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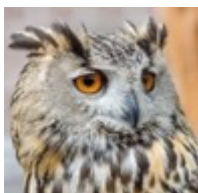
Newsletter 193 – February 2024

Our meeting this month ...

Wednesday 21st February

2pm Cherith Hall

Sharandys Birds of Prey



Sharandys Birds of Prey will bring four owls which they will talk about and give a flying display.

... and next month

Wednesday 20th March

2pm Cherith Hall

AGM

The first 15 – 20 minutes of the meeting will be the AGM to be followed by -

From Winter to Summer through the Alps

Sue and Ivan Godfrey

A slideshow presentation of our 7-week 450-mile trek from the shores of Lake Geneva through the French Alps to the Mediterranean coast at Menton covering the scenery, the geology, the flora and fauna, the route, the experiences encountered and the challenges faced.

News from the Committee

At their last meeting your committee reflected on the fact that January's monthly meeting did not quite go as originally planned!

As the time approached 2.00pm and the speaker had not appeared, anxious conversations had taken place as to how to fill the gap caused by this unexpected absence.

In the event the problem was overcome by impromptu contributions from a number of speakers which turned the afternoon into an informative and enjoyable event and sparked interest into the possible formation of several new activity groups.

Audience participation was high and many members present commented on how much they had enjoyed the afternoon as it had enabled them to meet and converse with more people than was normally the case at a "regular" monthly meetings.

I am grateful to everyone who came forward to speak and make what could have been something of a disaster into a pleasant and worthwhile afternoon.

I am pleased to say that they were no such "unexpected opportunities" at the new members' coffee morning which was held at the Tiverton Hotel on 26th January. The event was well attended and a good opportunity to get to hear the views of our new members.

It was a most enjoyable morning which prompted your committee to wonder if we should hold occasional coffee mornings for all our members, either instead of, or in addition to, our regular monthly meetings? Your thoughts would be most welcome.

A reminder that our Spring Quiz hosted by York Dawson is to be held at the Calverleigh Hall at 7.00pm (for a 7.30pm start) on Friday 22nd March. Tickets are £7.00 per head which will include a bread, cheese and pâté supper. As the evenings will be much lighter by then, do come along to participate in what will be a fun evening. If you have friends who are non-members they are most welcome to attend.

Finally, at the end of this newsletter you will find a nomination form to complete if you would like to be on our friendly and cooperative committee. All our current committee members are happy to continue but we have space and need for more, so we'll be delighted if you are interested in helping in this way. Just find two Exe Valley u3a members to nominate and second you and a new committee will be voted in at our AGM in March.

Newsletter

Please send reports to Lynne by **9am Friday 15th March**. Thank you!

New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to four new members - **Chris Drinnan, Rosalind Hanson, Josephine Kearns and Christopher Steele** - plus 2 members who have re-joined - **Sian Tucker and Pauline Watt**. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Welfare Officer

Marilyn Dawson

Marilyn prefers to be contacted by email. 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.

Quiz Night is here again!

Friday 22nd March

Calverleigh Village Hall, Tiverton EX16 8BB

Bring your family and friends for a friendly evening of up to 8 per team, or come on your own. Supper of bread, cheese and pâté. Bar opens 7pm, quiz master York Dawson will start promptly at 7.30pm. Free parking, car share if you can.

Tickets for £7 available at the monthly meetings or from Anne Bush.
(Social Organiser, Exe Valley u3a)

All are invited, including non-members. Hope to see you there.

News from the Interest Groups

Art Appreciation Gina Brown, Keith Bush, John Massey

At our January meeting Keith gave a talk on the art collection of Petworth House in West Sussex. Dubbed by Constable himself “That house of art”, Petworth is home to one of the country’s greatest art collections, and the National Trust’s largest collection of paintings and sculpture.

