



TAW THIRD AGE GROUP

Newsletter 374

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Welcome to our March 2023 Newsletter

COFFEE MORNINGS

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Monday 6th March 2023** and will be hosted by the **Current Affairs Groups 1 and 2**, at the **Roundswell Community Centre, 10:30am**. Our speaker will be one of our own members, **Lynden Davies**. Admission £1 for coffee/tea, biscuits and a raffle ticket. The **3rd April Coffee Morning** will be hosted by the **Devon History Group**.



NEW MEMBERS FOR THE COMMITTEE



At the **AGM on Monday 5th June** we will be looking for new Trustees to join the Committee to ensure that Taw U3A can function in the way it does. If you would like to find out what this involves please contact me and I will explain.

~David, Chairman

*** REMINDER ***

!! IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN !!

**SEE PAGES 7, 8 AND 9 FOR YOUR
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th May 2023

Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold



The holiday to **Mold in North Wales**, visiting **Chester and Llandudno**, is

8 people short

If we can't get the numbers we will have to cancel.

If you have friends in other U3A groups (Barnstaple, Bideford) that would like to come, please ask them to contact me (Lynden).

See *Contacts List* for contact details.

**More information in the Holidays entry in
Our Groups**

Please Welcome our New Members:



Mr Colin Cooper

Mr Michael & Mrs Julie Hatcher (Affiliated)

Mr Martin & Mrs Barbara Lusby

Mr John Matthews

Mrs Liz Shackleton

Mr John & Mrs Carole Wardle (Affiliated)

Ms Janella White

Mr David & Mrs Valerie Wynn (Returning Members)



**The Whist Group requires a new Leader
in order for it to continue!**

It was meeting on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month** at **The New Inn, Fremington** at **2:00pm**. If you are interested in leading the group then can you please make contact with me.

~Paul Bate, Group Co-ordinator

Problems Reading the Newsletter



If anyone has a problem in reading the newsletter or does not have someone to read it for them, please let Jill Baker know. The Sight Support Group are looking at ways to help.

~Jill

As part of the Coronation Weekend activities, the Monday is to be Volunteering Day. The Trustees were not sure whether we could do anything as a Group or whether other Organisations should be helping us. If anyone has any ideas please let me know.

~David, Chairman



Volunteering

Coronation Cream Tea



To celebrate the King's Coronation and to say thank you to the members for their support the Trustees have agreed to hold a **Celebration Cream Tea** at the **Barnstaple Hotel, Braunton Road, Barnstaple** on **Tuesday 16th May**. This will be subsidised, and a **Booking Form** is on **Page 6** of this Newsletter. It will take the same format as last year with background music.

Report from the Trustees Meeting

The following are the main items from the Trustees Meeting held after the February Coffee Morning:

- Our Website is now up and running again after a problem with the National Provider and the Trustees were extremely grateful to Valerie for all the work she has put in to bring it back to normal.
- The replacement of Officers and Trustees was discussed because after this years AGM some of the Officers can only serve one more year(if elected). We will be looking for a new Chairman and Secretary in 2024.
- The Trustees were concerned about the lack of support received from HQ and agreed to raise this at the meeting of North Devon U3A Chairmen.
- The Financial position looks healthy and the Budget was set as per last year's figures.
- It was agreed to look for storage at a member's house instead of paying Daintons Storage over £350 per year.
- It was agreed to hold a Cream Tea to celebrate the King's Coronation and to say thank to the Membership. This will be a part subsidised event.
- It was agreed to change the dates of the Autumn Holiday and look for a different venue.
- The question was raised about whether there is a Loop System in Roundswell Hall. The answer is **YES when the microphone is being used.**

~David, Chairman

NOTICE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR



Change to Newsletter Publication Dates: Having bought forward the dates of processing the various stages of producing the Newsletter to accommodate members' requests to receive them by post, or to receive them by email earlier than the weekend before the Coffee Morning (as was the previous practice), it has become increasingly difficult to keep the Calendar dates within the parameters of the Coffee Morning dates without causing confusion to members. The Trustees have now agreed that the Newsletters and Calendars will now run from the 1st of each month. The deadline dates are not affected, and remain the same as per the list sent to Group Leaders.

~Valerie

Our Groups

Members are encouraged to contact the Group Leaders of groups they are interested in joining and have their names added to any waiting lists.

REMEMBER - Contact details are now in the tables on the last two pages of your newsletter.

Those two pages are not available on our Website!

