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Newsflash April **2026**

Coffee Morning

The next u3a coffee morning will take place next **Wednesday 15th April** in the **Cheap Street Church Hall Sherborne** from **10:15 – 11:45am**

Do come along and have a cup of the best coffee ever

ALL WELCOME



Appreciation of our generous Group Leaders

As many of you know we organise a lunch for all our group leaders who so generously give up their time and expertise to lead and co-ordinate our activity groups. On your behalf we bring them together to meet and share their experiences but more importantly to **“thank”** them for everything they do to make our organisation so successful and enjoyable for its members. This year’s lunch will be held on 1st May in the Digby Hall.

Dates to remember

Newsflashes –10 April, 15 May, 12 June, 10 July, 14 August

Coffee Mornings - 15 April, 20 May.

No coffee mornings June, July, 19 August

Group Leaders Lunch 1 May

Summer Showcase 3 July

For your Information and Interest about the local Network meeting.

The u3a's in our local area come together twice a year to exchange information and ideas about how our various organisations are functioning. Such a meeting was held recently in Bridport. It is a great opportunity to meet with others who are experiencing similar issues and hearing about how they manage and solve problems. There are eight u3a groups in addition to us in our group: Dorchester, Blackmore Vale, Shaftesbury, Lyme Regis, Blandford Forum, Bridport, Weymouth and Sturminster Newton are all in our network. In addition Southwest regional representatives who are part of the National Committee also attend.

Dorchester u3a are the largest group by membership with 1300 members and 90 groups running. We are the next largest group with just over 900 members and 61 groups. Blackmore Vale, with the smallest catchment area has the lowest membership. We are the only group that do not have a monthly speaker meeting as we concentrate primarily on activity and interest groups. We are also the only local group, who last Autumn, took a group abroad to further their interest in Art and to enjoy a holiday together.

Difficulties with recruitment to the committee is a common theme as is co-ordinating communications and inclusivity.

Lunch Group

The new lunch group was very popular and we now have enough interested parties for another group. Is there anyone willing to run it? Please let us know as it is such a great opportunity to meet other members and enjoy good food in a variety of local restaurants and pubs. sthomaspeter@btinternet.com