Keith concentrated on some of the paintings among the huge number that fill the many large rooms from floor to ceiling. Artists included Bosch, Claude, Fuseli, Kneller, Reynolds and Titian. The most impressive room is one known as the Carved Room, in which various portraits and four radiant landscapes by Turner are set among wreaths of spectacular wood-carving by Grinling Gibbons. One of the Turners - *Brighton from the Sea* - is shown here.



After that, Maggie took us through the ingenious quiz she had set to keep us artistically occupied over Christmas. We had been invited to identify ten paintings and their artists, and to deduce the Christmas carol suggested by each one. For instance, Sir Anthony van Dyck’s *Charles I* - painted from three angles to enable Bernini to sculpt his portrait bust in Italy – was a clue for *We Three Kings of Orient Are*.



At our February meeting we will be sharing images on the theme ‘Vincent van Gogh’. Then,

at the **OHSCC on Thursday 21 March at 2pm**, Kay will be giving us a talk on Sofonisba Anguissola. New group members are always welcome.

Boules in hibernation until the Spring.

Bridge

Tuesday Bridge Doreen Burton

Tuesday Bridge group are playing online at 7.30pm most weeks. We have also managed to meet up to play on quite a few Wednesday afternoons for those in the group that prefer not to play online. If anyone wants to join us, please get in touch.

Thursday Social Bridge Tricia Summers

Canasta Sue Dark

This Group meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month** in each other's homes.

Craft Elaine Wright

An absorbing afternoon was spent creating a pop-up flower card involving paper folding, cutting and gluing. Very satisfying and a pretty result. Thanks to Anne for hosting.



Next month's meeting will be making a Manx macramé patchwork on **Monday March 11th at 2pm at Sue's house** but lead by Emma.

Cribbage Keith Dawson

Our normal routine is to play on the **2nd and 4th Monday afternoon each month**.

Discussion Marilyn Dawson

Our first topic for discussion this month was “Should the UK Bring Back Conscription?” The subject was chosen after hearing the statement from General Sir Patrick Sanders who predicted that, should we have to go to war, there would not be enough enlisted troops. Although warfare has changed much from the second world war the Russian/Ukraine war for example is mainly being fought by “boots on the ground”. Sir Patrick predicted that by 2025 numbers of troops would be down by 73,000. Many European countries have some form of conscription; in Norway it's highly prestigious to be chosen and is said to be harder to get into the armed forces than into university as only the best candidates are chosen. In the UK this might be a very different situation - The Times reporting that in a recent poll they found only 11% of young people would say “yes” to voluntary conscription; 23% only if called up; 30% would refuse and the rest didn't know. Further afield, the US has no active “draft” but males between 18 and 25 have to register with the Selective Service System in case of need. We doubted it would be an easy task to train up conscripts who were forced to enlist and wondered just how useful it would then be, although we could think of many advantages (e.g. learning a trade, comradeship and learning to work together). We talked about patriotism and how that may

have changed in the last fifty years and how that is impacting how people might feel about “fighting for their country”. We mentioned the cadet forces already in Tiverton (Army, Navy and Air) and on the whole felt that a voluntary military force would be a better option than any enforced conscription.

We found it difficult to think of a “light” topic to discuss as the news seems full of gloomy stories, but chatted about whatever came to mind and still managed to find things to laugh about.

We meet on the first Friday of the month at **10.15am** ready to start at 10.30am, our next meeting being **Friday 1st March**.

Folk Dancing John & Hazel Ridd (Tiverton u3a)

We meet on the **2nd** and **4th** **Wednesdays** of the month, **2pm – 4pm** in **Halberton Village Hall**. All are welcome. The dances are walked through and explained well, and everyone is very kind and friendly.

French Conversation Deborah Lal

Gardening Joan Kelly, Jo Jeffrey, Carol Powney

As February is not really the best time to be visiting gardens we decided to meet up at Blackdown Garden Centre near Wellington. This garden centre has recently had a major makeover and is greatly improved and now owned by the Blue Diamond Group. There is an extensive stock of herbaceous plants, fruit trees and potted bedding plants along with everything imaginable that is garden related, as well as a huge array of other goods. We enjoyed a good browse and then met up in the cafe for a chat over tea and cake.

