

August 2019



Your next speakers

September - Paul Rendell - Dartmoor

October - Dorothy Kirk - Turner in the Tamar Valley and beyond

November - Tommy Hatwell - Photography, Round the world and Back again

Subscription reminder

Please ensure you have paid your subs!



Diaries 2020

We'll be taking orders soon.



Christmas Lunch

2nd December.
Save the date and look out for more details

First Aid Course

Wednesday 13th Nov at 10am.

Please email Yvonne if you would like to attend

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Scrabble quiz

What is a 9 letter word with a double word score of 24 which consists of:
1 tile with a value of 2
1 tile with a value of 3
7 tiles with a value of 1 each
Clue - Variety of Pea?
Answer on back page!



Our monthly meetings will be taking on a slightly different format;
On arrival refreshments will be served with the meeting being called to order at 10.25, when Ruth will introduce our speaker. Following the speakers presentation at around 11.25 there will be a short comfort break before the business section of the meeting.

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This is a Closed group, so only open to members of Callington U3A.

Visit our website - www.u3asites.org.uk/Callington

If you are interested in joining the Callington U3A - Come along to the Callington Town Hall at 10am on the first Monday of each month or visit our website

It is with great sadness we learnt that Bryon Pascoe passed away recently
We offer our sincere condolences to Monica and family who
are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time



U3A Summer Outing - Exmouth

At 9am on the 1st July around 58 of our members boarded the coach at the Free car park to begin the day trip to Exmouth.

A smooth, traffic free journey saw us arriving at Exmouth around 10.30 and with instructions from the coach driver to return back to the coach for 13.45 we enjoyed just over 2hrs free time.

Many walked the short distance to the town centre for coffee, followed by a visit to the museum or shopping or eating lunch in one of the many cafes/restaurants .

Some found their way to the seafront for a brisk walk and then wandered around looking for 'Krispies' Fish and Chip shop which has just won a National award 'Winner of fish and chips shop for the year 2019'. We all agreed the fish and chips were delicious.

With some time to spare a few of us decided on a quick half in the pub before getting back on the coach for the short journey to the dock.

We boarded the Tudor Rose boat and most of us made our way to the top deck to enjoy the views and sunshine. Captain Josh pointed out places of interest on our hour and three quarter trip along the River Exe while we enjoyed a delicious cream tea.

Arriving back at the dock we boarded the coach once again and relaxed for our journey back to Callington free car park.

Huge thanks must go to Karen Rose who did all the research and bookings for the coach and boat trips.

Thanks also to Mary Elliott who ensured everyone had a revised itinerary prior to the trip and organised us all on the day with the help of Ray Lawrence, making sure we were all at the right place at the right time.



GROUP NEWS

▶ Art Appreciation

Jo King gave a very interesting talk on Dada(ism). For a period between 1915-1921, this political Movement worked to show the horrors of WW1. They staged events and organised political protests against capitalism showing how this was becoming rife across the world. Everything accepted as 'art' at the time was what they worked against and so there were photomontages, blocks of colour with no apparent meaning, objects of all kinds made into sculpture etc. Some unfamiliar names Kurt Schwitters, Hans Arp and more recognisable Max Ernst and Man Ray who later moved onto Surrealism .

Marian Watson gave a presentation of Salvador Dali whose interest in Surrealism was inspired by family friends. After meeting Picasso in Paris he tried his hand with cubism but then developed his own style and back in Spain met and fell in love with Gala the then wife of poet Paul Eluard.

The surrealists were of the Political Left wing and Dali parted company as he wouldn't speak our about Facism.

In 1971 Gala and Dali separated, she died in 1982 and Dali in 1989 from heart failure.

Contact Penny Beech 01822 843756

▶ Baking

It was coffee time treats for our last baking session. More sweet than savoury offerings filled the table and with the sun shining we all sat outside drinking coffee and tasting bakes which included Viennese whirls, Florentines, Spiced apple and sultana fingers, mini coffee and pecan cakes and mini savoury cheese crackers. Everyone agreed that everything this month really was delicious.

We are not meeting in August, our next meeting will be September 11th when we'll be trying eponymous British recipes

Contact Jenny Wheeley 351662

▶ Bookworms

No meeting in August, next meeting September 20th.

I will get a book set before then and distribute when possible

Contact Hilary Howarth 382172

▶ Crime Fiction

With only 4 of us managing to make the last meeting we have decided to give the group a rest for the summer and meet afresh in September. I will email group members nearer the time with a reminder of date and time.

If you enjoy crime fiction and want to share books

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▶ Events and Outings

We had a great behind the scenes tour at the Theatre Royal Plymouth and a fabulous afternoon tea afterwards. We enjoyed it so much I will be organising another tour of the TR2 (the production and learning facility) that make all the stages, props etc. Date will be October 15th with a sign up sheet available at August/September meetings. Tickets should be approx. £10 A few of us visited Castle Drogo and in spite of the showery weather we enjoyed the visit and the gardens were delightful. In September a Red Badge guided tour for both Medieval and

Georgian Exeter (or just a day shopping) date TBA .

Two more suggestions; A private evening tour of the Shipwreck Museum, Charlestown and tour of Delabole slate quarry. Sign up sheets will be available.

