

Welcome

It's that time of year again! The AGM takes place before our speaker on the 14th March meeting. It does not take long but we need *your support* to get the statutory business concluded and a new team in place so that your u3a can continue to function throughout the coming year. This month a black and white copy of the newsletter will be available to buy for £1 at the AGM.

Best wishes, **Brian Webb** – newslettereditor@sidmouthu3a.org

Chairman's Message

We have a great opportunity for our members who like to sing this month. You can join a three hour session on 3rd March starting with a vocal warm up and vocal exercises and learn 2 or 3 songs whilst enjoying the company of like minded people. There are still a few places left on this event but do contact me straight away if you are interested. This is heavily sponsored by u3a and the cost to each member is just £3, payable on the day.

Also this summer we have our three day garden visit to RHS Bridgewater, stopping off at Trentham Gardens on the way up and at Arley Hall and David Austin Roses on the way back. Travel is by luxury coach and bed, breakfast and evening meal is included in the cost. See the attached information sheet or contact me for a booking form.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our AGM on 14th March. Please note this meeting starts earlier than usual at 2pm. Refreshments served between 1.30 and 1.50pm.

Best wishes **Janet Bailey** chairman@sidmouthu3a.org.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday March 14th 2023 Meeting,

Stowford Rise Community Centre from 1.30–3.30pm

Firstly the AGM followed by

'Private Godfrey's Real War' by Peter Gill



To the legions of fans of 'Dad's Army', Private Charles Godfrey was that wonderfully endearing, kind and gentle retired tailor who lives with his two spinster sisters in Cherry Tree Cottage, Walmington-on-Sea. However, the Great War experiences of William Arnold Ridley, who played Godfrey, as a combatant in the front line trenches of the Western Front would leave him both physically and mentally scarred for life.

Peter Gill, who has a passionate interest in the Great War, will reveal Arnold Ridley's service career with the Somerset Light Infantry.

Social Events

Friday 3rd March from 1.30 to 4.30 at Primley Church Hall

A one-off session of **'Sing and have Fun'** with *Tess Bisson*

Sidmouth u3a members have an opportunity to join Tess in a three hour session of warm up, singing and learning two or three different songs. Songs may be Gospel, African or folk. Please bring your own refreshments.

The cost will be £3 per person, payable on the day. This event is being subsidised by u3a.

Contact: Janet Bailey at chairman@sidmouthu3a.org



Bowls Taster day March 29th

Contact Jackie Cox for more information

Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th June 2023

Bridgewater Garden Tour 2023

3 days 2 nights Tour Price – from £356 – based on 26 passengers travelling



Included in the Tour Price:-

Executive Coach Travel throughout

Accompanied by an experienced Floral Tours representative

Half Board accommodation on a shared room basis at the Novotel Manchester West, 4* hotel,

Single rooms are available but with a supplement of £40pp/pn

Visit to Trentham Gardens, Visit to RHS Bridgewater Garden, Visit to Arley Hall Gardens, Visit to David Austin Roses

- All u3a members have Insurance as part of their membership included.
- If passenger numbers change the price will be adjusted accordingly, for example :- For 30 passengers travelling the price will be £336 and for 40 passengers travelling the price will be £302
- RHS members – £8.50 reduction on the price

If you have any questions or to get a booking form please contact:-
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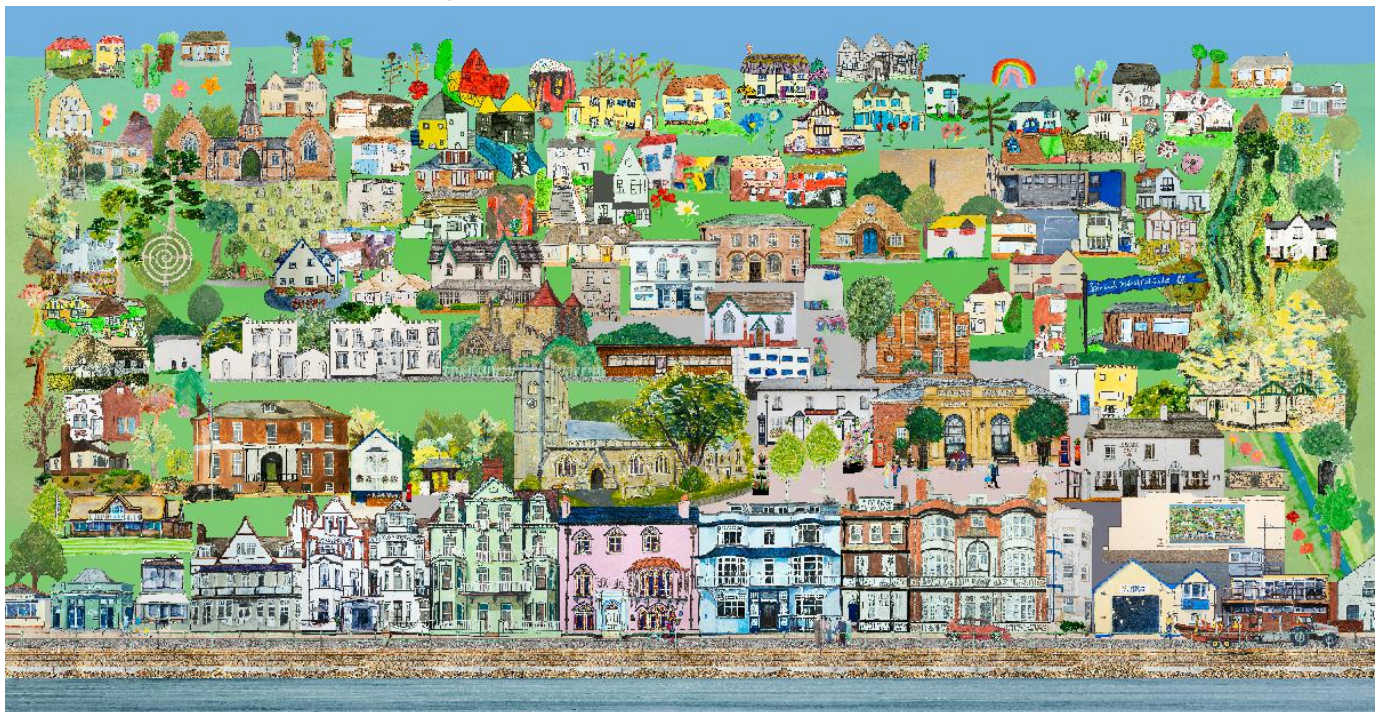
Right people, Right place, Right time

