**OUR MEETING THIS MONTH…**

**Wednesday 20th November**, 2pm, Tiverton Rugby Club

**GREENLAND – Chris Shorrocks**

Chris was a member of a Joint Services Expedition to North Peary Land in Greenland, where he spent 4.5 months on the Arctic Ocean and inland glaciers. Their aims included taking accurate measurements of the North Peary Land coastline to correct the maps, exploring and climbing as many mountains as possible in the Benedict and Roosevelt Ranges, recording sightings of birds and animals and collecting samples of flora and fauna. In addition a photographic record was to be made and if possible a cine film.

**AND A NEW ADDITION…**

On **Friday November 29th at 2.30 at The Lowman cafe**, we invite all this year’s **new** members to join us for a little **TEA PARTY**. Come and tell us what you think of it so far, and what you feel might be done differently!

**…AND NEXT MONTH…**

**Wednesday 18th December**: **CHRISTMAS PARTY**, 2pm, Tiverton Rugby Club

Try to make this the one you don’t miss – and bring a friend! Mince Pies, Tim’s Pop Quiz, Gina’s musical medleys, and Carols. **(Please let us know at the monthly meeting if you would be prepared to bring some savoury snacks, or if you could help by selling raffle tickets.)**

Georgina Cleverley grew up in Tiverton and attended Blundell’s school as a music scholar. She then went on to gain a music degree at Southampton University, performing in flute and singing. She has over 20 years’ experience as a musician and peripatetic music teacher in Wells, Somerset, teaching over 40 pupils per week. In addition to her teaching Georgina leads two monthly singing sessions for Goldies UK and regular music sessions working with Wells Dementia Action Alliance. She will be offering a mixed programme of music including well known flute classics, sing along Christmas songs, in which we can all enjoy singing, and some more traditional Christmas Carols with the piano.

**…AND ONE FOR YOUR NEW DIARY…**

We will be holding another **SPRING TEA PARTY** at Tiverton Golf Club, on **Friday March 27th** at 2.30pm. Tickets available next month.

**LAST MONTH’S SPEAKER…**
Jonathan Edmunds returned to entertain and enlighten us again, this time with famous hoaxes of history, ranging from Piltdown man, through the “Abyssinian” naval inspection, to the Cottingley fairies that so entranced even Conan Doyle. Not forgetting, of course, Richard Dimbleby’s famous Spaghetti Trees April Fool spoof that many of us remembered. It transpired that even Jonathan had been fooled once, by a Gunpowder Plot theory that was only much later revealed to be a tease. Given the state of the current media and political worlds, so widely misinformed with Fake News by social media, it is a wonder that any of us can be sure of any truth any more.

OCTOBER QUIZ

Almost 50 of us gathered in the Old Heathcoat School Community Centre to be tried and tested by the ingenuity of York Dawson in our annual Quiz, so sadly cancelled due to lack of support last year. Much fun was had by all and sheep were definitely sorted from goats (OK, do YOU know the exact month and year of the Queen’s marriage, or the position of all the US states?). Many thanks to Joan for organising and catering it.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

More Members
Especially at Christmas, many people feel their isolation more keenly than ever. If you know of anyone in this situation who you think would benefit from being a member of Exe Valley U3A, bring them along to a meeting or give them one of our leaflets.

Join the Committee!
Nomination Forms are now on the web site for anyone who would like to help us organise our U3A and contribute new ideas. They are not due in until the beginning of March, but please start thinking now of joining our merry band and helping to run our great club!

Monthly Meeting Charge.
We much regret that, as the Rugby Club have doubled their charge for our use of the Hall, and our Speakers have become more expensive, we are going to have to raise the monthly meeting charge from January to £2.00. Sorry! (But we are getting more exotic biscuits!)

Membership fees
These are due from next month and can be paid to our Treasurer either by post or at Meetings. For the third year running, membership is being held at the extraordinarily cheap level of £5. Please note that, while you can download membership forms online, we are no longer using the PayPal system as it is so expensive. Cheques or cash only please. You will see from the form that we are now having to charge those who receive the Newsletter or the Third Age Matters Magazine by post.