AFTERNOON TEA - Jill Chappell. I look forward to seeing you for afternoon tea on **Tuesday March 28th at 2:30pm** in **Queen Anne's on the Strand**. Please only contact me if you are unable to come, otherwise I'll assume you'll be there. We meet **4th Tuesday of every month**. ~Jill

AMBLERS - Trish Lilley, Lyn Bonewell. For our walk on **Tuesday 14th March** we will meet in the **car park behind The Castle Inn in Landkey at 11:00am**. We will explore the area with Max and Dorothy. Please ring Max if you are joining us for this walk (see Contacts List for contact details). ~Max

ART - Derek Seymour. The Art Group meets on the **1st and 3rd Thursday** each month from **9:30am to 12:00 noon** at the **Rhododendron Methodist Church Hall**. ~Derek

BADMINTON - Alex Ferguson, Carol Griffiths. **Tarka Leisure Centre 10:00am to 11:00am TUESDAY** and **2:00pm to 3:00pm THURSDAY**. We still have vacancies for one or two players to join us on our Thursday afternoon session. Why not come along and take advantage of a free taster session before making a decision on joining. We are a friendly group of mixed abilities so why not give it a try. For further information just call Alex or Carol (see Contacts List for contact details). ~Alex & Carol

BOOK CLUB - Barbara Vercoe. Book Club takes place on the **4th Monday of every month at 10:30am**. We meet at the **Chambers Cafe (next to the Castle Centre)**. ~Barbara

BOOKWORMS - Linda Tyrrell. We meet at the **Library** on the **last Tuesday of each month at 10:00am**. We still have space for 2 more members. ~Linda

BREAKFAST CLUB - Wendy Walmsley. This group is usually held on the **1st Wednesday of the month at 9:15am**. The **March 1st** meeting will be at **The Lemon Next To The Pie in Holland Walk, Barnstaple**. The **April 5th** meeting, at **Queen Anne's Cafe**. If you are UNABLE to attend please let Wendy know. If you would like to join this friendly group for a chat over breakfast, please contact me. ~Wendy

BUS PASS - David and Jill Baker. The March Trip is on **Thursday 23rd March to Ilfracombe** leaving Barnstaple on **Bus 21a at 10:55am**. It is hoped to have lunch in Wetherspoons. The return bus leaves Ilfracombe at 2:25pm. Names to **Lynden and Sue Davies** By **Friday 17th March** (contact number in Contacts List). This Trip should have been to Tiverton but it proved difficult to organise the bus times. ~David & Jill

CANASTA - Linda Lee, Yvonne Geary. The **March** meeting of the Canasta group will be on the **20th** in the **annexe of Fremington Parish Hall at 2:00pm**. The group is full at the

moment, but we have a short waiting list so do get in touch if you would like to join us. ~Linda & Yvonne

CHATTERBOX - Sheila Jennings. I can now offer vacancies. ~Sheila

COFFEE MUGS AND TEAPOTS - Jackie Ward. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation, meeting the **3rd Wednesday morning of each month, 10:30am through to 12:00 noon** in the **Museum Café, The Square, Barnstaple**. This group will always meet in Barnstaple. New members welcome. ~Jackie

CREATIVE WRITING - Sue Boyd. I will put a notice in the Newsletter if we have any spaces available, but please do not hesitate to get in touch with me by email if you would like your name put on the waiting list. ~Sue

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT - Jane Bellworthy. We currently have two spaces in the group. ~Jane

CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION 1 - Paul Bate. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd March at 10:15am** at the **Fox Inn in Fremington**. The group meets on the **1st Thursday in the month**. We will be discussing interesting topics which are currently in the news. Refreshments are available at the pub. ~Paul

CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION 2 - Paul Bate. The group will next meet on **Thursday 16th March** at the **Fox Inn, Fremington** at **10:15am**. The group meets on the **3rd Thursday in the month**. We will be discussing interesting topics which are currently in the news. Refreshments are available at the pub. ~Paul

CYCLING - Steve Coppel. We aim to ride once a week, normally on a **Wednesday**, but everything depends on the weather. We are fair weather cyclists who always stop for brunch! We usually start the rides at **10:30am**, but that too can vary. The rides start mainly from **Barnstaple**, but the **last Wednesday of every month** we depart from **Bideford**. New members are always welcome. ~Steve

DANCERSIZE - Hilary Newing, Sue Fogarty. **April 18th and 25th**. Our class is full again, but we do have a short waiting list. Please contact us for more information. ~Hilary & Sue

DAY TRIPS BY COACH - David Baker. The **April trip** will not be taking place due to circumstances beyond our control. Look out for details of future trips in the Newsletter. There are still spaces on the **March** trip to **Torquay and Babbacombe Model Village** on **Thursday 16th March**. CONTACT DAVID as soon as possible to reserve a seat. ~David

DESIGN & MAKE I & II - Jim Pinn. I am currently full, and already have a list for potential members. ~Jim

