

# CREWE and NANTWICH U3A

## *Information for New Members*

*2010/2011*



# *Welcome to U3A*

The University of the Third Age, or U3A as it is generally known, was originally started in France and arrived in this country in 1982. U3A is a self-help style of adult education where members contribute their skills and expertise, learning from one another in small groups. The word 'university' is used in its original sense, that is, a collection of people devoted to learning. You do not need any qualifications to join, nor do we give any. Our focus is on enthusiasm and involvement. Membership is open to all who are no longer in full time employment.

Our leaders are members who give their time voluntarily, which allows us to keep costs to a minimum. We currently pay an annual subscription of £15. The fee for each class is £0.50 per week paid in advance at the beginning of each term (a few classes are a little more to cover additional costs).

Crewe and Nantwich U3A has grown to become one of the largest in the Country with over 1300 members. We have more than 80 groups, providing a wide variety of subjects - educational, cultural, recreational, physical and social.

Most importantly of all, U3A has found a way of working which provides mutual support, companionship, and a widening of human relationships at a time of life when we would not normally have expected to receive such benefits.

We hope that you will discover this approach to life interesting and exciting and that you will find courses in this booklet that you would like to join.

Current Chair: Madeline Downey Tel. 568415  
Current Membership Secretary: Dave Jinkinson Tel. 651425

Please visit our Web Site at [www.creweandnantwich-u3a.org.uk](http://www.creweandnantwich-u3a.org.uk)

## GROUPS and ACTIVITIES 2010/11

### **Art General**

**Weekly Thursday AM**

Leader: Jean Scott. This is not a beginner's course - group members must have basic painting skills. The same subjects are covered as in Painting for Pleasure, but at a simpler level.

### **Art Miscellany**

**Weekly Tuesday AM**

Leader: Doreen Coombs. The main aim of the group is to explore different methods of painting using a variety of techniques and media. We exhibit our work and see visits and workshops as an extension of learning, with an outdoor painting day during the Summer Break. This group is not suitable for beginners.

### **Astronomy**

**Fortnightly Thursday Eve**

Leader: Brian Harborth. Details of meetings will be provided when available

### **Badminton**

**Weekly Monday AM**

Leader: Austin Williams. All equipment is available including badminton racquets & shuttlecocks. All levels of ability are welcome. Suitable footwear must be worn.

### **Book Reading Tuesday**

**Monthly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Anne Marshall. Members read a set book each month and review it at the meeting.

### **Book Reading Thursday**

**Monthly Thursday PM**

Leader: Vi Read. See Book reading Tuesday

### **Bowls Indoor Monday**

**Weekly Monday PM**

Leader: Charlie Broomhall. Woods are provided, but members can bring their own if they prefer. Tuition is given to beginners. Only short mat bowling will be available initially.

### **Bowls Indoor Thursday**

**Weekly Thursday PM**

Leader: Charlie Broomhall. See Bowls Indoor Monday

### **Bowls Indoor Friday**

**Weekly Friday AM**

Leader: Charlie Broomhall.

### **Bridge Beginners**

**Weekly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Pam Parton. Tuition is given for beginners

### **Bridge Improvers Thursday**

**Weekly Thursday AM**

Leader: Clive Hutchinson. Tuition is given for Improvers

### **Bridge Play and Tuition Friday**

**Weekly Friday AM**

Leader: Pat Harborth.

### **Bridge Social**

**Weekly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Irene Parkinson. The Social Bridge group is open to all Bridge players.

### **Chess**

**Weekly Thursday PM**

Leader: Brian Birchall. Weekly meetings for players of all levels. Tuition is given to beginners.

### **Computing Beginners**

**Weekly Monday PM**

Leader: Brian Moore. This group is for absolute beginners and covers initial switch on through to the use of Microsoft programs and the Internet.

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### **Computing**

**Weekly Thursday PM**

Leader: TBA. General and advanced classes to cover different aspects of computing. An extra charge is made to cover the cost of school facilities.

### **Craft Monday**

**Weekly Monday PM**

Leader: Sheila Allcock. Decorative Crafts - these groups explore glass and silk painting, quilling and decoupage. Demonstrations are given by local craftspeople and members of the group.

### **Craft Tuesday**

**Weekly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Elaine Rathbone. See Craft Monday

### **Crown Green Bowling Monday**

**Weekly Monday AM**

Leader: Stan Thomason. Facilities are provided at Crewe Bowling Club from April to September. Tuition is given to beginners.

### **Crown Green Bowling Tuesday**

**Weekly Tuesday AM**

Leader: Alex Churm. See Crown Green Bowling Monday

### **Crown Green Bowling Wednesday**

**Weekly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Henry Winby. See Crown Green Bowling Monday

### **Crown Green Bowling Thursday**

**Weekly Thursday AM**

Leader: Alex Churm. See Crown Green Bowling Monday

### **Digital Imaging on Computers**

**Weekly Monday PM**

Leader: Graham Lymer. Digital photo enhancement techniques to modify & improve digital images. A basic knowledge of computers and photo editing is required. A charge of £1 per session will be made.

