



NEWSLETTER

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This month's notice board:

- At our lunch on 16 August our speaker is Paul Rendell, who will be talking about "Street Furniture". Would members attending the Royal for the meal please register **BEFORE** going into the lounge or bar. Members should arrive between 11:15 and 11:50 and be seated in time for the speaker at 12:00. Lunch follows. Please advise **Heather Williams** by mobile or text on xxxxx xxxxxx or e-mail heather.williams179@gmail.com to book or to cancel if you are unable to attend.
- We welcome the following new members: Eric Birchall, Miranda Cox, Sylvia Green, Michael and Rose Harbord, Joyce LeMasurier

September lunch:

At our lunch on 20 September our speaker is Elizabeth Ducie, who will be talking about "Living in Russia". Lunch will be 2 courses plus coffee, ordered on arrival, at **£10.25** per person. For the September lunch, please contact **Sue Beer** by 17 September on xxxxx xxxxxx or e-mail westheale@talktalk.net.

If you are unable to attend, having booked lunch, please advise **Sue** in order that the hotel can be given the correct numbers. Payment to the hotel on the day can be made by cash, card or cheque (payable The Royal Hotel). If you are paying by cheque you will need to present your cheque guarantee card, this is essential and cheques will not be accepted without it.



Coffee morning: 2nd September - see below



Future coffee mornings (Northam Hall from 10:00am)

Sept 2nd: David Gannicliff will be giving a talk on " Freshspring" the Ship that was nearly Lost.

Nov 4th: Hosted by Photography group and Craft Group.



Chairman's Corner



Torriddle U3A 30th Anniversary. Our 30th anniversary is in June 2018. The trustees are considering various ways this could be celebrated. We are keen to hear members' ideas. If you have ideas please talk to a trustee or send me an e mail. We intend to make it a fun and interesting time.

Chairman
Geoff Williams

Secretary
Carolyn Kelly

Acting Membership secretary
Carolyn Kelly

Editor
Simon Gibbon

I would also like to remind all members about the excellent **North Devon Link Study Day**. The poster is on the Upper Room notice board. The local food theme has interest for all, with scientific, environmental, local and retail elements. It is also valuable to mix with members from other local U3As. The venue at Grosvenor Church, Barnstable, is convenient for us and offers high quality accommodation. Tickets have now been printed and will be in Sue Beer's hands over the next few days.

Talking to new members a number of issues have been raised. One I wish to clarify for the benefit of all members. It has been reported that at times when a group is full and is operating a waiting list, at times preference has been given to members the group leaders already know. I have no evidence that this actually takes place. However, I wish to be clear that we operate as a charity and as such no group is an individual entity and all must abide by equal opportunities and offer places in date order and all group leaders should keep a waiting list that should be sent to Roger Drew as Groups' secretary. I would encourage any group with a waiting list to seriously consider whether a second group could be formed.

Geoff Williams

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**Miscellaneous**

All copy for publication in the **September** edition of the newsletter, **written** please (by letter or email) by **31 August**, to the editor. Any queries regarding the printed Newsletter distribution should be made to **Shirley Jewell xxxxx xxxxxx** or **Sandy Madden xxxxx xxxxxx**. If you don't receive your electronic version, please send an e-mail to **the editor**, which will help me confirm your e-mail address.

**Availability & Booking of the Upper Room**

For details, see website, programme in Upper room or contact **David Gannicliff** on **xxxxx xxxxxx** or **david@gannicliff.eclipse.co.uk**

**Group leader changes.**

Please send note of any change in name or contact details to **Roger Drew**, the group leader co-ordinator **xxxxx xxxxxx** or **roger24drew@btinternet.com**

**Upper Room payments**

Payments due for the Upper Room should be passed to the Treasurer **Sue Beer**, **xxxxx xxxxxx** or **westheale@talktalk.net** or sent to **xxxxxx xxxxxx xxx**, Bideford EX39

**Proposed events**

If you are planning to hold an event, please contact Roger Drew first to ensure that there there are no clashes. **Xxxxx xxxxxx** or **roger24drew@btinternet.com**

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Potential new groups:

Afternoon Bridge

It has been suggested that once again we try to start an afternoon of Bridge for those players that do not want to go out at night. It would be run in a friendly social way for those perhaps just starting out and wanting to put what they have learnt in to practice or wanting to progress further. Gentle instruction with discussion could take place. It would be Acol Contract Bridge. In the first instance please contact me so I can arrange a meeting of those interested to discuss a convenient day and time and venue. **Roger Drew**, Group Co-ordinator, on **xxxxx xxxxxx**

