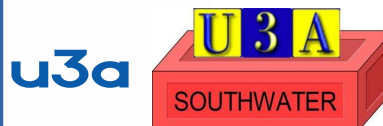


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March General Meeting

The subject for our speaker this month is 'search and rescue' but with a difference.

Yes, it's a maritime charity but not what you might think! See the poster for all the details on page 3 of this letter and Bren's email.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

National Trust – Thursday March 21st - **Nymans** – meet in the coffee shop 10.30a.m. Hopefully there will be camellias and magnolias

Garden Group – Friday March 22nd - **Caxton House** – Reigate. A lovely large spring garden with arboretum, two well-stocked ponds, large collection of hellebores and spring flowers and a folly.

Rummikub – Friday March 8th - 2pm to 4pm at the Dial Post Village Hall. £2 per person but for the time being, no refreshments are on offer.

Please let Terry Rowell know if you are coming – important for setting out the tables!
rowell678@yahoo.com

Quiz Group – Tuesday 19th March – 2pm to 4pm at Dial Post Village Hall. Quiz Master Shirley will be taxing your memory banks this month.

Girls who Gossip – Tuesday 12th March **Discussion** - Tuesday 12th March – both at The Topsy Fox - 11.00 a.m.

Out and About

Although Out & About is listed as a group, you are all members!

March – Wednesday 6th March - Beetle Drive from 2.00 until 4.00.

Venue - Dial Post Village Hall. The cost per person is £2.00.

Please let Carol or Terry Rowell know as soon as possible if you would like to join us.

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Advance info for your calendars - we now have a date for the Chichester river cruise - Thursday 11th July. This is already fully booked but Colin will run a reserve list in case people have to cancel later.

Bren says -

“Can I remind people about the Data Protection email that I sent out. It is extremely important that you reply to that email. Thank you to those members who have but there are a lot of members who have not replied. Please reply, it will save everybody a lot of extra work.”

Recycle, Repurpose! Here's a handy tip from Cedric – and a little poem to boot!

How many of you have numerous ball point pens sitting in your draws and they don't work. Well salvation has arrived, I found that, with a 90% success rate, they can be brought back to useful life.

Spray a small amount of WD40 into a small lid and dip the point of a pen into this liquid and jiggle around for a short time, wipe dry and *hey presto* it writes again. If it doesn't, throw it away!! If it does, how about writing something for the April newsletter – a little verse perhaps?

The little things are most worthwhile

A quiet word, a look, a smile

A listening ear that's quick to share

Another's thoughts, another's care

Though sometimes they may seem quite small

The little things mean most of all.



Ballpoint pens are sometimes called “biros” after their inventor, László Bíró, a man of “relentless, forward-thinking spirit”

A note for those who were unable to visit the Planetarium last month. Those of us who did go thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the word is that it should be even better by April when the improvements to the site should all be finished. Every year more things are discovered in the universe around us so the sky we see in the dome is constantly being updated.



Each month I forward items sent to me from the Third Age Trust; they are now producing a monthly newsletter which you can have delivered directly to your own email inbox if you wish. Here is the link u3a.org.uk/news/newsletter

Please let me know if you do this and I won't then send you a duplicate!

GENERAL MEETING

TALK BY THE BRITISH DIVERS MARINE LIFE RESCUE



Since 1988, BDMLR has been involved in the rescue of marine wildlife after every major marine disaster, including



the Braer shipwreck in Shetland, the Sea Empress grounding in Milford Haven, and the Napoli shipwreck in Dorset.

TUESDAY 26th MARCH

2.00 P.M

**CHURCH ROOM
CHURCH LANE**

For more information contact Bren 01403 732018

CARD CRAFT FOR FEBRUARY.

Jennie says

This month we did "Layering Circles." These are made by cutting out circles that will make two cards. For the first circle we cut out circles in three or four different colours and sizes, then reverse the order, to make the opposite circle. We layered from largest to smallest to the outside edge using a glue stick or wet glue. (so we can adjust easier). We cut them in half and use a half from each circle to make the topper. As you can see, they are all different.



Anne



Jennie



Sandra



Sue

And In Other News...

One for garden lovers - something to keep to keep note of – The National Trust were successful in buying Munstead Wood in 2023 and are now busy fund-raising with the aim of opening to the public in due course. Why is this great news? If you're a garden lover you won't need to be told but for those who are just curious, after 74 years of this internationally significant garden being in private ownership, this 11-acre garden surrounds an Arts and Crafts house that showcases Gertrude Jekyll's collaboration with architect Sir Edwin Lutyens. It's the place where, from the 1890s to her death in 1932, Jekyll grew her influence on national and international garden design, transformed horticultural practice, and inspired others to become gardeners through her books and more than 1,000 articles. We're eagerly awaiting the day when it will open!



G K & E L



Gertrude Jekyll



Her Boots

This is where we usually give a couple of links to the u3a Trust's Zoom talks and courses; there were so many available through March we just couldn't choose. Just look for yourselves! <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

Thanks to all contributors. All contributions gratefully received by the editor! Please send your articles/ideas/ photos (if showing u3a members, remember to get their permission first please) for the April Newsletter to me by Friday 22nd March.

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Thank you *Gabi*

