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Newsletter 186 – July 2023

Our meeting this month ...

Wednesday 19th July
 2pm Old Heathcoat School Community Centre
Grace Darling and the Fine Art of Saving Lives at Sea
James Taylor

Darling's daring rescue of steamship passengers off the Northumberland coast in 1838 brought her international fame and celebrity. Discover more about her bravery and short life (died aged 26) living in the Brownsman and Longstone lighthouses, and the full extent of the artistic contribution that has helped to keep her in the public eye. Grace became the 'poster girl' of the RNLI and was the first woman awarded their medal for gallantry.

... and next month

Wednesday 16th August
 2pm Old Heathcoat School Community Centre
The History of Dartmoor
Paul Rendell

A general talk about the history of Dartmoor from the Bronze Age to the present day looking at farmhouses, reservoirs, villages and landscapes.

News from the Committee

The Committee would like to remind Group Leaders that each interest group should complete a **Risk Assessment** form for their activity, and that they should feel free to contact any member of the committee for help or advice as to how to go about this. It is a requirement of the Charity Commission.

We again discussed the issue of **Parking** in the OHSCC carpark on the afternoon of the Monthly Meetings, and several ideas were put forward that might assist in alleviating this problem. It was suggested that members might aim to arrive a little earlier, between 1.30 and 1.45 pm, as this might help not only with finding space to park, but also in avoiding a queue forming at the desk upon entry, to register and pay the meeting fee, it would also help avoid the possibility of coming in late once the Speaker has started. There are alternative parking opportunities nearby, and carsharing could be considered.



The **Speaker** booked for the June meeting was unfortunately unable to attend as a result of being called out to an emergency on Exmoor. We are very grateful to Dave Harvey for stepping in at the last moment to give his excellent talk about his walk along the length of the South West Coast Path to raise money for charity, We all greatly enjoyed his photographs and the fascinating insight into all the places of interest he showed us along the way.

The newly introduced **Raffle** was felt to have been a success, and the money raised will help towards the funding of our meetings in the future.

Lastly, we would like to encourage Group Leaders once again to send any available **photos** for the website to Wendy Cook, remembering that all members pictured should be asked if they are happy to give permission to be included.

Newsletter

Please email reports for the August Newsletter to Lynne by **9am Friday 11th August**. Thank you. lynnelyddon@gmail.com

New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to three new members this month - **Heather Whitton, Elaine Brown** and **Frederick Hall**. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Social Event

Anne Bush, Social Organiser, Exe Valley u3a



We are planning a trip to Mompesson House and Salisbury on **Tuesday 1st August**, costing £17 for National Trust members and £25.50 for non-members. Actual times are yet to be arranged but to register your interest, please call Upton Coaches on 01398 371 271, citing Exe Valley u3a. Mompesson House is a homely and atmospheric Queen Anne townhouse in the heart of Salisbury's historic Cathedral Close with a tranquil walled garden. The house contains the Bessemer Wright collection of 18th century porcelain and the Turnbull collection of 18th century drinking glasses which are of national importance. We hope you can join us on this trip. Anne Bush, Social Organiser.

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.

News from the Interest Groups

Art Tony & Tricia Clarke

There will be no meeting of the group in August.

Art Appreciation Gina Brown, Keith Bush, John Massey

On a baking hot day in June, in a room which had only one small openable window, 12 of us could be heard repeatedly intoning *air, air*. But we weren't suffocating (not quite), just discussing the images we were sharing on the theme of 'Air', as we work our way through the four elements.

The invisible substance so essential to our existence is next to impossible for an artist to depict. Nevertheless, members came up with an inspired range of interpretations and we ended up with a fascinating presentation.

There were dramatic landscapes by the Scottish artist James Morrison, and an idyllic yet unsettling one by Grant Wood; boys blowing bubbles by Chardin, Couture, Manet and Millais; Magritte's *The Future of Statues*, in which Napoleon's death mask is covered with sky and clouds; one of Brancusi's series of abstract *Bird in Flight* sculptures, more flight than bird; John William Waterhouse's lovely *Boreas*; Frida Kahlo's rather



disturbing *Suicide of Dorothy Hale*; Urban Larsson's 16th-century depiction of strange atmospheric ice halos over Stockholm; Botticelli's *Birth of Venus*; a hot air balloon; more hot air in Banksy's chimp-filled House of Commons; and a sequence showing how to do and how not to do hang gliding, culminating in the painting shown here, Jacob Peter Gowdy's 1635 *Fall of Icarus*.



