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Many on the committee will be leaving next year and we need some 'new blood' with fresh ideas.

Please think seriously about becoming a committee member. If you would like to come along and see what we do and how it works we would be delighted to see you at a committee meeting.

New Groups and Interests

The U3A in Callington is your U3A and we are always open to suggestions as to how we might improve?

Our groups have remained largely the same for some time perhaps you have a particular subject you are interested in, that would appeal to others. We are not asking you to lead a group but just to make suggestions of things that interest you, so we can put you in contact with others of a similar vein.

Please let Carol or any member of the Committee have your ideas



Cornish Culture group

Pictures to go with the report on inside page



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The next newsletter will be available on 4th December. All contributions for the newsletter to be with the editor by **Wednesday 22 November**, at the latest, please.

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THE VIEW FROM THE WINGS...

was the title of the October monthly talk, for the the Callington U3A at the Town Hall. It was by Brian Freeland, and he told his stories about life behind the scenes in the Theatre.

His experiences with everything from variety (Butlin's Holiday Camps and the London Palladium) to the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, Scottish Opera and Sadler's Wells Ballet. The stage manager's view from the prompt corner is very different to that from your comfortable seat in the stalls or circle. Reality theatre; no retakes.

Brian's theatre career started direct from National Service, in 1959, as Trainee Manager at the London Palladium, and has taken him to forty-three different countries including three residencies in the Middle East; eight tours of the Indian sub-continent and two circumnavigations of the globe.

He has worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, Sadler's Wells and London Festival Ballet Companies, Scottish Opera, Nottingham Playhouse and Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop Company.

As he approached retirement he started to 'branch out' - directing amateur operatics; writing scripts, and giving Talks. Details of his Talks and Presentations, and of his Scripts, fill the pages of his website, www.brianfreeland.co.uk

In amongst all of this, he finally found time to write the long-promised autobiography which he called MEANDERINGS: A RIVER AND A LIFE. Again, details can be found towards the back of the website.

Brian worked with some very famous names such as Bud Flanagan and the Crazy Gang, Harry Secombe, Tommy Trinder, Derek Nimo, David Jason, Sybil Thorndyke and many more. He told us some very funny stories of things that went wrong back stage. It was a very amusing talk, enjoyed by all.

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Gillian Brown



*Next month on 4th December
Christmas Lunch*



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GROUP NEWS

Groups - the **contact person** is available on the website, from the Secretary or at monthly meetings

ALLOTMENTS

There is one vacancy on one of the shared allotments. 10 x 15 feet.
Contact Ann Martin

ART

We meet at the Old School, Stoke Climsland on alternate Thursday mornings from 10am - 1pm. The dates for November meetings are on 16th, & 30th. We do not meet in December. Contact 01579 382187 for further information.

BAKING

In deference to Honey Fair the Baking group used honey recipes this month and I don't think we've ever had so many tales of woe! The results all tasted pretty good but there were a few lopsided or sunken tops, some of us had problems with mixing everything thoroughly and in some cases the honey just seemed to disappear altogether. I think it's fair to say that honey is one ingredient we won't be using again.
Our meeting was on November 1st at Les' when we tried recipes for Religious Celebrations. Our Christmas meeting is on December 13th at the Wheelcys'.
Our group is full at the moment but if you would like to be put on our waiting list please contact Jenny Wheelcley on 351662

BARN DANCING

We meet on first Thursday each month. The next session will be on 7 December, 10.30 a.m. in the Methodist Church. All very welcome.
Contact Wendy Fader 01822 835985

BOOKWORMS

Our meeting this time was quite a lively affair, the book this month was Julian Fellowes' "Past Imperfect". It is a tale set mostly in the 1960's but recounted in the present. The plot involves a dying man asking his one time "friend" from the 60's to try and trace all his ex-girlfriends and discover who of their many offspring, was actually his child as he wanted to leave his many millions to him or her. Although he believes it is a boy. It is a very involved and at time long drawn out tale, but worth a read if you are of an age that remembers the 60's. But be warned you need plenty of time if you are to read every word (some of us confessed to skipping quite a bit) Next meeting is the 17th of November.

BRIDGE

Meet on Tuesday evening in the Methodist Church. New members welcome. Call Hilary on 350360

CORNISH CULTURE

We had a most enjoyable and entertaining trip around Cornwall at our last meeting. We started in Newlyn home of the Newlyn Art School and a major fishing port. 2020 is the 500th Anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower which called in at Newlyn to load provisions and water before setting sail for America. Apart from these activities many other events happened over the years - there was a 10 foot tsunamis in 1775 and there were many deaths. There were riots about landing fish in 1896 and the voyage of the Rosebud in 1937 which went to London to protest about the demolition of homes in Newlyn. Of course many people visit Newlyn to see the lights floating in the harbour. We then moved to Zennor and the story of the choirboy with a beautiful voice. The mermaid came to hear him sing and they fell in love on land and than swam out to sea together. We then travelled to St. Agnes and its ancient Beacon - a site where signal beacons have been lit for hundreds of years. Apart from a charming village with two old pubs and an ancient church there are three unspoiled beaches. It was once an important mining area the remnants of which make striking backdrops in many dramas - most recently Poldark. St. Agnes has remained unspoiled from its quaint downhill terrace known as Stippy Stappy to many miles of footpaths and beautiful coastline it is a Cornish gem. We then travelled further up the coast to Rocky Valley near Boscastle and Tintagel. There were two woollen mills in the valley opened in 1779 and closed in 1813. The areas occupation dates from the Bronze Age, ancient fertility symbols may still be seen. Our next visit was to The Minions another Bronze Age site - the Hurlers are still being investigated. The famous Cheesewring, being the result of glaciation. We were then entertained by the story of Daniel Gumb who made a home for himself in a cave on the moor below the Cheesewring. His cave was 10 metres by 3 metres. He lived there with his wife and large family of children (many died). He observed the movement of the stars and became a knowledgeable astronomer. Born in 1703 he died in 1776 and his son carried on living in the cave. Lastly a complete change one of our members visited the Great Trethew Vintage Rally at Horningtops, Liskeard. Much to our surprise we saw a picture of a Track Grip which was made at Kelly Bray. It was a useful little vehicle, one of its uses was transporting chicken houses. It was produced until the 1960s when a manufacturer in Penryn took them over. **See back page for pictures** It was an excellent meeting, thanks to everyone. Our next meeting will be on 13th November the theme being Cornish songs, poems and stories. Venue to be arranged. We will have a Christmas Celebration on 11th December again venue to be arranged.