Book Group 4

A meeting will be held in the Upper Room, Northam on the afternoon of Monday the 14th of August at 2.30pm, to discuss the possibility of setting up an additional book group. Several members on a current waiting list have already indicated their interest. Please note that we are anticipating that this will be a mixed group. Any members who might be interested are encouraged to join us on the day. If we establish this new group we anticipate it taking place on the afternoon of the second Monday of each month, at the Upper Room. For further information do not hesitate to contact **Hazel or David McLellan** on **xxxxx xxxxxx** or email **david249mclellan@btinternet.com**

GROUP REPORTS



AmDram

We will continue meeting fortnightly until September when our weekly rehearsals will start again. Next meetings will therefore be on the 9th, 23rd August and 6th September.

For any further information please contact **Lynda Webster** xxxxx xxxxxx or lynda.web2@talktalk.net

Art (Monday).



We have been trying different techniques every week, this is a still life by Catherine.



The Group contact is **Dot Hannam** xxxxx xxxxxx



Badminton

Our group is still full but anyone who is interested and has played before is welcome to be put on the waiting list.

Please contact **Val** or **Tony Woolf** xxxxx xxxxxx

or thewoolfs@tiscali.co.uk



Book Group 1.

Our book this month was *The trouble with goats and sheep*, by Joanna Cannon. A very descriptive story of life in *The Avenue* during the hot summer of 1976. Ten year olds Grace and Tilly decide to look for Mrs Creasy who has gone missing and *The Avenue* is alive with whispers. Part whodunnit, part coming of age, this quirky book is full of nostalgia for 1970's Britain. The story did keep going back to 1967 so was a little disconcerting but generally much enjoyed. Our book for August is "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman. *Joan Lock*.

Contact **Sheila Wright** xxxxx xxxxxx or ess.wright@hotmail.com or **Joan Lock** xxxxx xxxxxx

Book Group 2.



This month our book for discussion was *One pair of Hands* by *Monica Dickens*. Debutante Monica becomes bored with life so embarks on a series of different careers. This book deals with her experiences as cook general with various families before the war. The whole group was in agreement after reading this book. One member described it as "the most rubbishy book we had read so far" and many other comments were equally critical "a waste of time, not funny, a bit repetitive, boring". It was probably a book which was appreciated when written but not at this time. Next we will be reading *Testimony* by *Anita Shreve*.

For further information contact **Hazel McLellan** xxxxx xxxxxx or david249mclellan@btinternet.com



Book Group 3.

"Season of the Rainbirds" by *Nadeem Aslam*. We were all puzzled by the significance or otherwise by the arrival of the delayed letters since they seemed to have little bearing on the life of the village community. We felt

this was more of a vehicle for the author to express his personal views on his native Pakistan and to raise awareness of its society; its political scene with its corruption, ditto its police force, a ruthless landowner, religious intolerance and the subordination of women. The main character of the Islamic cleric comes up against all of these yet nothing is resolved.

We have vacancies in our group.

For further information contact **Jo Sampson** xxxxx xxxxxx or jo.sampson@rocketmail.com



Bridge for Improvers.

We meet every **Tuesday** evening in the Upper Room at 7pm. We have a few spaces and any member who would like an evening of bridge and banter please come along.

The **Friday** group can accept new members who are experienced players. This group meets on Friday evenings in the Upper Room at 7 pm.

For further information on these groups contact **John Krey** xxxxx xxxxxx or jkrey123@btinternet.com



Bridge Instruction - improvers.

The bridge instruction lessons will start again in September. If you want to improve your game or are interested in learning please contact me.

For further information contact **Simon Gibbon** xxxxx xxxxxx or scgfeg@talktalk.net



Canasta.

For further information contact **Jan Hurst** xxxxx xxxxxx or **Ann Mayne** xxxxx xxxxxx or annmayne44@gmail.com



Classical Music.

No update received this month.

For further information contact **Derrick Hadley** xxxxx xxxxxx or HADLEY290@aol.com



Crafty Cards.

This month members tried out something new and made nearly 50 shaker cards. Next month Wednesday 16th of August we will be making cards for the men in our lives,

We welcome new members and we supply all material and equipment.



