



Tuesday 2nd September
Henstridge Village Hall
Annual Open Afternoon
From 2.30pm
Speaker - Jennifer Morisetti
of
Hawkers Re-Creatives
At 3pm
Free Entry

About Jennifer Morisetti

Jennifer, Founder of [Defashion Dorset](#) and Hawkers-Re-Creatives studied fashion design prior to a ten-year career in the Royal Navy. As the Chairman of Sustainable Dorset she promotes the Dorset Green Living Guide, and is currently planning the third Dorset COP, to be held at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton on 1st of November.

The UK produces nearly 210,000 tonnes of fashion waste including around £140 million worth of clothing which goes to landfill every year (less than 1% of clothing waste is recycled into new clothes). Buying one white cotton shirt produces the same emissions as driving 35 miles.* It is evident that more needs to be done to improve the sustainability of the fashion industry, including the need for less single-use fashion.

Inspired by Fashion Act Now Jennifer set up Defashion Dorset which promotes fibre growers and makers and a local clothing culture. At its heart the event focuses on education and connecting like minded people which then acts as a platform to develop new ideas. Defashion Dorset will be hosting the Dorset Hub of [Sustainable Fashion Week](#) from 27th Sep – 5th Oct now in its fifth year, Sustainable Fashion Week is the catalyst for an explosion of creativity across the UK to help change fashion habits.

Hawkers Re-Creatives is open on Thursday mornings from 10-12.30 for drop in mending and sewing workshops, it also houses a clothing library (special occasion outfits and hats that can be borrowed for free), a swap rail and natural fibre second hand clothes. www.hawkersfarm.org

*www.businesswaste.co.uk



We flew the u3a flag at the Henstridge Village Fete and at a brass Band Concert in Stalbridge. The MP for Glastonbury and Somerton Sarah Dyke gamely had one of our balloons attached to her bra strap for a short while at the fete.



GARDEN VISITS

Our group has had a very good summer, with some interesting garden visits as usual, although, due to the extreme weather we have had this year, some of the gardens were lacking in colour, with exceptionally dry lawns!



The last trip we did was back in July to The Old Rectory in Manston, where I booked a private visit for us, which included a nice home-made tea (as usual!). The next trip was to another local NGS garden called 'Ardhurst' in Marnhull.



We had the highest number of members attend the last monthly coffee morning at Dikes (4th Aug), where 21 of us discussed our next visits and events. The next one will be on Monday 1st September, same time and place (1100 @ Dikes, Stalbridge). Also, as I'm away for over two weeks from mid September, the Assistant Group Leader, Brita, will be in charge of sorting out the next trip, exact details to be given at the next coffee morning. We have already discussed the visits/events for both October and November, but exact details are still to be confirmed

I also reminded everyone of the next 'u3a Open Afternoon' on: Tues 2nd September @ 2.30pm, where our garden group will be having a stand, plus there will be a speaker. I look forward to seeing as many of our members there as possible.

Janice Nast



Walking Groups

The walk in July was the annual longer “Awayday” attended by members of both the Wednesday and Tuesday groups. Commencing at the South Bridge in Wareham we walked along the south bank of the River Frome on the Hardy Way/Purbeck Way before leaving the river to follow the Poole Harbour Trail initially through Ridge and along the old tramway and then through the Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve. It was a warm day and, on reaching Scotland (craft shop, not the country!), a couple of members availed themselves of a welcome lift from a passing lady motorist. We passed on the opportunity to visit Corfe Castle, preferring lunch at the Bankes Arms in Corfe Castle Village before taking the bus back to Wareham.



The end in sight



Lying at Leigh

The Wednesday walk in August was a circular route around Chetnole. Although a recce had been done a couple of diversions from the reconnoitred route were taken, one because farmers had planted maize, now well advanced in size, over the footpath across several fields. With a largish group of 14 walkers the large number of stiles of varying quality caused a somewhat slow average speed. The suggestion was made of a new u3a group for “Stile Rating” or “Stile Style” – categories 1 (dire) to 8 (excellent)!

Some members were somewhat nervous of inquisitive cattle and horses in fields. An excellent lunch was taken in the Chetnole Inn.

Weather permitting, as always, the Tuesday group will do the Chetnole walk after this newsletter goes to print.

The Wednesday group, normally led by Richard Kidd and Hilary Smith, walks on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except December, when it usually goes on the 2nd Wednesday. The Tuesday group, led by members of the group, walks on the last Tuesday of each month except December. To join either group please contact Richard or Hilary

Richard Kidd (richardakidd64@gmail.com)



ODDFELLOWS BRASS IN CONCERT



On Sunday 29th June your local branch of the Oddfellows once again hosted the Oddfellows Brass in Stalbridge Hall to great acclaim. They arrived in time for a ploughman's lunch provided by the branch, and re-arranged the seating due to them bringing their full percussion set. This set was placed on the stage and the rest of the band had to make do on the floor.

Bob Penfold introduced the band. They immediately played their first tune *Past Time with Good Company*. Conductor John Davies mentioned the film *The Full Monty* then invited the band to strip. Actually, to take off their jackets as it was so hot.

As always, they performed well. Every section had their moment of fame, with the drummer doing his bit with *Choral and Rock Out*; soloist Ian Dickman performing a beautiful rendition of *Love on the Rocks* on his cornet in the first half; and founder Rob Boulter getting to the audience with *I've Got you Under My Skin*. He wore a Frank Sinatra style hat for this...

For their encore they played a medley of WW2 film favourites to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

During the interval the audience were treated to refreshments and home-made cakes supplied by the Blackmore Vale u3a.



There was also a raffle in aid of the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.



GUESS WHAT!

Judy is organising another Fun Skittles night at the Swan in Stalbridge on October 4th at 7pm. £10 to include hot supper. Booking essential as numbers are now limited. Call Judy on 07984170571 or email her on jood58@gmail.com

Get more out of the u3a on line

Go on the website to find out - u3a.org.uk

First register (don't forget to save name and password)

Then just log in and go to - **Get Involved**

1. **Click** [u3a Friends](#) and give your email address.

Then every month an email with updates will come with
what's on – online all for free.

2 **Choose** from the wealth of subject networks, geology, crafts and
chess to name a few.

3. **Book** free talks

There is something for everyone

Future events

(CAN BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

All talks and meetings are held in
Henstridge Village Hall from 2.15pm

November 4th

Matthew Scott
'Being a Fireman'

2026

Speakers confirmed so far

January 6th

David Bailey
'Wildlife Photography'

July 7th

James Taylor
'Careless Talk Costs Lives'

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Are usually held in Henstridge Village Hall from 2.15pm on the first Tuesday of alternate months.

Members £2.00 Visitors 3.00

All our general meetings are publicised in the online Blackmore Vale magazine, local Facebook pages, websites and magazines. Posters are circulated to public places in Stalbridge, Henstridge, Wincanton, Templecombe and Milborne Port.

Venue hire

Please remember when making bookings that each group is self-funding, therefore, if there are any costs involved, a suitable fee should be charged to attendees to cover these costs. **Also, a copy of the invoice and receipt is required to be sent to the Treasurer each month to be entered into the main accounts.**

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