

Dates for your Diary

2024 Events

28th August **Group Enrolment for 2024-25**
Church on the Heath,
Elvetham, Fleet

11th October **Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12.00**
at Church on The Heath

Monthly Meetings 2023 /24 - The Harlington,
Fleet, talk 11.00 to 12.15, coffee from 10.00

15th May **The Bobby Scheme: Cyber**
Crime,
Speaker Phil Atkinson

19th June **A Beginning, a Muddle and**
an End : where do novelists
get their ideas?
Speaker Bobbie Derbyshire

Visits

16th May **Hever Castle WAITING LIST**
21st August **Chevenage House, Beverston**
Near Tetbury, Gloucester.

Dates for Group Leaders

5th July **Group Leaders Lunch.**
12.00 to 14.00 at Victoria Hall
Hartley Wintney

20th Sept. **Group Leaders Meeting 10.30 -**
12.00 at the Memorial Hall,
Sandy Lane

Group Leaders Please ensure that any member who has no email address is made aware of this plea to provide us with one.

At present we have 44 members who have not provided an email contact address. This email address could be a relative if the member themselves does not have their own email address. This would allow us to at least contact that member via that nominated person.

We would also like to encourage all members who have yet to sign in / register onto the updated Beacon system to please do so. The details of how to do this are shown on page 2. There are currently 560 members who have yet to register. Registration and online renewal also saves our Membership Secretary, Fiona, a lot of work.

GL's please bring this to your Groups attention

Chat from the Chair

With some evidence that temperatures are rising and summer is on its way, this is my first chance to reflect on April 17th's Open Morning.

We were delighted to enrol 15 people into U3A membership and hope they will find much to engage and enthuse them in our many groups. 'Engaged and enthused' applies to the audience for our belly dancers, displaying their skills in the dance studio upstairs. Another memorable performance.

Thanks are due to all the group leadership teams who joined us on the 17th to give just a taste of what our U3A has to offer.

Nevertheless, we are still looking for effective ways of 'spreading the word' about Fleet U3A, dispelling the myths that one can be '*not yet old enough to join*, and working to ensure we are not *Fleet's best-kept secret*'.

Anyone can join us, there are no age-related criteria, all that is required is the ability to attend sessions during the working week. There is currently a significant number of members who have re-arranged their working hours so as to be free to learn to play bridge, join a walking football match or simply appreciate jazz.

As you read this newsletter, perhaps you have ideas as to how we might promote ourselves more effectively? It is encouraging to see how many of our Group Leaders regularly respond to requests for contributions from Sandy, our newsletter editor. I find it fascinating to learn about what's happening on the days when I am already attending another group.

We are always on the lookout for new perspectives and innovative suggestions. As a simple example, does this newsletter get the widest possible readership? Your friends and neighbours might very well be interested in an opportunity to learn more about us.

You will understand by now that the next few months will be very significant in the continuing development of Fleet U3A. The November AGM will bring new people into key roles on the Committee, a sign of our ability to refresh and revitalise our organisation. We have a membership close on 1,800 relying on there being volunteers ready to take their turn in shaping the future.

***'If not me, who? And if not now, when?'* Mikhael Gorbachev.**
John Gawthorpe, Chair

Getting ready for membership renewal – register now.

To save our members time and money filling in forms, cheques and postage we would like as many members as possible to renew online this year. Online renewal also saves our Membership Secretary Fiona a lot of work.

To renew online, when the time comes, you need to have already registered on our Beacon Membership system. If you have not already registered your email address and password, then please follow the simple step by step instructions below:

Type or cut and paste the following into your web browser (Chrome/Edge/Safari/Firefox/Internet Explorer) <http://tinyurl.com/FleetBeacon> and click 'Enter'

On the Membership system login page please ignore the email and password fields and click on the blue 'Sign in with membership details'.

Enter the information requested:

- Membership Number** - 4 digits
- Forename** - (with leading Capital)
- Surname** - (with leading Capital)
- Postcode** - (must be all upper case with only one space between sections)
- E-mail** - (must be all lower case)

(If working on an iPad or iPhone they may automatically give you a capital first letter so correct that in the email field if necessary.

After entering the required 5 pieces of data above and pressing 'Confirm Identity' you will be asked to create a password of between 10 and 72 characters long, including at least one upper case, one lower case and one numeric character.

Enter and confirm your password, then press 'Update Account'.

