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Newsletter 189 – October 2023

Our meeting this month ...

Wednesday 18th October

2pm Old Heathcoat School Community Centre

Bletchley Park

Giles Edmondston-Low

This talk will outline the lead-up to, and the history of, Bletchley Park as the principal centre of Allied code-breaking during the Second World War and its incredible achievements. An insight will also be given into what life was like for the 9,000 plus personnel who worked there. Giles' mother served in Hut 6 from 1941 until the end of the war.

... and next month

Wednesday 15th November

2pm Old Heathcoat School Community Centre

Hedgehogs – In Need Of Your Help And Getting Connected

Stephen Powles

Hedgehogs are struggling with their numbers declining dramatically over the last 30 years. In this talk I explain how to make your garden hedgehog friendly then go on to show how one village came together to create a hedgehog superhighway of interconnected gardens.

... and the month after that, in a change to the published programme...

Wednesday 20th December: IN CHERITH HALL, OUR NEW MONTHLY VENUE...

The British Music Hall, with Tim Dyke. A combination of history, personal engagement and the Good Old Days. It would be wonderful if you could come in some sort of Victorian / Edwardian dress to add to the atmosphere and get us in the festive mood – even if it's only a feather in your hat.

News from the Committee

At our last meeting we spent some time discussing how we might begin to implement some of the ideas that you, our members, submitted during the recent consultation exercise, the main ones being:

1. Hold the monthly meetings in a more suitable venue with less external noise distractions and better car parking facilities.
2. You wanted the monthly meetings to continue but with a “higher calibre” of speaker.
3. You wanted the opportunity to have “trips out”, perhaps to the seaside.

In response the Committee decided that

1. the December meeting and all subsequent monthly meetings will be held at the Cherith Hall in Blundell’s Road, close by the Tesco superstore.

The hall provides comfortable accommodation and ample car parking.

2. In our view most speakers have been interesting and of a high standard, the most recent talk about the Festival of Britain being particularly good.

However, in something of a coup, we have managed to secure former senior politician and star of “Strictly Come Dancing” Ann Widdicombe to come to talk to us in October 2024.

3. In June next year we are hoping to arrange a visit to Lyme Regis to the fossil museum. Enquiries have been made about the cost of a coach which, if twenty people go, will be in the region of £17.50 per person plus a further £7.95 for the optional tour of the museum.

Alternatively, you may just wish to tour the resort and use the coach as a convenient way of getting there.

More details about the cost and travel arrangements will be given in due course. In the meantime our social organiser Anne Bush would be pleased to receive expressions of interest from anyone thinking they might like to go on the trip.

We hope you will agree that this is a very positive response to the ideas submitted by yourselves and we hope you will give them your full support.

Annual Subscriptions Reminder for 2024

This is a reminder that we will be taking Renewal Subscriptions from early in November and I will send an email then with full details of how to renew online, by post or in person at a monthly meeting. The subscription amounts will be the same as last year.

Please note we are no longer using PayPal so do not try to renew using this method.

Please do not attempt to renew before my November email as it will muck up the Treasurer’s accounting system and he will not be happy!

Jill

Newsletter

Reports resume to Lynne again this month please, by 9am Friday 10th November. Thank you.

New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to one new member this month, Elisabeth Flower. 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.

News from the Interest Groups

Art Appreciation Gina Brown, Keith Bush, John Massey

At our September meeting we shared images on the theme 'Earth', as we continued our exploration of the four elements.

There was an extraordinary range of images, from an exquisite Eric Ravilious wood engraving to the deliberately artless re-creations of random bits of ground by the Boyle Family.

Members also came up with a gorgeous Bernard Leach stoneware bowl; one of Frank Auerbach's paintings of post-war London building sites; Paul Nash's almost surrealistic lithograph depicting megaliths at Avebury; a fanciful imagining of the third day of creation by Edward Burne-Jones; a proposal by American land artist Robert Smithson, sadly not followed up, to turn a huge copper mining pit in Utah into an artwork; and a photo of the 'Cornish Alps' – the huge white-capped spoil heaps of the china clay quarries near St Austell.

The British artist Luke Jerram's spectacular and awe-inspiring *Gaia* is a 7-metre in diameter inflatable replica of the Earth. Copies are displayed in various suitable spaces; our presentation included a photo of *Gaia* suspended in Dresden's Frauenkirche.

Kirsten Kurtz is a soil scientist at Cornell University. She is also an artist who specialises in pictures made entirely of pigments derived from soil. Her *Three Sisters*, based on a 1910 painting by Franz von Stuck, is shown here.

Our next formal meeting will take place at the **OHSCC on Thursday 19 October at 2pm**. Patricia will be giving us a talk on James Tissot.

New group members are always welcome.



Boules

Tuesday Boules Janet Phythian

The Tuesday Boules group are starting up a Skittles group for the Autumn/ Winter months starting on **7th November 11am - 1pm** at The Half Moon Tiverton.

The group is full, but if you would like to contact me, I will be in touch should a vacancy arise. – Kathy Senior

Thursday Boules Jill Riddiford

We have finished playing for this season now and look forward to next April when we will start again.

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

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

Craft Elaine Wright

This month the craft group met to plan activities for the coming months. Two of our longstanding members have put together a library of craft activities tried over the years and we were able to go through it and decide which to try again. For several newer members most of the activities will be completely new and for those of us who have been around longer there were plenty of crafts we'd be happy to revisit, enough to keep us all busy for the coming year at least!

Thank you to Sue for hosting.

Next meeting Monday November 13th at 2pm at Carol's house

Cribbage Keith Dawson

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

Discussion Marilyn Dawson

Our topic for this month was "Is Rishi Sunak's decision to reconsider the legislation on gas boilers and electric cars the correct one for the majority of the population given the current economic situation?"

We discussed the fact that the UK has made great efforts to implement green strategies in view of climate change, but is not one of the major global polluters.

It was agreed that it is necessary to continue taking steps to protect the environment for future generations, but that this comes at great expense. Most ordinary people cannot afford during the current economic difficulties to pay the thousands of pounds required for the purchase and installation of a heat pump in their home, or to replace their car with an electric model. The group felt therefore that Mr Sunak had made the right decision in choosing to delay the legislation from 2025 until 2035. A lot of us felt it might be sensible to replace our ageing gas boilers soon while it was still possible, because a heat pump requires new radiators to be installed, and there are questions about their efficiency in heating homes as speedily and effectively as gas.

We also talked about other green issues and their implications for the economy.

Our second topic concerned the cutting down of the famous Sycamore Gap tree in Northumberland, its local impact and the considerable media coverage of the story. We discussed what might have been behind such a wanton act of vandalism, but it was felt that perhaps the matter had been given a disproportionate amount of attention in the news.

Next month's meeting will be at **Marilyn's house on Friday November 3rd at 10.15am.**

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 welcome - the dances are walked through and explained well, and everyone is very kind and friendly.

French Conversation Deborah Lal

Six of us were available to attend this month's meeting at Deborah's house. Having caught up on news about members' holidays abroad, including a river cruise, we moved on to talk about King Charles and Queen Camilla's visit to Paris, and the "entente cordiale" that was apparently established between our royal couple and the French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte.

After that the issue of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's changes to the legislation on gas boilers and electric cars was addressed, which involved some new vocabulary concerning "les taxes vertes".

Our October meeting is scheduled for **Friday October 20th**, to be held at 10 15am at Vicki's home.

Gardening Joan Kelly, Jo Jeffrey, Carol Powney

Autumn is a beautiful time of year with so many fantastic colours in the gardens and woods. It is however a season for some hard tasks such as mulching borders, clearing leaves and harvesting fruit and vegetables - all very satisfying when done!

We took a break from the hard work and enjoyed an afternoon talk by Peter Cantrill of Dayspring Plants. Peter brought along a lovely selection of herbaceous and perennial plants grown at his nursery and gave all the important information concerning planting and aftercare.