Contact Mary Hardy 382575, Facebook and web site or sign up sheet at the Monday meeting

▶ Folk Dancing

Folk Dancing starts on 5th September in The Methodist Church, Callington from 10.30 - 1200. We have a caller and CDs and there's always a refreshing cup of tea or coffee to end with. New members very welcome

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▶ Humour

The next meeting of the Humour Group will be on Monday 16th September at 10:15 am at Pillaton. Venue TBC

Contact Helen Redden 382612

Patient - Doctor, Doctor, I keep wanting to sing Delilah

Doctor - I think you may have caught Tom Jones disease

Patient - Is it normal?

Doctor - It's not unusual !

▶ Jazz Appreciation

At the July meeting, we were treated to an enjoyable and informative talk by Ruth Desborough.

The Tamar Valley Jazz Association was set up in 1997 (with the aid of a grant from the National Lottery) to bring more mainstream jazz to the local area. Ruth was the Secretary for 10 years, and the Association was based in Tavistock. We listened to music from a large variety of musicians, including Jim Mullen, Don Weller, Scott Hamilton, the duo of Bruce Adam and Brian Dee and not forgetting Digby Fairweather.

We are not meeting in August, the next one will be on 11th September at Christine's house at 2pm. We shall be watching the DVD Jazz on a Summer's Day Newport Festival 1958.

Contact Rosemary Wright 370578

▶ Music Appreciation

A magical interlude in the company of Edvard Grieg the Norwegian composer who like virtually all young composers of the time embraced nationalism, his songs, piano music, and incidental music became indelibly linked with the spirit of Norwegian folk music and literature. Grieg once modestly described his music in the following terms: "Artists like Bach and Beethoven erected churches and temples on ethereal heights...I want to build homes for people in whom they can be happy and contented."

There will be no meeting in August, September date TBA

Contact Pat Ferguson 384402

▶ Opera

An old favourite a film made in 1984 of Carmen by Bizet based on a novella by Prosper Merimee. It tells the story of Don José, sung by Plácido Domingo, who is seduced by Carmen the gypsy girl brilliantly played by Julia Migenes Johnson who with her strutting, dark, messy, frizzy hair, and her sexual availability attracts Don José and drives him crazy. Carmen represents everything he tries to repress, but after deserting the Army

and losing the respectability that meant everything to him, he thinks she owes him lifelong devotion. Carmen's mistake was in thinking she could take him as a lover on her own terms and after a short time moves her affections to the bullfighter Escamillo. The final act set against the background of the bull fight finds José confronting a self-assured Carmen who declares she no longer loves him. As the crowd cheers the matador José stabs Carmen to death.

The next opera will hopefully be a full day with lunch in the garden the date to be confirmed

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► Play Reading

The Play Reading Group are saddened at the recent passing of Bryon Pascoe, who was the only male member of the group. Bryon and his wife Monica have been regular members for many years and our thoughts are with Monica at this difficult time.

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► Poetry

At our meeting in July we took as our theme 'Summer' and found many different viewpoints expressed by several poets, such as John Keats, William Blake and Robert Louis Stevenson and in particular a new poet to some of us, Helen Steiner Rice, an American writer of religious and inspirational poetry who was born in Lorain Ohio in 1900. We researched the biography of Paul Laurence Dunbar an American poet, novelist, and playwright of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Born in 1872 in Dayton Ohio, he was the first African American poet, the son of freed slaves from Kentucky. He wrote poems both in Standard English known as major and in dialect known as minor, these brought him the most attention. He died in 1906 having achieved both national and international renown

There will be no meeting in August the next TBC

Contact Pat Ferguson 384402

► Philosophy

Sue Morrish guided us through our last meeting. We focused on two philosophers, Karl Popper and Thomas Kuhn. Karl Popper attempted to explain the philosophy of science, he believed that scientists learn from their mistakes and science only progresses when we realise a particular way of thinking is false. He spoke of scientists working within a paradigm that scientists of the day share. Thomas Kuhn however introduced the idea of a 'paradigm shift' when a whole way of thinking is overturned. We speculated about where the next paradigm shift might come.

The next meeting will be about John Rawls, on September 26th in the Town Hall. New members welcome,

Contact Sandra West 370231

► Rummikub

So nice to see so many people enjoy playing this game. Last month one half of the group played regular Rummikub whilst the others played the new version.

Sorry but the group is now full, we have over 20 people on the list and I cannot seat any more players.

Contact Susan Morris 370542

► Scribblers

We cancelled our July meeting as lots of us had their engagements so our next meeting is August 15th, 2pm
Contact Penny Beech 01822 834756

► Walkers 1

Lantic Bay/Polruan - 10 Walkers 1 started the walk by enjoying the view at Pencarrow Head with a coffee break before continuing along the coastal path to Polruan for lunch by the quay. After lunch we made our way up Pont Pill to Lanteglos-by-Fowey church to see the wood carvings of the Pinwill Sisters.



► Walkers 2

4 lovely walks in July for this group. Our first one was another visit to Roadford reservoir and some of us even did a bit of weeding at the sundial.

It was very warm when we drove to Lopwell Dam on the River Tavy, While it is now a peaceful and beautiful spot, Lopwell was initially a busy river quay, serving nearby mines. Before the dam was built, a ferry used to run from one side of the estuary to the other. The small village of Poundsgate was our next walk, again a lovely morning and beautiful scenery. Our last walk took us back to Dartmoor, this time Princetown where we walked along the old railway track to the quarry encountering cows and horses on the way.

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Roadford Reservoir



Poundgate



Scrabble Answer
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Next newsletter will be available 2nd September.

All contributions by 22nd August.

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