



# NEWSLETTER

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## This month's notice board:

At our lunch on 20 September our speaker is Elizabeth Ducie, who will be talking about "Living in Russia". 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 **Sue Beer** on xxxxx xxxxxx if, having booked, you are unable to attend.

- We welcome the following new members: Jill Adams, Janet Jones, Sandra Mepsted, Bruce Perry

### October lunch:

At our lunch on 18 October our speaker is Brian Freeland, who will be talking about "A trip down the Charente". Lunch will be 2 courses plus coffee, ordered on arrival, at **£10.25** per person. For the October lunch, please contact **Heather Williams** by 15 October on xxxxx xxxxxx or e-mail [heather.williams179@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Coffee morning:** 2 September, Northam Hall from 10:00am. David Gannicliff will be giving a talk on "Freshspring" the Ship that was nearly Lost.

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## Future events

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



**4 November:** Hosted by Photography group and Craft Group.  
**13 January 2018:** Hosted by the Drawing groups

### Skittles



Hi everyone it's Skittles time again! We have booked the hall for **6th October**, The Conservative club, Bidgeland Street, Bideford, 6 o'clock for 6:30 start. it will be £2 plus a bring and share supper. We look forward to seeing you all again so to book your place ring Christine Dobby xxxxx xxxxxx, Avril Adcock xxxxx xxxxxx or Hazel McLellan xxxxx xxxxxx. Here's to another fun evening. If you've never been before come along and join in the fun.

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## Chairman's Corner



**AGM: 8th November**, Pollyfield Centre, 10.00 – 11.30. The AGM will start with coffee and biscuits and a chance to look around groups table top presentations. There will then follow the business section including the financial presentation. There is a need to find a number of **new committee members** this year. At this stage we know we will need people to fill the roles of membership secretary and publicity (a new role). Simon Gibbon has given notice that he is prepared to continue as newsletter and website editor for 2018. However, there is a need for someone to shadow Simon for part of 2017 so that a smooth handover can be achieved. This particularly refers to the newsletter. Dennis Pavitt has indicated he is willing to take on the management of the website. I am prepared to continue as Chair for one more year. However if there is any member who wishes to put themselves forward for the role I would encourage them to do so.

**Beacon Software.** The new U3A management software has taken a big leap forward as the providers have released our data and the site is now active. A small group of trustees are now working on bringing all the data up to date and organizing how it will be used. The new software will make the running of the various functions of our U3A more manageable and much easier for new committee members to take on roles. I want to thank Gary How in particular for his extensive work on this. We will be in contact with group leaders in particular to ensure group membership data is up to date.

*Geoff Williams*

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### Miscellaneous

All copy for publication in the **October** edition of the newsletter, **written** please (by letter or email) by **30 September**, 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 xxxxx xxxxxxxx, Bideford EX39 5JA

### 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:

#### **READING SHAKESPEARE ALLOWED** - Taw Group

This is a new group aimed at encouraging people to enjoy Shakespeare in a practical way. And what better way than speaking and hearing the very words he used. Each session will lead towards a shared opportunity for reading aloud and listening in the group. Bob Godfrey will lead and support the group. He has long experience of teaching, acting in and directing plays by Shakespeare and is eager to share his enthusiasm. His message is 'Come and give it a try!' We will meet at the Methodist Rooms, School Lane, Fremington on the second and third Wednesdays of the month at 2.45-3.45pm beginning on September 20th. Anyone interested to join this group should contact **Bob Godfrey** either by e-mail - **rgodfrey007@btinternet.com** or by phone xxxxx xxxxxx.

#### 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

## GROUP REPORTS



### AmDram

Rehearsals begin again on Wednesday 6th September at the Pollyfield Centre in Bideford at 2pm.

