



Eastleigh District Bulletin June 2026

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Message From Our Chairman

Dear all, hopefully as we head into the summer months, we can all look forward to warmer temperatures and plenty of sunshine. For any of you disappearing off on any holidays over this period I hope you all have a fantastic time.

I just wanted to let you all know that your u3a committee have once again agreed to be represented at the Bishopstoke Carnival taking place on Saturday 27 June. This was an extremely successful event for us last year when as a result of our presence we gained around 25 new members. I will be there together with a couple of other committee members and it would be great if any of you could spare a bit of time to come down and see us and also take a stroll around the many varied stalls that will also be present. It is a great community event and one that seems to grow each year.

Some of you will remember in our April bulletin I was seeking a new treasurer as our current treasurer will be stepping down at our AGM in September. I am delighted to report that Sue Kill has very kindly agreed to take on this role from September. Thank you Sue and the committee are very much looking forward to working with you.

I hope you are all continuing to enjoy our many varied groups and activities, but as always if any of you have any ideas for any additional groups please come forward to the committee with your ideas.

We will be hosting our summer social on Wednesday 15 July, details of which will be sent out to members in due course.

Andy - Chair of Eastleigh District U3a



Welcome to the new members who have joined since April

Nick Sutton and Piers Ruff

For help or information about membership please contact our Membership Secretary Sue High on ***** or email *****

We hope you will join some of our groups which are an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Details of the groups and leaders will be found on the notice board on display in the hall at the Open Meetings.

For up-to-date information about u3a activities please see the News, All Events and Groups pages on our website eastleigh.u3asite.uk. If you would like to find out more about our groups please contact Pat White on *****

Speakers for the coming months at Open Meetings 2 to 4 pm

- 17th June Neil Hanson: "Inn and Out at the Top". The quirks, foibles, highs and lows of running Britain's highest inn in the 1970's and 1980's.
- 15th July Summer Social: No Speaker.
- 19th August Paul Lillie: An illustrated talk about The Beatles, incorporating live painting and singing.

Summer Garden Teas



These popular events began again in May. All venues are now fully booked. However, if you would be interested in hosting another date, please contact Lynne Mason on ***** or ***** or Pat White on *****

All the parties are from 2-5pm.

- June 12th Diane and Keith Fully booked.
 - July 28th Gill Spanner Fully booked.
 - August 11th Pam Gadson Fully booked.
- Photographs are from Lynn Mason's recent garden party.*



u3a College Lunch

Three course lunches at the Eastleigh Technical College are held at 1200 on Thursdays in The Avenue Restaurant; cost £18.00 The remaining date for the



college year is June 11th.
For bookings and payments
please contact Sue White on
***** or

or see Sue White at the Open Meeting. Payments may also be made via BACS quoting number 119.



Bits and Pieces

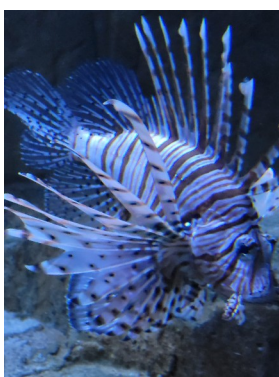


This group makes useful items out of left over bits and pieces of fabric. We meet at the group leader's home on the first Tuesday of the month at 0930 to 1130.

If interested contact Krays Jones on

Events team

Outings and Events



Please be aware that if you reserve a place on an outing or event, you will be responsible for the full cost, as pricing is based on the number of members attending. Of course, we'll make every effort to find someone to buy your ticket, but this isn't always possible.

Our bank details for BACS or Cheque payments are:

Bank account name: Eastleigh District u3a

Account number: 44192560

Sort code: 30.92.94

If you are paying by BACS, please include the event reference code.

Please write on the back of cheques what event they are for.



Pictures are from recent events team trips to Bluereef Aquarium and Gunwharf Quays and a production of Fawltly Towers at The Mayflower Theatre.

Weymouth Day Trip, Tuesday 21st July 2026

Our day trip by coach to Weymouth has proven very popular and is now fully booked. The final cost for the trip is £17 per seat. This is an 'at leisure' day for you to enjoy as you wish. I'm now taking final payments with the balance being due by the Open Meeting on June 17th.

The pickup times on the day are:

9.30: Fair Oak Square bus stop

9.35: The Welcome Inn bus stop

9.45: The Holiday Inn bus stop in Leigh Road, Eastleigh.

Please let me know where you plan to board the coach.

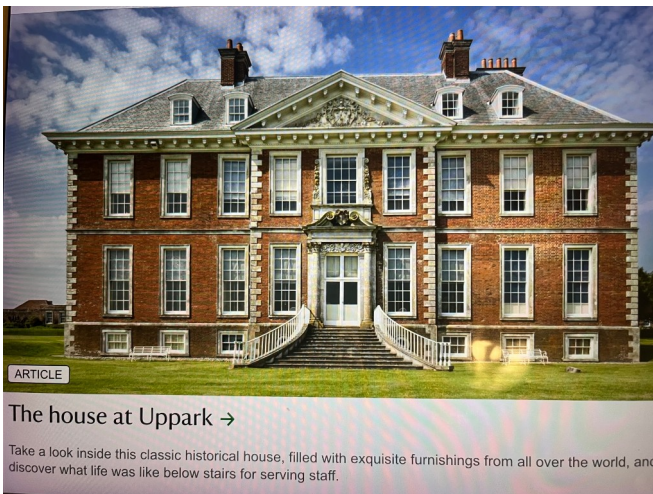
If you are paying by BACS, please include the event reference code (157) on your instruction form. I can also accept cash or a cheque.

