

July 2019

Your next speakers



August - Terry Faull - Holy Wells of Devon & Cornwall
Followed by special general meeting

September - Paul Rendell - Dartmoor

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

Starts

West End to Broadway Musical show



August dates to be confirmed

Subscription reminder

To continue enjoying U3A meetings, outings and group activities please ensure your Membership Subs are paid



First Aid Course

We are hoping to run another free two part course in Oct/Nov. Please email Yvonne if you would like to attend.



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Scrabble quiz



St Ives

Train trip

Friday 9th August



What is a 9 letter word which has a value of 36. There are 2 triple letter scores and a double word score. Clue is a plant?

Answer on back page!

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

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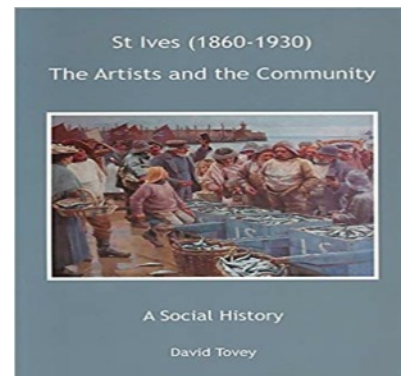
If you are interested in joining the Callington U3A - Come along to the Callington Town Hall at 10am on the first Monday of each month or visit our website

Our June speaker was David Tovey Social History of St Ives from 1860-1930

David is an Art Historian specialising in the Cornish Schools of Art and author of many books on the subject. His talk today covered his writings in the book, *The Artists, The Fisherfolk and the Fishing Industry St. Ives 1860 - 1930*.

Industry grew rapidly during the 19th Century and this did not suit the sensibilities of artists who retreated to remote colonies. About 70 Bohemian colonies grew up and inevitably there were clashes with the working people in these places.

St. Ives was a fishing town 'a stinking place' according to Victorian travellers to be avoided at all costs, along with tin and copper mines. There were many associated industries, large seine nets and sails for the fishing boats were made in lofts, which were later taken over and turned into artists' studios. Fishing for pilchards, herring and mackerel took place and huge half mile seine nets caught the massive shoals of pilchards that swarmed into St. Ives Bay.



The fishing and mining industries collapsed in 1870. Fortunately a railway branch line was built from St. Erth to Carbis Bay and later the Tamar Bridge to carry Isambard Kingdom Brunel's railway into Cornwall and therefore made more remote parts of the County accessible. The Council at St. Ives tried to turn the town into a health resort but first the water supply (often contaminated with salt water) and poor drainage had to be addressed, the death rate amongst local children was very high. This improvement benefitted the artists who had settled and already brought prosperity to local B & B owners one of which Charles and Maria Hendra's Villa enlarged to three times its original size becoming Hendras Hotel - the artists keeping the winter finances alive, it ran for 99 years.

Entrepreneurs set up stores with artist's paints, canvases, brushes and one named Lanham opened a gallery to exhibit and sell paintings, many to be sent around the world. Richmond Place was home to many artists in the 1890s after leaving Arts and Craft's Villas, Belyar Croft and St. Eia and they helped to stop the demolition of the fisherman's cottages. into new houses. Captain Tomas Row Harvey, Mayor of St. Ives in 1896, 1900 and 1903 also fought to preserve the unique buildings of St. Ives, that visitors from all over the world can appreciate today.

However not all was harmonious, The local Methodists did not approve of alcohol and did not want the newly built Porthminster Hotel to be licensed - however a casting vote won the day for alcohol to be served.

Another contentious subject was Sunday Observance - the artists would paint on Sundays and the fishermen would pelt them with fish to drive them off the beaches.

The purity of light and beauty of the beaches still draws artists to St. Ives which is why the Tate overlooking Porthminster beach was built to show contemporary artists as well as those from the past exhibited there. A new Barbara Hepworth Gallery is now open.

David showed us many wonderful paintings and gave us all a life enhancing talk.

Anita Bowden

GROUP NEWS

► Baking

Well all the fingers and toes crossing were in vain- it rained for our picnic! But no matter, we laid out a big table indoors, spread it with our picnic goodies, opened the wine and ignored the weather. We had chicken and pork picnic pie, bacon and egg pie and flans to go with the salads, a strawberry and feta tart to bridge the gap and fruity tray bakes and muffins to satisfy the sweet side. A really good picnic.

This group is now full but to be put on our waiting list, or start another group please

Contact **Jenny Wheeley 351662**

► Bowling

Sixteen members made our way to Trethorne Leisure Park for more bowling fun. There were 4 teams and we played our first game then stopped for delicious lunch before our second game. We are a group of very mixed abilities with one main objective - to have fun and a laugh.

Our next bowling outing will be July 18th, so contact Mel if you would like to join us.

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Our Bowling Team



Champion Bowlers



► Crime Fiction

We welcomed another new member to our group this month so interest in crime fiction is thriving. We do have very wide reaching views on what we like or don't like but it's easy to get stuck on just one or two authors so its really interesting when members bring in books from writers none of us have read before to share around. Ann Cleeves and Michael Connelly will always be popular but it's good to look to other types of crime fiction and it also brings about lively group discussion!

If you enjoy crime fiction and want to share books

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► Events and Outings

Two national Trust House visits planned for July, Knighthayes Court and Castle Drogo, contact Mary Hardy via the website, Facebook or phone for more info.