If anyone would like to join us please contact **Lynda Webster** xxxxx xxxxxx or [lynda.web2@talktalk.net](mailto:lynda.web2@talktalk.net)



### Art (Monday).

The photo is of our esteemed Group contact,

Dot Hannam

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](mailto:thewoolfs@tiscali.co.uk)



### Book Group 1.

There was no meeting in August due to visitors and holidays. Our August book will now be discussed at our September meeting "The Zoo-keepers Wife" by Diane Ackerman. *Joan Lock.*

Contact **Sheila Wright** xxxxx xxxxxx or [ess.wright@hotmail.com](mailto:ess.wright@hotmail.com) or **Joan Lock** xxxxx xxxxxx



### Book Group 2.

Our book for discussion was *Testimony* by *Anita Shreve*. The theme of the book is the aftermath of an incident involving a sexual act between an underage girl and three boys at a boarding school in New England. The book takes the form of an academic investigation looking into how the lives of all involved were affected. Each chapter deals with a statement from one of those involved, including the Headmaster, the boys and girl concerned, their families, staff and students at the school and people from the village. Each statement adds to the story and by the end of the book it becomes plain how and why the incident took place. We were few in number this month but we still managed a lively discussion, with sympathies on both sides of the argument. We all felt that it was a good story, very well put together and although most enjoyed the story it was not to everyone's taste. Next month the book is *Love and Summer* by *Trevor Williams*.

For further information contact **Hazel McLellan** xxxxx xxxxxx or [david249mclellan@btinternet.com](mailto:david249mclellan@btinternet.com)



### Book Group 3.

"Emma" by Jane Austen. Emma is not a book of great action but it does give a detailed description of the social life of a certain class of society at the turn of the 18th/19th century. The interaction of the characters relied on conversation, often in great detail; their behaviour reflects their social standing. Communities were therefore rather enclosed with their very structured life style. The characters are of types easily recognisable today. We found the book too lengthy with too much detail but affording insight into the social structure of the times.

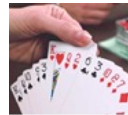
For further information contact **Jo Sampson** xxxxx xxxxxx or [jo.sampson@rocketmail.com](mailto:jo.sampson@rocketmail.com)



### Book Group 4

Book Group 4 is now up and running. The response was so good that we are full already. Our choices for the year have been passed on to the Library and we have been assured that we shall have a set of books by our first meeting on 11th September. We will be meeting on the 2nd. Monday in the month at 2:30pm in the Upper Room.

For further information contact **David or Hazel McLellan** xxxxx xxxxxx or [david249mclellan@btinternet.com](mailto:david249mclellan@btinternet.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](mailto:jkrey123@btinternet.com)



### Bridge Instruction - beginners.

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

For further information contact **Simon Gibbon** xxxxx xxxxxx or [scgfeq@talktalk.net](mailto:scgfeq@talktalk.net)



### Canasta.

For further information contact **Jan Hurst** xxxxx xxxxxx or **Ann Mayne** xxxxx xxxxxx or [annmayne44@gmail.com](mailto:annmayne44@gmail.com)



### Classical Music.

The title of the presentation for next month will be "Periods in Music", which will be held in the usual venue on Friday 22nd September at 2pm. Please let me know if you will be

coming along.

For further information contact **Derrick Hadley** xxxxx xxxxxx or [HADLEY290@aol.com](mailto:HADLEY290@aol.com)



### Crafty Cards.

This month members made numerous cards for the men in our lives. Next month Wednesday September 20th we shall be tackling

something new and making Twist and Pop cards and if we have time to spare we shall also be trying to make wobble cards. New members are 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](mailto:carolynkellygb@gmail.com)





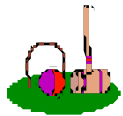


### Creative Craft Class.

This month we had fun making patchwork animals. Next month Thursday 21st September we will be tackling something completely different and we will be making stitch cards (sorry for the change to what I had initially planned to do). New members always welcome and 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 now just has a few weeks left to run before we stop for

the winter. Last month we entertained Tiverton U3A croquet group. Congratulations to the team as we won 8 matches to 4, with



every pair winning at least 1 game. The matches were followed by a simple "tea on the lawn" and was much appreciated by all. The sun shone so a very pleasant afternoon all round.