You will very shortly receive a confirmation email at the email address you entered, this is to check that you have entered a valid email address. You must respond within one hour to this email by clicking on the link in that email. If the email doesn't arrive in a few minutes check your spam folder.

Clicking the link in the confirmation email will take you back to the sign-in screen where there will be a message to say that your email address has been verified.

Enter your email address & password and press 'Confirm Identity'

You are now logged into the Membership system and can check and amend your membership details if you wish then logout. You are now ready to complete the Membership Renewal online. Renewals are due from June 1st.

As noted above it is stressed that the confirmation email will expire after one hour, clicking on 'Forgotten Password' can be used to request a new confirmation email, if you don't manage to respond within one hour. You can also click on 'Forgotten Password' if ever you forget your password.

If you have any questions on the above please contact **Alan Jones email: beacon@fleetu3a.org.uk**

Of course members who have no computer or very limited IT skills can renew by post in the usual way by completing the membership renewal form and posting it back together with a cheque. See next Newsletter



The Current Fleet and District U3A Committee

including Fiona (our Membership Secretary) and Stephen (our Webmaster) joining us via Zoom.

What you cant see is that Paddy had supplied us, once again, with a delicious home made cake. Just one of the benefits of being on our Committee.

I can hear you saying 'what a motley crew' well maybe but they are after all volunteers.

Sandy, Editor

Creative Writing

Richard's story may be about an imaginary tutor led writing group, but the characters bear an uncanny resemblance to members of our creative writing group! As hard as we try with our writing, we are often guilty of one or more of the errors he mentions, and this tongue in cheek piece was a useful reminder of writing dos and don'ts. Don't worry, the first paragraph is meant to be a difficult read. Read on and all will be clear. It might even encourage you to join us.

Margaret Garrod

Time and Tide by Richard Fuller

'So,' said the creative writing tutor, 'time and tide is a cliché. And what don't we do with clichés? Yes, Derek.' 'Use them.' 'That's right. They are clichés because they are overworked and tired. So, think of something new instead to add more colour and interest to your writing. It's no use going on about red herrings and bold as brass, or you'll be back to square one.' The tutor cleared his throat. 'The other thing you lot at the back are not doing correctly is formatting your work, you know the rules, please apply them.'

'Paragraphs should be indented - except for the first line of each chapter or story. Speech should always be indented and start a new paragraph for each new person speaking - it makes things clearer.' He pointed at each of them in turn. 'But, when the same person carries on talking, you don't need a new paragraph. Got it?' (For those of you reading this - check out the difference in readability between the first and subsequent paragraphs)

'When you move topics or scenes, you also need a new paragraph. And no head hopping. What do I mean by that?'

'Yes, Margaret. Whichever one of the many Margarets you are.'

'Well,' she said, 'keep point of view consistent and only change when you can make it clear to the reader that you are doing so. There is very little scope for changes on short stories.'

'Absolutely, in a nutshell. You've grasped that particular nettle, haven't you? Anyone else got any more clichés they want to add about writing?'

A chap at the back stuck his hand up. 'There are lots of words we should avoid. Especially adverbs.' (words to avoid in bold)

'Agreed,' said the tutor. '**Literally, absolutely, totally** and, **honestly, probably** the best thing you could say, **admirably** good work. Anyone else think of any?'

The tutor watched the lady with the blonde hair, the one who was always talking about cats, **thinking**, or was she **pondering, wondering**? How did she **feel** about this? With a **shrug** and a **nod**, he **reached** out for his notes, taking a deep **breath** as he did so.

Looking back **up** at the group, he wondered why he bothered, it would be easier teaching monkeys to write Shakespeare, but that was for a parallel universe.

'OK. Dialogue tags. You know, **said, replied, asked** etc. when do we use them? Yes, Richard, I know you know and are always letting us know that you know. Anyone else?' Eventually a hand went up.

'Yes, you over there with the rolled-up carpet under your arm. Speak up. Correct. As little as possible. Try and show by actions who is talking, not by telling. Well done.'

'Anyone think of a different adjective to describe food - other than delicious I mean? No. Well can we at least try, next time you mention the stuff in a story.' By now he could see the group were getting restless, after all they came here for entertainment and to write bad stories, not to be lectured, cajoled and even beaten into producing better and better offerings.

