



The summer holidays are over; the children are all back in school and yet again I start with the weather, which is now beginning to have an autumnal feel, although we haven't had much needed rain and still have the hose pipe ban in place.

Many of you have now returned from your summer holidays, welcome back. I would appreciate some interesting information and photographs about the places that you have visited during your vacations this summer. I do need more copy for my newsletters.

I was surprised to see the Christmas cards, decorations, food order magazines all in the shops already. I did hear on the radio 100 days to Christmas; there are now approximately 82 days left as I write this newsletter. I prefer that Halloween and Bonfire night are over before I personally start to think about Christmas. Although in our September committee meeting, we started to look at how we could celebrate Christmas this year. I know it's early but we do need to plan ahead.

Our u3a information

We do hope more of you can join us for some of the upcoming speaker meetings:

12TH October – Gordon Lewis "7 miles from Town-Imber Village"

9th November – Andy Skinner "Tudor Southampton"

14th December – please read on the following page the attached invitation for our Christmas celebration.

Dates	Interest talks	Tea & Coffee Rota
12 th October	Trail Walking	Play Reading & History
9 th November	Discussion Group	Wine Appreciation & French
14 th December	Lunches Out	Trail Walking & Discussion

NEW MEMEBERS & POTENTIAL MEMBERS

We will hold a coffee morning at St. John's church hall in Hythe on Friday 13th November at 10 o'clock to give more information about our u3a group.

INTEREST GROUPS UPDATE

Good news as Vanessa has another group to add to our list.

The coffee morning which in the past has been ad hoc, will now be on a set day and at a local meeting venue for members to get together and enjoy a social morning together.

1st Coffee Group Meeting



Fancy a coffee and chat? Well pop along to Meeple Cafe Hythe on Thursday 8th October at 10am when our new u3a coffee club will be meeting up.

This is a new group and they would love to see you. Just buy a drink, sit down and relax for a while.

Not sure how often they will meet, that will be sorted on Thursday. So, look out for more information in the future newsletters.



Christmas Celebration 2026



Dear members,

**Our Christmas celebration this year will take place on Monday
14th December at 1 o'clock**

in the Parish Hall, West Shore Road, Hythe

**We will serve a ploughman's lunch followed by tea or coffee
with a mince pie**

**If you would like to attend, please email our treasurer Lynn at
hdu3atreasurer3@gmail.com**

by Monday 9th November

Cost of £4.00 per head to be paid to Hythe and Dibden u3a

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Please bring your own drink and glasses

Entertainment by Beaulieu Warblers

Waitrose has reopened with our u3a member Brian Daley



I was delighted to be invited to the reopening of Waitrose Hythe having opened the shop 51 years ago and spent 28 happy years there as Branch Manager. How things have changed over those years!

In 1975 it was cash or a cheque to pay for your groceries. The butcher, behind the scenes cut, up the meat and bacon. Wine and spirits were behind the counter and a ready meal was Vesta Prawn curry! The shelves were full of tinned fruit and vegetables, even fruit juice came in a can.

One thing that hasn't changed is the warm friendly atmosphere of the village customers and Waitrose Partners.

Brian Daley

It was good to see our member Brian on the left, holding the ribbon outside ready for the cutting before seeing the newly refurbished store.

I think many of us visited the store on opening day to find out what it was going to be like. A new bakery with a good variety of breads and patisserie on offer, more fruit & veg and more choice of wine, beer and spirits.

Check out faster with ScanPayGo available, who doesn't like a time saver!

Best wishes,
Mary 5th October