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### **Message from the Chair – Anne Robson** *chair@warmu3a.uk*

Welcome to our new look newsletter, we hope you like it! If you have any feedback, or thoughts you'd like to share, please let us know. This edition contains information on all our active groups and explains what the groups do and which have current vacancies (Feb 2024).



Warminster u3a has welcomed over fifty new members over the past twelve months which is an excellent result following the challenging times during COVID. We want to extend a warm welcome to anyone who is no longer in full time work or taking time off to raise a family or a sabbatical to retrain. Some of our members work part time, some have never worked, others are retired. Our groups are set up and run by our members, some of these people are experts in their field, others just interested individuals. Most meetings are during the day with a few in the early evening. The numbers in some groups are restricted by the venues we use, with many smaller groups run in members' homes; however, we have options to help support moving to larger venues if there is interest and groups grow, so don't let this put you off if a particular group is currently 'full'.

### **Joining Groups & Waiting Lists**

A note on how we manage groups, particularly for new members. Some groups are unconstrained on the number of people (such as walking or croquet), so if you are interested, let the group leader know, and they will

add you to a 'group interest' mailing list. You will then be contacted about sessions and you're free to join-in as you wish. Where a group has a constraint on numbers, (eg: tai-chi or wine appreciation), once a group is 'full' new members will be added to a waiting list, until such time as there are sufficient numbers (or more capacity) for members to join on a first-come, first-served basis. So, if you're interested in a group – contact the group leader and put your name down, as this ensures you will get communication about that group's activities and meetings. All of our groups are exclusively for u3a members; but you can invite guests or visitors to our monthly talks if they are interested in joining. Whilst not exclusively, we do use e-mail as an easier method of communication, so if you change your e-mail address, or have recently got a new one, please let Janet know so we can update your details.

## Monthly Meetings & Speakers

Meetings are the last Wednesday of every month, held at the Civic Centre, starting at 2:00pm (please do not arrive before 1:30!) Tea/coffee and biscuits are served after the talk and a chance to meet and chat with the committee, group leads and other members. The cost of the talk and refreshments is only £3. We aim to provide an interesting range of topics for the talks, but are open to suggestions from any members, so if you have suggestions, let us know. More details of talks are on the website under 'Events' and are published on social media and local notice boards.

- 28th February **AGM & *Bloodbikes*** - Paul Pywell
- 27th March ***The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust***
- 24th April ***The People & Places of Devon*** (in song!) Alan Courtney
- 29th May ***Just Gems*** - Helen Plumb
- June 26th ***Fairfield Farm College Trust*** - Vicky Dunncliffe
- 31st July ***"So Far So Good"*** Army Life, Buckingham Palace Investiture & dog Training! Malcolm Wells MBE

## **Membership: 2024 Subscriptions - Janet Wallis**

*Memsec@warmu3a.uk*

A reminder for any of you who have not yet renewed your membership, it is now due for 2024. There is a renewal form at the back of this newsletter, if you have any queries, please contact Janet. We have been able to maintain subscriptions at £20, which is excellent news against the backdrop of rising costs nearly everywhere else! You can do your bit by promoting our u3a to friends, and encourage joining groups; if we continue to increase membership and participation in groups, we might be able to freeze subscriptions for 2025 as well...

## **Christmas Lunch**

Over 40 members enjoyed a fabulous Christmas Lunch and get-together at the Prince Leopold in Upton Lovell in December. Lots of food, chat and laughs, thanks to some particularly good cracker jokes!



**Advanced French** (Weekly: Friday 10:30) **Claude Coulton**

*advancedfrench@warmu3a.uk*

« Un petit groupe d'amis qui se réunissent avec joie chaque semaine. » Intellectually stimulating but in a light-hearted way, the group meets weekly on Zoom to develop understanding and practical use of French – the only language we use. Members need a sufficient level of competence to watch and discuss films, articles from the press, literary texts and to make short presentations on a wide range of themes. This implies doing some preparation during the week, but all seem happy to do it and enjoy meeting and taking part in the lively discussions. Although the group is full now, we will start a waiting list for anyone interested.

**Antiques & Collectables** (variable days) **Tony Reed**

*antiques@warmu3a.uk*

This group started in October 2023 for those interested in adding to their own collection or simply exploring antique shops. Twenty members expressed an initial interest, and we are working through the format for the group, and how we cover this wide-ranging topic. We are proposing to visit a variety of shops in a given town each month, either car-sharing or using public transport to get there. We are also tracking local auctions either to visit, or even sell a few items. New members welcome, no experience necessary, just an interest in antiques and collectables.