For more information please contact

Alison Tamplin xxxxx xxxxxx or **Carolyn Kelly** xxxxx xxxxxx or carolynkellygb@gmail.com



Creative Craft Class.

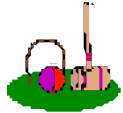
Our decorating tote bags with Pandas and Owl this month proved very popular, continuing on a animal theme next month Thursday 17th August we shall be making

patchwork animals.

We welcome new members (please let us know if you wish to join this class so that we know how many kits to bring). We supply all materials and equipment.



For more information please contact **Alison Tamplin** xxxxx xxxxxx or Alison.tam126@btinternet.com or **Carolyn Kelly** xxxxx xxxxxx.



Croquet.

The croquet season has just 2 more months of play, so there is still time, if you've not played before, to give the game a try. Tuition provided for beginners.

For further information contact **Simon Gibbon** on xxxxx xxxxxx or scgfeq@talktalk.net



Daphne Ellis Art Group (Thursday)

There will be no meetings in August.

For further information contact **Joan Hall** xxxxx xxxxxx



Daphne Ellis Art Group (Friday)

The Friday group will meet throughout August for those that would like to come. It will be 2pm in the Upper Room.

For further information contact **Joan Hall** xxxxx xxxxxx



Devon Inns.

No lunch this month due to grockel invasion. Back to normal next month.

For further information please contact **Colin or Lesley Hunt** on xxxxx xxxxxx or xxxxx xxxxxx or colinlesley@talktalk.net



Digital Camera Group.

At our July meeting we shared pictures of the Tapeley photoshoot. It is always a surprise the differing perspectives individual group members 'see' and choose to record. This Tapeley Park photograph which also demonstrates the use of 'leading lines', is by Coralie Dean.

Our August meeting will see folk showing examples of - the letter 'O'. stained glass and photographs demonstrating the use of recent themes we have investigated i.e. texture, shape, form and colour, using 'hobbies' as a suggested subject.



The group is full at present, but if you would like more information, or would like to join us, please do contact **Colin Neal** on xxxxx xxxxxx or sanshigo@outlook.com



Discussion Group.

For various reasons only three of us were present at the start of our July meeting and we had almost decided to just have a coffee and chat and defer discussion until next month. However, another member who had experienced travel delay joined us and we subsequently talked about holidays which was the pre-set subject. In view of the short remaining time and so much more that could be said on this subject, it was decided to continue with it at our August meeting.

Inevitably, attendance at this time of the year can be affected by members being away on holiday. This, plus members having various commitments can mean occasions when only a few attend. We would welcome anybody who is interested in joining our friendly group. For further information contact **Barry Gown** on xxxxx xxxxxx or barrysg14@outlook.com



Drawing Group 1

Although depleted in numbers due to various Summer commitments five of us carried on without our mentor. We are pleased to welcome a new member to our midst, our first! Drawing Group 1 still has some spaces for new members - please contact John Wright on the details below if interested.

For further details contact **John Wright** xxxxx xxxxxx or jphw75@gmail.com



Drawing Group 2

The group is now full with a waiting list. New members are settling in well and will soon be undertaking some further skills development. Existing members are working on their own work at present in readiness for a possible exhibition in the future. For further details contact **John Wright** xxxxx xxxxxx or jphw75@gmail.com



Eating Out.

There will be no meeting in August because of the holiday makers. Places are too busy. The next Eating Out will be in September.

For further information contact **Joan Hall** xxxxx xxxxxx



Folk Dancing.

Our next meeting is on 11th September at 2.15pm. In Northam Hall. You will be surprised how quickly this day will arrive so please make a note in your diary. New members are always welcome. Remember you do not need a partner.

For further information contact **Shirley Jewell** xxxxx xxxxxx or shirleyjewell18@googlemail.com



French.

The group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am to cover grammar, have a coffee break and then continue at 11:00am with conversation. All levels except complete beginners are catered for. The group now has some vacancies. For further information contact **Jo Sampson** xxxxx xxxxxx or jo.sampson@rocketmail.com



Gardens.

Thursday 17th August trip to Ugbrooke House, Chudleigh. Cost:£20.20. Coach departs Bideford 9.00am, New Inn 9.15am, Eilerslie Rd 9.25am, Barnstaple 9.30am. Return back in Bideford 6.30pm-7.00pm. Full details are in

last month's newsletter.

