

u3a Dart Valley General Meetings – Programme for 2022

At the Flavel Arts Centre, Dartmouth 10.00 am. tea & coffee 10.30 am. Talk.



January 13th. 2022.

'The Suez Canal' **Doug Twigg**

Doug Twigg will tell us how the Suez Canal came to be built, from its ancient origins through a Napoleonic mistake to the single-minded efforts of a Frenchman to overcome huge political, physical and financial challenges. We will hear of the spectacular opening ceremony, and ways in which the canal has become a pivotal point in world affairs.

February 10th. 2022.

'Bird Migration– How they do it, and what we still don't know about it' **Roger Avery**

This illustrated talk examines how migrating birds find their way using a huge array of senses including vision, being able to use the sun and stars as a compass, hearing smell, the ability to sense the earth's magnetic field and much more.

March 10th. 2022.

'I.K. Brunel' **Brian Porch**

The life and works of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, whose designs helped revolutionise public transport and to influence modern engineering. The talk describes each of his major projects.

April 14th 2022

'The Life & loves of Samuel Pepys' **Anthony Venning**

Cultured, intellectually curious and unashamedly hedonistic, Samuel Pepys is justly famous as the author of the world's greatest diary as well as being something of a lothario. Throughout his life he has an uncanny knack of being present when history was being made. From humble beginnings he became head of the admiralty and confidant to Charles II and James II.

May 12th 2022

'Gramer for Girles' **Ernie Wingate**

Ernie will explain the title of his talk and much, much more in this light-hearted look at the problems of understanding language use in the light of linguistic science.

June 9th 2022

'Leaning Towers of Italy' **Professor Peter Edwards**

Italy seems to have more than its fair share of leaning towers – and this does not include those towers that have collapsed and never been re-erected. But why do these Italian towers lean? Is it for the same reason every time? Are leaning towers confined to one geographical region? The presentation answers these questions explaining the reasons of tilt of some of the most famous towers.

July 14th 2022.

'Passports, Assassins and Spies' **Matin Lloyd**

Thrill to a dramatic account of how actions of a group of assassins brought about a change in the passport regulations: how the unmasking of a spy caused a modification in passport design and how, for one man, the passport itself turned into a killer.

August – No meeting

September 8th 2022.

'The Persistence of the past in modern China' **Professor Robert Bickers: Professor of History at Bristol University.**

Why has the recent past become so important in China today? Why does history matter so much? This talk explores the nineteenth and twentieth century history of British relations with China. It takes as its focus the history of British power in Shanghai, the country's most populous and politically important city, and shows how this was represented in stone and bronze on the city's world-famous waterfront known as the Bund

October 13th 2022

'How the skies above us are controlled' **Neil Strevens**

A history of the development of Air Traffic Control since World War two concentrating on how aircraft are handled to and from the UK airports and crossing the Atlantic from Europe

November 10th 2022

'The curious mind of Leonardo da Vinci' **Janet Diamond**

Leonardo started life as an artist and went on to paint what is probably the best-known portrait - the Mona Lisa. But he was much more: He possessed an insatiable curiosity, drive, energy and enquiring mind and throughout his life he sought to understand the world around him questioning everything.

December 8th 2022

'The Beasts and the Squares: Paris 1905-1907' **Julie Hadley**

A light-hearted look at the emergence of Fauvism and Cubism led by Matisse and Picasso in a city that was brimming with new ideas and yearning for change.



Special Interest Groups - Contact conveners for further information or visit :- <http://u3asites.org.uk/dartvalley>

Archery Colin Payne	Tues am 07919 933891
Architecture Mike Trevorrow	4 th Thurs am 01803 752928
Art Group Pat White	Mons am(2/4) 07929 271658
Book Group 1 Lindsay Charlesworth	3 rd Monday am 01803 834592
Book Group 2 Val Church	1 st Thurs pm 01803 834280
Bridge Judi Cotes	Tues am 01803 834802
Classics Steve Williams	1 st + 3 rd Thurs am 01803 833017
Calligraphy Gill Kidd	1 st + 3 rd Thurs pm gillkidd@btinternet.com
Cryptic Crosswords Gwendolyn Alker	Tues am 01803 833270
Digital Photography Alan Machin	Mon (odd) pm 01803 833849
French Conversation Joan Edwards	2 nd & 4 th Wed pm 01803 833348
Garden Group.	Restarting in spring
Geology Tim Freeman	2 nd Weds pm 01803 832663

German Conversation Ingrid Sidell	Monthly Thurs am 01803 770870
History of Art Julie Hadley	3 rd Fri pm 01548 531240
iPad for Beginners Suzie Dodsworth	Alternate Weds pm 01803 770134
iPad Grads Alan Machin	Monthly by Zoom 01803 833849
Italian Tasha James	Fri pm 0795 7509351
MahJong Elaine French	1 st & 3 rd Friday am 01803 832304
Medau Yvonne Cottam	Weds pm 01803 835251
Music Lindsay Charlesworth	3 rd Weds pm 01803 834592
Pitch and Putt Jennifer Wright	Occasional am 01803 445247
Pub Lunches	
‘A’ 4 th Wed. ‘B’ 3 rd Thurs ‘C’ 1 st Tues	
‘A’ Alan Cole	01803 752902
‘B’ Alan Drew	01803 833219
‘C’ Mike Dodsworth	01803 770134

Scrabble Sue Manley	2 nd + 4 th Fri pm 01803 414774
Singing for Pleasure Avril Dowding	Tues pm 01803 712440
Spanish Conversation Yvonne Cottam	Mon am 01803 835251
Sports Morning Yvonne Cottam	Weds am 01803 835251
Sunday Lunch Group Anne Taylor	Sun monthly 01803 835251
Views on News Chris Milsom	Occasional 01803 843834
Walking Hilary Cranmar	Mon am 01803 835812
Wine Tasting (1) Anne Taylor	4 th Thurs pm 01803 363257
Wine Tasting (2) Bill Riddell	1 st Mon pm 01803 752049
Writers Val Depledge	Monday pm 01803 834323

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2022 Programme

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