

## Ash u3a Thursday Lunchers

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On a very wet, grey and rather chilly January day, 18 intrepid members met for lunch at the Crown and Cushion Minley. Despite the inclement weather outside, it was very nice, warm and welcoming inside and as always the good company made braving the elements worthwhile. The food was pretty good too! Service was a little slow and not up to the usual standard, probably because the restaurant was incredibly busy. Fortunately this was not a problem as it gave more time between courses to chat and get to know our chairman Graham and his wife Michelle the new Groups Co-ordinator, who joined us for the first time. I am pretty sure that they both enjoyed the meal and the opportunity to meet members of our group.

As some of you may know, Sue and I have had some unexpected opportunities for holidays this summer, including house-sitting for Sue's brother in the south of France. As a result we will be away for many of the meetings in the spring and summer. I am very pleased that Michelle Smith has volunteered to help Ali on the months that I will not be around. Michelle has stressed that this is a temporary arrangement and as mentioned in last month's newsletter we really do need at least one more member to join the Organising Team to ensure that the Group remains viable in 2026 and beyond.

Ali will be organising February's lunch as I will be in Cheltenham being looked after by my grandchildren whilst Sue is in India with our daughter Jane. She is checking out Danielle restaurant in Farnham. We understand that the food is very good but there may be problems with accessibility. In the event that it is not suitable, the fall-back venue will probably be the Sarsen Stones where we have been several times before.

#### **Provisional Programme for the rest of 2026 spring term**

Date tba in February 2026	Danielle, Farnham. Ali is checking this out with a view to booking.
Thursday 19 March 2026	Refectory, Milford. Rod to organise.
Thursday 2 April 2026	Curzon, Ash. Possible additional lunch if members are interested.

#### **Organising Team for 2025/26**

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