

NEWSLETTER

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This month's notice board:

- At our lunch on 17 May our speaker is Marian Scott, who will be talking about "A Housewife in Sierra Leone". 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 xxxxx xxxxxx** if, having booked, you are unable to attend.
- We welcome the following new members: Peter Aylward, Caroline Baynton, Brenda Crawford, John & Patricia Freeman, Patricia Hadley Smith, Melanie Jory, Angela Norris.

June lunch:

At our lunch on 21 June our speaker is Pauline Smith, who will be talking about "An Evacuee in Bideford". Lunch will be 2 courses plus coffee, ordered on arrival, at **£10.25** per person. For the June lunch, please contact **Heather Williams** by 18 June on xxxxx xxxxxx or e-mail **heather.williams179@gmail.com**.

If you are unable to attend, having booked lunch, please advise **Heather** 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.



May 6th: Coffee morning at Northam Hall from 10:00am cost £1. There will be a short presentation by "See Hear", a charity supporting the visually and hearing impaired.

Future coffee mornings



July 1st: Lead by Jane Bellworthy and the Psychology Group - a 'Who Dunit?' Would you be a reliable witness? Could you give vital information in the event of an incident? This talk will focus on the main factors that influence eyewitnesses.

Sept 2nd: Speaker to be arranged.

November 4th: Photography group and Craft Group.

New snooker group

A second snooker group starts this month on Tuesday mornings. See newsletter entries for more details

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Chairman's Corner



St George's Day Tea. This was a very successful event, which people thoroughly enjoyed. This appropriately felt like a traditional English event. Our thanks go to Carolyn Kelly and her catering team who made such an amazing array of sandwiches, scones and cakes. We used our new Torr ridge U3A Banner for the first time and this is available for any of our own U3A events. Shirley Jewel did a fantastic job getting everybody up and dancing, we enjoyed going wrong as much as getting it right. A special thanks to Shirley's son Chris, who came along to provide live music.



New Members Tea. 2.00 pm Saturday 24 June at the Upper Room, Northam.

If you have recently joined our U3A you are invited to come along to a "New Members Tea". It is an opportunity to find out more about the U3A and how it runs, to meet other new members and to meet the committee members face to face. We ran one last year for the first time and it was well received. If you haven't been to the Upper Room before it is in the grounds of St Margaret's Church, Northam and there is a large car park behind the church with a footpath into the church grounds. The bus stops opposite the church on Northam square.

Geoff Williams

Miscellaneous

All copy for publication in the **June** edition of the newsletter, **written** please (by letter or email) by **31 May**, 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 xxxxxxxxxxxx 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 xxxxx xxxxxxxx, 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. 01237 459447 or **roger24drew@btinternet.com**

Do you recognise this?



During the Upper Room tidy we have found this beautiful embroidery depicting Torr ridge U3A and our groups. We plan to display it and would like to know its provenance. Can you tell us anything about it please? Please contact **Jane Bellworthy xxxxx xxxxx** or **jane.bideford@btinternet.com**.

GROUP REPORTS



AmDram

The group are now making headway with our play, 'The Ladybirds', which we are planning to perform at various venues later in the year.

If you are interested in joining us please contact **Lynda Webster xxxxx xxxxxx** or lynda.web2@talktalk.net

Art (Monday).



Enjoyable mornings of chat and coffee and, oh yes, art! This

pastel drawing is by Dot.



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.

"Goodnight Mr. Tom" by Michelle Magorian.

This is a heart warming story which, although containing some sad and shocking tales, ends happily; Tom Oakley, a reclusive widower, takes in an evacuee to live with him when Britain is on the brink of war; William is the victim of abuse by his mother and needs love and care; Tom takes him under his somewhat inexperienced wing, teaches him to read and keeps him well fed and clothed; William finds some good friends at school and discovers a talent for drawing and life is good until he is summoned back to London as his mother is purportedly ill; she has had a baby and subjects William to further abuse ending with locking him and the baby in a closet and leaving the house for good; Tom, worried about William, goes to London and finds him with the dead baby in his arms; he takes him home and William begins a slow recovery – he learns his mother eventually committed suicide, and Tom decides to adopt him which makes William very happy; William realises he has much to live for and is thankful for his life with Tom. The whole group found the book very moving and a good read; Our next book is "Great Small Things" by Jodi Picoult on May 16th; *Mary Miller*

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 *Brooklyn* by *Colm Toibin*. It is the story, set in the 1950s, of a young Irish girl who emigrates to America to make a better life for herself.