**Bird Watching** (Week 2: Friday, weather dependent) **David Little**

*birdwatching@warmu3a.uk*

We are a small, friendly group visiting birdwatching sites within a maximum 2-hour drive. We aim for a monthly outdoor visit to a variety of locations to seek out the avian life, and perhaps spot a rarity or two! It's a chance to enjoy some fresh air, varied environments with some gentle exercise. We often also have a leisurely picnic lunch whilst viewing the birds. It's good fun and educational. 16 members at present, new members are welcome although we find smaller groups (10 or less) work better for visits.

### **Bookworms I (Week 1: Tuesday 10:00) *Margaret Moon***

*bookworms1@warmu3a.uk*

Recent books we've read and discussed include: ***Act of Oblivion*** - a well written and informative book by **Robert Harris**, based on actual people and events from the Civil War, through Oliver Cromwell's leadership to the killing of James II. Secondly; ***The Island Home*** by **Libby Page**. Lorna has been estranged from her parents who lived on a remote Scottish island. Persuaded by her daughter Ella, Lorna reluctantly returns to the island, which she left as a teenager, for their funeral. Very different subject matter, but both were good reads, and highly recommended. More details of these books are on the website.

### **Bookworms II (Week 1: Wednesday 14:00) *Sarah Howells***

*bookworms2@warmu3a.uk*

We usually meet in members' houses though we have also met in the Coffee Garden in summer; if the group gets bigger, we would look for an alternative meeting place. We are a small friendly group of 5 and have recently welcomed a new member but sadly lost one member who has moved to Wales so have room for more people. We read a variety of books which are chosen by the members – this can vary from ***Solzhenitsyn*** to ***James Patterson*** and anything in between! Please contact me if you want to come along to one of our meetings. Reviews of the books we've read in 2023 are detailed on the website.

### **Bookworms III (Week 2: Tuesday 14:30) *Petrina Clarke***

*bookworms3@warmu3a.uk*

We are a small group who love to discover new books and authors, which we might not be aware of, to enjoy and discuss. Our latest reads have been William Horwood's ***A Boy with no Shoes*** and ***A Terrible Kindness*** by Jo Browning Wroe both of which provoked lively discussion on very different subjects. Our current novel is ***All the Light we cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr - a very moving story set during WW2.

**Card Crafts** (Week 3: Friday 10:00) **Joan Biancoli & Lynn Oliver**  
*cardcraft@warmu3a.uk*

We meet and make a variety of greetings cards in different styles, with a different theme every month. All materials are supplied and included in the monthly charge. New members do not need any equipment as basic items are available to borrow. Those members who have been with the Group for a while have built up tool kits and various other items as many of us make cards at home as a hobby. We are open to new members, but please arrange in advance with either Joan or Lynn if you'd like to join a session as a guest.

**Card (+Table) Games** (Week 1: Tuesday 14:00) **Pauline Burdon**  
United Church, George Street. *cardgames@warmu3a.uk*

'Card Games' now includes 'Table games' as we are not restricted to just card games anymore! Rummikub (played with tiles) is very popular. Many games are available to play and we are open to other suggestions, there is always someone willing to join in. Our most popular card game at the moment is Canasta but this varies and others can be played. The group would love a few more members, so if you'd like a game, please get in touch



**Chess** (Every Friday 14:00 & Wednesdays during term-time) **Nick Yates**  
*chess@warmu3a.uk*

We meet weekly and play for around 3 hours at a member's house, and in the summer months we might sit on the terrace, when the weather allows. Strategic thinking is aided by tea, coffee or sometimes something a little stronger! We also participate in Warminster School's community outreach

program and play against their chess club students on a Wednesday afternoon during term time.

**Country Dancing** (Weeks 1 & 3: Friday 14:00 excl. Aug/Sept) **Bob Wright**  
Baptist Chapel, North Row. [countrydancing@warmu3a.uk](mailto:countrydancing@warmu3a.uk)

It's social, it's fun and it's great (gentle) exercise! Each dance lasts 3-4 minutes, with a rest before the next, and a break with tea or coffee in the middle. No experience necessary, come as a couple or a single (cowboy boots and Stetsons optional!) New members welcomed.