Thursday 21st September outing to Eden Project, St. Austell. This nestles in a huge crater and consists of massive Biomes, one of which houses the largest rainforest in captivity. These act as a complementary backdrop to stunning contemporary gardens. Indoors are Informative exhibitions and stories and refreshments are available in the Eden coffee house.If feeling brave you could try 'SkyWire', longest zip wire in England.

Cost:£21.50 or £10.50 if you possess an Annual Pass. Coach leaves Bideford 9.00am

Thursday 19th October trip to The Bishops Palace & Wells Cost:£16.95

Cheques made out as usual to BTT Garden Group and sent by the start of the month of the outing to **Babs Muir** at xxxx xxxxx xxxxx, N.Devon EX39 .

Contact **Babs Muir** xxxxx xxxxxx or babsmuir44@gmail.com



German

We finished the term with the interesting topic of dreams. We rest in August unless we are lucky enough to holiday somewhere where we can practise our German! Hopefully a few

more of you would like to join us when we restart in September.

Contact **Val Curtis** xxxxx xxxxxx or valacurtis@outlook.com



History.

History Group July Meeting. At our last meeting Adrian Will gave the few of us there a very interesting talk on the Torrington Canal. I know that a couple of people joined the Canal Society there

and then as members on the strength of his talk. Adrian is also leading a walk along the canal and weir next month. Contact me for details.

Just a reminder that the History group has a holiday in **August** and does not meet.

However in **September** the History group instead of meeting at the Leisure Centre will be visiting Weare Gifford Hall. Would those members who have expressed an interest and/or have booked a visit to the hall please ensure that they contact me either by email or preferably by telephone, so I confirm their place and tell you the arrangements and arrange lifts for those without transport.

Sorry but at present the list of those wanting to visit is full.

For more information about the History group the new temporary secretary is **Chris Peacock** xxxxx xxxxxx or chris@calstockmodels.co.uk



Line Dancing (Beginners).

We meet at Northam Hall every Tuesday morning. The cost is £3.00 for 1 hour or £5.00 for 2 hours:

Beginners' Dances: 10.00 - 11.00

Coffee Break: 11.00 - 11.15

Beginners/Improvers: 11.15 - 12.15

The sessions are taught by Sue Sags who is external to U3A.

Ring me if you want more information or details of classes for **Absolute Beginners**

Irene Hahn xxxxx xxxxxx or hahn@btinternet.com

Line Dancing (Improvers).

We meet at Northam Hall on Thursday afternoons from 2.00 to 4.00, with a tea break midway through. The cost is £5.00 for the two hours. We do a variety of dances to suit all tastes and new members are welcome. The class is taught by a qualified teacher who is external to U3A. Please contact me for further details.

Irene Hahn xxxxx xxxxxx or hahn@btinternet.com



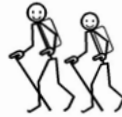
Mahjongg (Barnstaple U3A).

Barnstaple U3A Mahjongg group would welcome new members. We meet on 1st & 3rd Weds at 1:45pm at The Annexe, Fremington Parish Hall. Higher Road,

Fremington. Bus Stop is at the church. There is plenty of parking at the hall. We contribute £1.50 towards the rental. Contact **Vicky Ilisse** xxxxx xxxxxx

Morning Walkers (1st Friday):

On Friday July 7th 15 walkers wandered through the woods near Weare Giffard. They survived the "Big Step" which had shrunk in places since last seen and had coffee bordering Rolle Canal. After making their way back to Torrington Golf



Club via the Commons, admiring the views as they went (see photo), a very nice lunch was enjoyed by all. The weather was perfect as was the company and food.



The Morning Walk (1st Friday) on Friday 1st September. Meet at The Grampus Inn car park in Lee (GR 484463) for a 10.30 a.m. start. From Braunton take the A361 towards Ilfracombe - at Mullacott Cross turn left onto the B3343 for about 1 1/4 miles and take a right turn at Lee Cross - follow signs to Lincombe and Lee. In Lee, drive down through the valley until the road levels out and you come to a fork, take the lane to the left - The Grampus Inn is on your left. Please arrive early to choose lunch. Facilities will be available. Shortly after the start of this 2 3/4 mile walk we climb over the only stile on our route, followed by a steep climb through Wrinkle Wood, then across pleasant farmland, fields and tracks until we join the coast path and a well-earned coffee stop with spectacular views along the coast - all from the comfort of two well-placed benches [hopefully not occupied]. We continue on the coast path towards Lee with one steep stepped descent and a similar ascent. We finish with fine views over Lee Bay and an easy stroll to the pub and lunch. If you intend to join us please contact **Roger Newton** at roger.newton@tiscali.co.uk or xxxxx xxxxxx by **Tuesday 29th August.**

Group contact **Irene Hahn** xxxxx xxxxxx or hahn@btinternet.com



Music.