CRIME FICTION

At our last meeting at Lucy's, 9 of us met to discuss our recent Crime Fiction reading. Among the authors and genres discussed were Italian crime from Andrea Camilleri, Donna Leon and Mario Malvadi, French crime from Fred Vargas and Pierre Magnan, American crime from John Grisham, Michael Connelly, Harlen Coben and Ray Celestin, Scandi crime from Jo Nesbo and Anne Holt and some familiar British names

GROUP NEWS CONTINUED

John Le Carre, Fredrick Forsyth, Philip Kerr, Ian Rankin and Peter James. Joanne provided our delicious tea time treats. November's meeting will be on Thursday 23rd. If you are interested in joining us to discuss or learn more about crime fiction (and eat cake!), please contact *David Seward 384631*

FAMILY HISTORY

Meet at 2.30pm at Eileen's on Monday 27th November. No meeting December. Contact Eileen 01579 350639

FLOWER ARRANGING

TBA mid- November for planning session. Saturday 2nd December, time TBA, to produce table arrangements for U3A Christmas lunch. Both meetings at Eileen's .

FOOD AND WINE

Contact Maire Warwick 01579 350711

GAME ON

The group will be starting again in the Autumn. Contact Lucy Thomas 01579 350018

JAZZ APPRECIATION

At our October meeting, 8 of the group met at Christine's for another members' choice session. These included piano jazz from Thelonius Monk, Bill Evans, Scot Joplin, Dave Brubeck and Fats Waller, big band jazz from Art Blakey and his Jazz Messengers, Duke Ellington and Stan Kenton, vocals from Diana Krall and a new group, Gogo Penguin. Our next meeting will be on Wed 8th November at Christine's, a members' choice, perhaps with a fireworks theme! If you are interested in joining us, contact David Seward 384631

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Contact Pat Ferguson 01579 384402

OPERA

We enjoyed if a little protracted, *Così fan tutte* by Mozart from La Scala Milan. A lively romp set in Naples in the late 1700s in which two soldiers accept a wager from an older friend that their sweethearts will be faithful to them what ever happen. Both the girls are tempted by the soldiers themselves, heavily disguised, into entering into, unknown to them fake marriages with two Albanians. The older soldier finally persuades the men to forgive the girls and it ends happily with two legal marriages.

The next opera day will be our Christmas Meeting which we will share with Music appreciation on December 7th . New members welcome. We have space if anyone would like to join our group, we meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 28 Trelawney Drive .
Contact Carol Dowell 01579 382158 after 27 November

PHILOSOPHY

We meet as usual on the last Thursday of the month, at 10.00 in the Committee Room at the Town Hall. .Contact Doreen Johnson 01579 343152

PLAY READING GROUP

Meet at 2.00 p.m. In the library on the first Thursday of the month.
Contact Jean Rose 01579 350029

POETRY

The last meeting was November 3rd when we revisited Poetry from Asia Contact Pat Ferguson 01579 384402

SCRIBBLERS

We met in October to read our stories which incorporated the phrase 'Angels at the Ritz'. We had two clever ideas - one being the name of the reservations clerk at the Ritz hotel who was Suzanne Angel - the other being a play on words - 'in gel sat the writs'. There was a very poignant story of a young singer who had an opportunity to sing at the Ritz during the war and was so excited with her success she ran home during an air raid and didn't make it back. We heard the refrain of her song repeated throughout the story ..nightingales in Berkeley Square.

On a lighter note, a member of the catering team at an event in the Ritz Ballroom, Hastings, made a vegetarian alternative to 'Devils on Horseback' which involved fish mousse on a Ritz cracker with a prawn for a halo. Sadly, his fish mousse was not properly set which led to disaster amongst the competition dancers. Next meeting is November 16th at 2.00 p.m.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

We meet at the Methodist Church from 3.30 to 5 p.m.,. On the second and fourth Monday of the month. Why not come along and give it a try. Contact Ros Bunkum 01579 383171

STROLLERS



I am afraid our strolling programme has been badly hit by the weather. At the end of last month we enjoyed a trip to Plymouth by bus to see the remembrance poppies on the Hoe but October has not been kind to us and all our planned strolls had to be cancelled due to wet weather. However, not to be beaten, we have had three coffee mornings which

were well attended and sixteen of us enjoyed a lunch at Stoke Climsland Old School where we were made very welcome. We hope for a few dry Monday mornings in the coming weeks so that we can do some strolling! Contact Pauline Husband 01579 350379

TABLE TENNIS

We re-started the group on 19th October. For the group to continue we need a minimum of 8 to 10 players to make it viable. Please make an effort to come. We always welcome new members. If we can't get enough support the group will have to be discontinued. Ray Geatches. Tel 350638.

WALKING GROUP 1

New members always welcome.. Contact Doreen Johnson 01579 343152.

WALKING GROUP 2

Meet on Tuesdays at 9.30 a.m. in Callington Free Car Park. All welcome. Contact Lucy Thomas 01579 350018