

Welcome

What glorious weather we had in June. There were a lot of successful events last month which all went well. Unfortunately I did not get any photos or feedback from members about the events so cannot pass this on to you. As I am 150 miles away it makes it difficult for me to report on what is going on. So please feel free to contribute and keep me updated so the newsletter is relevant and interesting. Thanks,

Brian Webb - newslettereditor@sidmouthu3a.org

Chairman's Message

Please note the date of the August meeting has changed because of the folk festival. The date of the meeting will be the 15th August and this will be our groups' display. It's a good opportunity to come along and talk to group leaders of other groups, to see what is available. Also at the meeting will be expert advice on data security, protecting your laptop, tablet etc and passwords.

Our three day gardening trip on 6th June went well and was enjoyed so much, we are planning another trip for next year, this time to France. Watch this space for details.

All social events can be found in the social section of this newsletter. Get in touch with the event organiser if you are interested in joining us. The next event is a History of the Observatory Walk, to be held on 6th July and will be led by our Membership Secretary; Neil Morley. See details on page 2.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. Help us to keep u3a running well. I'm looking for two people to share the role of vice-chair with a view to becoming the next Chairman. This is essential if Sidmouth u3a is to continue beyond March next year. We also need a Secretary as Christina will be standing down later this year. Please come forward if you are interested in this role. Working alongside Christina will be easier than picking up the reins after she has left. If two people want to share this role to make it easier that can be done, but please get in touch.

Finally, well done to Maureen Hawkrigge for her leadership and the work she did on the artwork displayed on the billboard beside the swimming pool during May and June. As well as being displayed in Sidmouth it was on the front cover of the Third Age Matters magazine and we've received comments from many other u3as around the country. Well done also, to everyone who drew or painted their home or a building to go into the artwork. See page 3 for the report.

For those of you who don't receive Third Age Matters magazine and would like to, the cost is £4 per year for 5 copies throughout the year. Please notify the membership secretary.

The next newsletter will be at the beginning of September. I wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

Best wishes Janet Bailey chairman@sidmouthu3a.org.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday July 11th Meeting, Stowford Rise Community Centre from 1.30–3.30pm. Refreshments served until 2pm.

“Royal Shenanigans in the 18th Century” by Mike Rendell



Mike is a distinguished author, boasting over a dozen published titles, all of which delve into the intricacies of 18th Century themes. These include social history, with a particular focus on the experiences of the common man, as well as a detailed examination of noteworthy women and their accomplishments. Additionally, his works explore the inventions of the Georgian era, and offer a salacious peek into the private lives of royalty and aristocrats. His lectures centre on the private lives of the Hanoverian kings, from George

I to William IV, and the deplorable example they set. This is a tale of mistresses and murder, false imprisonment and prostitution, and rampant adultery. Above all, it provides an intimate look at the bedroom escapades of the Prince Regent. While Bridgerton may be dismissed as frivolous entertainment, the truth is far more remarkable!

Tuesday August 15th 2023 Open Meeting, Stowford Rise Community Centre Tea/coffee served from 1.30–3pm

It's a good opportunity to come along and talk to group leaders to see what is available.

Also at the meeting will be expert advice on data security, protecting your laptop, tablet and mobile phones and use of passwords, etc.



Groups Galore

Italian.

Sidmouth u3a have been invited by Honiton u3a to join their new Italian group. This group will therefore be held in Honiton. For further information please contact Honiton u3a

All day walking group.

Another invitation from Honiton for Sidmouth u3a members to join. All walks are within 30 minutes of Honiton and leave in the morning returning sometime in the afternoon, stopping for a packed lunch.

Wanderers. This group has now been removed as no-one has come forward to lead it.

Groups with vacancies.

Please contact the group leader for any of the following groups. The full groups list is sent out with this newsletter.

Amblers, Art Appreciation 1, Another Mahjong, Aviation, Bridge Intermediate, Canasta Beginners, Circle Dancing, Cribbage, Curry Club, fish/veggie, Geology, Heritage, Life Stories, Line Dancing, Luncheon Club, Mahjong, Modellers, Music Appreciation, Painting for Pleasure, Play Reading, Quiz group, Recorders, Scrabble, Science, Engineering and Technology, Sidmouth Nature Explorers, Spices, Supper Club, Writing for Fun, Yoga, Yoga Seated, 20th Century History.

Groups with vacancies and Groups List:- Full details can be found in the link on the newsletter email).

Social Events

Observatory walk.