Circumstances force her to return to Ireland for a few months after which time she has to make a choice between staying and making a fresh start in the village or returning to Brooklyn and the life she had made there. The book is an easy, holiday read and was mostly well received. There was some frustration with the central character, who seemed to drift along and follow what

others wanted for her rather than making her own decisions and doing what she wanted. One member summed it up by saying that it was a nice story about a hum drum life. We did feel that a follow up would be interesting so that we could see how she fared and if she made the right decision at the end. Next month we are back to the classics with *The Mill on the Floss* by *George Eliott*

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



Book Group 3.

And The Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini. This book explores the multi layered relationships of people connected to Afghanistan. It is beautifully written and in places with such emotion that it brings a tear to the eyes as the relationships are described with such depth of feeling. Families are split; some are left to care for family members; some disappear abroad only to return many years later. Each character has differing needs, their actions have a lasting effect on others. We were all deeply touched by this book.

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 – beginners.

The beginner instruction lessons have now finished for the summer. If you 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.

The programme for May is "Some French Chamber Music" which will take place on the 26th at the same venue. Please advise me if you will be coming along by the day before.

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



Crafty Cards.

This month we tried out a new card

technique and dived into the world of washi tapes great patterns and an



amazing choice of colours so much so that members made over 50 cards (a record - I think). Next month Wednesday May 17th we shall be returning to an old favourite tea bag folding but doing different folds. New members always welcome and we supply all materials and equipment.

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



Creative Craft Class.

This month members made up stunning necklaces and earrings from the polymer clay beads that had been made in March. This is a fascinating craft with great results

from beginners or experts. Next month we shall be returning to an old favourite cross-stitch, but turning our creations into a lovely cards.



(for those of us allergic to needles this requires only a little use of a needle).

We welcome new members and remember 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 new croquet season is now well under way with plenty of sunshine. If you've not played before, why not give it a try. Tuition provided for beginners.

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



Daphne Ellis Art Group.

We meet on the first and second Thursday at 10.30 in the Upper

room. Everyone welcome.



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



Devon Inns. Thursday 11 May 12noon.

The Castle Inn, Lydford EX20 4BH. Tel: 01822 820242. www.castleinnlydford.com Car Park opposite or at rear.

(NOTE: As we will be away the week before Lydford, if you have not signed the attendance book and wish to come please let us know by Monday 1st May.)

Thursday 8 June 12noon.

The Three Little Pigs, 1 Parliament St. Crediton EX17 2BP. Tel: 01363 774587. There is only one way to describe this establishment - "Unique".

In memoriam: Sylvia Spiller. Sylvia & Doug moved to Biddeford in 2004 and were introduced to Torrridge U3A by a friend of their neighbour. They joined the Devon Inns Group and took over as co-ordinators for 8 years. Sylvia was also a member of the Green Fingers Group & the Gardens Group, not forgetting the Creative Craft Class. She was also an active member of Bideford Women's Institute and was President for 3 years and as such went to Buckingham Palace to celebrate the Centenary of Women's Institutes. She will be missed. *Colin Hunt*

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



Digital Camera Group.

The unusual photograph this month is by Stephen Richards, and (he didn't realise this at the time) is

of a pair of popular hawk moths mating. No privacy -- U3A paparazzo are everywhere!



Following a seminar on 'colour' and the importance, among other things, of the colour wheel when composing a

photograph, the topics for this month are 'colour', elderly citizens and the letter 'N'.

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



Discussion Group.

No update received this month.

For further information contact **Peter Sandon xxxxx xxxxxx or p.sandon@btinternet.com**



Drawing Group 1

No update received this month.