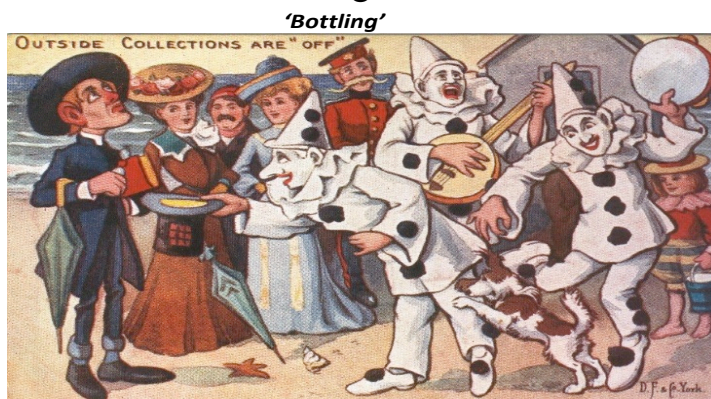
Next month we travel to Forde Abbey with Upton coaches for the Crocus Display. Bus leaving **Tiverton Bus Station 8.55am, Sampford Peverell Car Park 9.15am, Tuesday 5th March**.

Local History David Meredith

Our group this month enjoyed 2 presentations. In our first ‘brief spot’ item of interest member Terry Chapman told us the history on Enys House near Falmouth and the similarities between its owners and the Aclands of Devon. Many thanks, Terry. Hopefully funds for restoration of the house will be found.

Secondly, Dawlish resident and Exeter University Drama lecturer, Dr Tony Lidington, brought smiles and a great deal of cheer to our mid-winter February meeting with a lively and passionate talk on the development of seaside entertainment. The original solo Italian ‘Pierre’ with sad, white-painted face, loose white costume, and pointed hat was followed by many Pierrots - ‘Little Peters’ - performing shows at most seaside resorts.

Having formed and run his own Pierrot company, Tony has travelled the country, met Royalty, and appeared on TV and radio under his stage name ‘Uncle Tacko.’ He often acted as the ‘Bottler’, the name given to the person who collected loose change from onlookers originally in a bottle, being especially nice to everyone to encourage larger



donations. After the show the troupe would smash the bottle, share out the cash, knowing that none of the money had gone astray! The name stuck and here we see the 'bottler' using a hat.

Concert parties at home and in war time abroad, end of the pier shows, gang shows, ITMA and ENSA shows, skiffle groups all followed and were the starting career of many soon to be famous comics. Tony proudly named his son 'Spike' after one of them. I expect none of us knew that Ralph Reader was asked by the Royal Air Force to arrange a gang show for naval cadets. The purpose being not only to entertain but for the Officers to receive information about the commitment of the ratings.

Tony is to be commended for keeping alive and promoting the cultural heritage of showmanship. This summer you may meet up with him on a Devon prom presenting his famous flea circus! No itches guaranteed!



At our next meeting on **Thursday March 14th at 2pm at the Cherith Hall**, our speaker will be Becks Pearson on;

“My Devonshire Dumplings – The Womens’ Land Army in Devon.”

Becks is a former Royal Navy Officer and will bring along a display of WLA uniform and other ephemera of the time and says she will talk as long as we allow her to! She would love to hear any family stories from our u3a members.

As usual all u3a members are welcome to attend. Doors open from 1.30pm. Admission £2 to include refreshments.

Lunch Club Wendy Cook

Our January meal was deferred due to a clash of dates, so on Thursday 25th we all went to the Halfway House at Willand for a very good lunch. It's a roomy pub with a big car park and easy access.

Our next lunch was on Thursday 15th February, venue the Thorverton Arms and organised by Keith. Despite the low turnout, we had a very enjoyable relaxed lunch and very reasonably priced too.

Our meal in March has yet to be decided and arranged. If you would like to join the Lunch Club, we are open for new members, please contact Wendy Cook.