If you wish to pay by cheque, please write on the back of the cheque what your payment is for. Please email me on ***** to let me know if you're paying by Bacs or posting a cheque.

If you are posting me a cheque my address is:

Best wishes, Pam

Uppark House



A lovely trip to the historic National Trust's Uppark House and Gardens in Harting, near Petersfield is planned for Monday 7th September. All are welcome. Costs will be £30 for non National Trust members and £20 for Trust members. Contact

or *****

Uppark House is a fine example of a 17th century house crowning the South Downs ridge in West Sussex. Cherished by centuries of families, it houses a Palladian style dolls house and many other treasures. The 19th century gardens are dedicated to colour, scent and quiet contemplation plus the meadow for nature spotting.



The Photography Group

The photography group continue to challenge themselves with a monthly topic to capture and then select their best 4 pictures to send in to show at the next meeting.

For example, March's subject was the colour yellow.

April's subject was patterns and May's is botanical.

We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month. Please contact Liz Mabb, the group organiser, if you would like more information or to join.

***** or *****

Bridge Phoenix

The once thriving bridge groups now seemed to have run their course, with many members going out into the wider bridge world to find clubs to join.

This has left a bit of a void in the Eastleigh division, which I hope can be filled by a Social Bridge group. The group would be for casual/non-experienced players to meet to play either rubber or chicago for fun. There would be no regular tuition but I could do some if requested.

At the moment we just would like to get an idea if such a group would be viable. If there were sufficient numbers then a day/time, frequency and venue would need to be discussed for the maximum consensus. The hope would be that the group would meet either in a free venue (e.g. Clockhouse) or members homes so there would be no regular costs.

So please, if you would like to play on a regular basis and know your One Diamond from your Two No Trump, can you contact Pat White (group coordinator) on ***** to express you interest.

Tony Aldrich (ex-bridge groups leader)

Ping Pong Group

DANGER ZONE of closing.

For the last couple of months I have had very few people play ping pong. One month only 4 players and this month only 3.

If it does not improve I am thinking of stopping the group although I enjoy playing myself when I am well enough but it is very disheartening when there is so few of us. Please can you let me know if you are interested and want me to carry on.

I hope to hear some views on this.

The group meets on the first Friday of each month at The Pavilion on the Park, Eastleigh from 1000-1200.

Sue Aburrow ***** or *****



The Pacemaker's Walking Group

This group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Although not excessive, the pace on this group is moderate and may include slightly challenging terrain. The total distance is up to 7 miles. A refreshment stop is usually included. We're a friendly bunch but, unfortunately, we've lost some members due to ill health so we'd love to see some new members join us. If interested contact

Ann Beeching on ***** or
***** or Malcolm High on
***** or *****
Pictures from our recent walk to Lepe Beach and Exbury Gardens



PLANNED WALKS FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER

The Pace Makers Walks - 3rd Tuesday of each month - Subject to weather conditions. Full details of where to meet, time and walk leader etc will be sent out nearer to each date. Approximately 4-7 miles - all terrains

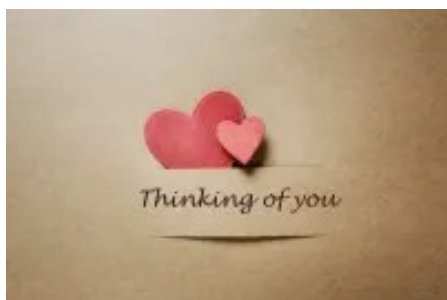
Wednesday - 24th June - Bramshaw Telegraph, a circular walk of 6½. Bramshaw Telegraph is one of the highest points in the New Forest. The walk takes in Coopers Hill, once part of the Ashley Walk Bombing Range, Amberwood Enclosure, Fritham village and the 17th century thatched Royal Oak pub. It then heads for the Schultz Gunpowder Factory, continues past Iron Wells, a chalybeate spring and the Homey Ridge.

Tuesday - 21st July - Abbotstone Down, a circular 5½ mile walk beginning and ending at Abbotstone Down car park. It crosses the site of a deserted medieval village and then makes its way to the River Arle and the Fulling Mill during which it passes 2 places providing scenic views. It then returns to the start via Old Alresford.

Tuesday - 18th Aug - Hambledon, a 6 mile walk, starts near the village hall, goes North past a vineyard and cricket club and has a possible rest stop at the Bat and Ball pub. The return is via Halfpenny Down.

Tuesday - 15th Sep - Beacon Hill, Meon Valley, a circular walk of 6¼ miles in the South Downs National Park. It has views of Old Winchester and across the downs to the Solent. It passes through Exton with glimpses of the River Meon, past a 13th century church, along the former Meon Valley Railway line to Warnford and watercress beds. There is a stiff climb back up Beacon Hill. En route refreshments could be at The Shoe Inn or the George and Falcon.

WELFARE



If you or someone else you know is not feeling so good and would like a card or chat please do contact me. My job is to make sure that you know that we are thinking of you. I cannot do this if you don't tell me.

My contact details are *****
or *****

If you have any unwanted used birthday or anniversary cards which you no longer want, would you kindly bring them to me at the Open Meetings? I make them into get well cards to send to anyone in the u3a who is unwell etc. I make the cards to save pennies as the postage is so expensive, and I think that to receive a card in the post is always a nice feeling.

No Christmas cards please.

Many thanks, Glenda.

For u3a Members, by u3a Members

The ethos of u3a is to live, laugh, learn. We are here to help each other. We need your support. The best way you can help our u3a to keep going is to volunteer. There is always something you could help with; make the tea at Open Meetings, help organize a group, be part of the committee. Please ask a committee member if you would like to be part of the whole group, not just the bits that you do now. Thank you.