



U3A MOUNTFORT
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St Mark's Church, 150 Withells Road Avonhead

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to welcome you and provide the following background information.

WHAT IS U3A MOUNTFORT?

Beginning in France in 1972, the U3A movement has now spread to many countries around the world and has hundreds of thousands of members.

U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods: first, childhood and schooling; secondly, child rearing and work; thirdly, retirement. The Object of a U3A Group is to provide on-going learning for people who have reached their retirement years.

U3A has many 'shapes'. It can operate from a central meeting place on a weekly basis with a large group. Or can be set up in private homes with small groups on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. It can offer a variety of learning activities/topics or can be focused on specific areas of interest.

Membership of U3A is open to all persons who have attained the age of 55 years.

The unique characteristics of U3A are:

- Topics are selected by the members and/or the committee.
- Courses are planned by the members and/or the committee.
- Opportunities for reading, research and discussion may be offered.
- Speakers can be members of the group or drawn from the wider community.
- The company of others who enjoy learning is ensured.
- The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly.
- There are no examinations.
- There are no compulsory activities.
- Courses take place during the daytime.
- Costs are held to a minimum to ensure that U3A is affordable to as many people as possible.

U3A Mountfort usually has six series of lectures during the year, each on a different topic. These are arranged in series of five weekly meetings, either with the same or different speaker. We also have an end-of-year lunch. In addition, we have one or two field trips most years.

Lectures are held in St Mark's Presbyterian Church, 150 Withells Rd, Avonhead. We meet from 10.30am to 11.30am on Wednesday mornings with tea /coffee and chat from 9.50am.

The annual subscription for 2023 is \$60 per person. This is to be paid by 31 March 2024. The subscription/membership form will be emailed to you.

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