To link in with her own contribution, a van Gogh landscape, Mary then took us through a presentation featuring the Saint-Paul Asylum in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, including a number of the pictures – many of them very beautiful – that Vincent produced while he was a patient there for a year. One of them – *Cypresses and Two Women* – is illustrated here.

Our next meeting will take place at the **OHSCC on Thursday 20 July at 2pm** at which Kay will be giving us a talk on the painter Elizabeth Forbes.

New group members are always welcome.

Boules

Tuesday Boules Janet Phythian

Thursday Boules Jill Riddiford

Well, sunhats and raincoats, that's an English summer but we have played on despite the weather. We even managed 3 games one morning, that kept our sweeper going full time in between ends. There are occasional mix ups with the scoreboard but it is all done with good humour. This group is still full so regret we can't take any more members at present.



Bridge

Tuesday Bridge Doreen Burton

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

Thursday Social Bridge Vicki Stuckey

We continue to meet weekly in each other's homes. We are a very friendly sociable group who are learning as we go thanks to some revision from Richard. Sorry, but this group is full.

Canasta Sue Dark

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

Craft Elaine Wright



The craft group met at the Canal Basin Tea Rooms for their last meeting before the summer and to discuss plans for the autumn. Due to the rain we were inside but the food and company was very pleasant and we all enjoyed it.

We will not be meeting in August. Our next meeting is on Monday September 11th at Jackie's to do marbling on paper.

Have a lovely summer everyone.

Cribbage Keith Dawson

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

Discussion Marilyn Dawson

Our topic for discussion was Extreme Tourism. From oceans to mountains to polar ice sheets and active volcanos and now trips in to space.

People pay small fortunes in pursuit of big and sometimes very dangerous dreams. We talked about the recent tragedy of the loss of the Titan sub on a tourist trip to view the wreck of the Titanic. Even going on Safari in Africa can be dangerous if not respecting the hazards involved.

On a lighter note we reminisced on T V Programmes we remembered from childhood. These included Lost in Space, Bewitched, Bill and Ben and the early days of Dr Who etc..

Our next meeting to be held at **Wendy's house on 4th August at 10:15.**

Folk Dancing John & Hazel Ridd (Tiverton u3a)

How lovely it was to welcome some new dancers this week! One of our members brought her family members who were visiting. Bill came up trumps with some dances to accommodate everyone, and great fun was had by all.

Our next folk dance is **26th July, Halberton Village Hall, 2 - 4pm** and then we break for August - starting again on September 13th Wednesday 2 - 4pm.

All welcome - the dances are walked through and explained well, and everyone is very kind and friendly. Hazel and John Ridd 01884 820438

French Conversation Deborah Lal

Gardening Joan Kelly, Jo Jeffrey, Carol Powney

This month we thought the weather was going to beat us when we travelled to Halscombe Farm at Ide near Exeter. The lane to the farm is very long and narrow with no passing spaces and high hedges either side, so meeting any approaching vehicle would have been a problem! However the rain had eased by the time we arrived and we were able to enjoy the country gardens which have been created by the owner over the last 8 years and set in a valley behind the farmhouse. The mixed borders were very colourful and the collection of roses beautiful. Tea and cake in the farmhouse kitchen concluded the afternoon.



Next month we are going to Taunton Flower Show, meeting at Silk Mills Park & Ride **Saturday 5th August. Time TBA.**

Local History David Meredith

The Bill Douglas Cinema Museum on the Exeter University Campus houses an amazing number of items related to moving images, films and screen personalities. On our visit this month we were taken back in time to queuing up for the 1s/6d seats at the Gaumont or Odeon cinemas and staying to see favourite films a second time around. Someone even remembered the double seats provided for couples at some cinemas. The items on display were all collected by film maker Bill Douglas and have been added to in recent years to provide a wonderful resource for all things screen related. The Museum is open to the public and is free to visit.

On **Thursday August 10th** we visit **Coldridge** for a special lunch at **12.30pm** followed by a slide show and talk in the church at 2pm on the evidence which suggests that the man known locally as John Evans was in fact King Edward V, one of the Prince's in the Tower, pardoned by his uncle King Richard 111. All very fascinating and if proved, will likely turn this quiet Devon village into a major tourist mecca. Places are available but must be booked with me in advance.