Mah Jong Heather Edwards

We meet on the **first Friday in the month.**

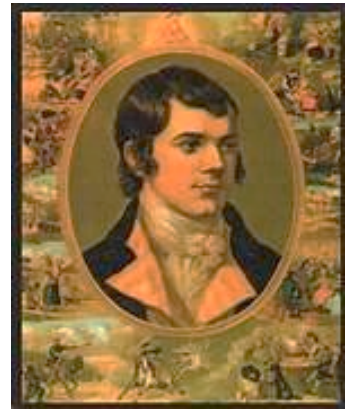
MOTO (Members On Their Own) Wendy Cook

We had a good turnout for our coffee morning on Saturday 27th January, with the usual wide range of topics talked about from tractors to various apps for smart phones. We welcomed two new members to the group who both said how much they had enjoyed getting together.

If you are on your own, we are open for new members, please contact Wendy Cook, or come to our next coffee morning on **Saturday 24th February, 10.30 at The Flying Pickle in Tiverton.**

Poetry Tim Dyke

After forgoing our December meeting for Christmas, we were delighted to reach a full house in January, with two new members. Given the date, we of course focused on poems and songs by Robbie Burns, starting with the ultra-romantic Red Red Rose (surprising to discover he fathered 13 children) and finishing with the glorious A Man's a Man for a That, sung at the opening of the Scottish Parliament in 1999, though sadly we didn't have time to hear Boney M's version of Auld Lang Syne (which apparently Burns only adapted from a traditional song). But we enjoyed both original Mouse and Louse pieces, and modern reflections on them.



It was not all Burns, however: Liz Lochhead, Jackie Kay and Carol Ann Duffy also featured, with an elegy to porridge from Spike Milligan and stories of whisky and heather ale. Perhaps most surprising was The Loch Ness Monster's Song by Edwin Morgan - Sssnnnwhuffffll?, Hnwhuffl hhnwfl hnfl hfl? of which we managed to find a recording, though it remains undecipherable. Highland cows and highland landscapes were enjoyed, while we loved Poaching in Excelsis by G. K. Menzies, about the impracticality of concealing poached rhinoceroses.

With whisky chocolates, shortbread and haggis crisps in the tea break, we did our Celtic roots proud.

The next meeting, at **2pm on 22nd February at Tim's**, is on verse from Japan and the Far East. Saki and Sushi, anyone?

Rambling Ray Rice

As I was unable to make the walk this time, I am indebted to Lorraine and Marion for leading the walk, and to Carol not only for the photos but also the report which follows.

Carol says: "On Thursday 1st February the Rambling group pulled on their boots for the first walk of the year. With the state of the fields in mind our route took us along quiet country lanes and an unsurfaced road out from Bickleigh Mill in an approximately 6-mile circuit to the west of Bickleigh. The weather was perfect, gentle sun, no wind and a clarity to the atmosphere showing off the Exe Valley and rolling hills that surround it. As we walked the snowdrops and a few early daffodils were in evidence and the hedge row hazel was full of nodding catkins.



One keen eyed walker spotted a goshawk and we walked past farmed deer all adding to our pleasure at being out in good company with the promise of Spring being proclaimed with birdsong. We finished our enjoyable morning with lunch at Bickleigh Mill.”

I was sorry not to be there to welcome Peter Stuckey to the group for his first walk, and look forward to chatting with him next time.

The next walk will be **Thursday March 7th** and will be led by Keith. Further details will be circulated once Keith has done his recce.

Reading

Reading Group 1 Alison Rice

I chose *Klara and The Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro as a contribution to our library list this year. I had already enjoyed reading it and felt the book would provide plenty of good discussion, so I was pleased when it turned up as our January book. The discussion was indeed good but the book was polarising.

