



### 12<sup>th</sup> October *Britain's Ancient Forest Legacy and Lore* Julian Hight

**A view from the Chair – Howard O’Keeffe** [howardokeeffe49@gmail.com](mailto:howardokeeffe49@gmail.com)

*No report this month*

**Secretary’s reminders – Christine Milsom** [christinemilsom@btinternet.com](mailto:christinemilsom@btinternet.com)

Our next general meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Flavel, 10am for 10.30am start, **Britain’s Ancient Forest Legacy and Lore: A Tour of Britain’s historic Forest through Ancient Trees**. In this month’s talk Julian Hight explores the story of Britain’s ancient forest through the remaining ancient trees and surviving customs – living links to our rich history – accompanied by specially written forest music and archive photography.

**Membership Secretary– ‘Wiz’ Tehel** 07770 912100 The annual membership fees are **£10** for Individuals, **£20** for Joint Memberships (ie, couples at the same address) and **£5** for Associates. For new members who join during the year, the membership fee is reduced – £5 per person if you join between October and December.

Membership forms are available on the u3a website or from me.

You can join or renew by an electronic payment made to **Dart Valley U3A**, Sort Code: **52 30 20**, Account: **06170102** or by cheque made out to **Dart Valley U3A**, and posted to Membership Secretary, 33 Clarence Hill, Dartmouth, TQ6 9NY. I would encourage you to set up a standing order payable on 1st April as this greatly simplifies membership administration.

**Group Co-ordinator – Suzie Dodsworth** 01803 770134 [suziedwong@gmail.com](mailto:suziedwong@gmail.com)

**Conveners are invited to a coffee morning in the Flavel Church 10.30am, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

(5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month). Kindly note this in your diary now.

It appears (from TAM) that most men who join the u3a are enrolled by their wife or partner. “A plus point is research showing when retired men broke through their retirement angst and joined in, they experience physical and psychological health benefits.” So, encourage the men in your lives to join and join in!

The TAM magazine is full of holidays on offer and special holidays for those who are travelling solo! I also noticed that there are experts on call with loads of advice for conveners. This issue’s article was about jazz appreciation, very readable. Wonderful woodlands were highlighted and information provided to aid the protection of our ancient trees. Emphasis on socialising, making something from almost everything, and relaxation while participating was discussed in an article about crafts.

If you are unable to venture out for one reason or another, interest groups online are an alternative.

[Ww.u3a.org.uk/igo](http://Ww.u3a.org.uk/igo) is showcasing book club, laughter yoga, railways, creative writing, classical music, learning recorder, quizzes, British cemeteries, and early women doctors, plus many more. Have a look!

Don’t forget the u3a has subject advisers who can be found on [u3a.org.uk/learning/subjects](http://u3a.org.uk/learning/subjects). Everything from the arts to walking football is covered here! There is a competition to win an 8-day Danube cruise, see [ww.theatricaladventures.com/cruise/cruise-the-Danube](http://ww.theatricaladventures.com/cruise/cruise-the-Danube). It was a very full edition this time! Hope you enjoyed it!

## Group reports

**ASTROLOGY Geraldine Leigh** [geraldine.e.leigh@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.e.leigh@gmail.com)

(3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, afternoon Convener’s Home).

**ARCHERY Colin Payne** 07919 933891 [colinpayne43@hotmail.com](mailto:colinpayne43@hotmail.com)

(Tues am S F Cricket Ground).

**ARCHITECTURE Mike Trevorrow** 01803 752928/07470 484858 [mike.d.trevorrow@gmail.com](mailto:mike.d.trevorrow@gmail.com)

(4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month 11.15 for 11.30am start in the Flavel Studio. Next meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>).

**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)

(10.30am – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon Stoke Fleming).

**BOOK GROUP 2 Valerie Church** 01803 834280 churchval2@aol.com

(1<sup>st</sup> Weds 2.30 – 4.00pm)

**BRIDGE Judi Cotes** 01803 834802 judi\_grove@yahoo.co.uk

(Flavel Studio Tues 10am – 12) No need to have a partner.

**CALLIGRAPHY Gill Kidd** gillkidd@btinternet.com

(Thurs 2–4pm Members home)

**CHESS GROUP Steve Greenham** 07590 567764 stevegreenham@icloud.com

(Thurs 1pm Dart. Yacht Club) *Not running at present.*

**CLASSICS 'Wiz' Tehel** 07770 912100 classics@dartvalleyu3a.org

(1<sup>st</sup> Thurs 10.30am Flavel Auditorium) All talks held first Thursday of each month (except August and January)

October 5<sup>th</sup> ***The Women Behind the Severan Dynasty*** Mary Crawford.

**COFFEE CUPS Gwendolyn Alker** 01803 833270 jsgmalker@yahoo.co.uk (Main Meeting Flavel 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs) Thank you for remembering to bring your own coffee cup. Disposable cups are always available for 2Op at the counter.

**CRAFTS CLUB Joan Buscombe** 01803 8832662 c/o vcbest@hotmail.co.uk

(Tues 10am –12 ring first)

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Gwendolyn Alker** 01803 833270 jsgmalker@yahoo.co.uk

(3<sup>rd</sup> Tues)

**FRENCH CONVERSATION Alan Kerr** 01548 531843. Mob:07402 276468 alanckerr@yahoo.com

2:30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, at Brown's Hotel, Bar & Bistro in Victoria Road.