**Creative Writing** (Week 4: Monday 10:00) **Robert Lewis**  
[creativewriting@warmu3a.uk](mailto:creativewriting@warmu3a.uk)

**Creative Writing 2** (Weeks 3: Thursday) **Tony Reed**  
[creativewriting2@warmu3a.uk](mailto:creativewriting2@warmu3a.uk)

We have two groups; one led by Robert the second by Tony. The groups take a variety of approaches, either a suggested theme, or an opening line. A wide range of writing styles within the groups adds to the variety of written output! Suggested storylines last year included *"The lost right to liberty"* and an opening line of *"As they opened the door they saw a bare room with just a box in the centre..."*

Recently, five of the members were asked to submit two stories each which were recorded for broadcasting on **Warminster Community Radio!** New members are always welcome... they say everyone has a book inside them (or even if it's just a poem or some prose) so if you're interested in joining, please get in touch with either Robert or Tony.

**Family History** (Week 2: Tuesday 10:00) **Diana Bennie**  
United Church, George Street. [familyhistory@warmu3a.uk](mailto:familyhistory@warmu3a.uk)

Ever wondered about your family history? Any skeletons in the cupboard, or famous relations? Then this group could be for you! We have a small library of family history books which members can borrow for free. You don't need any experience in researching your family tree, but you need to be aware that all the early research is now done online. There are a lot of free sites as

well as the subscription sites. If you don't have computer, you can book a session at the library for free. They have the subscription site Ancestry which you can use for your research. We welcome beginners as well as those who have done lots of research.

**French Conversation** (Week 1: Tuesday 14:30) **Heather Yates**

*frenchconversation@warmu3a.uk*

We are a small friendly group who endeavour to converse in French in a variety of subjects - nothing too formal or structured. Unfortunately, the group is currently full with one on the waiting list - however if any month we have one or more members unable to attend, we will invite anyone on the waiting list to come along and give us a try!

*Nous sommes toujours à la recherche d'un tuteur de français qui puisse nous aider à soutenir notre groupe dynamique! Si vous connaissez quelqu'un, merci de nous le faire savoir.*

**History Discussion** (Week 1: Wednesday 14:30) **Anne Vile**

*historydiscussion@warmu3a.uk*

History takes the form of discussions: As a group, we choose a topic, where individuals present a theme of their choice at the next meeting, which leads to general discussion. These topics usually last more than one meeting, and lead on to other topics-for example the Vikings led to European trade routes, Normans, Byzantine Empire, Ottomans, Malta, Crete, etc. As a slight change, we are now talking about the enormous importance of the Plantagenets on the formation of England.

**Gardening** (Week 1: Mondays, visits on Thursdays) 14:00 **Anne Robson**

*gardening@warmu3a.uk*

The '**Gardens**' group has more than 70 members, with no cap on new joiners! We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and usually meet once a month. During the summer we visit a variety of gardens, some large and grand, others small and local. In the months when the weather can be colder or wetter (or both!) we visit at least one garden centre or have speakers, demonstrations and have a craft-based session and quiz in

December. We are in the process of finalising our 2024 programme, but already have plans to visit **Rosemoor** RHS garden (Devon) in May, **Athelhampton** (Dorset) in June, **Bicton Park** (near Sidmouth, Devon) in July, and **Dewstow** (near Caldicott in Monmouthshire) in September. Trip prices vary up to £25 and cover any coach transport and entrance tickets. We do try to ensure there is somewhere to get a cup of tea and hopefully a nice piece of cake!

**Jazz Appreciation** (Week 3: Friday 14:30) **Pauline Knott**  
*jazzappreciation@warmu3a.uk*

We are a small group with members taking turns to present a monthly programme of the Jazz that that host likes best. As a result, we listen to all sorts of music from New Orleans Jazz, to Modern to Swing and everything in between.

**Keep Moving** (Wednesday: every week 10:00) **Betty Williams**  
*keepmoving@warmu3a.uk*

Our aim is to gently exercise every part of the body to music, mainly when sitting on a chair. Sometimes we use equipment for relaxation and enjoyment while exercising our minds and bodies. The group has a lovely atmosphere which makes exercising fun. Unfortunately, we are currently at capacity and don't have room for any new members.

**Mah Jong** (Week 2: Thursday 14:00) **Joan & Evan Jones**  
United Church, George Street. *mahjong@warmu3a.uk*

Mah-jong is a tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century. It is best played by four players, although can be played by 2 or 3. The basic game is quite easy and resembles the card game of Rummy. We tend to stick



to a fairly basic game so all levels of experience can join in. Our group is looking for new members to join in the New Year and look forward to welcoming interested parties to the table! You're are welcome to watch a game to learn how it is played – there is always someone on hand to guide anyone playing for the first time.