Stained glass window Coldridge Church. One of the clues connecting the village with King Edward V.

From September we will return to the Cherith and details of the autumn talks programme will be sent out to group members soon.



Lunch Club Wendy Cook

We meet on the **third Thursday of the month.**

Mah Jong Heather Edwards

Due to illness we were unable to meet in June, but a lively session took place in the group leader's home on Friday 7 July when two groups of four enjoyed several games of Mah Jong, playing clean and dirty hands, with the occasional Goulash.

The group is currently full, but we do have a Reserve/Waiting List that you are welcome to join. This would give you the opportunity to play, during holiday times for example, on an ad hoc basis until there is a permanent space in the group. Contact Heather for further details.

We meet on the first Friday in the month the next being **Friday 4 August from 2pm until about 4.30pm.**

MOTO (Members On Their Own) Wendy Cook

We met for coffee on Saturday 24th June and it was a noisy and very enjoyable meeting where as usual many topics were covered, including holiday snaps and food.

Our next lunch get together will be on **Sunday 23rd July at the Globe in Sampford Peverell** and is being organised by Sue Baker, any members who would like to go should contact Sue direct.

The July coffee morning will be on **Saturday 29th July, at the Flying Pickle in Tiverton.** We are moving from the normal day because of the Mid Devon Show which is on 22nd July.

If you are on your own and would like to come along to any of the events, please either just turn up for coffee or contact the person arranging the outing.

Musical Discoveries Patricia Sansom

Our meeting last month had the theme of "*Days of the Week*" with Sundays proving to be very popular. We listened to "Sunday morning coming down" by Johnny Cash, referring to drug taking which was very controversial at the time, he insisted he'd not alter the words just to be polite!

This was followed by Etta James singing a very sultry "Sunday kind of love" which reminded me of such Sunday afternoons in the past!

"Tell me on a Sunday" by A. Lloyd Webber and Tony's choice of "Sunday will never be the same" by the fabulously named Sparky and our Gang concluded Sunday.

Monday was represented by the Mamas and the Papas and The Bangles respectively and a solitary Thursday by Johnny Mathis singing "Sweet Thursday".

John triumphed once again by choosing Flanders and Swan, "The gasman Cometh" which encompassed every day of the week followed by a piece by Benjamin Britten which had been written to be played at a school concert on Friday afternoon. how appropriate as our meetings are always on Fridays!

Tuesday was taken care of by the Rolling Stones and then Melanie, two very different versions of "Ruby Tuesday", the latter being far superior to most of us, aside from a couple of top notes!

Our next meeting is on **Friday 21st July, 2pm** when our theme will be "*Water*".

See you all soon. 🎵 🎶 🎹

Poetry Margaret Wallwork

Our theme of Trees seemed to prove one of our most fruitful and popular (!) ever, with members even sending in contributions when they were unable to attend in person. "I think that I shall never see / A poem lovely as a tree" wrote Joyce Kilmer, but we savoured gallant attempts by Samuel N. Baxter, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., Linda Pastan and Edward Thomas, as well as regulars like Heaney, Kipling, Larkin, Whitman and Blake. Oaks, willows and cherries featured largely, but most inspiring seem to have been maples.



We were even treated to a video of Martin Booth describing his work, which was a rare treat, as Helen took the elm (sorry!), while Joni Mitchell's Cactus Tree sneaked in too.

Our next meeting is on **27th July at 2pm at Tim's**. Theme tba later.

Rambling Ray Rice

Our walk this month took place on Thursday July 6th, and was an exploration of deepest, darkest Devon! The walk was led by Jackie and Marion, and took us to the little known National Trust property called Buzzard's Wood, down in a wooded valley in an area called Thongsleigh Woods located just a mile or two from the centre of Tiverton, between Seven

Crosses and Little Silver/Cadeleigh. We met up at Bickleigh Mill and 11 of us (including welcoming new member Peter Collins) arranged ourselves into 3 vehicles, as parking can be an issue at the start of the walk. As it happened there were only 2 other vehicles in the car parking area, so we parked up without problem.

The walk took place in a heavily wooded valley alongside and around the Little Dart river. It was a delightful ramble through some lovely mature woodland. At the start we met up with 2 “professional” dog walkers, in charge (?) of around a dozen dogs of all sizes. We managed to pass them without incident, though with much barking! We even saw some buzzards, as well as a frog and a dead mouse! The weather stayed fine and the walk took about 2 hours. We got back to the cars, and drove through a typical Devon lane (i.e. hedges brushing each side of our cars, though thankfully without meeting any vehicles coming the other way), to Bickleigh, where a convivial lunch was taken at Bickleigh Mill. Thanks to Pat for the photo, and of course to Marion and Jackie for leading the walk.



We have walks in the schedule now for **August 3rd** and September 7th about which more information will follow in due course.

New members welcome, contact Administrator Ray Rice.

Reading

Reading Group 1 Alison Rice

This month's book was 'Never' by Ken Follett. The action takes place on 3 continents. In Africa a disguised CIA agent befriends a young widow and they use human traffickers to try and get to Europe. On the way they discover the hideout of a terrorist the CIA has been seeking for some time. In China, younger government officials battle against the older Communist hawks, and China's relationship with North Korea is explored. In the United States a female President tackles the problems of terrorist attacks, smear campaigns and illegal arms dealing. All these scenarios come together at the end with the President having to make the decision as to whether she should press the nuclear button as China launches its missiles on Hawaii.

Some members of the group enjoyed a good read. Much of our discussion revolved around the possibility of nuclear weapons actually being deployed, particularly with current tensions in Ukraine and Russia. Others found the dialogue trite and the descriptions pedestrian and the characters clichéd. At 800 pages the book was rather too long and did not have the tight writing style of, say, John Le Carre.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 31 July at 2.00 pm at Alison's house** to discuss 'Rosie' by Rose Tremain.

Reading Group 2 Chris Redhead

This month's book gave us a very full and interesting discussion despite the fact that, or maybe because, the subject matter was depressing. It was *A Burning* by Megha Majumdar, set in

contemporary India and the story was built around three central characters whose lives were intertwined although all of them were separately determined to improve their lives, living as they were in dire poverty.

The book is somehow a sample story of how corruption happens in India or any other country where the need to escape unrelenting hardship leaves people vulnerable to temptation. In the case of some of them it was the conflict of conscience over whether to break promises to support another who was unjustly imprisoned, when to do so would prevent the tempted/threatened from the opportunity to achieve their dream of fame or power and an enviable lifestyle. The tempter in this case was a religious extremist who aimed to gain national political power.

The reader is led to wonder whether anyone will do the right thing and what it would cost them. The chapters were short, taking one character at a time as the separate stories developed so it was easy to read if not a book you would rush to get back to for the pleasure of reading on.

Next we are reading a book long enough to need the whole month to read – 589 pages. It is *Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead.

We meet on **Monday 7 August at 2pm at Wendy's house.**

Reading Group 3 Sheelagh Bourdon

"The Ballroom" by Anna Hope was our book for this month. The initial reaction was enthusiasm after most of us had struggled with Virginia Woolf the previous month. The book was reviewed as "an exquisite love story", "tender and heart-breaking" etc..

It is 1911: Inside an asylum at the edge of the Yorkshire moors, where men and women are kept apart by high walls and barred windows, there is a ballroom, vast and beautiful. For one bright evening every week, they come together and dance. When John and Ella went, it is a dance that will change two lives for ever.

You had to remember how differently people thought then and what they believed. Winston Churchill was in favour of sterilisation of the "feeble minded" as were many then. People in the asylum were nearly all classified as "feeble minded" although they were in there for a variety of reasons. The "heroine", Ella, had broken a window and was put in there. One of the characters who was employed there, was obviously a homosexual but was unable to accept the fact although in the course of the book it was recognised by other characters. Then it was looked on as an illness and some thought that it could be cured.

We did all feel a vague sense of dissatisfaction that when Ella was released from the asylum the last mention of her was trudging across the moor. We were never told what had happened to her after that. Right at the end of the book, her daughter went to see her father, John. He had spent many years looking for Ella with no success. Overall the book was thought-provoking and not what it appeared at first sight.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 27 July at 10.30 at Vicki's home.**

Skittles (In abeyance until the Autumn.) Jill Riddiford

What we have noticed Chris & Gina Brown

We met on one of this summer's first rainy days and found lots to interest us. Quite unintentionally there was an historic theme this month:-

*We heard about the Duxford Summer Airshow with its First World War bi and tri planes and death - defying 'wing walkers'. Would we put that on our bucket list?