### **Digital Photography for Improvers**

**Monthly Thursday PM**

Leader: Robert Ginder. A new group aiming to help members produce pleasing, well-composed pictures of subjects they find interesting. No formal tuition is planned, but members will be invited to contribute photos on a chosen theme for viewing and discussion by all, together with an informal competition.

### **Discussion Wednesday**

**Monthly Wednesday PM**

Leader: Margaret Bailey. Current affairs and topics chosen by the members are discussed

### **Discussion Thursday**

**Monthly Thursday AM**

Leader: Enid Craven. Topical subjects introduced by members on the day

### **Exercise Slow and Gentle**

**Weekly Monday AM**

Leader: Margaret Boschi.

### **Flower Arranging**

**Monthly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Gwyneth Brown. Monthly meetings open to beginners and those with some experience. Meetings include demonstrations and a workshop.

### **French for Beginners**

**Weekly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Noel Howlett.

### **French Level 1**

**Weekly Monday PM**

Leader: Chris Creer. French learned in a relaxed and informal environment. Developed at each level. This is not a course for beginners.

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**French Level 2****Weekly Monday AM**

Leader: Chris Creer. See French Level 1

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**French Level 3****Weekly Monday AM**

Leader: Lou Jones. Conversational French learned in a relaxed and informal environment.

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**Gardening (1)****Monthly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Pauline Jobbins.

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**Gardening (2)****Monthly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Margaret Hughes. Talks and garden visits

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**Genealogy****Fortnightly Wednesday AM**

Leader: John Ferguson.

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**German for Beginners****Weekly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Gail Timmis. Increase your confidence in German by listening, reading and conversing together in a relaxed atmosphere. Problems with grammar solved with simple explanations!

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**German****Weekly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Keith Worrall. An introduction to authentic German Language is made using the BBC textbook "Deutsch Direkt", together with video and audio tapes.

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**History****Monthly Friday AM**

Leader: Jack Corbett. Beginning with the Elizabethans

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**History Art & Architecture****Fortnightly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Phyllis Ross. Explore the wonders of Art &amp; Architecture throughout the history of the western world, with occasional visits to exhibitions. Also study and visit the architecture of local cities.

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**History of British Embroidery****Monthly Monday PM**

Leader: Sue Wickson. The social history of embroidered textiles during the 19th &amp; early 20th centuries, from Victorian canvas work to the banners of the Suffrage movement.

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**Interior Design****Weekly Friday PM**

Leader: Carole Tallon-Bailey.

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**Italian Level 1****Weekly Friday AM**

Leader: Jo Crook. Italian learned in a relaxed and informal environment. A schedule of dates will be supplied by the leader.

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**Italian Level 2****Weekly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Jo Crook. See Italian Level 1. This group is not suitable for beginners.

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**Jazz Appreciation****Monthly Thursday PM**

Leader: Robert Ginder. The group plays and discusses Jazz CD tracks on chosen themes.

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**Line Dancing Improvers****Weekly Monday PM**

Leader: Gordon Edgley. Some line dancing experience is required..

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### **Literature**

**Weekly Thursday AM**

Leader: Margaret Noble. Each year's reading and study includes a Shakespeare play, a novel and a varied selection of poetry. The novels and plays are suggested by members or may be in response to points from discussion.

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### **Local History Monday**

**Weekly Monday AM**

Leader: Pam Minshall. Members of this group choose topics for research & discussion. They then present their own findings. Regular visits are made and speakers are invited to speak on particular topics.

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### **Local History Tuesday**

**Weekly Tuesday AM**

Leader: John White. In this group, three separate groups investigate the history of Crewe, Nantwich and surrounding villages. Members present their own research and memories, with visits to places of local interest.

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### **Modern Ballroom & Social Dancing**

**Weekly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Gordon Cheetham. This group caters for beginners and those with a little more experience.

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### **Music Appreciation Wednesday**

**Monthly Wednesday PM**

Leader: John Davies. Monthly presentations are given by appointed members

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### **Music Appreciation Thursday**

**Monthly Thursday Eve**

Leader: John Davies. See Music Appreciation Wednesday

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### **Nantwich Local History**

**Fortnightly Friday PM**

Leader: Andrew Lamberton. This group investigates the history of Nantwich through research and personal memories, with visits to places of interest.