**Music Appreciation** (Week 3: Tuesday 14:30) **Colin Taylor**  
*musicappreciation@warmu3a.uk*

A small group of classical music enthusiasts - currently five (plus one trying us out!) all with varied musical tastes. We meet in each other's houses once per month for about two hours (including an interval for coffee/tea & biscuits). Members take it in turns to present their favourite music/interests on CD or other electronic means. We get great pleasure from listening to other people's choices across a wide musical spectrum and often discover new musical delights! The size of our group is limited by the number of seats in our 'music rooms', but we still have room for a couple more.

**Opera** (Week 3: Wednesday 14:00) **Maggie Dettmar**  
*opera@warmu3a.uk*

We are a very small group of four, but have room for two more. We usually chose an opera to watch before the meeting, taking turns to choose, so we could do some research. We occasionally visit the opera at the cinema. In February five of us will be going to see the Ukraine Opera and Ballet Kyiv perform **Puccini's Madama Butterfly** at the Odeon in Bath.

**Pins and Needles** (Week 1: Wednesday 10:30) **Lynda Hawkins**  
Homeister House, Warminster. *pinsandneedles@warmu3a.uk*

A chance for a friendly natter and a bit of a knit – or whatever craft project you're working on, sewing, crochet, embroidery, felting or tapestry.

**Practical Italian** (Fortnightly: Mondays 14:00) **Donna Frost**  
*practicalitalian@warmu3a.uk*

We start our meetings with a general discussion in Italian of course, followed

by reading and translating short stories. We would welcome some new members, *ma ti chiederai di parlare un po' di italiano!*

**Practical Art - Maggie Dettmar**

(Week 2: Wednesday 14:00)

6<sup>th</sup> Form Gallery, Warminster School. [practicalart@warmu3a.uk](mailto:practicalart@warmu3a.uk)

We have recently re-located to the fabulous gallery at Warminster School which means our sessions are now free to members, and we've already had a couple more joining us. There is also free parking at the school, but please bring your own refreshments, plus any specific materials you wish to use. The gallery also hosts student's work if you need any inspiration! A selection of the group's work is on the back cover.



**Seeking the Truth (Weekly: Friday 09:45) Philip Coulton**

[seekingtruth@warmu3a.uk](mailto:seekingtruth@warmu3a.uk)

This discussion group is normally broken into two topics in a session, with a coffee break in between! The first topic is usually in the area of religion or philosophy; at present we are following a course of lectures on DVD about reading the Bible with fresh eyes. After coffee or tea, the second topic is more varied in subject matter; it can be anything 'intelligent or intellectual' and often also follows content from a DVD. At present, the subject is **Islamic art of the golden years**, but it could just as easily be Relativity, Music, History of Henry thru Eighths, or Art appreciation! New members are welcome.

**Singing for Wellbeing (Week 2: Thursday 10:00) Trish Barker**

[singingforwellbeing@warmu3a.uk](mailto:singingforwellbeing@warmu3a.uk)

We sing songs suitable for all that generate a feeling of wellbeing in a safe, friendly and relaxed environment recognising that singing is itself a form of

exercise promoting both mental & physical health. We do not aim to be a Choir so that people are not put off by the thought that they may not be able to master or have no liking for e.g. harmonising, part-singing, solos etc. Typically, we sing well-known songs or songs from the shows. Don't worry, there's nothing complex like latin or gregorian chants! We are accompanied on the piano by the wonderful Luke from Oddity Music. Some 20 minutes of each 90-minute session is set aside for members to socialise over a cup of coffee.

**Strollers** (Week 4: Friday 13:45) **Betty Williams**

*strollers@warmu3a.uk*

Our routes avoid very steep hills and styles and mainly use hard footpaths which are clear of mud. This is a social gathering and we laugh and chatter as much as we walk. We usually finish with more talking over a cuppa in a local café.

**Tai-Chi** (Week 3: Wednesday 15:30) **Nick Andrews & Jon Ellis**

6<sup>th</sup> Form Gallery, Warminster School. *taichi@warmu3a.uk*

We have finally launched our tai-chi group at Warminster School under the expert guidance of Nick. We start with some warm-up exercises, and then practice a number of different moves, with an explanation of each and their origins (some more obvious than others – such as ‘polishing the table’) Finally, we balance our energy and relax. We have 15 in the group currently, with a waiting list of 10, which we’re hoping to migrate into a second group soon.

