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Coffee Morning

The next u3a coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 19th August** 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



It's that time of year...

Shortly we will be asking you to decide if you want to continue your u3a membership for September 2026 to 2027. In addition your group leader will also want to know if you wish to continue in their group, the one you are currently in. If you do, then they will automatically include you in their plans for the group and calculations for costings etc. You then need to pay your membership fee of £20 per person. Don't forget that if you would like to join more groups or do something different then do pop the enrolment date of 4th September (Digby Hall Hound Street) in your diary and come along to chat with the group leader and explore what is on offer and if they have vacancies. Do pass the word to fellow members and anyone who is interested but not yet a member. A list of all our groups, a chance to join and enquiries are all on the website. Sherborne.u3a@gmail.com

Dates to remember

Newsflashes –, 10 July, 14 August

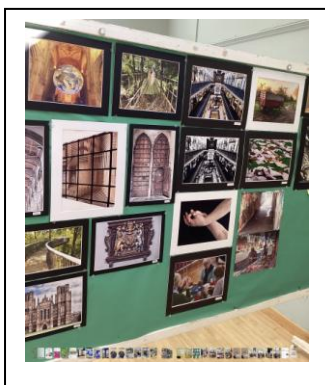
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Enrolment 4 September

Art Needlework Group and Lace Making Group



I believe we can say with certainty that this year's Summer Showcase held on Friday 3rd July was a great success. By all criteria I think we provided for our members and the wider group of attendees a very positive and enjoyable morning. The number of attendees was considerable with both our members, family and friends together with members of the public coming along to see the lovely work produced. As ever we were extremely fortunate to be supported by a group of willing volunteers who now work as an extremely efficient team and generously complete preparations and then make the event work on the day, for which we are extremely grateful.



Group lead by Clifton Jelbert

Photography



17 groups were represented at the Summer Showcase. Extensive displays by the **Botanical Art, Botanical Illustration, Photography, Drawing, Leisure Art Groups** were all beautifully presented and very well received. An increased number of smaller displays from **Christianity Explored, Pickleball, Music to Movement, Out and About Walking 5, Art Talks and Trips, Think French and Hiking 1** also helped to illustrate what happens in some of our activity groups especially to our non-members.

Adding to the lovely atmosphere were some of our choir members, who led by the choir lead, Neil Marsh, treated us to several lovely songs beautifully sung many of which we all knew and really enjoyed.

There were also some beautiful displays of **Lace Making** as well as a variety of crafts from the **Sewical group** and some very creative items made by the **Art Needlework** group. In addition four members of the **Bridge** group played and still managed to answer questions and recruit for a new Beginners group proposed to start in September.

The Choir



Our thanks to all those who helped make the Morning so successful.

Bridge for Beginners Course

Every few years, a Bridge for Beginners Course is run by Sherborne u3a if there are sufficient members to make up a good-sized class. It is hoped to run such a class from this September 2026. The class members can have absolutely no idea what the game is about (absolute beginners) or can have played the game a little (in their younger days perhaps) but can't remember the rules. This is NOT a course for those who are already regular players of the game. By the end of the year-long course, members will be competent players of the game. Different forms of the game will be taught Rubber, Chicago and Duplicate. Lessons will take place every Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 5pm (except the third Thursday of the month) at Alweston Village Hall. You do NOT need a partner to join this group. There will be a charge (expected to be £35) for the whole course – to cover hall hire and consumables. If you are interested in joining the course, please email Nick Martin on nickmartin666@tiscali.co.uk

Other new Groups

As an addition to our existing Wednesday lunch group a second weekday lunch group has formed and will meet monthly on Friday. A second Sunday Lunch for Singles group has also successfully formed and will also meet monthly. A new Poetry interest group and Beginners Chess Group will also start after enrolment having had an initial meeting to ensure that there is enough interest to make them viable.

Finally we were also very fortunate that so many members who enjoy baking provided the Summer Showcase with an excellent selection of baked goods to enjoy with our coffee.