The story is told by Klara, a solar powered AF (Artificial Friend), who is bought to be a companion to Josie, a child of 14 or so. Klara observes and learns: Josie has been 'lifted' - genetically engineered - with the permission of her mother, to enhance her academic and artistic abilities. Josie's physical health is severely damaged as a result, so she is often in bed and unable to live a normal life.

Klara observes and learns within her own parameters and displays empathy and sentience while trying to build information on what it is to be human. Being dependant on the sun herself, Klara is certain the sun can heal Josie and pursues this with dedication while helping Josie's mother to pursue her solution to replacing Josie if she should die. A simplification of the story of a dystopian society that some of us felt may not be too far off.

There was a heated debate on the difference between robotics and AI, where computer programming gave way to Artificial Intelligence, the limitations of programming and whether or not humans had ultimate control. The Royal Society series of Christmas lectures on AI was recommended.

Those who disliked the book found it illogical, poorly thought out, trivial, laboured and boring - just another SciFi novel lacking description of the wider society or anything interesting: not at all relevant to our present or future relationship with AI.

Others found it a thought-provoking story of what it is to be human, to love and how to show love. The ending is moving. Our world is changing rapidly and the development of AI and its use is already impinging on it whether we recognise that or not.

The AF of one of our members attended the meeting but expressed no opinion and showed no sign of learning anything. However, Teddy's owner could vouch for him having been a source of love and comfort for very many years. He could no longer growl but unfortunately had no solar rechargeable batteries.

We meet next on **February 26 at Alison's** to talk about *The Promise* by Damon Galgut.

Reading Group 2 Chris Redhead

This month we read *Sleep* by CL Taylor. Despite the glowing praise on the back of the book we had many things to say to the contrary. On her way back from a team-building weekend with colleagues, Anna is involved in a car crash which kills two of her passengers and injures another. She believes she is being watched and becomes anxious enough to answer an advert

for an assistant in a hotel on a Scottish island. A group of hotel guests arrives hoping for a week of hiking but they are thwarted by wild weather. Chapter by chapter the reader is led to wonder if any of these guests has murderous intentions towards Anna as the drama of isolation in the storm unfolds. Most of us found the setting unconvincing, the characters underdeveloped and the writing style too simplistic, yet we wanted to read on nevertheless. It was an easy read described by one of us as facile.

Our next book is *Bad Actors* by Mick Herron, a spy thriller. Will we be thrilled? We meet to discuss it on **Monday 4 March at 2pm at Wendy's house.**

Reading Group 3 Sheelagh Bourdon

Our book this month was "*Past Imperfect*" by Julian Fellowes. The story takes us back to the Season of 1968 and its lavish balls and parties, to the debutantes, to the eligible men who accompanied them. Damian Baxter is very, very rich. But he has one concern, which is becoming more urgent as the weeks go by: who should inherit his fortune? A letter from an ex-girlfriend suggests that as a young man he may have fathered a child, but the letter is anonymous. Finding the truth will not be easy - and the only man who knows where to look is Damian's sworn enemy. Most of us really enjoyed the book. One of us liked it so much that she found another book by Julian Fellowes on her Kindle. It was a source of enjoyment that the story had happened in our lifespan. One of us did not realise that girls were still "coming out" in the 60s. It was thought to be a wonderful portrayal of an era and also that there was the suggestion that the author had "put himself in" as the narrator. One criticism was that it was very wordy in parts. Life challenged people in the book but it showed how young people evolved so beautifully. All in all one of our more popular books.

We will next meet on **Thursday 22nd February at 10.30.**

Skittles

Tuesday Skittles – Kathy Senior

Tuesday Skittles continues to play at **The Half Moon in Tiverton every week 11am - 1pm** and is a good fun morning. If you fancy joining us contact Group Leader Kathy.

We continue until the better weather arrives when we return to Tuesday Boules at Cullompton.

Thursday Skittles – Jill Riddiford

Numbers have fluctuated recently with winter holidays, illnesses and injuries (the latter not caused by Skittles!) so sometimes we have had long coffee breaks and put the world to rights. We have recently been playing with the very round skittles and some surprising large scores have been achieved.