**Walking** (Week 3: Wednesday 09:45) **Heather Yates & Petrina Clarke**

*walking@warmu3a.uk*

We are a friendly group who enjoy walking in the lovely countryside around Warminster. Our walks are between 4 and 5 miles in length, sometimes with the odd ‘small incline’ but nothing too challenging. Sometimes we walk from our meeting point at the Civic Centre; other times we car share and enjoy exploring the countryside further afield. Where possible we finish at a suitable place where we can continue chatting over a cup of coffee and a

piece of cake! Our final walk of the year was around Shearwater, and thankfully the rain held off! We finished with a lunch at the Lakeside Coffee Shop, meeting up with some regular members who could not make the walk on the day. We have no limit on numbers, and you don't have to commit to



walking every month; new members very welcome!

### **Warminster School: Interview Practice**

We have been asked again to support Year 10 and Lower 6<sup>th</sup> students with some interview practice; you don't have to have a huge experience in interviewing or business, but it obviously helps! This is more to give students experience in an interview environment, talking to someone they don't know. There was a session in January where six members participated and there is a further session in April. If you're interested, please contact Jon Ellis ([pub@warmu3a.uk](mailto:pub@warmu3a.uk))

### **Weekday Lunch** (Week 1: Thursday 12:00) **Jo Ellis**

[weekdaylunch@warmu3a.uk](mailto:weekdaylunch@warmu3a.uk)

The weekday lunch is an opportunity for u3a members to meet and have lunch out each month, and chat with each other in a casual, social atmosphere in a local restaurant. A chance for MOTO (members on their own) to come out and have lunch - we've had as few as five to more than twenty. You just pay for your dinner choice and drink when you arrive; come when you can and don't worry if you're busy another time - dip in and out as you like. All are welcome.

## Wine Appreciation Groups – aka ‘WAGs’

Warminster u3a currently have 3 Wine Appreciation groups: we review wines by presenting/comparing up to six different wines at a time, accompanied by cheese and crackers. This builds confidence in buying, ordering, and ultimately enjoying our wines. A very important add-on to this is the social side that develops and new friendships that are formed at these meetings. Groups are limited in size to maintain a sensible members/wine ratio, and currently all at capacity. However, we are looking at either running a waiting list for a further group, or a mechanism for ad-hoc guests when regulars cannot make a meeting.



A variety of festive WAGs



**Wine Appreciation I** (Week 4: Thursday 18:00) **Nick Yates**

Athenaeum Centre. *wineappreciation1@warmu3a.uk*

**Wine Appreciation II** (Week 3: Thursday 18:00) **Barbara Ainley**

Athenaeum Centre. *wineappreciation2@warmu3a.uk*

**Wine Appreciation III** (Week 1: Thursday 18:00) **Ian McAllister**

Athenaeum Centre. *wineappreciation3@warmu3a.uk*

## **Proposed New Groups**

We have a number of suggestions for new groups from members, however they do not materialise out of thin air! If you have an idea for a group, please think about whether you could help set it up and run it? The committee can help, as we've set up several new groups in the past year with only a small effort. If you are interested in any from the list below, please e-mail: [group@warmu3a.uk](mailto:group@warmu3a.uk)

Suggestions for groups include: Tennis, Classic Cars, Cycling, Breakfast Club (similar to Weekday Lunch - but a breakfast!), Skittles, Bees & Bee-keeping, Curry Club (evening) and Shakespeare

We also have a couple of dormant groups that could be re-invigorated if there is interest... so if Spanish, Astronomy, Geology or Local History float your boat and you'd like to help set up the group, please let us know.

## Committee & Contact Details

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Group Coordinator	<b>Anne Robson:</b> group@warmu3a.uk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Anne will be stepping down as Chair at the February AGM and reverting to her previous role of Group Coordinator.</i></li></ul>
Speakers' Secretary	<b>John White:</b> speak@warmu3a.uk
Publicity Secretary	<b>Jon Ellis:</b> pub@warmu3a.uk

You may have seen that we will be adopting generic group e-mail addresses which are then forwarded to group leaders. This gets around the administrative challenge of providing a contact for a group, but without sharing a leader's personal contact details.

We also have a telephone number for general enquiries **07827 341465** (note this is usually via voicemail, so please leave a message and someone will get back to you) More details can be found on our website: **u3asites.org.uk/warminster** or events, meetings and group information are also shared on our Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/youngatheartwarminster** - search for 'Young at Heart Warminster' and like or follow the page for regular updates.

Remember, this is your u3a, so if you have any ideas or feedback on what we're doing, what we might be missing, or anything else that you think would help strengthen our organisation, please let us know!

And finally, every so often, things change, but we're not mind-readers! So if you've moved, or changed your e-mail address or telephone number, please let our Membership Secretary, Janet, know so that she can update your records and ensure you don't miss out on any communications.

## 2024 Annual General Meeting

Our February Meeting (Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>) will include our AGM, with the agenda as below. We require 20% of our membership to attend to be able to vote through decisions, so if you don't regularly come to the monthly meetings, perhaps February would be a great time to come along, hear about what you're potentially missing out on, and meet some of the faces behind the names?

Agenda:

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of AGM 2023
- Chair's Annual Report (included below)
- Treasurer's report and accounts
- Appointment of examiner for accounts
- Election of committee members
- Proposals to change the constitution
- Any other business.

### **Chair's Annual Report: *Anne Robson***

The past year has seen a number of changes; there was wider use of the Beacon System, several changes of committee roles had to happen to keep our u3a running, some groups ceased to operate and others started, and leadership of some groups passed to new leaders. Over the course of the year our long-serving Treasurer, Stewart Buckingham has been handing over the accounts to Jo Ellis, she is now fully established and has taken over the [treas@warmu3a.uk](mailto:treas@warmu3a.uk) email address.

Financially, we have managed our budgets and have not had to increase the 2024 membership price or entrance fee for monthly general meetings. Let's hope that the slowdown in inflation means we won't have to take any extraordinary action during the course of the year. For 2024, we will be getting a card reader so those who want to, will be able to pay by card (or phone) for entrance to meetings and also for membership. Lloyds bank in Warminster will be closing this year and we need to reduce our dependence on cheques and cash. We will also look into on-line renewals. Of course,

there will be no obligation on members to switch but it will reduce workload for the treasurer, the number of trips to the bank and the amount of cash that has to be carried.

Membership has risen, we have enrolled over 50 new members but have lost some members who have either moved away, decided not to rejoin, or sadly died. We lost our good friend and previous chair Ann Jones.

Jon Ellis took over the publicity role, which had been vacant for some time and we are now getting coverage in local media of all formats. We continue to work co-operatively with Warminster School and have taken advantage of their offer of a free space to move our Practical Art Group and to start Tai Chi. Another group which has got to a successful start is Antiques and Collectibles and we expect the Curry Club to start in March and that Real Ale will run again through the summer months.

Quite a few members have stepped forward to help at our reception desk, with the greeting of new members and to help run events, this is absolutely great, but we are always looking for more volunteers, please speak to any committee member if you feel you can offer some time.

I will be stepping down as chair at the AGM and will resume the Groups role. We have had one person willing to be nominated to take over as Chair so far but it would be good to receive other nominations to give members a choice. As a committee, we are always interested to hear from any of you who might like to take a more active role in maintaining our u3a.

Remember, this is your u3a, run by the members, for the members. Thank you for your support as we progress through the coming year. Live. Laugh. Learn!

## Warminster u3a Subscription Renewal Form 2024

I/we wish to renew my/our membership of Warminster U3A (£20 per person)  
 This form can be used for single members, or couples, at the same address.

<b>Title</b>		<b>Lead Member</b>	
<b>Forename</b>		<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Landline</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>e-mail address</b>			

<b>Title</b>		<b>Second Member (at same address)</b>	
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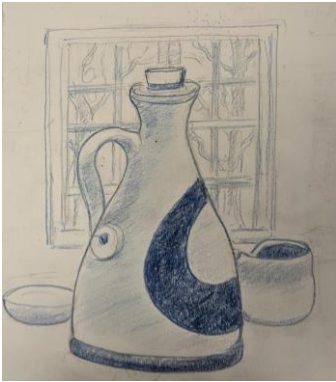
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Please bring to the Monthly Meeting or send it, with a small stamped, addressed envelope and your cheque for £20 / £40 made payable to

**Warminster U3A** to: Janet Wallis, Membership Secretary, Warminster U3A, 16 Elm Hill, Warminster, BA12 0AU (memsec@warmu3a.uk)



**Jug by Christina Neikirk - Puffin by Joan Jones  
Avocet By Helen Waghorn**

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