No meeting in August. The first meeting after the summer recess will commence at 2pm Friday 8th September at x xxxxx xx, Abbotsham. The subject is 'the letter E'.

For further information contact **Moreen Erridge xxxxx xxxxxx or erridge@outlook.com**



Music sans Frontiers.

We have joked that this group has never played any didgeridoo music. Chris Moss has now helped us out with a disc she bought from some Barnstaple buskers.

She wanted to cut it short but I was quite enjoying it! We did have other music with more notes in it...from Italian singer Lucio Dalla, Jennifer Warnes, Kenny Ball, Duke Ellington, Leonard Cohen, Bob Marley, and Placido Domingo singing with John Denver (would you believe it). Other items came from the musical show Evita, the Alex Harvey Band, Kayah Bregoric from Poland and a Russian Men's Ensemble who's name I cannot give you as my computer doesn't do Cyrillic letters.

There will be no meeting in August, so the next one will be on the 12th September starting at 2.15pm. The venue for that one will be as usual, xxx xxxxx xxx. If you would like to come along to that one, make contact and bring a disc or two, or just come to listen and chat.

Contact **Angus Winfield xxxxx xxxxxx or angwinf@gmail.com**



Petanque.

Many thanks to all our members for carrying on as usual and keeping the group going in spite of the fact that both Brenda and I have been absent for medical reasons. Our best wishes also to Martin who has been suffering from a damaged shoulder. We all hope to be back playing as soon as possible. Our team has now played its last two matches in the Devon League, unfortunately losing both but by narrow margins. Our nearest rivals at the Pig on the Hill will hopefully be the League winners having had a very good season winning 10 out of 12 matches. It all depends on the results of matches other teams have yet to play. Although we have not replicated last years success our Captain Ged Barton has been very pleased with the performances of all those who were selected and played in matches. However, on a positive note, we can report that Ann and Ged Barton with John Phipps won the Devon League Triples title - very many congratulations.

In spite of the fact that he too has had medical problems we thank Colin for his continued work in maintaining the pistes. The next big event will be the U3A gathering of petanquers at Hayling Island in September.

We hope to be with you all again very soon.

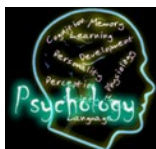
For any further information please contact **Brian Halstead on xxxxx xxxxxx or brhal@btinternet.com**



Playreading.

As agreed no meeting in August. Next meeting on 18th September.

Beryl Drew xxxxx xxxxxx or beryl.drew75@hotmail.com.



Psychology

Our topic for July was 'Evolutionary psychology and the origins of altruism.' We looked at altruism towards kin and the 'logic' of kin selection. We are not meeting in August but meet again on September 8th.

Our topic is likely to be based around the psychology of faces.

Regrettably the psychology group is full at present but if you would like to receive the notes until a place becomes available please contact me.

Jane Bellworthy xxxxx xxxxxx or jane.bideford@btinternet.com



Science, Technology & Society.

The group is having its summer break, but we'll be back in September. Contact **Barry Zussman: xxxxx xxxxxx or barryviv@btinternet.com**



Snooker (Tue)

Once again we have had another great month with regular attendances.....there is space for 2-3 new members, if anyone is interested. Ian had the highest break - 25 but this was put into the shade by Les Erridge, who had a magnificent 92 not out (years of age, that is). Ian's dominance could be threatened by a revitalised Eric Blacker, who is finally showing his elegant talents.

For further information contact **Ian Braunton xxxxx xxxxxx or ianbraunton@btinternet.com.**



Snooker (Wed).

Big John is on his hols, so the rest of us also get a break! As with the Tuesday sessions, attendances are steady and a really good fun atmosphere. Ian holds the highest break, so we are arranging for him to compete with himself in a play-off. Good old Tony Davies wins Dapper dresser of the month again with no realistic competition.

For any further information contact **John Stotesbury xxxxx xxxxxx or johnstotesbury@hotmail.co.uk**



Spanish.

The group is now having its summer break.

For more information contact **Stewart Philp xxxxx xxxxxx or hylee@talktalk.net**



Sunday Lunch Club.