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



### Daphne Ellis Art Group (Thursday)

This group has now closed



### Daphne Ellis Art Group (Friday)

We now meet every Friday at 2pm in the Upper Room. Everyone welcome.

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



### Devon Inns.

**Thursday 14 September 12noon.**

The Torridge Inn, Black Torrington EX21 5PT.

Tel: 01409 231243. Car Park at rear or on the street.

**Thursday 12 October 12noon.**

The Rydon Inn, Holsworthy EX22 7HU. Tel: 01409 259444. [www.rydon-inn.com](http://www.rydon-inn.com). We think this is a first visit!

If you would like to join our group we have a few places available.

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



### Digital Camera Group.

Members presented a wide and imaginative range of photographs of 'hobbies' demonstrating

one or a combination of the four areas of composition i.e. colour, texture, shape and form. The photograph this month is by Dennis Pavitt, showing his love of gardening and the use of colour. Other



subjects were the letter 'O', and stained glass. Topics for showing at our next meeting are:- the natural environment, the letter 'P' and bikes.

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.

There was insufficient time to further discuss holidays at our August meeting as members favoured talking about items that were currently or had been previously in the news.

These included the sad saga of Charlie Guard, Gay members 'coming out' with changing attitudes and various other subjects.

In view of members usually preferring to discuss local and national items of interest, I proposed that we try a format similar to that on Sky's 'The Pledge', where each attendee can introduce at least one topic for discussion. This should be manageable whilst there are relatively few members and would provide the opportunity for everyone to speak on something that was of particular interest to them (and hopefully to other members also).

For further information contact **Barry Gown on xxxxx xxxxxx** or **barrysg14@outlook.com**



### Drawing Group 1

First meeting of last month was spent at the Burton Art Gallery to see the Anthony Gormley prints and also a fine display of Sir Quentin Blake's illustrations for the BFG. Both

exhibitions are well worth seeing: the Gormley exhibition is concerned mainly about his continued interest in his own body as a basis for his artwork and the Quentin Blake show includes 40 illustrations that he did for Dahl book about the Big Friendly Giant. Spaces still available for this group.

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



### Drawing Group 2

This group has been continuing to work on their own projects whilst once a month spending around half an hour on essential skills development. Last month we undertook some speed drawing to understand the value of under-drawing as a basis for all work rather than beginning to work in almost finished detail in a key area of the work. This produced some excellent drawings. This group is currently full and has a waiting list.

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



### Eating Out.

We will meet at the Brewers Fayre off Clovelly Rd at 12pm. Please let me know if you are coming as I have to book a table.

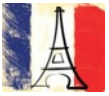
For further information contact **Joan Hall xxxxx xxxxxx**



### Folk Dancing.

Our new season begins on Monday 11th September in Northam Hall at 2.15pm. We hope to welcome some new members together with meeting old friends. Why not join us and enjoy a friendly afternoon of gentle exercise?

For further information contact **Shirley Jewell xxxxx xxxxxx** or [shirleyjewell18@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jo.sampson@rocketmail.com)



### Gardens.

**Thursday 21st September** trip to Eden Project, St. Austell. Coach departs Barnstaple 8.30am, Eilerslie Rd 8.35am, New Inn 8.45am, Bideford 9.00am. Cost £21.50 or £10.50 with an annual pass. Details are in last month's

newsletter.

**Thursday 19th October** the last outing of the year is to The BISHOPS PALACE & WELLS, Somerset. Lying in the heart of the City, next to the busy market place and the famous Wells Cathedral, you can explore over 800 years of history and 14 acres of magnificent gardens at Somerset's only medieval palace. Refreshments are available at 'The Bishops Table', the onsite cafe or at nearby eateries. Cost: £16.95. Coach leaves Bideford 9.00am, Barnstaple 9.30am.