DEVON HISTORY - Ken Bonewell. For the meeting on **2nd March** David Carter will tell us about "Old Appledore". On **Thursday 6th April**, we welcome back Peter Christie for his presentation on North Devon Folklore. Meetings are at **2:30pm** in the **Castle Centre Hall, Barnstaple**. ~Ken

FOOD, FARM, ENVIRONMENT - David Baker. The meeting is on **Monday 27th March, 2:30pm** at the **Methodist Hall**,

Fremington. The Speaker is from the Environment Agency. The April meeting is a trip to **Mole Avon Farmers Store at Crediton** on **Monday 24th April**. Transport to be discussed at the March meeting. New members welcome. ~David

GARDEN DAYS - Roxanne and Graham King. **Wednesday 26th April**: National Trust's **Dyrham Park, SN14 8HY**. Fine example of baroque architecture, garden with formal borders, idyllic ponds, wildflower orchard and wooded terraces, 270 acres of parkland with extensive views. **Cost**: £16.00 NT members, £30.50 non-NT members. **Pick-up times**: Chilpark **9:30am**, New Inn **c.9:35am**, Ellerslie Road **c.9:40am**, P&R **c.9:45am**.

Booking: via our email. Once place confirmed payment to us, at our home address (cheque only, to **Taw U3A**) by **end of March**. Please write trip, pick-up point, new U3A membership number (state Barnstaple or Taw) and, if we don't already have these, email address and phone number on back of cheque. Last year's supporters on 1st come 1st served basis, others on waiting list (there are often places). ~Graham & Roxanne

HOLIDAYS - Lynden Davies. **Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th May 2023, Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold**. Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast. The holiday to **Mold in North Wales**, visiting **Chester** and **Llandudno**, is **8 people short**. If we can't get the numbers we will have to cancel. If you have friends in other U3A groups (Barnstaple, Bideford) that would like to come, please ask them to contact me (Lynden). Cost is £345. Deposit of **£50 per person** required, made payable to **Blakes Coaches Ltd (do not date your cheque)** as soon as possible to secure your place (see Contacts List for contact details). ~Lynden

ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS - *Italiano per i principianti* - Graham King. **March 1st, 15th and 29th, April 5th and 19th** depending on teachers' strikes, **10:30am** at **TF**. Group now full. ~Graham

KNITTING - Sheila Jennings - **NEW GROUP**. The first meeting of the new Knitting Group took place on Tuesday 9th February. Eight ladies arrived and there was lots of knitting, chatter and sharing ideas. A very happy group. It was decided that future meetings would be held on the **2nd Thursday and 4th Friday of every month** to accommodate all those who showed interest. Our next meetings will be on **Thursday 9th and Friday 24th March at 11:00am** in the **Museum**. Please come along and bring your knitting. Gentlemen would be welcome. ~Sheila

MOSAICS - Jackie Brayley. We meet at the **Methodist Church Hall in Rhododendron Avenue** on **Friday mornings** from **10:00am to 12:30pm** (apart from the last Friday in the month). If you are interested in joining us or just want to 'have a go' please contact me. ~Jackie

PRACTICAL GARDENING - Jackie Ward. Meeting in **The Annexe, Fremington Parish Hall, 10:30am** through to **12:30pm**, the **2nd Thursday of the month**. Enjoy coffee, tea and biscuits while sharing gardening tips, plants/seeds and advice. What needs to be done to get our gardens

ready for the spring. New members welcome. Contact me if you need a ride from Barnstaple. ~Jackie

PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE - Jane Bellworthy. No report this month. ~Jane

RAILWAY - David and Jill Baker. The **March** trip on **Wednesday 8th** is to **Newton Abbot** for some shopping and visit the outdoor stall market, subject to no train strikes. We will leave **Barnstaple** on the **9:35am** train. Names to **David or Jill** by **Monday 6th March**. New members welcomed. ~David & Jill

RAMBLING - Pauline Newbound, Barbara Hewis. **Monday 13th March**. Commence from the **CP on Torrington Commons** at **10:30am**. Lanes and footpaths through Taddipport, Rolle Canal, parts of Torrington and the Commons. A few ups and downs but nothing too strenuous. Maybe some mud depending on the weather. 6.5miles. BYOFAD. Leader, Ken Bonewell. ~Pauline & Barbara

READING SHAKESPEARE ALLOWED - Bob Godfrey. If you're reading this and are interested please don't hesitate to contact me any time. No special knowledge of Shakespeare is necessary. The group is very supportive. We meet on the **3rd Wednesday of the month, 2:00pm to 3:30pm**, at **Fremington Methodist Church, Old School Lane**. ~Bob

ROAMERS - Harriet Croft. On **Monday 27th March** we shall meet at the **former Park and Ride car park at Park School, Barnstaple** at **10:30am**. The 5 mile walk will head towards Tawstock along the banks of the river Taw, woodland and road, returning through woodland and lanes via Lake. