

# Callington **U3A** Newsletter

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

## May 2016

# Reaching out...

On Saturday 23rd April it was the Community Day exhibition at Callington Town Hall. The U3A had a stand, giving the people of Callington an idea of what we do. We had about 10 positive enquiries throughout the day, giving them information leaflets, contact details and telling them what a fun loving and sociable group we are. The hall was full of local organisations either selling their wares or promoting themselves. Various raffles, table top sales, some Cornish products and homemade cakes were just a few. Thanks to Jo, Jane, Anne and Mary for helping with the day. The day started at 10am and finished at just before 2pm.

*Gillian Brown*



## and then there was the AGM...

Last month's meeting was our Annual General Meeting which was well attended by members. Minutes of last year's AGM were read and accepted. These were followed by reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. A proposal to keep the membership subscriptions to the current levels was accepted. In the election of the new committee, the

only change was the election of Tugg Wilson as the new Vice-Chairman, in place of Jenny Wheeley, who stood down. The remaining officers and committee members were re-elected. Following the business meeting, those who stayed on were treated to scones, jam and clotted cream and saffron cakes with teas and coffees.

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etary' since Anne's time on the computer has had to decrease. There were no other challengers so it was agreed that Penny's name will now go on the books. As before, the group will continue to meet in Anne's house and to work democratically.

**Contact Penny Beech on 01822 834756 or 07971 889572**

### Singing for Pleasure

the Singing for Pleasure will only have one meeting in May due to Bank Holidays and that will be on May 16th at Callington Methodist Church - 3.30 to 5pm.

**Contact: Rosalind Bunkum 38317**

### Strollers

Cold but dry for our strolls this month. Our first meeting was a coffee morning to write the programme until the end of July. This can be seen on our board at the monthly meeting or on the website. The following Monday we went to Tavistock for a stroll in The Meadows and along the Canal. Nearer to home the following week at New Bridge strolling along the banks of the Lyner before enjoying coffee, and cake, at the Bull's Head.

**Contact: Pauline Husband 350379**

### Table Tennis

**Contact Ray Geatches 350638**

### Walking Group 1

For future walks see the web site or **Contact: Ann Martin**

### Walking Group 2

**Contact: Lucy Thomas 350018**

### From Walking Group 2...

Along the Tamar Trails we walked

On a sunny warm spring day

The sound of bird song high above

As we walked the woodland way

Woodland paths some steep inclines

Many trails and sights to see

Of arsenic tips and disused mines

Part of Devon's history

Then at the end we did refresh

With tea and coffee, plus the rest!!

A healthy walk enjoyed by all

In the Tamar Valley, South West

*Lesley Cheetham*



## Future Meetings:

### June

Rev.Martin Smith  
Slow Progress Tortoise School

### July

Phillip Rodda -  
Rodda Creamery

### August

SOCIAL EVENT

### September

Rachel Hunt  
Cotehele

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*(N.B. I cannot guarantee inclusion of copy submitted after this date - but exceptions may be made wherever possible for groups meeting in the fourth week of the month)*

*The Newsletter is published at the start of each month.*

*Disabled members: Contact Peter Watson 384509*

*N.B. Phone numbers without dialling codes are for the 01579 area.*

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## Group Reports

### Allotments

We currently have two 8'x10' plots vacant at Haye Road. Anyone interested please contact Ann Martin for information and a site visit

Contact Ann Martin

### Art

Our May meetings will be on the 5th and 19th, back in the morning again at 10am - 1pm

Contact Tony Walpole 01822 833082

### Baking

Our last baking meeting was a veritable banquet. Breads of all shapes and sizes, including sourdough, soda, fresh and dried yeast bakes and some filled with nuts, cheese or fruit were accompanied by cheeses, cold meats and salads and complemented by wine to provide a substantial lunch. In fact most of our members eat nothing else following a baking meeting! Our next meeting is at Ellen and David's on May 11th and is at 10.30 for coffee time treats.

Our picnic is on June 22nd

Contact Jenny Wheeley 351662

### Birding Group

Contact Keith Lane 370713

or kandslane@hotmail.com

### Bookworms

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### Bridge

The Bridge Group is now meeting every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, in the Methodist Church. Please use the side entrance in Valentine Place. Parking is available at the rear of the church.

Contact Roy Burrigge 389018

### Computer Group

The computer group operates as a self help group. If you've a problem come along and see if we can help. We don't have a set agenda it all depends who

turns up. Please bring your laptop or tablet if you have one and we can explore the computing world together.

Typical topics the group explore include;

1. Down loading photos from a mobile phone.
2. Removing programs.
3. Copying a CD.
4. Cleaning your pc - no not a dusting
5. Registering for windows 10.

We meet in members houses so please ask me where to meet. This normally takes place on the third Thursday morning of the month.

Contact Peter Watson 384509

### Cornish Culture

Our April meeting took place at Wheal



Martyn - the China Clay Museum. These of us who arrived for lunch partook of a variety of home made treats.

We then visited the indoor area which told us the History of the industry. In 1745 in Cornwall after the discovery of china clay by William Cookworthy it became a major industry sadly now much reduced. The use of the china clay is used in many items not just tableware but also pharmaceutical, building, fabrics and paper making. It was a fine day so after visiting the outside exhibit some of the group walked to the top where you can observe two working clay pits.

A very good day out.

Our next meeting will be at Jean Rose's on Monday 16th May - members will be contacted with details. If anyone is inter-

ested in joining the group please contact us.

