

Newsletter

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Hello Everyone

It's hard to believe that another month has raced past and we've now nearly reached the longest day.

The July newsletter should be sent out shortly after the next update of the Pandemic Roadmap guidelines due around the middle of next month.



In the meantime, enjoy the delights of sunny Sidmouth!

Brenda

Chairman's Message

It's been really nice lately to see so many groups start to get back together, as groups of up to six are able to meet indoors, and groups of up to 30 people outdoors. I know we were looking forward to the end of lockdown, but it's just a little while longer before we can have our face-to-face meetings again. The first one will be our groups display on 10 August. Look out for more details in the next newsletter.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have two new Groups Co-ordinators: Jennifer Dixon and Marilyn Burton. I'm sure many of you will already know them both from various groups. But if not, I'm sure it won't be too long before you meet them. Jennifer is also Group Leader for Fantastic Fiction. I wish Jennifer and Marilyn every joy and success in the role as Jill and I have had over the years and look forward to working with them both.

Because of the situation we have found ourselves living in since March last year we have not been able to hold a meeting to welcome any new members joining since October 2019. However, Chris Ward, our Membership Secretary, has organised a get together for 29 July. More information will be in the next newsletter, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I hope you're enjoying the wonderful weather we've been having lately.

Best wishes

Janet

Janet Bailey

Chairman

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Membership News

Chris Ward

**Membership
Secretary**

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As more activities start to resume we're delighted to welcome new members: Carole Arnold, Trevor Birmingham, Kerry Hill, Cheryl Martin, Iain Morison, Pippa Morison and Rosemary Walker.

It's important for you to keep your contact information up to date to make sure we can notify you as activities gather momentum and you don't miss out. If your email address, phone number or address change, or you leave Sidmouth u3a for any reason, please be sure to let Chris know.

What's Going On

The Exploring Art group is going out and about!

**Jennifer Dixon and
Marilyn Burton**
Groups Co-ordinators

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For our first meeting after lockdown we are going to have an outdoor session at Connaught Gardens, drawing, or for the more adventurous actually painting "en plein air". We would like to invite other u3a members to join us, whether you are from the Painting for Pleasure group or just a person who thinks it would be fun to try. The session will take place in the afternoon on Friday 2 July, weather permitting. If you would like to join in, please let me know, so we can look out for you.
Maureen Hawkrige

Let me tell you about my life

The next meeting of the new Life Stories group is on 22 July. If you think the group sounds interesting and would like to give it a try, please contact the leader Maureen Hawkrige

The first meeting got off to a good start with the topic "My Home Town". The meeting was started by Shirley telling us about Stone in Staffordshire, the development of the town through the ages, and some amusing tales of her school days. We then heard about Tynemouth in Northumberland, Rye and Brighton in East Sussex, Long Eaton in Derbyshire and Birmingham. We also discussed a list of possible topics for future meetings, ranging from "My earliest memories" to "Why I moved to Sidmouth".

We'll meet again

Andrea Talbot
Social Committee

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The Social Committee has started to put in place some events and activities in line with the Government's latest ruling. However we're still looking for at least a couple of more members to join us which will then give us more variety of ideas to widen the range of opportunities we can offer you all.

Please do get in touch with Andrea if you would like to help the group flourish after this period of enforced inactivity.

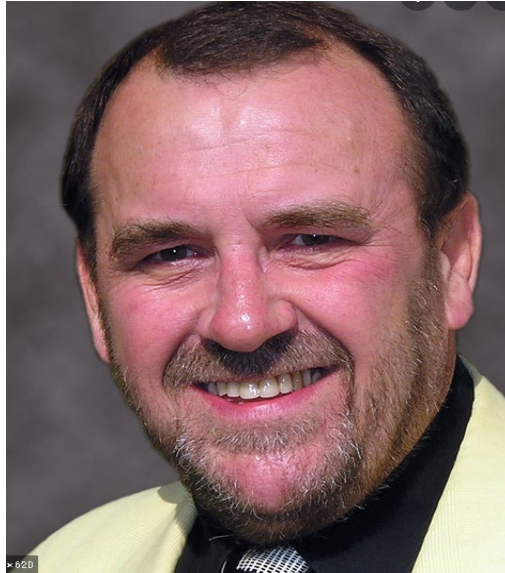
13 July Open Meeting via Zoom Videoconference

"You're Never Too Old To Rock n Roll" by Vince Eager

Brian Fernley

Speakers

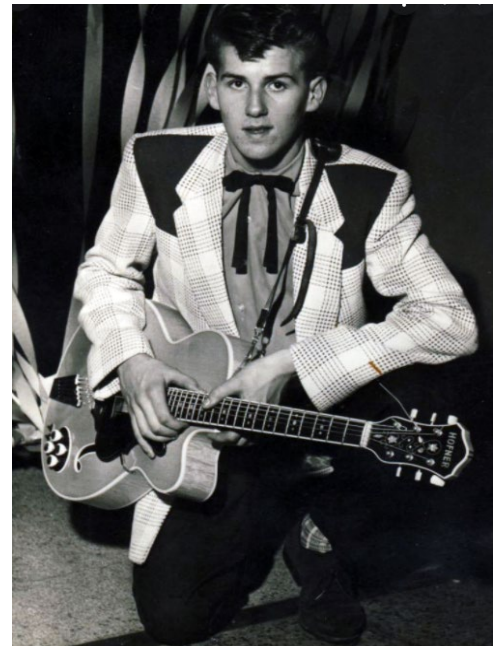
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British Rock 'n' Roll singer, born Roy Taylor, 4 June 1940 in Grantham, Lincolnshire. One of the many UK rock/pop artists of the late 50s, Eager was one of the more promising singers in the Larry Parnes stable of stars. Launched in the spring of 1958 and christened Eager because of his enthusiastic personality, the vocalist was featured on several prestigious television shows, most notably Jack Good's pioneering Oh Boy.

Vince takes you behind the scenes whilst touring with pals such as Joe Brown, Billy Fury, Marty Wilde, Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent and reveals the mischief and mayhem they created, including an altercation with TV's smallest big star!

If you're not already on Brian's mailing list, please contact Brian to receive a Zoom link to join in.



Committee

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