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### **Nature Watch**

**Monthly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Clare Evans. Morning field trips in Autumn and Summer

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### **Painting For Pleasure**

**Weekly Tuesday AM**

Leader: Jean Scott. This group is for the more advanced student and covers drawing and the use of watercolours, oils, acrylics and pastels. All subjects are covered. Demonstrations are given and one-to-one discussion & advice are offered.

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### **Philosophy & Anthropology**

**Fortnightly Monday AM**

Leader: Sonia Greger. Philosophy means 'the love of wisdom' and anthropology is the study of what it is to be human. Each is riddled with puzzles which inter-relate and we study some of those problems together in relation to our world and lives today.

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### **Photography Club**

**Fortnightly Thursday PM**

Leader: Ron Smith. Photography as an Art Form. A practical course where examples of most art forms will be produced.

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### **Poetry & Literature**

**Fortnightly Monday PM**

Leader: Mike Ashley. Do you have a favourite poem or poet? Come and join the Poetry Group and share your pleasure with us. Learn about poets and their works. We will also be reading and discussing both classic and more modern popular literature.

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### **Recorded Opera**

**Monthly Thursday PM**

Leader: Roger Wickson. The theme of this year's recordings will include operas written for Paris by Rossini, Donizetti & Berlioz.

### **Scottish Dancing**

**Weekly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Peter Marshall. Have a jig and get fit at the same time. Sessions are aimed at learners, but those with experience are also very welcome. Partners are not needed.

### **Scrabble**

**Weekly Tuesday PM**

Leader: Judith Hatton. Everyone who enjoys playing with words is welcome, both beginners and enthusiasts.

### **Sequence Dancing**

**Weekly Friday PM**

Leader: Harry Adderley. Learn to dance in a relaxed atmosphere. Partners are preferred.

### **Sewing Group**

**Weekly Friday PM**

Leader: Marion Fishburne. Begins 5/11/10 for 6 weeks

### **Snooker**

**Weekly Monday AM**

Leader: Mike Gadsden. Facilities are provided at Riley's Snooker Hall, Crewe

### **Spanish for Beginners**

**Weekly Wednesday PM**

Leader: John Stewart.

### **Spanish Improvers**

**Weekly Thursday AM**

Leader: John Stewart. A course based on CDs and a text book to improve on basic knowledge of Spanish.

### **Spanish Level 2**

**Weekly Thursday AM**

Leader: Vivienne Dupree.

### **Spanish Level 3**

**Weekly Thursday PM**

Leader: Sheena Sambrook.

### **Table Tennis**

**Weekly Friday AM**

Leader: M Manning/A Percival. All equipment is available including table tennis bats and balls. All levels of ability are welcome. Suitable footwear must be worn.

### **Table Tennis Wednesday**

**Weekly Wednesday PM**

Leader: Brian Whitehouse.

### **Team Quiz**

**Monthly Wednesday PM**

Leader: Trevor Thomas. A general knowledge quiz - just for fun!

### **Todays World**

**Monthly Monday PM**

Leader: Bryan Roe.

### **Walking Striders**

**Fortnightly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Brian McNair.

### **Walking Strollers A**

**Fortnightly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Neil Parker. This group walks 3 - 4 miles, finishing at a pub for lunch. Meet at 9.20 at Wistaston Sports Ground.

### **Walking Strollers B**

**Fortnightly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Gwladys Poppitt.

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### **Walking Strollers C**

**Fortnightly Wednesday AM**

Leader: Brian Harborth.

### **Watercolour Painting**

**Weekly Tuesday AM**

Leader: Sylvia Twiss. Watercolour painting for all. Our aim is to help each other to develop our skills and to enjoy ourselves.

### **Wine Appreciation (1)**

**Monthly Wednesday Eve**

Leader: Frank Dickin. Our aim is to increase knowledge of world wines, the grapes used, viticulture and vinification. Each session covers a particular topic. A charge is made to cover the cost of the wines that we taste.

### **Wine Appreciation (2)**

**Monthly Wednesday Eve**

Leader: Tom Creer. See Wine Appreciation (1)

### **Writing for Pleasure (1)**

**Monthly Monday PM**

Leader: Gillian Bolton. We write original poetry, prose and drama, followed by constructive discussion.

### **Writing for Pleasure (2)**

**Monthly Monday PM**

Leader: Gillian Bolton. See Writing for Pleasure (1)

### **Yoga-Fit**

**Weekly Tuesday AM**

Leader: Anne Marshall. These groups are designed for mature people with exercises that stretch different parts of the body at a slow and gentle pace.

## **GROUPS PROVIDED BY SHAVINGTON LEISURE CENTRE**

**FITNESS GROUPS:** Groups meet on Monday mornings and Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Use is made of the Fitness Suite at Shavington Leisure Centre under the supervision of a qualified instructor. A charge of £1.50 is made for each session. Groups meet throughout the year, except when the Leisure Centre is closed.

Contact Jean Hicks on 664479.