

# Weston-super-Mare u3a News

Sunday, 3rd November, 2024

## From the Editor

### Beacon

Our membership data is being loaded into Beacon this coming week after a bit of a tidy up and an update of the data in the current database. Thanks to all of those that have contacted me with new phone numbers, email addresses and even new home addresses.

In the future, members who want to, will be able to view the details held about them by logging onto Beacon. Don't worry, members can only see their own details. There will be more about how to do this after Beacon has gone live.

## Groups Round-Up

### Wanted - Table Tennis Table

The Table Tennis Group meets at the United Reformed Church. The group leader, Mike Bamford, has asked if anyone knows of a second hand table-tennis table that the group can have, as one of theirs needs repairing. Contact Mike through the [group email](#) on their page.

### Mindfulness for Beginners

The course starting on Tuesday is now full, Corinne has enough takers.

Corinne would like to start a list for those interested in a new course later next year. If you are interested in joining the group please let Corinne know and she'll add you to the list. The day and venue will be decided nearer the time, if you can't make Tuesdays, let Corinne know which days would suit you better and she'll try to accommodate your preference. Contact Corinne through the [group email](#) on the group page.

### UNO for Fun - new group, starting soon.

UNO, meaning "one" in Italian, is a fun and easy to play card game, played using red, green, yellow and blue coloured cards numbered 0 to 9, while disposing of as many high-numbered cards as possible and battling various "wild card" obstacles on the way. You have to call "Uno!" when you play the last but one card in your hand, otherwise you can be pipped to the post and lose the game.

The Group will meet on Wednesday mornings 10am-12, fortnightly, on "even" weeks, at the Duke of Oxford pub in central Weston, opposite the Friends Meeting House. Ten to

twelve players can be accommodated. No subs, just pay for your own coffee, etc. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January, 2025.

If interested please contact:- Heather Bird, mobile number: 07779 091077 or through the [group email](#) on the group page

### **French**

Thank you, we had two volunteers who said they might start up a French group after last week's appeal. Jenny Schofield has passed their details to Robert Roscoe who will guide them through what is required to setup and run a group. Watch this space!

### **Singalong**

Thanks also to Paul Johnson for stepping in to play the piano, 27 u3a members enjoyed the monthly singalong last Friday.

### **Trips**

Our 2025 trips schedule has been finalised. There will be one trip per month after January. They will be listed nearer the dates once coaches have been booked and the number of places available confirmed.

More theatre trips will be announced too.

### **Winter Newsletter**

Our Winter 2024 newsletter is being collated and will be printed by 13th November with every member having a printed copy again. Arrangements for collecting newsletters at coffee mornings on 19th and 26th November will be announced in next week's email, with local scouts delivering the remainder in early December.

### **Monthly Lecture**

Our lecture coordinator, Shirley Harvey, will be hosting our [monthly lecture](#) next Friday (November 8th) in the United Reformed Church Hall, starting at 2.15pm. Our speaker, Michael Malaghan, is a local author and extensive traveller who will be telling us about his exploits as "an author abroad."

### **Christmas Carol Concert**

Maureen and Laura are progressing plans for our Christmas Carol service at All Saint's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm, put the date in your diary.

### **Gift Aid**

Thanks to all who have contacted me about their gift aid preference. I will be contacting each of you individually in the near future.

*Well that's enough of that. Bye for now! Simon Pratt*

**Sent on behalf of Weston super Mare U3A**

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