEDS TO SEE CAROLE AT THIS MEETING OR THE ONE ON 21 FEBRUARY – TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE IT OR TO OPT OUT
- MEMBERS WHO WISH TO OPT IN ALSO NEED TO SEE CAROLE
- THE POSTAGE FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE £2.50
- IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, ALSO SEE CAROLE

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019 (1)

- YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FROM FEBRUARY 2018. THE SUBSCRIPTION REMAINS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR: £16 FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP AND £12.50 IF YOU BELONG TO ANOTHER U3A (YOU WILL NEED TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP OF THE OTHER U3A WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR PAYMENT OF £12.50)
- RENEWAL CAN BE DONE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS – SEE NEXT SLIDE:

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019 (2)

- HOW TO RENEW:
  1. FROM 1.15-2.00PM AT THE GENERAL MEETINGS HERE AT CBC ON 21 FEBRUARY, 21 MARCH AND 18 APRIL
  2. VIA YOUR GROUP LEADERS. PLEASE PAY ONLY BY CHEQUE MADE OUT TO PORTSDOWN U3A
  3. BY POST. PLEASE SEND CHEQUE PAYABLE TO PORTSDOWN U3A AND A SELF-ADDRESSED AND STAMPED ENVELOPE TO JULIE BLOOMFIELD, 77 TOTLAND ROAD, PORTSMOUTH, PO6 3HS
- IF YOU ARE NOT INTENDING TO RENEW, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU EMAIL JULIE ASAP TO LET HER KNOW. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL FOR OUR RECORDS IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN WHY YOU NO LONGER WISH TO BE A MEMBER OF PORTSDOWN U3A. JULIE'S EMAIL [jnbloomfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jnbloomfield@yahoo.co.uk)
- THANK YOU



# LATEST NEWSLETTER!

- SEE IT ONLINE AT: [www.portsdownu3a.org.uk](http://www.portsdownu3a.org.uk)
- IT HAS ALSO BEEN SENT OUT TO EVERYONE WITH A KNOWN EMAIL ADDRESS
- THESE NOTICES CAN ALSO BE SEEN ON THE WEBSITE, 24 HOURS AFTER EACH GENERAL MEETING. THEY WILL ALSO BE SENT TO GROUP LEADERS

# PORTSDOWN U3A WEBSITE

- [www.portsdownu3a.org.uk](http://www.portsdownu3a.org.uk)
- DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT OUR WEBSITE?
- PLEASE TELL BERYL, JOYCE OR CAROLE
- WE HAVE A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE TO THE MAIN U3A ONE
- WE HAVE ADDED LINKS TO THE U3A SOUTH EAST REGION AND OUR LOCAL SOUTH CENTRAL NETWORK

# DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOU?

- HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?
- HAVE YOU GOT A NEW PHONE NUMBER?
- HAS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGED?
- ARE YOU ONLINE NOW, BUT YOU WERE NOT WHEN YOU JOINED?
- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW – ASK US FOR THE CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM! YOU CAN ALSO FIND IT ON THE WEBSITE!

[www.portsdownu3a.org.uk](http://www.portsdownu3a.org.uk)

# NATIONAL U3A NEWS

- THE NATIONAL OFFICE IS NOW IN LONDON: 52 LANT STREET, SE1 1RB. OTHER CONTACT DETAILS UNCHANGED
- THE MAIN WEBSITE – [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) – HAS CHANGED
- IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A LOGIN, YOU WILL NEED TO USE A NEW ONE. YOU ONLY NEED IT FOR ADVICE
- EVERYTHING ELSE IS EASIER, SO HAVE A BROWSE

# THEATRE VISIT

- **THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG**
- **THE KINGS THEATRE**
- **2.30PM WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER  
2018**
- **CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PORTSDOWN  
U3A**
- **PLEASE PAY CHRISTINE TODAY**

# CITIZENS: 800 YEARS IN THE MAKING

- Royal Holloway, University of London, is working with U3As on this Shared Learning Project
- It explores the history of liberty, protest, rebellion and reform from Magna Carta to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- We are creating a local group to look at the activities of campaigners for female suffrage in the Portsmouth area
- If you might be interested in joining us, see Carole, or phone/email: 023 9269 7009  
[carolecpc99999@googlemail.com](mailto:carolecpc99999@googlemail.com)

# LOOKING AHEAD: CONFERENCE, 31 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER 2018

- THE CAMPAIGN FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE:  
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES
- VENUE: THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH
- THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD TO  
COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE  
GRANTING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY VOTE IN  
BRITAIN TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF WOMEN  
AGED 30 AND OVER ON 6 FEBRUARY 1918
- SEE JUNE PURVIS FOR MORE DETAILS

# WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH

- WE ARE HOSTING AND FACILITATING THIS FOR OUR LOCAL NETWORK OF U3AS
- 1.30 FOR 2.00PM START- 5.00PM, TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2018
- HERE AT COSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
- THIS IS A FREE EVENT THAT IS SUPPORTED BY A GRANT FROM THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AGE TRUST
- BUT YOU NEED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE
- SEE CAROLE FOR A PROGRAMME AND FULL DETAILS



# DRAYTON AND FARLINGTON INFORMATION CENTRE

- DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE INFORMATION CENTRE IS?
- IT IS IN A GREEN PORTAKABIN IN THE GROUNDS OF THE DRAYTON UNITED CHURCH (USED TO BE THE METHODIST CHURCH)
- SOME U3A MEMBERS ARE ALREADY VOLUNTEERS THERE, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE
- THE CENTRE IS OPEN EVERY MORNING BETWEEN 9.30AM AND 1.00PM, AND WE ESPECIALLY NEED HELP ON TUESDAY MORNING
- IF YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP, CALL IN ANY MORNING OR CALL 023 9238 0000 TO FIND OUT MORE

# ROWANS LIVING WELL CENTRE

- NEW DROP-IN CENTRE TO HELP THOSE LIVING WITH A LIFE-LIMITING ILLNESS
- 10.00AM-4.00PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY
- PURBROOK HEATH ROAD, PURBROOK, WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 5RU – FREE PARKING
- FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 023 9224 8011 OR EMAIL [info@rowanslivingwellcentre.co.uk](mailto:info@rowanslivingwellcentre.co.uk)
- [www.rowanshospice.co.uk/livingwell](http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/livingwell)

# ACTION FRAUD – BEAT THE CHEATS!

- SIGN UP FOR FREE
- YOU CAN REPORT ONLINE FRAUD
- AND YOU CAN GET EMAILS ABOUT OTHER FRAUDS AND CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED
- [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

# THE LITTLE BOOK OF BIG SCAMS

- PROVIDED BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE
- EXCELLENT SURVEY, WHICH AIMS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND OFFER EASY STEPS THAT YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOURSELF
- DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE COPY AT [http://www.met.police.uk/docs/little\\_book\\_scam.pdf](http://www.met.police.uk/docs/little_book_scam.pdf)
- OR CALL 02072301228/EMAIL [sterling@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sterling@met.pnn.police.uk)



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[shivercasting@shiver.tv](mailto:shivercasting@shiver.tv)**

**OR CALL US ON: 0207 157 4588**

**Please get in touch as soon as possible!**

# THE IMPACT ON THE PEOPLE OF PORTSMOUTH OF THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND

