

Thurs April 13<sup>th</sup> **The Exponential Age** - Richard Haycock

### A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - Howard O'Keeffe [howardokeeffe49@gmail.com](mailto:howardokeeffe49@gmail.com)

Spring is here - at least in theory - though no sign of it yet in average temperatures! I, and most of us no doubt, have just received an email from South West Water asking us to continue to save water wherever possible, which does seem strange at the end of what is referred to as the "replenishment season"! I am sure any savings we can make are helpful.

I should like to give a sincere thank you to all who contributed to our recent Open Event at the Flavel - committee members, conveners and everyone else involved. A voluntary organisation is what we all make it and I am proud to be chair of such a thriving organisation! There was much interest and membership will almost certainly increase as a result.

Also, referred to elsewhere below, I would emphasise how helpful it would be if those who haven't yet done so seriously consider setting up a Standing Order for the annual membership fee of £10 - it is a small amount of money and really saves our membership secretary a lot of time. Also, herewith a reminder to bring your own coffee cup to our Thursday meetings at the Flavel - the next on 13 April is covered above!

### SECRETARY'S REMINDERS - Peter Avis [peteravis1@mail.com](mailto:peteravis1@mail.com)

Happy Easter. Our next General Meeting is on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Flavel. The talk is entitled 'The Exponential Age' by Richard Haycock. Richard says we are living in the first exponential age. High-tech innovations are created at dazzling speeds; technical forces we barely understand remake our homes and our workplaces; centuries-old tenets of politics and economics are upturned by new technologies. What is the impact on individuals and society and should we be worried?

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – 'Wiz' Tehel 07770 912100 [membership@dartvalleyu3a.org](mailto:membership@dartvalleyu3a.org)

A friendly reminder that renewals will be due on **1st April**. If you already pay by standing order, you do not need to do anything.

Please use electronic payments or set up a standing order payment as this greatly simplifies membership administration, and make payments to **Dart Valley U3A**, Sort Code: **52 30 20**, Account: **06170102**, or alternately, a cheque made out to **Dart Valley U3A** and then posted to Membership Secretary, 33 Clarence Hill, Dartmouth, TQ6 9NY. Membership forms are available on the u3a website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/dartvalley/home>

### GROUP CO-ORDINATOR Suzie Dodsworth 01803 770134 [suziedwong@gmail.com](mailto:suziedwong@gmail.com)

First and foremost, thank you very much to our wonderful Conveners and helpers who made the Open Morning such a success. Over 200 attendees and 50 membership forms collected. There was a lovely, busy, happy atmosphere where many groups gained numerous new members. Is there someone able to take on a Spanish Group or guide a Gardening Group? The Conveners role is to find a venue and set a day and time, the group should take on how and who provides ideas and activities for the group. Would you be interested in a Men's Shed (not just for men)! This movement allows sharing of skills and equipment to help everyone. There has also been a suggestion we could start a Petanque group in Coronation Park – who'd like to take it on?

### NEWSLETTER Editor Suzie Dodsworth 01803 770134 [newsletter@dartvalleyu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@dartvalleyu3a.org)

A short version this time to give the editor and Conveners a well deserved rest after all the hard work for the Open Morning. We have vacancies on the committee, and we also need a new Newspaper Editor or Group Co-ordinator and Coffee Cups Conveners as of end of July. Please let me know if you are interested as we need your support on the Committee and with these important jobs. Visit a Committee meeting and see if you'd like to volunteer, after all without volunteers we would not have this very successful u3a.

**ASTROLOGY** Geraldine Leigh [geraldine.e.leigh@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.e.leigh@gmail.com) (Tues afternoon, at Convener's House)

**ARCHERY** Colin Payne 07919 933891 [colinpayne43@hotmail.com](mailto:colinpayne43@hotmail.com) (Tues am Stoke Fleming Cricket Ground)

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(4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month 11.15 for 11.30am start in the Flavel Studio – all welcome)

**ART GROUP** Pat White 07929 271658 [lespatwhite@icloud.com](mailto:lespatwhite@icloud.com) (Monday 10am Townstal Hall)

BOOK GROUP 1 Lindsay Charlesworth 01803 834592 [lindsay@jpcharlesworth.plus.com](mailto:lindsay@jpcharlesworth.plus.com) (10.30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon)