Join Neil Morley for a walk around the Lockyer Observatory to discuss the history of the observatory on **Thursday 6th July** starting at 11a.m. There are a few places left on this walk. Sign up by email Neil at – membership@sidmouthu3a.org

Drink and Chat at The Balfour Arms

This is now held on the 3rd Tuesday in the month from 7 – 9 pm on the following dates:-

18th July and 15th August. It's a very friendly chatty group who would welcome any new members especially if new to u3a. Just come along, no need to book.

Fireworks.

Trip to British Firework Championships at Plymouth **16th August 2023**

There are still spaces on this outing.

For those who have signed up £17 per person payment please by cheque

(U3A SIDMOUTH) at the next meeting on 11th July. If unable to attend payment can be made by BACS.

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Please contact judybosanko@yahoo.co.uk to advise pick up points.

The Triangle. 6.00 pm, Radway. 6.05 pm, Opp. Balfour. 6.10 pm

Newton Poppleford if requested. Further information can be found on www.britishfireworks.co.uk

Contact Judy – judybosanko@yahoo.co.uk

Skittles. 29th September.

Our next skittles morning will be at the Blue Ball again. Meet at 10.45 for 11a.m. start. The cost is £2 per person. Contact Judy, see Fireworks above for Judy's details.

Theatre trip to The Mousetrap.

Agatha Christie's Mousetrap is at The Princess Theatre in Torquay on **Wednesday 13th September.**

Our trip will be for the matinee performance at 2.30p.m. The coach will leave at approx. 11.30a.m. and get to Torquay to allow plenty of time for you to enjoy lunch at one of the many pubs or restaurants close to the theatre. The cost will be in the region of £35-£40. Contact – Janet 07877 381804 or jbailey194@yahoo.co.uk Deadline for this trip is 28th July. Don't delay.

Galactic Soundtrack.

This is the next Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra concert at The Great Hall in Exeter on **Friday 3rd November 2023**. The coach will leave The Triangle at Sidmouth around 5pm with pick up points around town and in Newton Poppleford. There will be a two course meal at the venue before the performance. The cost is currently being calculated.

Theatre trip to 'Six the Musical'.

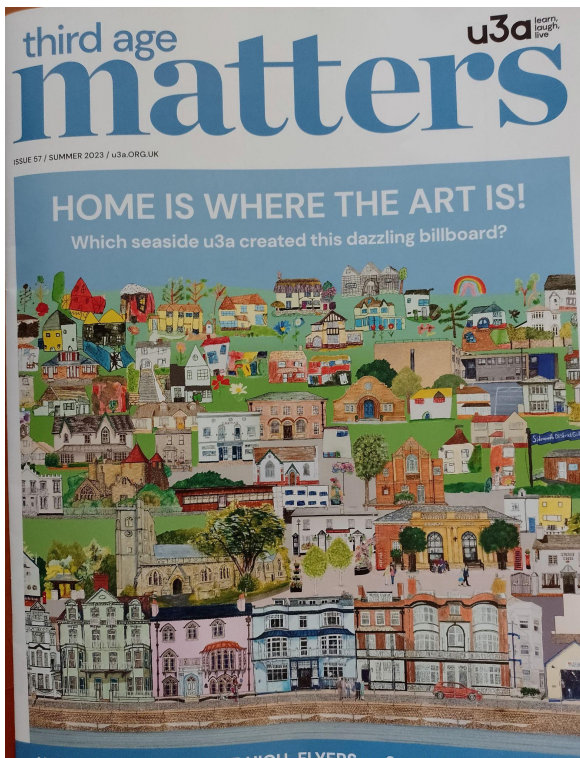
This trip is proposed and will only go ahead if there is enough interest.

Friday 17th November 2023. This evening performance will start at 6pm. and is one act with no interval. The coach will leave early enough for a meal before the show and will return after the performance, getting us back much earlier than usual for an evening performance.

Contact – Janet 07877 381804

Pickleball taster later in the year. Watch this space for details.

News:-



A lot happened in JUNE. For those of you who receive a copy of 'Third Age Matters' magazine you will have been surprised and delighted to see that our u3a had the cover article under the title of **'Town is drawn together for art map spectacular'**. This covered 4 pages, below is a summary of the article:-

'u3a members and children from the local District Guides group in Sidmouth, Devon, have created a six-metre wide by three metres tall artwork depicting the town, which has been turned into a billboard. The 234 pieces, painted by artists aged between five and 85, show mini versions of their own homes, local landmarks, public and private gardens, churches and the local lifeboat. Artist and former teacher Maureen Hawkridge put the pieces together on Photoshop to create the final poster which was printed by Sidmouth School of Art and displayed on a car park billboard overlooking the sea.' Well done all and to the group leader Maureen for bringing the project together. Here is the link to the full text:- [Home is where the art is!](#)

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