

South East u3a Forum Summer School

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th September 2026



University of Chichester

Mahjong – Beginners

Mahjong - *Game of Four Winds*. It is a game for 4 players using 144 tiles, but has been compared to Rummy in cards. It is more complicated though, because there are Winds & Dragons too. It is a game of strategy and luck combined.

If you would like to learn to play Mahjong, come to the South East u3a Forum Summer School for a short course.

We are playing for fun, using British Mahjong Association Rules as detailed in '*A u3a Beginners Guide to Mahjong*' by Susan Fifer. See image above and to the right – front cover.

The booklet is about 30 pages long and will be in colour. A copy can be purchased from your tutor Sheila and collected after your arrival at Summer School; booklet cost - **£5.00**.

Summer School Course – 2026

There will be a short introduction at the start of each session throughout the course to explain what the focus will be each time - also, there will be time to answer any questions from the previous session.

Monday, Day 1

Firstly, group introductions. Then we will look briefly at the history of the game, then become familiar with setting up a game and understanding the tiles and what they are used for. Also, an introduction to the four winds and how they operate in the game and the purpose of the 'Flower' and 'Season' tiles.

Tuesday, Day 2

We will play simple games, to ensure understanding, then moving on to 'Special Hands' when people are confident enough.

Wednesday, Day 3

We will look at a 'Goulash', this is what happens if no-one goes Mahjong when all the tiles in the wall have been used up, and how to score.

Thursday, Day 4

We will play hands of Mahjong depending on the confidence of the players.



Quizzes are used to check participants have the correct interpretations of the rules and jargon. The recommended book has a Glossary of Terms.

*For further information **about the course**, please contact the tutor*

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This book on Mahjong will be suitable for the course, if you already own one