Next month we meet at The Arboretum in Newton St Cyres near Exeter. Access is through the churchyard so parking is in the village car park EX5 5BW and take a short walk up to the church gates.

Afterwards we will go to Bernaville Nurseries for tea/cake. Monday 13 November 2pm at the Arboretum 3pm Bernaville.



Local History David Meredith

An Exeter member of the world wide Magic Lantern Society gave us a brilliant talk this month on the history and development of the magic lantern, explaining how he became an enthusiast, how it worked and showed slides used to educate and entertain over possibly the last 350 years. His mahogany lantern, now fitted with led, had once seen a candle, lime- the origin of 'in the limelight' - even a mix of hydrogen and oxygen to provide a bright enough light. How fortunate to have enthusiasts around to promote and keep this tradition alive. A top of the range lantern recently sold at auction for £37,000.

We were also shown a toy lantern brought in by Rachael which her mother bought in a jumble sale some 60 years ago and was in such good condition because her fireman father refused to let it be played with! Thanks to Tim for providing the microphones, to Jill for handling our cash and to the busy kitchen helpers.

Next month we celebrate Devon's traditions and folklore through music, song and story telling. On **Thursday November 9th 2023 at 2pm** we are delighted to welcome to the

Cherith Hall leading Devon folk musician, Jim Causley, and Devon folklore enthusiast, Mark Norman.

Jim, well known around all parts of the UK, will be in Tiverton before he starts his national Christmas tour. With a fine singing voice, he plays the accordion, guitar and keyboard performing and promoting original and popular Devon songs. Look him up on the web. Together, Jim and Mark will entertain in true west country tradition. Admission £2 to include refreshments. As a special event, if you are a u3a member or potential member, you are most welcome to attend.

Lunch Club Wendy Cook

Mah Jong Heather Edwards

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**

MOTO (Members On Their Own) Wendy Cook

We were very pleased to welcome Karyl Huntley-Sadler, our Groups Co-ordinator to our coffee morning on 23rd September. As usual, the chat was wide ranging and lively. Sandra Kapnisi has offered to arrange our next lunch outing, which will be to **Spelt in Bampton on 5th November**. Several bad puns have instantly sprung to mind, but I shall resist them all and just say if you would like to join us, please let Sandra know. Our **next coffee morning will be on Saturday 28th October, 10.30 at the Flying Pickle** in Tiverton. I look forward to seeing you.

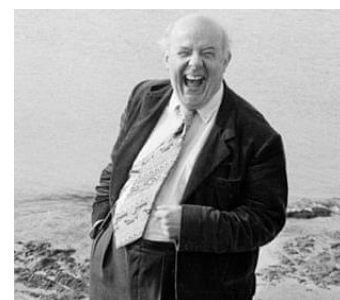
Poetry Margaret Wallwork

With the sound of waves in our ears as we assembled, Judy Collins' haunting version of Farewell to Tarwathie, complete with whale song, set us off on our maritime theme this month. Everyone dressed appropriately and we had seashells to eat, as well as a disturbing new raspberry jaffa biscuit. Poetry choices ranged from the desolate Anglo-Saxon Seafarer to Mermaid's Lament by Rachel Rooney (sad that she couldn't paint her toenails), via Walt Whitman, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Rudyard Kipling, Emily Dickinson, Lawrence Sail (again!) and Charles Tomlinson, with discussion ranging from drowning as a return to primeval forms to how seashells are formed and whether clotted cream can also be called clouted cream.



We were saddened at the all-pervasive plastic pollution of oceans, but cheered by memories of childhoods by the sea, while The North Sea by Jeffery Day reminded us of the sacrifices made by sailors in wartime.

Elizabeth Jennings celebrated the therapeutic value of the sound of water and Murray Lachlan Young had fun with the shipping forecast areas. Finally we enjoyed John Betjeman's memories of chilly East Anglian Bathing, surprised that this wasn't focused on his usual Cornish haunts. Next month's theme is Points of the Compass, at **Tim's at 2pm on 26th**. Not perhaps as emotive a topic, but one which should point us in the right direction.



Rambling Ray Rice

Eleven members met at Uplowman Village Hall car park at 10 am on Thursday October 5th for a walk led by Keith. It was a dry and warm, cloudy autumn morning, and we set out through the village down to St Peter's Church, through the graveyard, and on to a footpath which led us through some lovely rural scenery, with lots of beautiful mature trees, and several farmyards, up a gentle climb hill to the north of the village. We skirted around to the east, descended into a valley, crossed a small stream (staying dry thanks to various inventive bits of footwear!) then climbed up another gentle slope to bring us up onto a lovely panorama looking south to Sidmouth gap, around to the foothills of Dartmoor to the west. We paused at the top to enjoy the view and to take the photo of the group. We then descended through the hamlet of Whitnage, and on down to Uplowman, where we enjoyed a very pleasant lunch at the Redwood Inn.



Our next walk is scheduled for **Thursday November 2nd**, and will be led by Vicki and Pat. Further details will be provided later this month.

New members are most welcome to join us. E-mail me. Our walks are largely 4-5 miles in length, and we usually manage to find a pub or other venue in which to enjoy a convivial lunch, usually finishing around 2pm.

Reading

Reading Group 1 Alison Rice

The Children Act by Ian McEwan was our September read. Quite a contrast to last month's book where we read Margaret Atwood's flights of fantasy. Here McEwan's tight and excellent descriptive prose works in a much more controlled environment.

Fiona Maye is a leading High Court Judge sitting in the Family Court. Fiona is highly intelligent, respected by her colleagues, musically gifted, married and glamorous. The novel opens with a description of her elegant flat in Gray's Inn where she is preparing for a court case the next day. Her husband of 30 years, an academic, has just asked her permission to have an affair. It is with this background of personal turmoil that we follow Fiona's handling and judgement of a case where Adam, a boy within weeks of his 18th birthday who is a Jehovah's Witness, is refusing to accept a blood transfusion as life-saving treatment for his leukaemia. The Children Act is the basis of Fiona's decision: she must rule either for him - almost an adult - and his parents or for the medical team. The story hinges on the action she takes to assess Adam's understanding of his situation.

The majority of the group enjoyed the book for the quality of the writing, (although one member thought it descriptively 'clunky'), the dilemmas of the story and the weaving of the law and the personal, but two felt strongly that it lacked insight into the nitty gritty of how real lawyers work. There was some feeling against high earning lawyers and their rarified life style realistically illustrated in the book.

The Children Act is a story about relationships as much as about the law and its interpretation. Fiona's judgement has momentous emotional consequences for her and Adam.

We meet again on **30 October at the Hills'**. We'll be talking about Muppets in Moscow by Natasha Lance Rogoff.

Reading Group 2 Chris Redhead

Our book for September was Mum and Dad by Joanna Trollope, which is a family story spanning three generations of a fairly dysfunctional family. The parents emigrated from London to Spain to start up a vineyard, leaving two children in boarding school in the UK and taking the youngest son with them. After 25 years, the father had a stroke and the rest of the book is dedicated to how the family coped and adjusted to the new situation with the older set of parents, and the various tribulations of the now adult children's marriages and their offspring. The father's stroke acted as a catalyst forcing everyone to re-examine their lives. It all turned out jolly well in the end, everyone found their best niches in the family and family business.

The group was split about this age saga, some liked it, some didn't. Most of us thought the characters were irritating in some degree; no one was particularly enthusiastic or keen to read more of Joanna Trollope's output.

Reading Group 3 Sheelagh Bourdon

"To Kill a Mocking Bird" by Harper Lee was our book this month. It was published in 1960 and was instantly successful in the United States. It is also widely read in their high schools and middle schools. The title "To Kill a Mocking Bird" has very little literal connection to the plot but it carries a great deal of symbolic weight in the book. In this story of innocence destroyed by evil, the "mocking bird" comes to represent the idea of innocence. Thus to kill a mockingbird is to destroy innocence. Miss Maudie said "Your father's right. Mockingbirds don't do one thing but make music for us to enjoy...but sing their hearts out for us. That's why it's a sin to kill a mocking bird."

The story is set in the small Southern town of Maycomb, Alabama during the depression. The story follows three years in the life of 8 year old Scout Finch, her brother, Jem and their father, Atticus - three years punctuated by the arrest and eventual trial of a young black man accused of raping a white woman. Scout and Jem learn to empathise with Tom Robinson, the accused black man, and to understand recluse Boo Bradley. There is an English alternative rock band called "The Boo Radleys" who were formed in 1988 and took their name from the character in the book. We were a small group who met, for a variety of reasons. However, we had a very enjoyable discussion about the book which was basically a story of morals. We all thought the characters in the book were very well portrayed. The book led to much general discussion, notably the lack of freedom for children now. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 26 October at 10.30am.**

Skittles

Tuesday Skittles – Kathy Senior

The Tuesday Boules group are starting up a Skittles group for the Autumn/ Winter months starting on **7th November 11am - 1pm** at The Half Moon Tiverton.

The group is full, but if you would like to contact me, I will be in touch should a vacancy arise.

Thursday Skittles – Jill Riddiford

This is the time of the year when some members of our Thursday Boules group transform themselves into Skittles players and others go into hibernation. So we Skittlers have started playing on **Thursday mornings at 10 at the Half Moon Pub** in Tiverton and plan to meet each Thursday until the Spring. At present our group is full.

What we have noticed Chris & Gina Brown

This month, our lively group talked about a diverse range of topics.

* We heard about a climb up Tiverton's St Peter's Church tower, (all 130 steps), together with a wonderful bell ringing demonstration. The view from the roof was really worth the effort, seeing our town from a unique perspective.

*A newspaper article revealed problems with the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles at motorway service stations, where aggressive altercations have occurred.

*We learned about the White Rose of Yorkshire and the topic of heraldry. We heard about the Talbot Dog emblem of Knightshayes. Then we saw a member's family shield and talked about the meaning of surnames.

*Next, we heard about an American Bluegrass band concert in Shepherd's Bush. The group, 'The Petersens' made it a memorable night out.

*The topic of handwriting versus typing on a keyboard was discussed. Apparently writing notes helps you remember more than using a computer.

* Finally we heard of how susceptible international communications are to attack. Undersea cables can easily be destroyed, causing worldwide chaos.

Our next meeting will be on the **first Tuesday in the month, November 7th at 10:30 a.m.**

Wine Group Helen White, Deborah Lal

In October seven of us met at Wendy's to taste three wines chosen by Jane. She had decided to present Italian wines this month, her first being "Chianti Classico Melini" a red wine with 80% sangiovese and 20% merlot grapes from the Tuscany region. We were informed the wine had been fermented in oak casks and to look for a dry and earthy wine with bitter cherry and spicy notes. It was a medium bodied wine that two people really liked, one decidedly didn't and others rated it okay. At the discounted price of £7.99 most felt they would have paid that but not the normal price of £11.99. Our second wine was from the Campania region "Trefiori Greco di Tufo" a medium bodied white from the greco grape at £8.99. It was described as being dry and crisp, having aromas of honeysuckle and almonds (which none of us could discern) with notes of grapefruit, melon and citrus, which some of us could identify. We agreed it was a pleasant, easy wine to drink. Lastly was another red "Montidori Sangiovese" - oaky, smooth with a gentle spice (and crushed petals?) was what we were looking for. Although made from the same grape as our first wine, this was very different due to "appassimento" a method of drying grapes in small baskets to concentrate the flavours and adding these before the fermentation process. At £7.99 this wine was enjoyed by everyone. All the wines came from Waitrose.

The Wine Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month the next being 8th November at 7pm at Wendy's. Please speak to Helen or Deborah if you would like to join this group or interested in learning more.

World History Helen Booth

Our September meeting covered the topic of the History of Venice. Many questions were posed and answered, including why did a city grow up in such a place? How could buildings be built on water? Why don't they sink? Why are there so many beautiful buildings in one small city? Why did the city once have 200,000 inhabitants (whereas now there are only 50,000)? Why was the Adriatic Sea once referred to as the Venetian Sea? Why



is the winged lion of St Mark the city's symbol? Where does the term 'Venetian blinds' come from and why does our word quarantine come from the Italian for 40 days? What are the main problems of the city today and what about its future?

October's meeting is on the **16th**, **as usual at OHSCC, 2pm** in Room 2, when Dave Harvey will be telling us about the life of Norwegian adventurer Thor Heyerdahl, notable for his 1947 Kon-Tiki expedition, sailing on a balsa wood raft from South America to Polynesia, to try to demonstrate that ancient peoples could have made long sea voyages, creating contacts between their societies. All are welcome.

DIARY

OCTOBER

Monday 16th

2pm World History OHSCC

Tuesday 17th

11am Tuesday Boules Walronds, Cullompton

7.30pm Bridge Online

Wednesday 18th

2pm Monthly Meeting Old Heathcoat School Community Centre

Bletchley Park - Giles Edmondston-Low

Thursday 19th

10am Thursday Skittles Half Moon pub, Tiverton.

2pm Art Appreciation. OHSCC

2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 20th

10.15am French Conversation Vicki's home.

Monday 23rd

2pm Cribbage *Contact Group Leader*

Tuesday 24th

11am Tuesday Boules Walronds, Cullompton

7.30pm Bridge Online

Wednesday 25th

2pm Folk Dancing Halberton Village Hall

Canasta *Contact Group Leader*

Thursday 26th

10am Thursday Skittles Half Moon pub, Tiverton.

10.30am Reading Group 3

2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

2pm Poetry. Tim's house

Friday 27th

Saturday 28th

10.30am MOTO Coffee Flying Pickle, Tiverton

Monday 30th

2pm Reading Group 1 Hills' house

Tuesday 31st

11am Tuesday Boules Walronds, Cullompton

7.30pm Bridge Online

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

Thursday 2nd

10am Thursday Skittles Half Moon pub, Tiverton.

Rambling Group *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 3rd

10.15am Discussion Group. Marilyn's house

Mah Jong Group *Contact Group Leader*

Sunday 5th

Lunch Club. Spelt in Bampton

Monday 6th

2pm Reading Group 2 Wendy's house

Tuesday 7th

10.30am What We Have Noticed *Contact Group Leader*

11am Tuesday Skittles. The Half Moon Tiverton.

7.30pm Bridge Online

Wednesday 8th

Canasta *Contact Group Leader*

2pm Folk Dancing Halberton Village Hall

7pm Wine Group at Wendy's *Contact Group Leader*

Thursday 9th

10am Thursday Skittles Half Moon pub, Tiverton.

2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

2pm Local History Cherith Hall

Friday 10th

2pm Mah Jong *Contact Group Leader*

9am Newsletter contributions to Lynne

Monday 13th

2pm Craft Carol's house

2pm Cribbage *Contact Group Leader*

2pm Gardening Group 2pm at the Arboretum Newton St Cyres. 3pm Bernaville.

Tuesday 14th

11am Tuesday Skittles. The Half Moon Tiverton.

7.30pm Bridge Online

Wednesday 15th

2pm Folk Dancing Halberton Village Hall

2pm Monthly Meeting Old Heathcoat School Community Centre **OUR LAST TIME IN THIS VENUE, BEFORE WE MOVE TO CHERITH HALL IN DECEMBER**

Stephen Powles on Hedgehogs

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2pm Bridge *Contact Group Leader*

Friday 17th

Monday 20th

2pm World History OHSCC

Tuesday 21st

11am Tuesday Skittles. The Half Moon Tiverton.

7.30pm Bridge Online

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

Tiverton Repair Café - 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. For more details please contact Chris Mumford