'Right. Just before I run out of words in this pseudo story pretending to be a humorous description of a creative writing meeting, there is one more thing I need to bring to your attention - lists. When does a list become a list? Not you Richard, let someone else answer for a change. Other Margaret, how about you?'

'Quite right. When it is more than three things. For example: - she looked around the room, at the chintz curtains, beige sofa, toby jugs on the shelf, wilted flowers in the vase, and faux crystal chandelier. That is a list. Much better shorter and kept to three items only. Speaking of cutting it short, time is up. It only remains for me to wish you all success in your future writing.'

With that, he stood up, folded his notes, stuffed them in his bag, put on his jacket, adjusted his cycle clips, fastened his bike helmet, opened the door and ran out, knowing that his next class started shortly, and time and tide....

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Monthly Meeting May 15th

We are back to having a Monthly Meeting in May after the successful Open Morning in April. On May 15th Phil Atkinson will be speaking to us about Cyber Crime and how we can protect ourselves from becoming victims of it online. Phil is a volunteer with the Bobby Scheme in Hampshire.

Some of you may remember we had an online talk about the Bobby Scheme during the pandemic. The Bobby Scheme is free to those in Hampshire who are vulnerable due to age (over 60), circumstance, disabled, or a victim of household crime. THE BOBBY SCHEME provides free home security visits, long-life smoke alarms and advice. This service is completely free. The Blue Lamp Trust can also supply and fit police approved key safes at a cost. CYBER BOBBY is also a free service providing basic cyber security advice to the vulnerable and elderly in Hampshire.

If you are interested in booking a visit please telephone 0300 777 0157 or

Email info@bluelamptrust.org.uk or bobby@bluelamptrust.org.uk or cyber@bluelamptrust.org.uk

The usual timings apply at the Harlington:

- 10.00 for chat, coffee, tea and biscuits in the small hall.
- The ever-popular Phyllis Tuckwell stall will be back this month selling jams, pickles, cards etc.
- The visits table will be in the foyer.
- Fleet U3A welcome table will also be in the foyer.
- 11.00 the talk will begin in the main hall finishing at 11.15 with questions and a retiring collection for the Bobby Scheme.

The Monthly Meeting team look forwards to seeing you on May 15th.

Paddy Powell

New opportunity for Fleet U3A – Cinema screenings

Farnham and Alton U3As have started an occasional cinema group to view films at the new Reel Cinema in Farnham. Fleet U3A has been invited to join the group. These screenings are part of Farnham U3A's members engagement programme. The intention is to provide social opportunities for all members but especially members who are on their own. The next session at the cinema will involve two recent releases. Members can then take their pick upon arrival. It looks likely to be 17th May, but that has yet to be confirmed. As soon as I have more information, I will circulate an email to all members. You just need to turn up on the day and buy a ticket. There is no formal group to join.

Paddy Powell

Strollers - April showers

Sorry it's been a while since I did a write up about Strollers.

In spite of the weather we continue to stroll around Elvetham Heath. Stoic strollers are not put off. We have been blown round by gusts, soaked by unexpected heavy showers, warmed by watery sunny spells and inspired by the chatter that has kept us going.

Well done ladies and Mike who turn up every fortnight and sometimes in between when unplanned, they continue to stroll by themselves. Apologies for that...

The De Havilland continues to do us proud. The coffee and biscuits are ready with the ever present welcome. It provides the perfect end

to the morning allowing us to dry out, warm up and catch up on even more gossip!!

Thank you so much my stroller friends for your continued support and friendship.

We meet at 11am in De Havilland car park every 2 weeks. Next meeting 13th May.

Jenny Teagle

PS Thanks Jane for the photo of the select group who met on Easter Monday, dreadful picture of me!!!



Poetry Voices

Have you uncomfortable memories of studying poetry at school? This group is NOTHING like that! So, what do we do? **Poetry Voices** enjoy meeting, exploring, reading aloud and sharing our love of poetry. For each session, we bring and share poetry we've known and loved, or recently discovered, usually around a theme. There is no requirement to share publicly but most of us do enjoy doing just that, in **fun** and **non-threatening** ways. Others just like to listen to the sound of poetry.

We started in October 2023 with autumn themed poems and moved on to creating and delivering a short Christmassy themed 'anthology' programme – which we shared at the U3A Christmas luncheon. That's us in the pictures at our first outing.