* Next was the impact a book called 'The Ballroom' by Anna Hope had and how it made one aware of just how much had changed from our grandparent's time to ours. Especially with regard to attitudes on mental health.

*Then we heard about Anthony Salvin, the architect, and his connection to Knightshayes, where there's a wooden table designed by him. His son, Osbert Salvin, was an English Naturalist who travelled in central South America.



A table designed by Anthony Salvin

*Exeter cathedral was our next stop and we heard how recent building work has uncovered a previously unknown grave, upon which archaeologists are now painstakingly working. A volunteer in the Cathedral also pointed out fossil remains in many of the Purbeck stone pillars.

*Also in Exeter, there is now a new information board near the controversial General Buller statue. This described his Southern Africa campaigns but also the views of people who lived further north in Sudan. It poses the question: "How can we understand what we have inherited from our shared histories?"

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st August at 10.30 a.m.** We will be at this month's talk at OHSCC, come and talk to us if you are interested in coming along.

Wine Group Helen White, Deborah Lal

York led the wine tasting at Avril and Derek's on Wednesday 12 July, presenting three different wines to the seven of us who were able to attend. However, this time it wasn't all about the wines, but also information about other drinks we like to consume. He listed the many different alcoholic beverages we are familiar with saying that although all very different they all predominately come from grape or grain, eg both whiskey (or whisky) and beer are made from malt mash but one is distilled and one is made from fermentation. We then tasted a red wine, a Beaujolais Village, 13%, on offer at £7.50 at Tesco. He asked us what we knew about the Beaujolais Nouveau wine race and told us how it started in the 1970s as a bit of fun, but then became a serious event to see who could get this new wine back to London first. This still takes place every November in aid of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

York then tested our knowledge on the names of various bottle sizes. A Piccolo being 0.25 of a bottle right up to a Solomon holding an amazing 26 bottles. We talked about the names of various sparkling wines, eg Champagne, Cremant, Cava and Prosecco etc and how an English "champagne" in a blind tasting with experts in 2022 beat the "real thing", and the categories according to their sweetness, from Brut (no added sugar) to Doux 50+ sugar. Our second wine was a French Picpoul de Pinet from the Longuedoc area. A very pleasant wine on offer from Tesco at £6 and 13% vol. A talk then about cognac and brandy and how to tell their age, eg VSOP Very Special Old Pale 10 years old down to VS Very Special 3 years old.

The third wine was another white - Gooseberry Bush from South Africa, which was very pleasant at £8.50 and 11% vol, exclusive to Laithwaites Wines. York then talked about the strength of drink measured as ABV – beers range from 3 to 8 ABV, wines from 6 to 15, spirits etc 40 meaning Alcohol by Volume. Occasionally the word proof is used, mainly in USA. A

typical Scotch Whisky being 40% ABV here would be 80% proof in USA. And a short chemistry lesson then ensued. York finished his presentation by talking briefly about cocktails and the school of thought that James Bond got it wrong! He wanted his Martini cocktail shaken not stirred, but as this breaks ice down introducing more water this drink should really be stirred, but York wasn't prepared to argue with 007!

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, our next being **8th August** when we will have a BBQ. Please speak to Deborah or Helen if you would like details of this group.

World History Helen Booth

Dave Harvey's talk at our June meeting described the horrors of the Great Siege of Malta of 1565, part of the 500-year contest between the 'Cross and the Koran' for control of the Mediterranean and its trade routes. The Ottoman Sultan, Suleiman the Magnificent, (pictured), was determined to remove the rulers of the island, the Knights Hospitallers, (who had been granted the island by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V in return for one falcon a year) from the island, and thought he would defeat them in just a few days. The Turkish fleet was one of the largest assembled since antiquity and their forces numbered 40,000. The Knights Hospitallers and Maltese forces had only 6,000 men. All known techniques of siege warfare were



employed, including a bombardment of 130,000 cannonballs, but the Ottomans had underestimated the fortifications. With the arrival of a relief force at the end of a 4-month ordeal, Malta survived the assault though with many casualties on both sides. A consequence, now they realised the once seemingly invincible Ottomans could be defeated, was to bring European rulers into an alliance. This union of forces was to defeat the Ottomans at the Battle of Lepanto six years later.