Reports for the December Newsletter
Lynne resumes editorship of the Newsletter in December, so reports to her as usual please.

Books and CDs
Thank you for your continued interest in our book stall. Remember you can also bring CDs and DVDs. All items are 50p.

National U3A Day
June 3rd next year has been designated NATIONAL U3A DAY, and all local U3As have been asked to do something to spread the word about our organisation. If you can think of what we could do to publicise our activities, talk to one of the Committee. Would your group like to meet in public for a change?

WELFARE OFFICER
Marilyn Dawson
Marilyn prefers to be contacted by email at keithandmarilyn@hotmail.com. If you know of anyone who is ill or has been admitted to hospital, or anyone who has a special anniversary to celebrate, please email Marilyn with details and she will send a card on our behalf. We will also add an item to the monthly committee agenda so that Marilyn can let the committee know via the secretary if she has sent anyone a card. It would also be helpful if group leaders could keep Marilyn informed of anyone in their group who they think should receive such a card.

NEW MEMBERS
We warmly welcome Gwen Hall and Mike Hurley this month. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

NEWS FROM THE INTEREST GROUPS

Art  Vicki Stuckey/ Tony and Tricia Clarke
Many thanks to Vicki for running the group for the last few years. We have returned to the Mid Devon Indoor Bowling Club meeting room where our next meeting will be 9th January 2020, not on 12th, as this is a polling station!

Arts Appreciation  John Massey, Glen Morgan and Gina Brown
This month we enjoyed a talk by Patricia about Mantegna and Romano. Both talks were illustrated by images of the artists, the cities and the buildings, and of course the art.
The action took place in Mantua, Italy in the 15th century. A deeply religious time and place.
Members commented on Mantegna’s fondness for red and how delightful it was on the cherubs’ wings. Also admired was his skill at making a flat image appear three dimensional. We talked about perspective and foreshortening. We looked at Romana's amazing floors and ceilings and the dramatic scenes they depicted.
We meet again on NOVEMBER 21st. It will be the last meeting of this year. There will be a DVD about the contemporary artist Cornelia Parker, one of the YBAs (Young British Artists) and discussion about her work, which is quite controversial. We are a welcoming group, come and give Art Appreciation a try!

Boules  Janet Phythian
Tuesday Boules Group  Janet Phythian
The weather has beaten us and we are now officially in hibernation. When we wake up next Spring we hope to resume playing at the Merriemeade, Sampford Peverell on Tuesday mornings.

Thursday Boules Group  Joan Kelly
As the winter season is approaching we have decided to have a break from the Thursday Boules until the spring. Ironically, after we decided this a few weeks ago, each Thursday has been dry! However – we will commence in early spring and will keep you informed of the date. New members would be very welcome so please let me know if you are interested. Meeting time and place is 11 am to 1 pm at the Merriemeade, Sampford Peverell.

Bridge  Tuesday Bridge Group  Doreen Burton
We meet in different members’ houses in Tiverton and play ACOL Rubber Bridge every Tuesday from 7pm - 10pm. We are not serious Bridge players and the onus is always on enjoyment. If anyone is interested in playing with us please get in touch as we are often short of players to make 2 tables of 4. You will be made very welcome.

Thursday Bridge Group  Vicki Stuckey
We continue to meet weekly in each other’s homes and have spaces for a few more players. We’re also considering playing the occasional afternoon during the winter. If anyone wants to play Bridge, please contact me.

Canasta  Dave Dark
Craft  Carol Mcilwrath
A large group of us met, in foul weather, at Steph’s to make Christmas reindeer from wine corks. I think we all managed a couple - with varying results. They were very different from the wooden reindeer we made last month! Thanks to Steph for hosting.

We also managed to draft a timetable for the whole of 2020 - quite an achievement for one afternoon.

Next month we are meeting at Bickleigh Mill to enjoy Afternoon Tea combined with a bit of last minute Christmas shopping.

**Cribbage  Brian West**

November crib started on 8th November with 8 of us playing. Keith Dawson was the consistent winner during the first half of the afternoon, but Brian came good to win the round table group game. Keith was sat on his right and kindly fed him with a succession of pegging chances.

Dates and venues for the rest of the year are:-
- Monday November 25th - at Richard’s
- Monday December 9th - at Brian’s
- Monday December 23rd - no crib, too near Christmas

We will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from January. Venues to be decided.

**Discussion  Irene Oakley  (Two reports as we met after the deadline last month)**

**October** – A small but select group met at Helen’s to discuss ‘On-Line Bullying’. Although few in number there were plenty of opinions voiced. All expressed concerns on how easy it is to bully people on social media due to the anonymity it provides. In the past bullying happened mostly face to face and the victims often knew their abusers. We discussed how the vulnerable, particularly teenagers, cope with bullies online, some of us feeling that it was simplistic to tell them to ignore the taunts especially as they find it hard to escape even in their own homes. Some members shared their memories of being bullied.

Our second topic was ‘Halloween’ which lightened the mood considerably. One ‘scary’ member told us how she frightened two unsuspecting trick-or-treaters one Halloween and they’ve never returned! You know who you are! We found out a lot about how Halloween originated, not as some of us thought only to celebrate evil and darkness but in order to remember the dead, lighted candles paraded through the streets.

**November** – Our meeting was held at Irene’s home and the only topic for discussion was, ‘What Are Clothes For?’ Fur and leather were probably the earliest forms of clothing, apart from Adam and Eve’s fig leaf attire, and one member had read that researchers have still not resolved how many thousands of years ago clothing originated. Perhaps the northward migration of modern man from Africa was an influence. So, protection from the cold, environmental dangers and irritants were prime reasons for clothing. We discussed the influence, in our modern world, of social norms; cultural functions; religion; laws (the hijab and burqa in Islam); the use of clothes as costumes and adornment and whether we can show who we are by our apparel. There was some disagreement as to whether clothes define us, especially whether those who are slaves to fashion trends may be said to be defined by what they wear. We queried as to whether the lack or abundance of self-esteem and self-confidence can be reflected in our dress. We mostly agreed that we enjoyed wearing our loose, comfy clothes and we ended on a hilarious note as we imagined a world without clothes – the mind boggles!

Our next meeting is on **Friday 13th December** at Wendy’s home, **11:30am**, for our Christmas Lunch.

**Exe Valley Wanderers Bus Group  Janet Rosser**

On the 25 October seven of the Wanderers were a bit more adventurous than usual and took a longer bus ride, this time to Bude. It was a two hour bus ride from Exeter via Okehampton and Holsworthy and gave us only two hours in Bude to have lunch and explore. We still enjoyed the visit and the bus ride despite the windy and rainy weather but all agreed such trips were better left to the longer daylight days.
Our next and final outing for this year will be on Friday 29 November to Plymouth using the Falcon bus from Cullompton.
If anyone would like to join us for the Plymouth trip or go on the mailing list for next year’s outings (recommencing in March), then email your contact details to me.

**Folk Dancing**  Anne Wood

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 2.30pm - 4.30pm, in Halberton Village Hall (car park and bus stop adjacent). New members are always welcome….no partner or previous experience required! If you would like to give it a try just come along. (Co-ordinator Pat Robertson, Tiverton U3A.)

**French Conversation**  
**Le Mélange Français**  Pat Bawcombe

This group met in Uffculme and much was discussed. The proposed cultural and historic walk was postponed due to ‘weather’. There is a plan to have a splendiduous lunch in January 2020.
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December at 10.15

**Friday French Conversation Group**  Deborah Lal

We had to cancel our last meeting owing to unforeseen circumstances. The November meeting will be on Friday November 22nd at Deborah’s house, 10.15am for 10.30. We will decide then whether members want to meet on Friday December 27th for jolly mince pies etc.

**Gardening**  Carol Mcilwrath

For our October outing, a group of nine of us had an afternoon visit to Bow Garden and Aquatic Centre. On arrival, we headed straight to the cafe for hot drinks before venturing outside to see the plants, garden accessories and large fish in ponds. Inside, the Christmas goodies were on display and some of us stocked up on Christmas cards before heading off for Tiverton.
The November meeting is our Planning Meeting on Monday 18th November at 2pm at the OHSCC. The charge is £2, plus tea and coffee optional. In December we are meeting to have a demonstration on wreath making and a chance to make our own wreaths.

**Knit 2, Chat 2 together**  Marian Murrell

**Latin**  Margaret Wallwork

After a break of several months a meeting was held to decide the way forward. It was agreed that we would take excerpts from the greatest classical Latin authors and read them together, each group member having done some, or no, prior preparation with the aid of an English 'crib' to suit personal preference, time available etc. Grammatical constructions will be explained and anyone who wants to practise them as 'homework' will be able to do so. We decided to start with part of Vergil's *Georgic* about the keeping of bees. When we break for tea anyone may introduce interesting aspects related to Latin and the Romans which have come to their attention.
Meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month, at 2.00pm. We will start on Friday 10 January 2020. This meeting will be held at the home of John and Dorothy Smith.

**Local History**  David Meredith

We welcomed Peter Selley, a retired Bow GP, to our November meeting who spoke on the intriguing subject of body snatching and grave robbing in Devon. The Anatomy Act of 1832 gave freer licence to doctors and medical students to dissect donated bodies. Before that date only the corpses of executed murderers could legally be used for dissection and body snatching, the secret removal of corpses from burial sites, was common practice. Peter highlighted cases in Devon. An Exeter Surgeon and his Crediton born accomplice were found guilty of stealing a body from St David’s Churchyard. The surgeon was fined £100 (c£6000 today) and the grave robber given 9 months in jail and following other offences on release was transported to Tasmania. In Stoke Damerel near Plymouth a group of grave robbers were also charged, imprisoned and transported and were most probably paid handsomely for their work by a leading London surgeon, the son of a vicar, who grew up with a fascination for churchyards! Punishment depended on whether just the corpse or
the corpse plus clothing were taken, the former counting as a misdemeanour and the latter a felony with a harsher sentence.

Peter was warmly thanked for a very enlightening presentation.

We meet next on Thursday December 12th 2019 2 pm at the Cherith Hall in Blundell’s Road, Tiverton. We are delighted that Todd Gray MBE will speak on “Uncle Tom Cobley and All.” He will explore the origin and popularity of the song and its well-known characters. Places cost £4 per person to include Tea and traditional Devon fare and must be reserved in advance with David. The Hall is warm and comfortable with good parking. A good start to the festive season.

**Lunch Group  Ron & Pat Bawcombe**

Lunch Club met at the Great British Restaurant in Tiverton on the 23rd of October, and a jolly spiffing good time was had by all. Most excellent fish and chips.

Our next lunch club will be at Spelt in Bampton, a rather different kettle of fish. This is a brunch menu, with wide choices ranging from avocado on sourdough to Manx kippers to a full English breakfast...

This will be on Wednesday November 27th at 11.30 am.

**Mah Jong  Bunty Coffin**

We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays, 2pm - 5pm. The next meetings are on the 6th and 20th December at various members house, details to follow.

Recently members have been more adventurous and have succeeded in playing ‘special hands’. Jennie won 2,000 points for ‘Thirteen Grades of Imperial Treasure’, Gillian, 1,000 points for ‘Wriggling Snake’ and Tricia, 1000 points for ‘All Pair Honour Hand’! Well done!

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Members On Their Own (MOTO)  Wendy Cook**

Lots of members of the group came to the coffee morning at Mad Hatters for the October gathering and enjoyed the usual rowdy gathering. Our next outing will be Sunday lunch at the Mount Pleasant in Nomansland which has been organised by Angie Cheshire, we are still looking for a volunteer to organise the next Sunday lunch in the New Year. A few of us old folkies are going to the Steeleye Span 50th anniversary gig in Exeter in December. If these types of events are of interest to you, and you are on your own, you will be very welcome to join us, please contact me or come along to our next coffee morning on Saturday 23rd November 10.30 at Mad Hatters in Tiverton.

**Musical Discoveries  David Fogg**

At the end of October Liz presented music by Jacques Loussier; this included a number of pieces with his own interpretation of Bach’s works, a nocturne by Chopin and a piano concerto by Mozart. We enjoyed this crossover between classical and jazz. Some of our own choices carried on the jazz theme, with pieces by Ray Charles, Joe Cocker and Billie Holliday.

**At 2 pm on Tuesday 26 November** the life and music of Leonard Cohen will be presented by Tony Clarke at his home in Sampford Peverell.

**At 2 pm on Tuesday 10 December,** at Patricia’s home in St Peter Street we will have special guest Jonathan Edmunds giving us an illustrated talk on the History of Choirs.

Each afternoon ends after tea with about ninety minutes of members’ own selections. Nigel or Kathy will have details of our venues and any changes that might arise. If you would like to join our group, Jill Riddiford will put you in touch with them.

We have had a wonderful year of music in a great atmosphere with everyone contributing and coming along to enjoy themselves. Jean and I hope to be back with you before long.

**Poetry  Margaret Wallwork**

Last month we much enjoyed reading some poems by James Kirkup. This month, on 28th November, we shall be reading some more poems by Robert Lowell, chosen for us by Patricia. As usual, please let me know whether or not you will be coming. New members are always welcome.
Rambling  Keith Dawson
The October walk from Winsford to look at the Punchbowl started with a long climb up onto Exmoor, which had several benefits - got the heart working, good views to admire and no breath to complain about Brexit. Thereafter, it was all downhill into the Royal Oak for lunch which attracted another two members of the group to join the seven of us walking. Lucky with the weather, which had been pretty rubbish up till then, and hoping for much of the same for the November walk on Thursday 28th, the route yet to be decided but the normal start from the Homebase car park at 09.30.

Reading
Reading Group 1  Alison Rice
My Husband's Wife by Jane Corry was our October book. It was billed as '...a psychological thriller', '....twisty, feverish and utterly gripping' but we were disappointed. Telling a convoluted story of a criminal lawyer and her involvement in the retrial of a convicted murderer, it managed to cover not one, but two murders, a suicide, infidelity, child abuse, a miscarriage, autism, premature birth, a terminal illness, the criminal underworld .... and the sinister death of a horse. While one of us felt that some of the legal aspects were interesting, another welcomed an undemanding read, maybe, it was suggested, a tale of blame - however the group mostly agreed that the characters were weakly drawn, shallow and without moral values: there was no description of appearance, place or atmosphere. The book was, to quote one group member, 'an implausible mess'. This is the first book in Corry's series of thrillers. Interestingly the Old Road group read her third, The Dead Ex, in September. I hope she'd improved.
Next meeting 2.00pm on 25 November at Alison Rice's house to discuss our next book, Julian Fellowes' Past Imperfect. We have a vacancy for a new member so please do get in touch if you'd like to join us. You'll be most welcome.

Reading Group 2  Chris Redhead
Our book this month was Mothering Sunday by Graham Swift. We seem to have had a run of books with a sexual content, but this one was by far the most explicit. It is set almost entirely on the late morning of 30 March 1924, when so many families had lost sons in the Great War. They had also lost servants, and most were reduced to a cook and a maid. One such maid and one surviving son formed a relationship which would have to end when the son was to marry the daughter of another local family of some social standing. As was traditional on Mothering Sunday, servants were free to go and see their mothers on this day, but those with no mothers had other possibilities to explore. The book provoked a lively discussion, with quite widely differing reactions to the story. Some were impressed by the author’s ability to write from a woman’s perspective, whereas others intensely disliked the book, which was a novella – Graham Swift’s preferred form of writing. Not universally liked, but a good stimulus for anecdotes and different interpretations.
We meet again on Monday 2 December at 2pm at Chris’s House for tea and Christmas cake, and to discuss How to Measure a Cow by Margaret Forster.

Old Road Reading Group  Sally Butler
Our book this month was The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud. It is the story of Nora Eldridge who has always been a good daughter, colleague, friend, employee - reliable, patient and kind. Then Reza Shahid appears in her elementary school classroom and everything changes. As Nora is drawn into his glamorous, artistic family her life seems transformed and a wealth of possibilities opens up before her. But this liberation is not quite what it seems and she is about to suffer a betrayal more monstrous than she could have imagined.
From the above notes the storyline may sound quite intriguing but none of the group enjoyed the author’s writing style and few of us completed it. We all look forward to reading our November book. We also discussed various health concerns and our proposed group Christmas lunch.
Our next meeting will be on Thursday 28th November, 10.30am at Sally’s.
Scrabble  Sue Dark

Table Tennis  Deborah Lal
We are a joint group with Tiverton U3A and meet on Mondays at Sunningmead Community Centre from 10am to noon.

What We Have Noticed  Chris Brown
A variety of newsworthy points were submitted by our members, prompting interesting comments, observations, conversations and good humour. Some of the topics covered were:
* All Hallows Eve, a.k.a. 'Halloween', once represented by hollowed-out, lowly swedes but now occupying acres of retail space with sculpted pumpkin lanterns and sinister, spectral fancy dress to intimidate and terrify. Why is this proliferation of plastic 'tat' tolerated in parallel with the £29m spent on the 10 million pumpkins which end up in the recycling bin?
* Even though she was due to face a major orthopaedic operation, 81 year-old grandmother Mavis Patterson went ahead and successfully completed a three-week, 969 mile, McMillan Cancer Support charity cycle ride from Land’s End to John O'Groats. What an accomplishment!
* How uplifting it is to hear a member of the public playing a piano in a busy open space such as St Pancras Station, or even in Tiverton's Pannier Market.

We meet at the convenor's house in Tiverton on the first Friday of each month with the next meeting scheduled for Friday 6th December. If you would like to share "what you've noticed" please telephone Chris Brown for directions.

Wine Appreciation  Deborah Lal & Helen White
In November we welcomed back two former members of the group to present six supermarket wines: a White Rioja Marques de Los; a Saint Mont from South West France and a South African Klein Street, Grenache. After discussing arrangements for the upcoming Christmas Party and New Year Lunch we then tasted the red selection: a Beaujolais; a Barbera D'Asti and a Languedoc - all bought from local supermarkets. Thank you Brian and Liz.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, the next being Wednesday 11th December for our Christmas Party at York and Sarabella's. Unfortunately we can accept no new members.

World History  Chris Hammett
At our October meeting Kay Morris once again gave us a wonderful talk, this one entitled "The Fabric Of Society". Kay told us of different types of fabric and how they were made, the inventions that made the manufacture of cloth easier. The changing "fashions", who wore what, the creation of second hand clothes shops and finally what happened to the rags that could no longer be worn. A wonderfully detailed and informative talk.

If you are reading this before Monday November 18th. at 2.00pm, on that day we have Chris Mumford giving us an illustrated talk on Benito Mussolini, the son of a blacksmith who rose to become the Fascist Prime Minister of Italy from 1922 until 1943. This will be followed by Helen Booth's talk on "Hong Kong's Kowloon Walled City", this talk too is accompanied by some great photographs. An afternoon not to be missed and at only £2.00 on the door, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits; I'm sure you won't.
World History meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at The Old Heathcoat School Community Centre in King Street, where there is plenty of parking.

Diary dates...Monday November 18th at 2.00, at OHSCC, King Street.

Monday December 9th. (a week early due to Christmas) 2.00 at OHSCC.

Diary for NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

Monday 18th NOVEMBER
10am Table Tennis  Sunningmead Community Centre
2pm Gardening Group planning meeting Old Heathcoat School Community Centre
2pm World History Group  

**Tuesday 19th**
7pm Bridge  
*Contact Group Leader*

**Wednesday 20th**

2pm **Monthly Meeting**  
Tiverton Rugby Club.  
**GREENLAND** – Chris Shorrocks

**Thursday 21st**
2pm Arts Appreciation  
*OHSCC*
6.30pm Bridge  
*Contact Group Leader*

**Friday 22nd**
10.30 French Conversation.  
*Deborah’s house*

**Saturday 23rd**
10.30am MOTO Coffee Morning  
*Mad Hatters*

**Monday 25th**
10am Table Tennis  
*Sunningmead Community Centre*
2pm Cribbage  
*Richard’s house*
2pm Reading Group 1  
*Alison’s house.*

**Tuesday 26th**
2pm Musical Discoveries  
*Tony’s House*
7pm Bridge  
*Contact Group Leader*

**Wednesday 27th**
11.30  
*Lunch Group. Spelt, Bampton.*  
Contact Pat.
2.30pm Folk Dancing  
*Halberton Village Hall*

**Thursday 28th**
9.30am Ramblers.  
*Meet at Homebase.*
2pm Poetry Group  
*Margaret’s House*
2pm Old Road Reading Group  
*Sally’s house.*
6.30pm Bridge  
*Contact Group Leader*

**Friday 29th**
Exe Valley Wanderers Bus Trip to Plymouth  
*Contact Group Leader*

2.30 **New members tea party**  
*the Lowman café*

**Monday 2nd DECEMBER**
10am Table Tennis  
*Sunningmead Community Centre*
2pm Reading Group 2  
*Chris’s House*

**Tuesday 3rd**
7pm Bridge  
*Contact Group Leader*

**Wednesday 4th**

10am **Committee Meeting**  
*OHSCC*
2pm Canasta  
*Contact Group Leader*

**Thursday 5th**
2pm Knit 2, Chat 2 together  
*Group Leader’s House*
6.30pm Bridge  
*Contact Group Leader*

**Friday 6th**
10.30am What We Have Noticed  
*Group Leader’s House*
2pm Mah Jong  
*Contact Group Leader*

**Monday 9th**
10am Table Tennis  
*Sunningmead Community Centre*
2pm Cribbage  
*Brian’s house*
2pm Craft Group  
*Contact Group Leader. Bickleigh Mill.*
2pm World History Group  
*OHSCC (a week early)*

**Tuesday 10th**
2pm Musical Discoveries  *Patricia’s House*
7pm Bridge  *Contact Group Leader*

**Wednesday 11th**
10.15 Le Mélange Français.  *Contact Group Leader*
2.30pm Folk Dancing  *Halberton Village Hall*
7pm Wine Group  *York and Sarabella’s house*

**Thursday 12th**
10am  *Art Group*  [Tiverton Indoor Bowling Club]  – cancelled due to election!
2pm Local History Group.  *Cherith Hall.  Contact Group Leader*
6.30pm Bridge  *Contact Group Leader*

**Friday 13th**
9am Newsletter Deadline  Group Reports to Lynne Lyddon
11.30am Discussion Group  *Wendy’s House*

**Monday 16th**
10am Table Tennis  *Sunningmead Community Centre*
1.30pm Gardening Group.  *Homebase Car Park*

**Tuesday 17th**
7pm Bridge  *Contact Group Leader*

**Wednesday 18th**
2pm  *Monthly Meeting*  [Tiverton Rugby Club]  **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Thursday 19th**
2pm Arts Appreciation  *OHSCC*
6.30pm Bridge  *Contact Group Leader*

**Friday 20th**
2pm Mah Jong  *Contact Group Leader*

**Monday 23rd**
10am Table Tennis  *Sunningmead Community Centre*
2pm Reading Group 1  *Alison’s Home*

**Tuesday 24th**
2pm Musical Discoveries  *Liz’s House*

**Wednesday 25th**  **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Thursday 26th**  **BOXING DAY**

**Friday 27th**
10.30am French Conversation Group  *Deborah’s Home*

**Saturday 28th**
10.30am MOTO Coffee Morning  *Mad Hatters*