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



Drawing Group 2

No update received this month.

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



Eating Out.

Is on the last Wednesday 31st May at the Puffing Billy at Torrington at 12 o'clock. I hope this one works out okay. We have never been here before.

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



Folk Dancing.

We will continue to meet until the end of May. We have room for more dancers and as you do not need a partner why not give our kind of dancing a try?

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 18th MAY trip to Caerhays Castle and gardens, St. Austell. Coach leaves Bideford (Kingsley Statue) at 9.30am. Cost: Garden only £17.50, including House tour £22.50. There are still 6 seats available for this outing PLEASE

contact me if you would like to go so we can have a full complement. Full details are in last months newsletter.

Thursday 15th JUNE outing to Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical garden and Swannery. The gardens have had major restoration work after the great storm of 1990. It is a mixture of formal and informal flowers and is famous for its Camelias and Magnolias. Food is available in the Colonial Restaurant. The Swannery is a short distance away and we can see the swans being fed at 4pm. We leave at 5pm and not the usual 4.30pm so will be home later than usual. Cost: £25.50. Coach departs Bideford at 8.30pm and Barnstaple 9.00am

Thursday 20th JULY Tredegar House (NT) Newport, S.Wales. Cost: £14 for NT members or £21.20 for non-members.

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

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



German

Our German group has been going for many years, but we are getting a bit thin on the ground and could do with some more members. If you already speak some German

and would like to give our group a try, we would be pleased to welcome you.

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



History.

Last month Diane Yendall gave a talk to us about the history of the North Devon Maritime Museum, which is a thriving well respected local museum here in North Devon. She told us how the

museum came about and its development, along with the many collections and how they came about. The interesting history of Odun House where the collection is housed was also explained.

The **May** meeting which meets at the Northam Leisure Centre on Thursday 4th May at 2:30pm will be by Peter Burford, who is very active in both the local theatres and the U3A Am-dram group. He promises to talk about the history of the theatre.

The **June** meeting will be one of our members who promises to talk about Bideford History.

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 Saggs 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):



The Morning Walk on Friday 2nd June will be familiar to those who can remember walks from 7 or 8 years ago. We will meet at the Whistlandpound Reservoir (OS180 GR SS641416), ready to set off at 10.30 am. On arriving at the Reservoir,

ignore our "usual" Car Park at the Calvert Trust, but carry on round to the next Car Park and drive down to the second parking area. (Park all day for £2). Our walk will take us across fields and bridges and over 4 styles. Some parts are strenuous, even challenging, both up and down but there are some breathtaking views. And to cap it all, lunch is at The Black Venus in Challacombe. They do not need us to pre-order but do want to know numbers by Wednesday 31st May. So if your appetite is whetted, please book on to the Walk before Tuesday 30th May by telephoning me on xxxxx xxxxxx or emailing hahn@btinternet.com.

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



Music.

At the April meeting we enjoyed a DVD of Carmen. The meeting on 12 May will be at x xxxxx xxx commencing 2pm. The subject will be the letter C.

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



Music sans Frontieres.

We were a smaller number in the April meeting but nevertheless produced a great range of music, from the classic jazz guitar of Django Reinhardt to Bob

Marley, Ray Charles, the Chris Barber band, Leonard Cohen, Helen Reddy, Paulo Conte, and the folk group Show of Hands. Less well known names included saxophonist Tommaso Starace and singer Jennifer Warnes. Less well known as a singer was Derek Jacobi, who with Anne Reed, came up with what must be described as a cabaret song. If you would like to add to this music spectrum, or maybe just come and listen for a start, get in touch. Our next meeting is at 2.15 pm on Tuesday 9th May and as usual will be held at xxx xxxxxx, Northam.

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



Petanque.

Attendances have been very good again over the last month. Thanks are due to Martin for looking after things this last week whilst we were away on holiday. It was pointed out to me that in the last newsletter the impression may have been given that two of our lady members, Brenda and Ann, had broken bones in their feet whilst playing!! This was not the case. Both accidents happened away from the piste, and we are glad to say that both are making a steady recovery. Our team in the Devon League have now played their two opening matches in this year's competition. We are sorry to have report that both matches were lost, but by very narrow margins.