So far in 2024, we have enjoyed some Robert Burns, spring inspired poetry and poems exploring England, Englishness and St George, which led us down some unexpected paths and into *illuminating* discussions!

At present we are planning a short programme for the 80th D-Day commemorations and have been considering the remarkable effects of WW2 on this area. We've discovered Bernard Potter's book of



memories about Fleet and Church Crookham at the time – teeming with Canadian soldiers! And turned to other writings of the times, especially those of soldiers and children in Aldershot, Fleet, Church Crookham and the south of England. This will be titled '*In Their Own Words*'.

We wanted to share a 'taster' programme during the Open Morning. To that end we did create a 'podcast' - now there was an exciting learning curve! Our Chairman John Gawthorpe did sterling work locating and operating an unfamiliar recording system, and those who could do so, completed the recording, putting in extra time. We were quite pleased with our efforts! And looked forward to others being able to listen to the programme and give us feedback. However, we discovered the Open Morning environment did NOT allow anyone to properly hear our offering! So more Dunkirk than D-Day. But we lived, learned and laughed from our experience! Our next sharing attempt will be via the Fleet U3A Members' Website and Facebook site – so do keep an eye out - or should that be ear? We'll update members as the programme becomes available.

For more information – or to express an interest – contact **Christine West** on christine.west1@gmail.com

MOTO 1 [Members On Their Own]

We first met in the Harlington Café six years ago. We soon graduated to the larger space of the meeting room above Livingstones Christian bookshop as our numbers grew. Our next home was the WI Hall at Crookham Village but for the past two years we have met on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Station Hotel. This has accommodated our ever increasing numbers and enables members to stay on and have lunch if they want.

So what do we do – a monthly meeting, a monthly Sunday coffee morning at a local venue, a monthly Sunday lunch, and a monthly walk. In addition to these regular events my lovely members come up with information about local concerts, cinema visits, Maltings visits, Open Gardens and much much more. During the summer our keen gardeners also open their gardens for other members to see.

Our Flagship events are our Christmas Lunch complete with Secret Santa and arranged most ably by one of our members and our Summer Garden Party where we have posh afternoon tea and donate to a local charity.

Of my current forty-five members about ten were at that original meeting in the Harlington Café. When Covid hit we emailed, formed a WhatsApp Group, Zoomed and met outside in groups of six at Ancells Farm play park. As we go from strength to strength, MOTO 2 came along which enabled more members on their own to build friendships and enjoy outings in company. There will soon be a MOTO 3 and I wish the new organisers all the luck and fulfilment that I have gained from MOTO.

Finally – I couldn't do it all without the most amazing group of people who support me every step of the way and that's the entire membership of MOTO 1.

Heather Ryder

Visits

For this newsletter visits have no news!

By the time the next one comes out I hope my team member Sue will be able to write up about our trip to Leonardslee Gardens in Sussex. I was due to take this visit but had an accident while I was away and felt the walking would be too much for me. Sue has yet to take her first visit which will be Hever Castle.

After the March meeting a married couple have stepped forward to help visits and soon 'the team' will be meeting up to discuss and arrange future visits.

I have been 'group' leader for many years and have met so many lovely members and have had support from members who came forward to help on visits. Sadly, these members stepped down due to ill health and age, I am still in contact with them all.

Many members don't read this newsletter, or for that matter any Beacon announcements. So IF you have got this far reading it please do read to the end.

Often I get asked questions that if the Newsletter, Beacon announcements or our Programme book had been read members would know the answer. Many members only read their email once a week if at all!

This is so frustrating, We have all had recent communication from John our chairman asking for help, as some of the committee want to step down having been in that role for many years. Our membership I understand is nearly back to pre-Covid.

I am writing this newsletter in response to our editor plea for articles. As she states, 'if you can't be bothered to submit an article perhaps, I can't be bothered to produce a newsletter'. Well said Sandy.

Through Covid I wrote a ramble regarding 'do you remember past shops and other memories of old newspapers'. The current U3A magazine is encouraging us all to record our memories for the next generation, and evidently this has had a huge knock-on effect as 'I remember.....' has triggered so many other memories. So, on that basis why don't you start submitting your memories and perhaps this would not only fill the newsletter to over brimming but trigger some memories for us all. I have just come across old family photos of my sister eating a toffee apple from the cart being wheeled around the streets. Do you remember the winkle man coming round with his cart. Hopefully that should get you going!