Contact Anita & Tony Bowden  
Joint Co-ordinators 350668

### Crime Fiction Appreciation

At April's meeting, 9 of us met at Lucy's. A large number of books were discussed and passed between us. Among the authors discussed were several old favourites, John Grisham, Ian Rankin, Ruth Rendell, Donna Leon and James Patterson, but also some new or less discussed, Tess Gerritsen, W J Burley, Marco Vichi. Also discussed and recommended were debut novels by Kate-rina Diamond, Renee Knight and Paula Daly. Thanks to Anita for her delicious mocha cake and chocolate and mar-

malade biscuits enjoyed with our tea. Our next meeting will be at 2pm, Thursday 26th May, at a venue to be decided. If you are interested in joining us to discuss or learn more about crime fiction, please contact

David Seward  
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### Family History

Flower Arranging. Meeting at Eileen's on May 25th practising for the Village Show in Harrowbarrow. There will not be a meeting in June.

Contact Eileen Sturt 350639

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### Food & Wine

Contact Maire Warwick 350711  
(maire.warwick@btinternet.com)

### Game On

Our Games group has now finished for the Season and will restart in the Autumn. A big Thank you to Lucy for her hospitality since this group has been running and our best wishes for her future home (hopefully we can meet up there in the Autumn).

Contact Jenny Wheeley 351662

### Handbells

Contact Maire Warwick 350711

### History

Contact Josephine King 350890

### Humour

There were fourteen of us this month, which is a record. The new comer was Roy Rudling. We hope he comes again. John focused on 'Yes Minister'. This was different in the sense that it could be seen as very lifelike in today's parliament. The battle between ministers and the civil servants was very funny and in this instance the Minister got his own way. The post break session had lots of laughs as everyone had jokes to contribute. The next meeting will be on 16th May and will take place at Michael and Pauline's house and their focus will be 'To the Manor Born.' Meet at 10am.

If you have any questions contact me (see below)

**I HAVE THE BODY OF AN EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD.**

**I KEEP IT IN THE FRIDGE.**

**Spike Milligan**

**I KNEW I WAS GOING BALD WHEN IT WAS TAKING LONGER AND LONGER TO WASH MY FACE.**

**Harry Hill**

Contact Keith Lane 370713

or by email kandslane@hotmail.com.

### Italian

Contact Sally Thomas 01822 832017

### Jazz Appreciation

10 of us met at Christine's in April. It was a members' choice session and we began with 'Summertime' by Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald, in memory of

our late, long standing member, Alan Bassett. After that, we played a varied selection, including music by several artists new to the group - big band music from Billy May's Orchestra, vocal by Madeleine Peyroux, Grove Holmes on the organ, as well as some old favourites, Benny Goodman, Miles Davis and Bill Evans. The next meeting will be on Wed 11th May 2pm at Christine's and will be another members' choice session. If you are interested in joining us for an afternoon of jazz,

David Seward 384631

### Music Appreciation

If there are any members who enjoy music that is not Jazz (another group) Pop or songs from Musicals who would like to join us for a couple of hours to listen to music from around the world which expresses all the emotions and pleasures we experience call 01579 384402 or mail mfergyle@yahoo.com.uk where you would be made welcome with tea and reputedly excellent biscuits

Next meeting May 10th at 2pm

Contact: Pat Ferguson 384402

### Needlework

Normally meet on the second Thursday of the month.

Details from Ann Martin

### Opera

In our last session until September we enjoyed an old favorite 'The Barber of Seville' by our featured composer Rossini a stunning performance filmed live at The 'Teatro Regio' Parma.

The proposed day long special performance scheduled for May will be postponed because hopefully, unless something happens before Friday April 29th John is finally having his first knee done. We will hopefully manage to find a suitable date in the following months, in between surgeries, to both see 'William Tell' and have lunch in the garden.

Contact Carol Dowell 382158

### Philosophy

The subject of our April Meeting was St Augustine, the patron saint of brewers

who agonised over the subject of good and evil. Our group discussed whether we thought evil existed and what causes us to choose bad acts over good. Our fun subject was procrastination and many of us identified with this and our newspaper topic was the appeal by the Norwegian Breivik who murdered 77 people, many of them very young, for the restitution of his human rights. At present he spends 23 hours a day locked in his cell and is not allowed to have contact with anyone. His appeal was upheld by the Norwegian court. It proved to be a lively session. Next meeting will be on May 26th.

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### Play Reading

Contact Jean Rose 350029

### Poetry

Last month we read and discussed poetry written by women and were surprised that there is very little compared with the output of men who dominate this field. At least we have our own poet in the shape of Lesley who is flourishing and producing excellent work. If there is anyone out there who is interested in reading learning or composing poetry get in touch on 'mfergyl@yahoo.com.uk' or by telephone 01579 384402

Next meeting is May 6th at 2pm

Contact Pat Ferguson 384402

### Scrabble

The group, led by Lesley Cheetham at her home, meets once a month on a Wednesday evening. The actual week of the month will change in some months.

Contact Lesley Cheetham 383632

### Scribblers

We met for the first time on our changed date - now the third Thursday of the month. We had been given two suggested themes for this April meeting and we worked about 50/50 to each which made things interesting.

We also agreed to change our Group Co-ordinator as Anne Cooper now sadly finds herself more incapacitated with increasing loss of vision. She proposed that Penny Beech take over the badge wearing, as she had already been 'sec-

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