

October 2026

Update

Message from the Chair



A warm welcome to our new newsletter editor Sue Lloyd. I am so grateful that she has taken on this task. We are going to continue with the short monthly update and include links to the longer pieces on the website so you can keep in touch with group activities.

One group with regular updates written by Susan is theatre goers. You can read about their latest visits here:

https://romseyarchway.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/theatre-goers The group is a great opportunity to support local theatres and watch plays that you may otherwise miss.

Another theatrical group is play reading. They mostly concentrate on comedies or mysteries and have great fun, especially when trying to remember which of the multiple parts they are playing! They (and the theatre goers) are ably led by Sheila Charisse, who is a retired English and drama teacher and knows exactly what she is doing! This is a good thing as the rest of the group are not always sure! She is very skilful at changing the parts as they go along so that no-one is out of the action for too long and sometimes has to change things at the last minute if someone can't come because of illness or for any other reason.

Interest Groups Update

New members, come along to our coffee morning especially for you on Monday 5th October at 10.15 am in the Crosfield Hall annexe. We will be there to talk with you about the interest groups we have on offer and you will be able to meet some of our group leaders.

Would you like to play **Bridge**? The 'Bridge for beginners and improvers' group is now weekly on Friday afternoons, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Romsey Comrades Club. The group is intended for people who want to learn how to play the game and for those who can already play but want to get better. Help is available from more experienced players. https://romseyarchway.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/bridge-beginners/

Knitters and Stitchers have a new venue at the Dr Peter Centre, Baden Powell Way in the centre of Romsey. If that makes the group more convenient for you now, why not give it a try on the third Tuesday of the month, 2.00 - 4.00 pm. New

members welcome. https://romseyarchway.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/knitters-and-stitchers/

The **Photography in Focus** group is meeting again following a short break over the summer and has space for some new members. Check out their group page on the Archway website for some stunning and imaginative images.

https://romseyarchway.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/photography-in-focus/

Social Activities

Tuesday 17 November 2026: Tour of Winchester College – from 11.00 am.

Thursday 10 December 2026: Christmas event held at Crosfield Hall – from 2.30 pm. Archway u3a Ukulele group performing.

Friday 26 February 2027: Quiz held at the Crosfield Hall – from 7.00 pm.

October 2026 Speaker Meeting



We are lucky to have a wide range of birds of prey breeding in Hampshire, plus several others that visit in winter. Keith Betton knows them well and tells us about how they are doing, from the Peregrines on Romsey Abbey to the White-tailed Eagles that pass over on their journeys around the south. As Chair of the Hampshire Ornithological Society, Keith is well placed to answer all your questions.

Please note the change of location to the Royal British Legion

Doors open at 2.00 pm. Refreshments will be available.

Membership News

A warm welcome to Sue U, Maureen H, Barbara F, Kathryn W, Robert and Sara M, Anthony R, Rosaline G, Christine T, Marilyn H, Tracey H, Debra K and Sheila F.

Dates for Your Diary

5 October 2026 10.15 -11.45 am	New members coffee morning. Crosfield Hall: Annexe Room
8 October 2026 2.30 pm	Speaker meeting: "Hampshire Birds of Prey": Royal British Legion

16 October 2026 11.00 am	Southampton City Art Gallery, Southampton (Currently full)
12 November 2026 2.30 pm	Speaker meeting: The Body Through the Porthole. Crosfield Hall: Main Hall
17 November 2026 11.00 am	Tour of Winchester College. Booking required
10 December 2026 2.00 -4 .00 pm	Christmas event. Crosfield Hall: Main Hall
14 January 2027 2.30 pm	The Sinking and Recovery of the Mary Rose. Crosfield Hall: Main Hall

For further information please see: <https://romseyarchway.u3asite.uk/>

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