Sunday lunch 3rd September will be at The Royal Hotel, 12.30

Contact **Jean Barnaby xxxxx xxxxxx or jeanbarnaby231@btinternet.com**



Table Tennis.

The Table Tennis group are still enjoying playing, and as we have a couple of spaces in our membership now would be happy to welcome some new members. If you would like to give it a go please contact:

Christine Isaac xxxxx xxxxxx or xxxxx xxxxxx or christine.isaac@talktalk.net.



The George Kelly Philosophy Group.

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 12th. Colin will present The Difference Principle.

If you would like to join our Group please contact me.

Ann Goodyear on xxxxx xxxxxx or cassiegale@hotmail.co.uk



Third Friday Walkers.

The heavy rain as we were about to start washed out our July walk but we had a very enjoyable social occasion visiting a coffee shop in Market Street, Appledore and then walking to The Beaver for a delicious lunch.

We hope for better weather on **August 18th** when the walk will be our annual Sandymouth walk with a picnic lunch. There is a small cafe at the beach for hot drinks and snacks if you prefer. It is a National Trust car park so please bring your membership cards or team up with a member! Irene and Linda have very kindly offered to lead this walk as I will be away but as it is a picnic lunch there will be no need to phone in with numbers - just be in the car park for a 10-30 am start. There is a climb on the road at the start for about half a mile then mainly level footpaths and the coast path until the drop down to Sandymouth at the end, approximately 3 miles.

Take the A39 through Kilkhampton, then just after Penstowe Manor take the right turn, signed Sandymouth, after a few miles, bear left, again signed Sandymouth and follow the road to the bottom and the car park on the left. Contact **Jennifer Garnsey xxxxx xxxxxx or xxxxx xxxxxx or jengarnsey@btinternet.com**



Torrige U3A Ramblers.

July walk - the weather couldn't have been better as 18 of us set off from the car park at Stoke Church. As always at Hartland there were challenging up and down hill stretches, but the group showed much concern for each

other and we all arrived safely back four and a quarter hours later, having walked 6.7 miles.

Apart from the amazing scenery, the azure blue sea, terrific views of Lundy and even the distant coast of Wales; highlights must include the

coffee break at Blegberry Farm where a donkey provided photo opportunities and the farmer had conveniently mown the soft grass for us to sit on, and lunch at Barley Bay overlooking the sea and the radar dome. Returning along the coast path we looked down on Hartland Point lighthouse, which provided the chance to digitally capture the rocks, lighthouse and Lundy in the background. Thank you, Roger, for an excellent walk.

August walk - Leader Brian Tilbury xxxxx xxxxxx

Friday 11th August 10.30.am meet at Bideford Quay Lundy Office. Bideford Nooks and Crannies 6.5 or 9 miles (approx). Literally walking the ins and outs and ups and downs, through the ages of Bideford. Via BJ's! One steep, long lane plus a couple of pull ups. 6.5 mile walk ends at Northam Memorial, where a choice of bus or walk back. Quite a few drop out points en route. BYOFAD



Contact **Glenis Beardsley xxxxx xxxxxx or 07866 900880 or postmaster@jgbees.plus.com or Jane Papworth xxxxx xxxxxx or jamalpapworth@gmail.com**



Ukulele group.

The UKULELE group are working hard learning new songs and practising for our next engagements. We meet again on August 7th and

21st..

For further information contact **Richard Patmore xxxxx xxxxxx or mandr.bideford@btinternet.com**



Writers' Group 1.

We meet in the Upper Room on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We are taking a break in July and August. Our next meeting will be 27th September 2017 at 2.30pm. This group is currently full.

For further information contact **Sheila Mears xxxxx xxxxxx or sheila.mears@sky.com**



Writers' Group 2.

"Oscar the Owl" which was our last subject brought forth three stories for children one of which involved WOL. Everyone had done quite a lot of research into owl behaviour apart from the tale of a sad toy owl on a shelf! Variety was achieved by a detective story and a poem in rhyming couplets. I gather that our next subject is causing some difficulty!!

For further information **Shirley Jewell xxxxx xxxxxx or shirleyjewell18@gmail.com**

N.DEVON LINK U3As THEME DAY



At Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple EX32 8PB

On Friday, October 6, 2017

From 10 am – 4 pm approx.
(Registration from 9 am)



Our theme this year: **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

A look at food production in N.Devon with four interesting Speakers.