There was going to be a break during the school holidays but we're hoping to do a trip by train to St Ives on Friday 9th Aug. Group travel price will be approx £7.50. A sign up sheet will be available at August monthly meeting.

There has been interest in a Sterts show , " West End to

Broadway" musicals, dates available are 15th/16th or 31st August all at 7.30pm.

In September a Red Badge guided tour for both Medieval and Georgian Exeter (or just a day shopping) date TBA .

Several people have asked for a Plymouth Gin Tour and the Food and Drink group have suggested a ferry ride from the Barbican to Royal William yard for a meal so the possibility of a joint venture in the future

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

► Humour

The next meeting of the Humour Group will be on Monday 15/7/19 at Christine's house, at 1015 am. All being well the subject will be Tim Vine.

Contact **Helen Redden 382612**

Youth Vs Old Age:

I used to dread getting older because I thought I wouldn't be able to do all the things I wanted to do, but now that I am older I find that I don't want to do them.

In youth the days are short and the years are long, in old age the years are short and the days long

► Jazz Appreciation

Our June Meeting was an enjoyable afternoon listening to some old favourites, and also some tunes from an album called Kings of Cajan which had all our feet tapping.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday July 10th at Christine's house at 2 pm when Ruth Desborough will be giving us a talk on 'The Story of the Tamar Valley Jazz Assocation'.

Contact **Rosemary Wright 370578**

► Opera

Our group started again last month at the 'Theatre Dowell' with several new members attending.

We kicked things off by watching a film of Puccini's Madam Butterfly which contains the beautiful aria 'One Fine Day'.

English subtitles helped with understanding and Carol had also prepared a synopsis which was very useful for those who did not know the story. A biography of the composer Giacomo Puccini gave us a deeper insight into this great Italian composer.

Refreshments accompanied further discussion on the movie For our next meeting on 16th July at 2pm we will listen and discuss 'Carmen' by George Bizet.

Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can set Up seating .

Contact **Carol Dowell 382158** forse1946@hotmail.co.uk

► Philosophy

Our last meeting on Hannah Arendt (1906-1975) was

researched and led by Alan Sturt.

Hannah was an extraordinary political philosopher who wrote extensively on revolution, the nature of freedom and the faculties of thought and judgement. She was possibly most well known for her report of the Eichmann trial to



which she assigned the controversial phrase " the banality of evil ". As a Jew living at the time of the rise of Nazi Germany her theories and analysis of totalitarianism continue to inspire political thinkers today.

The next meeting on July 25th will be about Philippa Foot and Judith Jarvis Thomson. at Callington Town Hall 10-12 am.

Contact Sandra West 370231

► Pub Lunch

Next pub lunch will be at The Who'd of Thought it. St Dominick on August 5th.

Contact Lucy Thomas 388799

► Quizzing

The Quiz group has been to several quizzes in the local area over the past month. One was held in Honicombe Holiday Park in aid of Alzheimers research UK. We had 2 U3A teams, one came second and the other came third out of a dozen teams. Some interesting rounds too. One was a picture round of Dingbats to be deciphered and there was a challenge to make the tallest, freestanding structure out of marshmallows and dried spaghetti! Another quiz was held at Primraf recently. We had 4 teams taking part. 2 came joint fourth and another came first! That was the first winning team from our quiz group. Well done all who took part and thank you for making the effort. At the end of July we have an inter-U3A quiz in Tavistock. There are 6 U3As competing from Devon and Cornwall. We can only enter 1 team of 6 people. Hopefully this will become a regular thing and more of our quizzers can take part. If you would like to join the quiz group please

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► Rummikub

Some players last month had not played with the new more complex joker tiles before, but picked it up very well and went on to win games. Rummikub is an easy game to play with number or letter tiles based on the card game Rummy, or the letters game a bit like scrabble. We have lots of fun and welcome new members

Contact Susan Morris 370542

► Strollers

Our walk in early June, was dogged by unseasonal weather but allowed us a brief window, to explore the moorland around the Caradon Mining District above Pensilva village. The abandoned mine buildings stood defiantly proud across the exposed landscape providing shelter for a family of Ravens anxiously guarding their nest high up in an old pump house. Life would have been harsh for the whole community between the boom and bust years of the 1800s but today the beauty of Cornwall's lost heritage was breath taking. Our thanks to Caroline

Marshall for organising a dry sanctuary for our coffee stop, before the rain descended.

Our last trip in June took us to Looe. Where we took in the marvellous landscape along the Looe Valley Railway, leaving plenty of time to take in the sights, sounds and smells along the quay and around this much loved fishing village.

Contact Pauline Abbiss 01579 386850



► Walkers 2

Cyndy's circular walk from the village hall in Harrowbarrow up a little used lane to a derelict (although preserved) mine workings and back past The Rising Sun Nurseries was a new walk for the group. Although the first half of the walk is up hill we all managed it and were rewarded by tea and coffee in the Rising Sun Nurseries. The tea and coffee came with delicious home made cake and gave shelter from the heavy rain which finally came and was a relief for the gardeners amongst us

Our walk to Luxillyan was cancelled due to the bad weather but we did manage a walk at St Germain's led by Rosy.

Starting at the church we did a circular walk along footpaths, through fields and encountered a few inclines before arriving back at the cars. We had a few minutes wait before the pub opened where we enjoyed drinks and lunch.

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St German's



Resting at St German's



Scrabble Answer

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Next newsletter will be available August 5th.

All contributions by 25th July please email Yvonne johnsonyvonne1@sky.com