**GARDENING GROUP 1 Clare Ball** ceball@live.co.uk

(3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

**GARDENING GROUP 2 Clare Ball** ceball@live.co.uk (Irregular meetings)

The next meeting will be on the fourth Friday in October

**GEOLOGY Tim Freeman** 01803 832663 timfreeman61@googlemail.com

(Irregular Weds 2.30pm) ***Geology of the Isle of Wight***. This month we meet in the Studio at the top of the Flavel Centre at **2.30pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. The subject is the Isle of Wight where your convener spent a week this summer, with time spent searching for fossils of dinosaurs, turtles and crocodiles. Cost will be £2pp to cover room hire. New joiners are welcome, just turn up on the day and the Flavel reception will direct you to the room.

**GERMAN CONVERSATION Ingrid Sidell** 01803 770870 ingsid23@yahoo.co.uk mob 07818208721 (for texts)

(Monthly Thurs 10.00am in Strete). Next meeting Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**HISTORY OF ART Julia Churchley** julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk

(3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 2pm Studio, Flavel) No meeting in October.

**i P A D S GROUP Alan Machin** alanmachin@aol.com

(Monthly 10.30am Stoke Fleming Village Hall) Meeting arranged for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**i P A D 4 Beginners Tutor Suzie Dodsworth** 01803 770134 suziedwong@gmail.com

(Alternate Weds 2pm Flavel Church.) I've suffered from an acute sinus infection, and as a consequence, I have delayed the start of the course to **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**.

The new Beginners course will start in January 2024 when members can find out how to use their iPads having been given new ones for Christmas.

Those who wish to revise their leaning from previous classes can join us from January or participate in the iPad Grads Group.

**ITALIAN CONVERSATION Tasha James** 0795 750 9351 nataliarh9@gmail.com

Fridays

**JAZZ GROUP David Gent** davidmgent@protonmail.com 01803 835464

(Studio, Flavel) Jazz group is having an extended break.

**MAHJONG Elaine French** 01803 832304 frenchfamily1@live.co.uk

(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 10am –1pm Stoke Fleming Hall)

**MEDAU Yvonne Cottam** 01803 835251 ycottam@live.co.uk

(Townstal Hall – Weds 12.30–1.30pm)

**MUSIC Lindsay Charlesworth** 01803 834592 lindsay@jpcharlesworth.plus.com

(2.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, Flavel).

**PITCH AND PUTT Jennifer Wright** 01803 445247 jenniferm.wright@hotmail.co.uk

(Occasional at Cayman Golf)

**PUB LUNCHES GROUP (A) Alan Cole** 01803 752902 alan5cole@icloud.com

(4<sup>th</sup> Weds Monthly)

**PUB LUNCHES GROUP (B) Alan Drew** 01803 833219 asdrew@btinternet.com

(Last Thurs Monthly)

**PUB LUNCH GROUP (C) Mike Dodsworth** 01803 770134 mike1.dodsworth@btinternet.com

(2<sup>nd</sup> Tues month)

**SCRABBLE Sue Manley** 01803 414774 susancmanley2004@yahoo.co.uk

(2–4pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays Flavel Studio).

**SPANISH CONVERSATION Yvonne Cottam** 01803 835251 ycottam@live.co.uk

(Mon 11.30am – 1.00pm) fortnightly at 15 Ivatt Road TQ6 9LD.

**SPORTS MORNING Yvonne Cottam** 01803 835251 ycottam@live.co.uk

(Weds 10am Dart. Leisure Centre) Badminton, table tennis & pickleball from 10 – 11 am with coffee at the end!

**SUNDAY LUNCH Anne Taylor** 01803 363257 jonquil\_shapley@hotmail.com

(2<sup>nd</sup> Sun month 12.30pm.)

**WALKING Hilary Cranmer** 01803 835812 hilarycranmer@hotmail.co.uk (Mon 9.30am Ivatt Rd, Townstal)

**WINE GROUP–NOBLE ROTTERS Anne Taylor** 01803 363257 jonquil\_shapley@hotmail.com

(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, The Royal Castle Hotel – Library Room)

**WINE TASTING Bill Riddell** 01803 752049 billriddell75@gmail.com

Members homes (1<sup>st</sup> Mon pm). Two of our group, Wendy and David, spend part of the year in Portugal and for our September tasting we sampled a selection of everyday wines from different regions that they had brought back from a recent visit. Whilst none of these particular wines can be purchased in the UK, the tasting provided an introduction to indigenous grape varieties that we seldom encounter over here. To add a little spice to the evening we were asked to judge the price bracket that each wine belonged to, with a small prize awarded to whoever had the most correct answers.

Following a bold and acidic sparkling Espumante we tasted two Vinho Verde still whites (100% Alvarinho) from the North then two Branco still whites (Malvasia–fina, Encruzado, Bical, Farenao– Pires, Cerceal– Branco and Borrado das Moscas blends) from the Dao region. Two fruity roses (blends of Arogonéz, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Caidada) were followed by two full-bodied reds of which the Cancellus Signature 2019 (a blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, and Tinta Roriz) was the clear favourite.

**WRITERS Val Depledge** 01803 834323 valdepledge@hotmail.com

Mon pm. Members homes.

## Talks at the General Meeting

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October *Britain's Ancient Forest Legacy and Lore* by Julian Hight

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November *Human Wildlife Conflict* by Simon Palmer-Billing

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December *The Wit and Songs of Noel Coward* by Peter Gill