Topics are: The Farmer's View, The Supermarket Story, The Fisherman's Tale, & Back to the Future

As last year, it is a bring-your-own-lunch occasion with lunch tables provided, plus drinks, biscuits and cake

- and Coffee on arrival (but only before 9.45 am)

Tickets: £5 Reserve a ticket with your U3A

For further information/tickets contact Sue Beer on xxxxx xxxxxx or westheale@talktalk.net

SKITTLES (TAW U3A)

Wednesday Evening Skittles meets again on Wednesday 16th August at the Aggi, Braunton, at 6:30pm. New members are very welcome. Just come a few minutes early and order your meal (which is then served around 7:45pm). If this is your first visit this year, please would you bring your membership card for me to record it. Contact - **Sarah Eagles on saeagles@btinternet.com.**

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ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<u>Groups below meet every week</u>			
AM-DRAM	Wednesday	14:00	The Pollyfield Centre, East-the-Water
ART - MONDAY	Monday	10:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
BADMINTON	Thursday	13:30	Community Centre, Northam
BRIDGE for IMPROVERS	Tuesday & Friday	19:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
BRIDGE INSTRUCTION - beginners	Friday	14:00	
CROQUET	Tuesday	14:00	Barnstaple Croquet Club
DAPHNE ELLIS ART GROUP (Friday)	Friday	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
FRENCH	Tuesday	10:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
LINE DANCING —beginners	Tuesday	10:00	Northam Hall, Northam
LINE DANCING —improvers	Thursday	14:00	Northam Hall, Northam
PETANQUE	Mon & Fri am; Wed pm	10:30/14:00	Village Inn, Westward Ho!
SNOOKER (Tuesday)	Tuesday	10:00	Kingsley snooker club, Westward Ho!
SNOOKER (Wednesday)	Wednesday	10:00	Kingsley snooker club, Westward Ho!
TABLE TENNIS	Thursday	10:00	Bideford Youth Centre on The Pill

Groups below meet two or three times a month

CANASTA	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
DAPHNE ELLIS ART GROUP (Thursday)	1st & 2nd Thursdays	10:30	Upper Room, St Margaret's
DRAWING 1	2nd & 4th Wednesday	09:30	Upper Room, St Margaret's
DRAWING 2	1st & 3rd Thursdays	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
FOLK DANCING	2nd & 4th Mondays	14:15	Northam Hall
GERMAN	alternate Thursdays	10:00	<i>Contact Val Curtis for details</i>
MAHJONNG	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	13:45	The Annexe, Fremington Parish Hall
SPANISH	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	15:00	(Beginners 14.30)
UKULELE (improvers)	1st & 3rd Mondays	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's

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BOOK GROUP 1	3rd Tuesday	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
BOOK GROUP 2	4th Thursday	11:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
BOOK GROUP 3	1st Tuesday	14:30	Upper Room, St Margaret's
CLASSICAL MUSIC	4th Friday	14:00	
CRAFT CARDING	3rd Wednesday	09:30	Upper Room, St Margaret's
CREATIVE CRAFT	3rd Thursday	10:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
DEVON INNS	2nd Thursday	12:00	No meeting August
DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP	2nd Wednesday	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
DISCUSSION	1st Wednesday	10:30	The Royal Hotel, Bideford
EATING OUT	Last Wednesday	12:00	No meeting August
GARDENS	3rd Thursday	09:00	Ugbrooke House, Chudleigh
HISTORY	1st Thursday	14:30	Northam Leisure Centre
MORNING WALKERS	1st Friday	10:30	Lee (September)
MUSIC	2nd Friday	14:00	
MUSIC SANS FRONTIERES	2nd Tuesday	14:15	
PLAY READING	3rd Monday	14:15	
PSYCHOLOGY	2nd Friday	10:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY	4th Tuesday	14:30	Upper Room, St Margaret's
SUNDAY LUNCH	1st Sunday	12:30	The Royal Hotel (September)
The GEORGE KELLY PHILOSOPHY GRP	2nd Tuesday	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
TORRIDGE U3A RAMBLERS	2nd Friday	10:30	Bideford
THIRD FRIDAY WALKERS	3rd Friday	10:30	Sandymouth
WRITERS GROUP 1	4th Wednesday	14:30	Upper Room, St Margaret's
WRITERS GROUP 2	3rd Tuesday		<i>Contact Shirley Jewell</i>