**Thursday 16th November** Country Cousins Restaurant, Westward Ho! End of year lunch. Cost TBA

Cheques made out as usual to BTT Garden Group and sent by the start of the month of the outing to **Babs Muir** at xxxxx xxxxx xx, Northam, N.Devon EX39 1DZ.

Contact **Babs Muir xxxxx xxxxxx** or [babsmuir44@gmail.com](mailto:babsmuir44@gmail.com)



### German

This month we are enjoying our Sommerferien (summer holidays). We meet again on September 14th, when we will talk about a place in Germany that we like.

Details about the group from **Val Curtis xxxxx xxxxxx** or [valacurtis@outlook.com](mailto:valacurtis@outlook.com)



### History.

History Group September Meeting. Just a reminder that the U3A History Group will be visiting Weare Giffard Hall this coming month and therefore will not be meeting at Northam.

The visit will include a tour of the Hall, and parts of the garden. It will finish up in the church with our host explaining the new (2017) stained glass window. Cost will be a donation of £5 which is going to the ongoing restoration of the church, plus the usual 50p meeting fee. We will meet outside the Hall gates at 2:15pm ready for a 2:30 start. The Hall is next door to the church in Weare Giffard.

By car the best way to get there is to take the A386 towards Great Torrington. And take the turning to 'Weare Giffard' going under the Tarka Trail. The Hall is to your right about 1 mile further down this road. Parking is restricted, limited to about ½ dozen places on the

opposite side of the road to the church, and a larger number of places along the 200yds road by the village hall. I have been asked to point out that please do not park by the bank below the church. There is also another parking area 5 min's walk further up the road by the cricket pitch and park.

Hope to see all those who have booked on the day. A few places are still available.

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

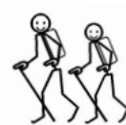
**Irene Hahn xxxxx xxxxxx** or [hahn@btinternet.com](mailto:hahn@btinternet.com)



### 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):



13 of us braved the elements and walked over the common, climbed down to the river, sat

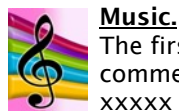
overlooking the peaceful, beautiful waterside to have our coffee break, then climbed up to the top. Almost forgot to mention, we encountered 3 brief showers. 2 whilst we were under the shade of the trees and the third, whilst we were having our picnic. Of course we carried on eating regardless - the photo says it all.



The Morning Walk on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October is a linear one from Bideford to Appledore (and bus back, so remember passes). Meet at the Cattle Market Car Park, off Chanters Road, Bideford, at 10.30 am. There are

some ups and downs, nothing too strenuous, and it may be muddy in places (as it seems to have been everywhere this summer). Lunch is at the Beaver Inn, Appledore. We have eaten there recently and the food was very good. (Fish Pie recommended). They have asked for numbers and food orders in advance. Their menu is on-line or I can read it to you if on-line is difficult for anyone. The Walk Leader is Sally Huxley but to book on, please contact **Irene Hahn** on xxxxx xxxxxx or [hahn@btinternet.com](mailto:hahn@btinternet.com) by Tuesday 3rd October.

Group contact **Irene Hahn** xxxxx xxxxxx or [hahn@btinternet.com](mailto:hahn@btinternet.com)



**Music.**

The first meeting after the summer recess will commence at 2pm Friday 8th September at xxx xxxxx Abbotsham. The subject is 'the letter E'.

For further information contact **Moreen Erridge** xxxxx xxxxxx or [erridge@outlook.com](mailto:erridge@outlook.com)



**Music sans Frontiers.**

There was no meeting for this group in August, but we will be meeting again on September 12th at 2.15pm. The venue will be xxx xxxxx, Northam.

The usual routine is that we each bring two or three items to play....new discoveries or much loved favourites that we would like to share. Classical music is well-catered for in other groups, so we aim to explore and enjoy the wealth of 'other' music from great performers in the genres of Jazz, folk, rock, reggae, gypsy, tango, and from musicians around the world. If you would like to try us, make contact.