We meet at **10am on Thursdays in The Half Moon, Tiverton.**

Members in action!



What we have noticed Chris & Gina Brown

Today we had a stimulating and good-natured chat about these topics:-

- The advantages and disadvantages of owning dogs - ours and other peoples.
- The complex annoyances of computer usage.
- The contrast between a simple cup of coffee in the 70's and the present day.
- What will Tiverton High Street look like in 40 year's time?
- Our disappearing wildlife and what can be done about it.
- The value to society of safely talking to strangers.

We will meet up again on **Tuesday 5th March at 10.30** for more topical chats and discussions.

Wine Group Helen White, Deborah Lal

Wendy presented the wines this month, which all came from Californian vineyards. In between the tastings she told us some of the history of Californian wine production which started apparently in the Gold Rush days when Catholics arrived in the area and planted palm trees for their Palm Sunday services and vines to make wine for Holy Communion. First to be tried was a very fresh aromatic white sauvignon blanc that was full of fruit flavours of melon and grapefruit. 'Dark Horse' was distilled in stainless steel vats making it a very refreshing wine. Discounted to £6.75 most felt it impressive. 'Turner Road Reserve' was our second wine, a 2022 blended Merlot. We could pick out aromas of dark cherry and blackberry jam and the taste of cherries and plums. This was a very smooth wine and very drinkable at £6.75. Our final wine was priced at £10 - another blended red. 'Carnivore Zinfandel' was fuller bodied than the Merlot, smooth on the palate and again with the same ripe fruit flavours of dark cherries and plums and with oaky notes. Three very good choices.

The wine group will be moving back into Tiverton after meeting at Wendy's house since 2022. We all expressed our gratitude to Wendy for taking us in these past two years when COVID forced us to rethink our venue and for the warm hospitality she has given us. If you would like to join this group please speak to Helen White or Deborah Lal as we do have some spaces, you would be made very welcome. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month our next one being **13th March from 7pm to 9pm**, venue to be confirmed.

World History Helen Booth

At our January meeting we heard about the life of Dr James Barry, 1789-1865 - a military surgeon who eventually rose to be the second highest medical officer in the British Army. Despite being known as a brilliant surgeon and social reformer, he was tactless, argumentative and impatient and was called 'a brute' by Florence Nightingale. He fought two duels and was court marshalled twice for conduct not becoming an officer and a gentleman - which was somewhat fortuitous, as on his death, as Chris Mumford told us towards the end of his talk, and to the surprise of several of our members, James Barry was found to be a woman.



On **February 19th**, as usual **2pm at OHSCC**, Dave Harvey will be scaling the heights in a talk about the History of Mountain Climbing. Included will be the Greek Gods of Mount

Olympus, wealthy and adventurous Victorians, and the era of the professional climbing expeditions, including activities on the Eiger in Switzerland and Mount Everest. He asks was (and is) it courage, bravado or downright stupidity that has created 'heroes' in this field, but cost so many lives? As usual we welcome anyone who would like to attend.