As John, our Chairman, has said, please step up for some of the committee roles other wise we won't have a U3A. How very sad.

A lot of the roles could be shared. Everyone wants to join groups, BUT NO ONE, is stepping up to help. IF, you have been disappointed that the group you wanted to join is full how about members who have been in the group for years starting up an additional one.

I know I do have a 'following from some members who email me and say super article, or 'I felt I had been there'. I have said on many occasions, my 'Reward' as group leader is seeing all the members beaming faces after a trip, and all the lovely email I get after.

So, come on members 'STEP UP' and help. Whats the saying? 'Use it or lose it. Very apt. **Carole Matthews**
Thanks Carole I love the idea of receiving articles about memories, past events or whatever. Ed. (Sandy)

Shorter Walks Group

Our Group continues to be very successful with a different walk chosen and led by a different member of the group each month. We cover 3.5 to 4 miles each time, and have covered Pale Lane, Finchampstead Ridges, Alice Holt Forest, Southwood and Tundry Pond and more.

We are very lucky to have a large number of walks around the Fleet area which fall within this distance, including a lovely area - **Naishes Lane SANGS** (*Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace*) which is a large area of former MOD land that has been converted back into recreational use for the local community of Church Crookham and surrounding area.

The site covers over 200 acres so there is plenty of space for everyone to explore and enjoy. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to get involved in all that this enormous natural space has to offer.

Check it out at: <https://www.blackwatervalleynaturewalks.co.uk> .

We would encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the fresh air, even if you can't be part of our particular group. Many of the walks have Disabled Access and well-made paths and we try to choose somewhere with parking and easy access to refreshments at the end of our circular route.

Sally Mullin



MOTO 2

There was a good turn out for the gathering in Crookham Village on 8th April, with sixteen members present, which seems to be a regular number for our monthly meetings at Crookham Street Social Club. At each meeting we try to organise a coffee date, a midweek lunch date and a weekend lunch date so that there is something every week for people to meet if they would like. Usually, the numbers for these are anywhere between ten and sixteen. People can make different days, so we ring the changes and the venues at members' suggestions.

For the 2023 to 2024 year, we have also had a few trips to the theatre to see High Society and Death Trap at The Mill at Sonning and Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands at Woking.

The five of us who went to a matinee performance of High Society in early January were caught up in the flood drama in Sonning. The car park and bar were flooded, so we had to park in the village and walk to the theatre and then straight up to our table in the restaurant where we could order drinks, instead of in the bar. The water had risen further when we came out after the performance and 'Road Closed' signs were being put up. I heard later that the evening performance was cancelled at the last minute as the stage had also started to flood! I feel very sorry for all those whose evening was cancelled and for the theatre owners having so much disruption.

Future events planned for the current year are a day out to include stops at the Chocolate Frog, the Country Market and lunch at Haskins, theatre visits to see Jesus Christ Superstar at Woking, and an Alan Ayckborn farce at The Mill at Sonning and possibly a boat trip on the Thames.

Currently a group of us are enjoying a four night break at Norton Grange on the Isle of Wight, organised by one of the members of the group. Photo attached.



Not everyone joins in with everything, sometimes we are only four or five members doing something, but the group widens our friendship base for doing activities we enjoy with other members. We all get on very well together and are a friendly and welcoming group.

Jackie Bignell

Steam and Transport Group

We meet monthly on the first Wednesday of October through to March to discuss and enjoy the pleasures of Steam driven equipment and vehicles. Whilst the speakers and programmes are not yet finalised for the next sessions they are likely to include some of the following:-

- ◆ History of the Talylyn railway, 1860 to 2022
- ◆ British Rails venture into gas turbine propulsion, 4 attempts ending in failure and the Leader locomotive experiment.
- ◆ Steam on the road, 1800 to 1930
- ◆ Irish railways painful transition from steam to diesel traction by Frank Wall.
- ◆ History of Crompton and High Peak Railway, 1800 to 1960.
- ◆ Railway signalling, 1830 to 2023.
- ◆ Railway Races to the North covering the period 1888 to 1988.
- ◆ History of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service from 1600 to 2023. A civilian service supporting the Royal Navy supplying fuel, ammunition and stores world wide with specialist ships and technology.

If anyone would like to contribute a short talk we can accommodate that at most sessions. Come and be entertained if steam in any form or railways is your thing.