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

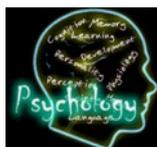


Playreading.

The next meeting is on 15th May at 2.15p.m. Please note that Shirley Jewell is hosting this meeting and she should be contacted for her address and directions

Shirley xxxxx xxxxxx. I look forward to seeing you all again on 19th June.

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



Psychology

We did not meet in April as our date fell on Good Friday. Our next meeting is on Friday 12th May at 10am to 12 midday at the Upper Room and the topic is 'The psychology of scams'. Regrettably, I have

to say that this group is now closed as we have 22 members. If you would like to join us, please let me know as people do leave from time to time. In the meantime if you would like an email copy of the course notes then please contact **Jane Bellworthy xxxxx xxxxxx or jane.bideford@btinternet.com**



Science, Technology & Society.

Last month's 'Open Forum' was a great success, not least because the technology worked without a hitch! For our next meeting, on **Tuesday 23 May** (2:30 in the Upper Room), we had been looking forward to another visit from

guest speaker Chris Cornford, but unfortunately he is unwell and has had to postpone it. Instead, I'll be repeating my new talk about the IgNobel Prizes, which I gave at last month's U3A Lunch, complete with some real science demonstrations, right in front of your eyes - prepare to be amazed, and amused!

The group is currently full, but if you would like to join the waiting list, please let me know. Contact **Barry Zussman xxxxx xxxxxx or barryviv@btinternet.com**



Snooker (Tue)

This new group is starting on 2 May between 10 & 12 noon, at the Kingsley Snooker Club, Westward Ho!

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



Snooker (Wed).

The break of the month for April was 27 by Ian Braunton. Because attendances are always high, Ian has agreed to start a second snooker group on Tuesdays, between 10 & 12 noon, at the Kingsley Snooker Club, Westward Ho! The first meeting will be on Tuesday 2 May. Anyone from the Wednesday group will be very welcome and the Tuesday group will now be open to new members. Please contact Ian for details - see above. I will still run the Wednesday group.

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



Spanish.

Further practice on commands in Spanish is envisaged also a continuation of the theme started last time, namely, forms of address in given situations. This can be tricky and presents similar problems in other Romance languages. There will also be a piece on a current news item.

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



Sunday Lunch Club.

Sunday lunch 4th June will be at Portmore golf club 12.30.

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



Table Tennis.

The Table Tennis Group are moving premises and will be playing at the Bideford Youth Centre on The Pill in Bideford from 4th May. This is a much more spacious venue where, if necessary, we can play on more than the two tables that we currently use. In view of this we would like to increase our numbers. We no longer have anybody on our waiting list so if anyone is interested please contact me and we can arranged for you to come along and have a go at our new premises. We would also like to welcome our new member Ron to our group.

For further information contact **Christine Isaac xxxxx xxxxxx or christine.isaac@talktalk.net.**



The George Kelly Philosophy Group.

In April the Groups discussed the Ends and Means dilemma. Conjoined twins are both certain to die within months unless they are surgically separated. The necessary operation means that one of the twins will

die so that the other one can live a normal life. Do you proceed with the operation knowing the consequences? As always we had many opinions but none of us would have liked to have made the very real disision to let one twin die.

For further information please contact **Ann Goodyear on xxxxx xxxxxx or cassiegale@hotmail.co.uk**



Third Friday Walkers.

On Friday 21 April 2017 fourteen members set out, on a circular walk from The New Inn, Kilkhampton. The route was via Kilkhampton Commons, Cross Cottage and the remains of a Motte and Bailey (known as

"Castles"), before returning to The New Inn for an enjoyable lunch. The glorious spring weather with clear skies complemented the spring flowers in the hedgerows and spectacular views.