DIARY

FEBRUARY 2024

Monday 19th

2pm World History OHSCC Room 2

Tuesday 20th

11am Tuesday Skittles The Half Moon Tiverton

7.30pm Bridge Online *Contact Group Leader*

Wednesday 21st

2pm Monthly Meeting Cherith Hall **Sharandys Birds of Prey**

Thursday 22nd

10am Thursday Skittles The Half Moon, Tiverton

10.30am Reading Group 3 *Contact Group Leader*

2pm Poetry Tim's house

2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 23rd

Saturday 24th

10.30am MOTO Coffee Flying Pickle, Tiverton

Monday 26th

2pm Reading Group 1 Alison's house

2pm Cribbage *Contact Group Leader*

Tuesday 27th

11am Tuesday Skittles The Half Moon Tiverton

7.30pm Bridge Online *Contact Group Leader*

Wednesday 28th

9.30am Committee Meeting

2pm Folk Dancing Halberton Village Hall

Canasta *Contact Group Leader*

Thursday 29th

10am Thursday Skittles The Half Moon, Tiverton

2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

MARCH 2024

Friday 1st

10.15am Discussion Group Marilyn's Home

Mah Jong Group *Contact Group Leader*

Monday 4th

2pm Reading Group 2 Wendy's house

Tuesday 5th

Final date for Nominations for the Committee to be with Secretary Chris Redhead

Gardening Group Forde Abbey with Upton coaches
8.55am Tiverton Bus station; 9.15am Sampford Peverell Car park
10.30am What We Have Noticed *Contact Group Leader*
11am Tuesday Skittles The Half Moon Tiverton
7.30pm Bridge Online *Contact Group Leader*

Wednesday 6th

Thursday 7th

10am Thursday Skittles The Half Moon, Tiverton
2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*
Rambling Group *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 8th

Monday 11th

2pm Craft Sue's house
2pm Cribbage *Contact Group Leader*

Tuesday 12th

11am Tuesday Skittles The Half Moon Tiverton
7.30pm Bridge Online *Contact Group Leader*

Wednesday 13th

2pm Folk Dancing Halberton Village Hall
7pm Wine Group *Contact Group Leader*
Canasta *Contact Group Leader*

Thursday 14th

10am Thursday Skittles The Half Moon, Tiverton
2pm Local History Cherith Hall
2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 15th

9am Newsletter contributions to Lynne

Monday 18th

2pm World History OHSCC Room 2

Tuesday 19th

11am Tuesday Skittles The Half Moon Tiverton
7.30pm Bridge Online *Contact Group Leader*

Wednesday 20th

2pm Monthly Meeting Cherith Hall **Exe Valley u3a AGM**
From Winter to Summer through the Alps - Sue and Ivan Godfrey

Thursday 21st

10am Thursday Skittles The Half Moon, Tiverton
Lunch Group *Contact Group Leader*
2pm Art Appreciation OHSCC
2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 22nd

7pm for 7.30pm Quiz Night Calverleigh Village Hall, Tiverton EX16 8BB.

Saturday 23rd

10.30am MOTO Coffee Flying Pickle, Tiverton

Monday 25th

2pm Cribbage *Contact Group Leader*

Tuesday 26th

11am Tuesday Skittles The Half Moon Tiverton

7.30pm Bridge Online

Wednesday 27th

2pm Folk Dancing Halberton Village Hall

Canasta *Contact Group Leader*

Thursday 28th

10am Thursday Skittles The Half Moon, Tiverton

2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 29th

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

Thursday 9th

Treasure Hunt

OCTOBER

Wednesday 30th

Ann Widdecombe

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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EXE VALLEY u3a
NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE
AT THE 2024 AGM

The nomination form to be sent to the Secretary:
Christine Redhead,
by **Tuesday 5 March 2024** at the latest

Inominate
(block letters please) (block letters please)
as Chairman / Vice Chairman / Treasurer / Secretary / Committee member (please delete as necessary)

Signed Date

I second this nomination.
(block letters please)

Signed Date

I am willing to be nominated as
(block letters please)
Chairman / Vice Chairman / Treasurer / Secretary / Committee member (please delete as necessary)

Signed Date

FOR YOUR GUIDANCE

All committee members automatically become trustees of the Exe Valley u3a charity. This requires no additional work and liability insurance covers you for any risk, unless you have acted recklessly or criminally.

Each new committee member will be given an induction pack outlining his/her responsibilities as a committee member. If you would like to see one before you agree to be nominated please ask the Secretary (Christine Redhead).

Any necessary training will be given.

The committee meets once a month at 09.30am on the first Wednesday of the month in the Old Heathcoat School Community Centre.

Further information is available on the Charities Commission website.

The u3a National Website www.u3a.org.uk also has useful information. Any u3a member can log on using their own password to have access to all the advice on the site.

If you want any further information please do not hesitate to ask a member of the committee.