At our meeting on **July 17th**, as usual **2pm at OHSCC**, Tim Dyke will be explaining how acting became respectable, from rogues and vagabonds to peers of the realm.

DIARY

JULY

Monday 17th

2pm World History OHSCC

Tuesday 18th

11am Tuesday Boules Walronds, Cullompton

7.30pm Bridge Online

Wednesday 19th

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Grace Darling and the Fine Art of Saving Lives at Sea - James Taylor

Thursday 20th

10am Boules Walronds, Cullompton

Lunch Club *Contact Group Leader*

2pm Art Appreciation OHSCC

2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 21st

2pm **Musical Discoveries** Patricia's house

Saturday 22nd

Sunday 23rd

MOTO Lunch The Globe, Sampford Peverell

Monday 24th

2pm **Cribbage** *Contact Group Leader*

Tuesday 25th

11am **Tuesday Boules** Walronds, Cullompton

7.30pm **Bridge Online**

Wednesday 26th

2pm **Folk Dancing** Halberton Village Hall

Canasta *Contact Group Leader*

Thursday 27th

10am **Boules** Walronds, Cullompton

10.30am **Reading Group 3** Vicki's home

2pm **Bridge** *Contact Group Leader*

2pm **Poetry** Tim's house

Friday 28th

French Conversation *Contact Group Leader*

Saturday 29th

10.30am **MOTO Coffee** Flying Pickle, Tiverton

Monday 31st

2pm **Reading Group 1** Alison's house

AUGUST

Tuesday 1st

10.30am **What We Have Noticed** *Contact Group Leader*

11am **Tuesday Boules** Walronds, Cullompton

7.30pm **Bridge Online**

Wednesday 2nd

Thursday 3rd

Rambling *Contact Group Leader*

10am **Boules** Walronds, Cullompton

2pm **Bridge** *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 4th

10.15am **Discussion Group** Wendy's home

2pm **Mah Jong** *Contact Group Leader*

Saturday 5th

Gardening Group Silk Mills Park & Ride for Taunton Flower Show

Monday 7th

2pm **Reading Group 2** Wendy's house

Tuesday 8th

11am **Tuesday Boules** Walronds, Cullompton

7.30pm **Bridge Online**

Wednesday 9th

Canasta Contact Group Leader
Wine Group BBQ Contact Group Leader

Thursday 10th

10am Boules Walronds, Cullompton
12.30pm Local History Lunch Coldridge **2pm** Coldridge Church Slide show and talk
2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 11th

9am Newsletter contributions to Lynne

Monday 14th

2pm Cribbage *Contact Group Leader*

Tuesday 15th

11am Tuesday Boules Walronds, Cullompton
7.30pm Bridge Online

Wednesday 16th

2pm Monthly Meeting Old Heathcoat School Community Centre
The The History of Dartmoor - Paul Rendell

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Wednesday 30th

Thursday 31st

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2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

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Other groups in which some of our members are involved...

Tiverton Repair Café - The aim of the repair cafe is to repair items that might otherwise be dumped. This saves the owner the cost of a new one while, at the same time, helping to save the environment. A group of volunteers carry out repairs on household items such as electrical goods, woodwork, clothes etc, furniture and toys, gardening tools etc.. **The Repair Cafe is open on the 2nd Saturday of each month between 9.30am - 12.30pm at Tiverton Library.** If you wish to help by becoming a repairer, you would be very welcome. Please contact Liam Edwards.

Tiverton Walk and Talk is part of Walking for Health programme in Devon. The walks are led by trained, friendly, volunteer walk leaders who will be sure to give you a warm welcome. All walks are free, all you need are comfortable shoes, loose fitting clothing and waterproofs if wet. And do bring some money if you wish to stop for refreshments afterwards. If you are a new walker, please arrive 10 minutes before the start time to complete a simple registration form. Two examples of the types of walks are - **TWALKERS** - These walks are out in the countryside, generally within 10 miles of Tiverton. The maximum distance is no more than 3.6 miles and take no more than 90 minutes. The venue changes weekly. **STROLLERS** - Venue changes monthly for a gentle walk lasting no more than 60 minutes around the streets of Tiverton. For more details please contact Chris Mumford.