Contact **Angus Winfield** xxxxx xxxxxx or [angwinf@gmail.com](mailto:angwinf@gmail.com)



**Petanque.**

Many thanks to all those who have attended and kept Petanque going, especially to Martin and others who collected the fees and kept the attendance records during my, and Brenda's, enforced absence. We hope to be back in circulation very soon.

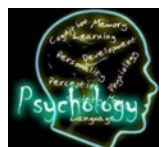
For any further information please contact **Brian Halstead** on xxxxx xxxxxx or [brhal@btinternet.com](mailto:brhal@btinternet.com)



**Playreading.**

Next meeting 18th September at 2:15 pm, usual venue

Contact **Beryl Drew** xxxxx xxxxxx or [beryl.drew75@hotmail.com](mailto:beryl.drew75@hotmail.com).



**Psychology**

Our next meeting after the summer break is on Friday 8th September. The topic is faces and we will examine what you can tell from a face. We will also look at what can happen to influence our perception of faces and how faces influence who you might fall in love with!

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

Contact **Jane Bellworthy** xxxxx xxxxxx or [jane.bideford@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.bideford@btinternet.com)



**Science, Technology & Society.**

We resume after our summer break on **Tuesday 26 September** (2:30 in the Upper Room) with part 2 of Chris Peacock's talk on railway safety, entitled '**Lives on the Line**'. In part 1, we heard about the evolution of modern signalling. This time, he'll be looking at the role of human error, and how technology can be used to minimise it.

Looking ahead, our meeting on **24 October** will be another 'Open Forum', your opportunity to ask any questions you may have about Science & Technology and, hopefully, have them answered by the rest of us. For this to work, we'll need your questions in advance, so please submit them to me no later than the September meeting. The group is still full, but if you would like to join the waiting list, please let me know.

Contact **Barry Zussman**: xxxxx xxxxxx or [barryviv@btinternet.com](mailto:barryviv@btinternet.com)



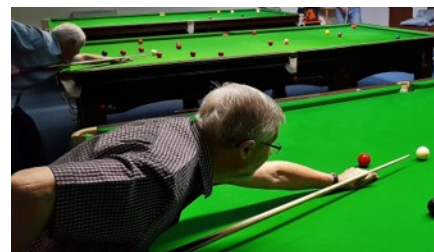
**Snooker (Tue & Wed)**

Now that the two sessions of snooker (Tuesdays & Wednesdays) have bedded in, there will only be one snooker group.

Members of the group are all free to play either Tuesday or Wednesday (or both sessions). As a result there are still spaces for any new members. Snooker costs £1 for the 2 hour session.

**Tues snooker.** We are pleased to welcome Dennis

Pavitt to our group, also nice to see Kevin Cuss return (making a 16 break - twice on that return! Cheek of it!!). The legend in his own lunch time, Dave McLellan, made a truly magnificent 18 break and finally, the much anticipated shoot-out for highest Tues/Weds break between Ian Braunton and himself failed to transpire because one of them didn't show up!! This month has been a little disrupted by holidays but on a **Wednesday**, Eric Blacker has achieved break of the month with 18....about time, Eric.



Contact either **John Stotesbury** xxxxx xxxxxx [johnstotesbury@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnstotesbury@hotmail.co.uk) or **Ian Braunton** xxxxx xxxxxx [ianbraunton@btinternet.com](mailto:ianbraunton@btinternet.com)



**Spanish.**

Spanish lessons will resume on the 3rd Wednesday in September ie the **20th September**. Same time and same venue.