On Friday **19 May** meet at 10.30am in Lower Lyndale (Pay and Display) Car Park, Lynmouth. (Early birds might want to try for free parking just across the river and park in front of the cottages or use the small car park further along the road near the entrance to the wood. Be warned, the road is very narrow and involves a blind summit. Having parked, please wait by the white footbridge so that we can see you from Lower Lyndale Car Park). Our walk of roughly 3.5 miles is along the banks of the East Lyn River to Watersmeet and back. The path is undulating and includes a couple of short, sharp climbs. Lunch afterwards at The Old Station House Inn, Blackmoor Gate. The latest lunch menu will be on their website by May. We suggest you travel to Lynmouth via Bratton Fleming rather than North Devon Hospital as major road works will still be in operation by 19 May and you could be delayed by 20 minutes or more. If you would like to join this walk please contact Linda or Alan by Tuesday 16 May and let us have your choice of lunch. If you do not have access to the internet we will read you the menu over the phone. OS Exmoor map GR 724 495 Contact: Linda or Alan, tel: 01237 476364, email: lindaburgess48@talktalk.net

Contact **Jennifer Garnsey xxxxx xxxxxx or xxxxx xxxxxx or jengarnsey@btinternet.com**



Torridge U3A Ramblers.

April walk: 10 of us enjoyed a lovely Springtime walk led by Jeanne. Bluebells, wood anenomes and even some purple spotted orchids. We squelched through the obligatory muddy section, and made

purchases from a wayside stall run by some enterprising kids !

May walk: To be led by Mary Cooper. Meet at Westleigh layby on the B2333 at **10.30 am on Friday 12th May** for a 7.5 mile walk from Westleigh to Southcot-Ashridge road, through Eastleigh, Huish to Instow, where the walk finishes. Could still be muddy in places. 21 bus is every 15 minutes on this route OS 139 GR 288 468 BYOFAD.

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



Ukulele group.

The ukuleles will be meeting on May 1st and May 15th.

For further information contact **Richard Patmore xxxxx xxxxxx or**

mandr.bideford@btinternet.com



Writers' Group 1.

Our task in April was to include the sentence; "*Suddenly the lights went out and we were plunged into darkness*" in our accounts. As usual a variety of settings were utilised. One

true-life story relived a wartime experience in a bomb shelter; while others - real and imagined - focused on the effect of the lights failing on a variety social events, including a dinner party and a posh 18th birthday celebration. We meet, in in the Upper Room on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on the 24th of May at 2.30pm, where we will be considering the brief accounts, that we will have prepared, relating to the topic "*Summer Visitors*".

Please note that this group is currently full

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



Writers' Group 2.

Mention of the new subject "rocks" brought the sound of groans of dismay but as usual our members wrote some very interesting pieces.

Smuggling emeralds from Columbia, a child running through a dark grotto, a Morwenstow walk, an analysis of rocks, changing the site of a window to improve the view and of course the "opt out" contribution about a stick of rock!

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



SKITTLES (TAW U3A)

Wednesday Evening Skittles meets again on Wednesday 17th May 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). Contact - Sarah Eagles on saeagles@btinternet.com.



In a letter to The Guardian from Harry Chalton

" I once phoned for some literature and attempted to clarify the spelling of our family name. The information arrived and was addressed to Mr H Charlton-Withoutanar."

DIARY PAGE - MAY

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
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	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

Groups below meet once a month

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	The Castle Inn, Lydford
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	Puffing Billy, Torrington
GARDENS	3rd Thursday	09:30	Caerhays Castle
HISTORY	1st Thursday	14:30	Northam Leisure Centre
MORNING WALKERS	1st Friday	10:30	Whistlandpound Reservoir (June)
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	Portmore golf club (June)
The GEORGE KELLY PHILOSOPHY GRP	2nd Tuesday	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
TORRIDGE U3A RAMBLERS	2nd Friday	10:30	Westleigh layby
THIRD FRIDAY WALKERS	3rd Friday	10:30	Lynmouth
WRITERS GROUP 1	4th Wednesday	14:30	Upper Room, St Margaret's
WRITERS GROUP 2	3rd Tuesday		<i>Contact Shirley Jewell</i>