Groups Galore

NEW Discussion group:- This House believes! (Zoom only)

Modelled on the *Oxford Union Debating Society*, the group will have an opportunity to debate current and ethical issues with the meeting ending with a vote of members, after hearing the debate between those for and against "*what this house believes*". Our time together will be via Zoom, so you will need access to this facility. Expressions of interest from those who can debate or want to learn to debate to Stephen Low

Exploring Art :- The Exploring Art group's project "**Our Town**" is now completed, and will be going up on the billboard in the car park by the swimming pool on **March 10th** (rain date March 14th). The poster will be up for about 6 weeks, and we hope that members will go to see it. The project has involved 25 members of Sidmouth u3a and 35 Guides, with ages ranging from 5 to 85. The project was financed by the "Sidmouth School of Art", a registered charity devoted to encouraging community involvement in art. Below is the finished work. The real thing will be **3m high by 6m wide!**
Group leader:- Maureen Hawkrigde



Canasta for beginners group:- We have a few vacancies for a new session starting February. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons of the month.
Please contact Coral

Cribbage group:- The Cribbage group welcomes all levels of players from complete novices to experienced players. We are a small friendly group, many of whom learned how to play from their grandfathers or grandmothers (and may not have played much since). We use a rotation system so that everybody gets to play everyone else, eventually. We don't currently play the 'muggins' rule, so don't worry if your counting skills are a little rusty. We meet on the 3rd Friday of the month from 10.00 to 12.00 in a large, light and airy room with toilet facilities, a kitchen and (limited) parking.
For more information contact: Chris Powell, webmaster@sidmouthu3a.org

Music appreciation group:- We now meet on the fourth Thursday of every month except December. Our next meeting will be on March 23th. Mike Drew,

Another Mah Jong Group:- This group will now start up again on Friday 24 March at 2 pm, 26 Summerfield, Sidmouth. Tel Heather. We use the book "Improve your MahJong" by Patricia A Thompson & Betty Maloney.

Alternative Vegetarian Curry Club:- There are limited spaces left for the now on the 1st Monday of each month from 1.00-3.00. Please contact Helen & Anthony for more information and/or to book your place. Thank you.

Sidmouth Recorder Group

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at the United Reformed Church hall in Primley Rd, Sidmouth, and we play a wide repertoire including folk songs, arrangements of baroque, classical and modern music. We welcome experienced players as well as musically literate u3a members who would like to work on their recorder-playing skills. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Amanda Haste.

Scrabble Group:- We have moved to the Leigh Browne room which is in the **Dissenter Centre, located at the junction of All Saints Rd, Sidmouth, EX10 8ER.** For further information, contact Jack Richmond, Group Organiser.

Quiz Group:- We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Urgent Requirement For New Group Leaders


A Group Leader is urgently required to run the once monthly newly named **Wanderers** group.

Rummikub Groups – New leader needed

Singing for Pleasure – Leader needed.

If you think you might be interested in one of these roles please contact Carole Turner on groupsc@sidmouthu3a.org

Groups with vacancies Full details can be found in the '**Groups List**' (link on the newsletter email).

Chairman: Janet Bailey – chairman@sidmouthu3a.org Vice Chairman (vacant) Secretary: Christina Isis – secretary@sidmouthu3a.org Treasurer: Vera Arnold – treasurer@sidmouthu3a.org Membership Secretary: Neil Morley – membership@sidmouthu3a.org Groups Co-ordinator 1: (vacant) Groups Co-ordinator 2: Carole Turner – groupsc@sidmouthu3a.org Social Committee Chairman: (vacant) Newsletter Editor: Brian Webb – newslettereditor@sidmouthu3a.org Open Meetings: (vacant) Front of House Manager: (vacant)	 Committee Contact Details
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April Newsletter

Because of increased membership we are having to change the programme to deliver your email newsletters. For the majority of you it will not be any different. However if it does not appear in your 'Inbox' by the 6th April then check your 'Promotions' or 'Spam' folder. If it is there then move it to your 'Inbox' and in future it will appear in the correct place.

Thanks, **Brian Webb** – newslettereditor@sidmouthu3a.org