For more information contact **Stewart Philp** xxxxx xxxxxx or [hylee@talktalk.net](mailto:hylee@talktalk.net)



**Sunday Lunch Club.**

Sunday lunch on the 1st October will be at the Beaver Inn, Appledore 12.30

Contact **Jean Barnaby** xxxxx xxxxxx or [jeanbarnaby231@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanbarnaby231@btinternet.com)



**Table Tennis.**

Table tennis still going strong. Numbers down a little as always in the summer months due to holidays and grandchild sitting duties but will pick up again in September. We would like to welcome our newest member, Barbara, to our group. Anyone interested in joining us please contact:

Contact **Christine Isaac** xxxxx xxxxxx or xxxxx xxxxxx or [christine.isaac@talktalk.net](mailto: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.**  
Third Friday Walk: October 20th. Meet at The New Inn car park, Fremington - GR: 513324 - for a 10.30 a.m. start. The pub will open at

10.00 a.m. for us to choose lunch and use the facilities. This is an easy 3½ mile walk, initially alongside the main road to the entrance to Fremington Quay [with an option to use a footpath for half of the way - if not too muddy], then along farm tracks and footpaths to join the Tarka Trail for our coffee stop. We return along the Trail and footpaths to Fremington Quay and The New Inn. There are two easy stiles and one flight of about 15 steps with good handrails. If walking and/or dining, please contact me by Tuesday 17th October - Roger Newton at:- roger.newton@tiscali.co.uk or 01 805 622336.

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



**Torridge U3A Ramblers.**  
**August walk:** 12 of us joined Brian to explore Bideford's 'nooks and crannies,' a very interesting walk which also showed that Brian has a very good memory! Thank you very much, Brian.

**September walk;** to be led by Arthur Ello 'Ello. I will say this only once, although you may need to read it several times. After my application to join the French consternation group was rejected I thought that I would celibate this avec an infertile French thumbel wheelk, so on **Friday 8th September** we will mate at the **Rydon Garage in Bideford (448276) at 10.30** to start a shirt lineker wheelk along the little known **Trail d'Arthur to Appledore via Westward Ho!** and the world famous **toilette de la slipway.** BYOFAD, but garlic eaters to the derriere please. Anyone wishing to become effluent in Devonian can also join us. Tea and kayak in **Pommeporte** at the fin. Retour sur la bus. Full details on page 19. Bonne chance mes petites wheelkers.

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



**Ukulele group.**  
Three new members joined the group last month, so lots of practising to do to get ready for our next two engagements. Our next days for meeting are September 4th and 18th.

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.**  
Bridges, our latest subject, brought forth our usual wide ranging interpretations. Our numbers were down due to holidays etc. But we learnt about the history of the Stari Most bridge in Bosnia, the end of romantic dreams on a bridge, a new baby bridging a family relationship and the Tay Bridge railway tragedy. We look forward to our next meeting.

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

**Puzzle Corner.** *A homeless man picks up cigarette butts discarded in the street. He can make one cigarette with 5 butts. Today he is lucky, he found 25 cigarette butts. How many cigarettes will he make?*

(answer below)

### SKITTLES (TAW U3A)

Wednesday Evening Skittles meets again on Wednesday 20th September 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.

Answer. 6 cigarettes. He makes 5 with the 25 butts. He smokes them and has 5 more butts to make another cigarette.

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ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b><u>Groups below meet every week</u></b>			
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	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 & 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
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
BOOK GROUP 4	2nd Monday	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 Torridge Inn, Black Torrington
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	Brewers Fayre (Clovelly Rd)
GARDENS	3rd Thursday	09:00	Eden Project, St. Austell
HISTORY	1st Thursday	14:30	Northam Leisure Centre
MORNING WALKERS	1st Friday	10:30	Bideford/Appledore (October)
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	Beaver Inn, Appledore (October)
The GEORGE KELLY PHILOSOPHY GRP	2nd Tuesday	14:00	Upper Room, St Margaret's
TORRIDGE U3A RAMBLERS	2nd Friday	10:30	Bideford/Appledore
THIRD FRIDAY WALKERS	3rd Friday	10:30	Fremington
WRITERS GROUP 1	4th Wednesday	14:30	Upper Room, St Margaret's
WRITERS GROUP 2	3rd Tuesday		<i>Contact Shirley Jewell</i>