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News from the Chair

It's a busy time for our Groups just now. Deborah and Pauline are looking for people to join their new *Board Games* and Card Games group. As you'll see (*page 2*), there's a wide variety on offer, some familiar, and others perhaps less so – though I hear Scrabble almost didn't make the cut…

To complement the *Sunday Lunch for Singles Club*, Penny is starting a *Sunday Lunch for Couples Club* (*see page 3*). Both members of the couple must be Fadu3a members.

On 26th November, Penny is holding a Group Leaders' meeting (with coffee/tea and cake). She'll be emailing all GLs shortly with further details.

Many thanks to our member, Pamela O'Cuneen, who stood in for the October meeting speaker at very short notice. I'm sure I'm not the only one who enjoyed her talk about her life as a diplomat's wife in Southern Africa.

This month's meeting on 18th November will be about Porchlight, the Canterbury-based charity that helps people facing the devastating effects of homelessness. I hope to see many of you there.

Best wishes,

Jenny

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New Group for Board Games Lovers!

The Group is about having fun with fellow enthusiasts playing a mix of old and new board games. Games include: Mexican Train Dominoes, Rummikub Word, Triominoes, Bananagrams, Azul, Carcasonne, and Scrabble; or Card Games like Uno and Cribbage.

Deborah and Pauline, the Group Leaders, have a lot of games, but would be happy if members brought along their own.

The maximum number of players is 10, and we'll meet fortnightly in the Market Inn in Faversham on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 1.15-3.15. There is an expectation that participants will buy refreshments at the bar.

If you'd like to join, email Penny on **GroupCoFavU3A@hotmail.com**. Acceptance of the Risk Assessment is a condition of participation.

News from the u3a Mother Ship

U3A have launched **u3a getaways** – "an exclusive holiday programme for u3a members. These bespoke trips have been designed to create opportunities for members to come together from across the UK to learn, discover and explore.

Every getaway blends relaxed, well-organised travel with enriching and immersive experiences. Beyond traditional sightseeing, you can expect talks, workshops and shared adventures that build lasting friendships."

LUNCH ON SUNDAY CLUB FOR FADU3A COUPLES

We're launching a new club on 29 November 2026 – *Lunch on Sunday Club for Fadu3a Couples* (there's already one for singles!).

The aim is to provide an opportunity for like-minded foodie people to meet for a Sunday roast in a local pub or restaurant, and eat, drink, be merry and enjoy each other's company. We'll meet every six weeks on a Sunday 12.30 – 2.30. The first meeting is on 29 November, the second 10 January 2027, and every six weeks thereafter.

Attendees order and pay for their food and drink, and, depending on the venue, a deposit may be required. The maximum number of people is 12.

As usual with Groups, acceptance of the Risk Assessment is a condition of participation.

If you'd like to join, just contact Penny, the Group Leader, on **GroupCoFavU3A@hotmail.com**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 18th November, Monthly Meeting

Talk by Porchlight

Porchlight is a Canterbury based charity that helps people facing the devastating effects of homelessness. Today they tackle the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality. Also empowering people to live the life they want.

Wednesday 16th December, Monthly Meeting

Christmas Meeting and Quiz!!!

Wednesday 20th January, Monthly Meeting

Susan Matocks: What's the difference between everyday life in Australia and the UK?

Australia has: - Different weather; Different houses; Different domestic routines; Different language (sometimes!); More insects; More reptiles; More amphibians. And that's just inside your house!

My talk is a warm, humorous look at everyday life in Australia. My husband and I were both born and bred in Kent and in 1996 we emigrated to tropical North Queensland with our two young children and spent the next 27 years living down under.

This talk gives audience members an insight into the domestic life of Aussies that you won't get from watching *Neighbours*!

Wednesday 17th February, Monthly Meeting

Arran Ostridge, Kent Police: Fraud and Cyber Crime

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FADU3A FACEBOOK: Now has 112 members. If you're not a member of the group yet, why not join us today using the link below? https://www.facebook.com/groups/FavershamU3A

We're looking for a new administrator, someone who is experienced at using FB. It's not an onerous job at the moment, but maybe you have ideas on how it can be developed. If you're interested, please contact **comms.fadu3a@gmail.com**