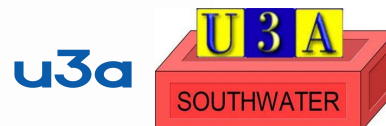


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### AGM & GENERAL MEETING REPORT

**From Bren's report** *"The committee were all re-elected to serve one more year and there were no nominations from anyone wishing to join the committee. There were also no nominations to take over the role of chairperson. As you will know from previous emails, my three years of office finished at the AGM. Therefore, the committee asked me to stay on for one more year which I agreed to do, so that Southwater u3a can continue. However, this cannot be repeated next year, as a chairperson can only be in office for a maximum of four years. So, unless someone comes forward to take on the role of chairperson at the next AGM, Southwater u3a will be dissolved (closed) at the next AGM, which will be a shame as we are about to enter our 19th year."*

Membership renewals are now due and your cards are being prepared. If you included a SAE, they will be with you soon – if not, they will be available at some meetings. If you haven't already sent your form and cheque to Membership Secretary Gabi Butler – or email [u3agabi@yahoo.com](mailto:u3agabi@yahoo.com) if you are not intending to rejoin.

### NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**Garden Group** – The October garden group meeting is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10am in the Church Room. It is our planning meeting for next year.

**Rummikub** – Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:rowell678@yahoo.com)

**Quiz Group** – Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> - 2.00 p.m. Quizmasters this month are Mick and Brenda Austin – a first, so who knows what's in store!

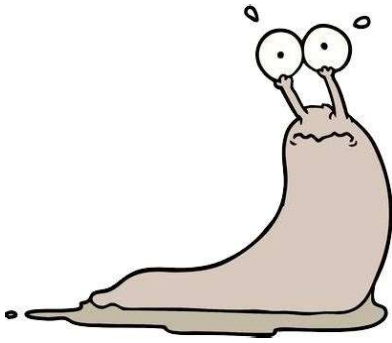
**Card Craft** – Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> - 9.45 a.m. [u3a76748@logoutlogin.co.uk](mailto:u3a76748@logoutlogin.co.uk) or on 07462 736083 for details.

**Girls Who Gossip + Discussion Group** – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October in the Topsy Fox – 11.00a.m.

### Out and About October 18<sup>th</sup> – Sheffield Park Gardens

Always a great place for Autumn Colours – bring your cameras! A National Trust property, so bring your card if you have one, otherwise entry is £16.00

**November's trip** on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, is to the Goldstone Rum Distillery in Henfield. Details have been sent out for both these events.



## For all you frustrated gardeners

If you have so much as a window box, you can't have failed to notice the bumper crop of slugs this year! Here's something we think you might enjoy - Listen to "Sliced Bread", Radio 4 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30 (available to listen again) on what might work and what definitely doesn't!

## The Garden Group at Parsonage Farm, Kirdford

The last garden visit for this year and the weather was not so kind to us this time. However, gardeners and garden lovers alike are a hardy breed and there was plenty to enjoy and be inspired by too (including a most excellent brownie cake!)



Easy access pears!



Plenty for dahlia lovers



Unexpected browsers.



Mellow fruitfulness



What is it?



Glen explains

## News from TAT (the Third Age Trust)

Log into <https://www.u3a.org.uk/> and see what's on offer these days, including

**Friends Extra**, a new benefits website exclusively for u3a Friends. Friends Extra provides access to a wide range of offers, discounts and additional services. Friends can make savings on well-known brands, shopping, travel, days-out and much more. Worth a look in.

There are also a wide range of online talks and other activities. Here are one or two of the online events currently on offer – all free!

Book in on <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events#Events>

**Monday, October 14** - My work at the Bletchley Park 'code-breaking factory' - A talk by Ruth Bourne

*"This talk will cover how I was recruited and my training. It will look at the Turing Bombe machine and my work with it in decoding the German Enigma machine. I will also talk about my life outside the work and how my work influenced my later life."*

**Thursday, October 24** - A Life in Expeditions by Alastair Newton

*"Over the last 20 years Alastair has led over 150 expeditions, worked on 15 different ships, and explored more than 100 countries. He has spent 15 years working as an expedition leader in Alaska, the entire Pacific, and Antarctica, and has done multiple visits to the North Pole."*

**And don't forget to check our own website for up to date info -**  
**<https://southwater.u3asite.uk/>**

Thanks to all contributors. All contributions gratefully received by the editor! Please send your contributions for the November Newsletter to me by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

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Thank you

*Gabi*