Peter Maddison

Health and Wellbeing Group

For our April meeting we had Steve Cardwell, the practice manager from Hart Health partnership, discussing the advantages of using the "NHS app". He detailed how to first sign up and then how to use its various features such as re-ordering prescriptions, viewing your health records and checking past and present appointments. Many of us struggle with technology but it is becoming increasingly evident that it is imperative we try to use this digital portal for at least some of our health and wellbeing needs. It was however reassuring to hear that the more traditional means of accessing health care – i.e. telephone calls will remain at least for the time being. . The images below indicate how to apply for the NHS app and its various benefits when we do.

For further information about using the NHS app for ordering prescription refills and more please use the following links:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/>

[https://](https://www.suttonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/NHS-APP-Step-By-Step-Guide-final-Nov-22.pdf)

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For the next meeting of our Health and Wellbeing on Wednesday afternoon May 8th our guest speaker will be Sergeant Rob Herd, formerly of the Road Policing Unit Hampshire Constabulary. He will be offering tips & idea for safer driving during our

later years. This will be followed, after tea, by a general discussion on non-drug sleep aids to combat sleep difficulties in later life. Guests and prospective new members of the Group would be welcome. The charge to attend a one-off meeting is £2 inclusive of tea and biscuits.

For further information please contact:-

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Bridge Beginners Practice Group

One of the joys of playing U3a Bridge, is that you meet and play against like minded people, last Monday morning was no exception as my partner and I rotated to Dee's table, where I took the opportunity to mention the success of Her and Liz's new Bridge class. Her partner for the day happened to be the News editor for the U3a Newsletter. She enquired would I mind penning a few lines in praise of the new class, "not too long" usually means about 300 words," but don't worry I can "get" someone to help you", I noticed Adam was the next occupant after table rotation, so he got the job.

With the frostiest of Hilda Rumpole looks, my bridge partner let me know that maybe I could have played that No Trump hand a little better.

Thankfully I noticed in the last U3a Newsletter that an extra bridge class was being added to the program starting early April, where I might pick up some extra tuition The class is being organised by Liz Rougier and Dee Hollowood, and it seems it reached full capacity very quickly but a waiting list is operating for next year.

The course is mostly for bridge players who have enjoyed the game in the past and for those who wish to hone their skills, having gone through earlier U3a classes. It is all very friendly, as all U3a classes are, where Liz and Dee, plus one or two helpers, take you through the finer points that your thirteen cards have to offer.

Can you make an extra trick if I play low from dummy, establish a long suit, maybe think of losing early unobtainable tricks or why is West leading that card?. 287, 288, 289 just another 11 words.

There are now trees where once it was just a wood. Cracked it!!.

David and Adam

Introduction to Duplicate Bridge 2024/25

If you have ever thought about learning to play Bridge or brushing up your skills then now is your chance. In Fleet U3A we have a tried and tested method of learning and practising bridge in friendly and supportive group sessions. We meet on Tuesday afternoons at Zebon Copse Community Centre. I am currently collecting names of anyone interested in starting the new class in September 2024. Just contact me at paddy.powell@hotmail.co.uk You do not need to have a partner to join the class. The Introduction to Duplicate Bridge course starts from the very beginning so is suitable for those with no experience of Bridge in any form. It is also aimed at those who have experience of playing Bridge informally but who may wish to find out more about the Acol bidding system that we use in Fleet U3A. Acol is the most common bidding system in England. We learn to play Duplicate Bridge because it is played in other U3A Bridge groups and in Bridge Clubs in Fleet. However, this doesn't preclude the playing of Rubber Bridge if that is your preference.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Paddy Powell, Group Leader



Thanks go to Liz Fisher for the painting of the 2019 bridge group

Find us on Facebook

Find us on Facebook - Fleet U3A has its own Facebook Members' Group, our Facebook page can be found by entering "Fleet U3A" in the search box at the top of any Facebook page. You can then request to join our private Members only group, you will be asked for your Name and Membership number.

We now have 360+ Fleet U3A members in our private Facebook Members Group for contact and discussion between members. This is a Private Group for members of Fleet U3A only, you are encouraged to join.

Group Leaders - Important

In the event that you have to cancel a session will you please let Barbara, the Venues Secretary, know a.s.a.p. as she may then be able to avoid us paying for the venue on that occasion.

Fleet U3A Website

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BEFORE 9 a.m. OR AFTER 5 p.m.**