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BRIDGE Judi Cotes 01803 834802 [judi\\_grove@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judi_grove@yahoo.co.uk) (Flavel Studio Tues 10 – 12)

CALLIGRAPHY Gill Kidd [gillkidd@btinternet.com](mailto:gillkidd@btinternet.com) (Thurs 2–4pm Stoke Fleming Village Hall)

CHESS GROUP Steve Greenham [stevegreenham@icloud.com](mailto:stevegreenham@icloud.com) (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10.25 Dart. Yacht Club)

CLASSICS ‘Wiz’ Tehel 07770 912100 [classics@dartvalleyu3a.org](mailto:classics@dartvalleyu3a.org) (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 10.30 Flavel Auditorium)

COFFEE CUPS Mary & Michael Bell [mamibell2@gmail.com](mailto:mamibell2@gmail.com) (Main Meeting Flavel 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs)

CRAFTS CLUB Joan Buscombe [vcbest@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vcbest@hotmail.co.uk) 01803 832662 (Tues 10 -12 ring first)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Gwendolyn Alker 01803 833270 [jagmalker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jagmalker@yahoo.co.uk) (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues)

FRENCH CONVERSATION Joan Edwards 01803 833348 [edwardschristine@outlook.com](mailto:edwardschristine@outlook.com) (Irregular)

GARDENING GROUP Clare Ball [ceball@live.co.uk](mailto:ceball@live.co.uk) (Irregular meetings)

GEOLOGY Tim Freeman 01803 832663 [timfreeman61@googlemail.com](mailto:timfreeman61@googlemail.com) (Irregular 2.30pm 8<sup>th</sup> Feb- Madeira)

GERMAN CONVERSATION Ingrid Sidell 01803 770870 [ingsid23@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ingsid23@yahoo.co.uk) (Monthly Thurs 10.00 a.m.)

HISTORY OF ART Julia Churchley [julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk) (3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 2pm Studio, Flavel)

iP A D S GROUP Convener Alan Machin [alanmachin@aol.com](mailto:alanmachin@aol.com) (Monthly 10.30 SF Village Hall)

iP A D S4Beginners Tutor Suzie Dodsworth 01803 770134 [suziedwong@gmail.com](mailto:suziedwong@gmail.com) (Weds 2pm Flavel Church)

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MAHJONG Elaine French 01803 832304 [frenchfamily1@live.co.uk](mailto:frenchfamily1@live.co.uk) (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 10am Stoke Fleming)

MEDAU Yvonne Cottam 01803 835251 [ycottam@live.co.uk](mailto:ycottam@live.co.uk) (Townstal Community Hall – Weds 12.30-1.30)

MUSIC Lindsay Charlesworth 01803 834592 [lindsay@jpcharlesworth.plus.com](mailto:lindsay@jpcharlesworth.plus.com) (2.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, Flavel)

PITCH AND PUTT Jennifer Wright 01803 445247 [jenniferm.wright@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenniferm.wright@hotmail.co.uk) (Occasional).

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SPANISH CONVERSATION Yvonne Cottam 01803 835251 [ycottam@live.co.uk](mailto:ycottam@live.co.uk) (Mon 11.30am – 1.00pm)

SPORTS MORNING Yvonne Cottam 01803 835251 [ycottam@live.co.uk](mailto:ycottam@live.co.uk) (Weds 10am Dart. Leisure Centre)

SUNDAY LUNCH Anne Taylor 01803 363257 [jonquil\\_shapley@hotmail.com](mailto:jonquil_shapley@hotmail.com) (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun month 12.30)

WALKING Hilary Cranmer 01803 835812 [hilarycranmer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilarycranmer@hotmail.co.uk) (Mon 9.30 Ivatt Rd, Townstal)

WINE GROUP-NOBLE ROTTERS Anne Taylor 01803 363257 [jonquil\\_shapley@hotmail.com](mailto:jonquil_shapley@hotmail.com)  
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WINE TASTING Bill Riddell 01803 752049 [billriddell75@gmail.com](mailto:billriddell75@gmail.com) Members homes (1<sup>st</sup> Mon pm)

WRITERS Val Depledge 01803 834323 [valdepledge@hotmail.com](mailto:valdepledge@hotmail.com) Mon pm. Members homes.

The next two talks at the General Meeting:

Thurs May 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Space for Inspiration</b>	- David Norman
Thurs June 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Secret Lives of the Elements</b>	- Kathryn Harkup





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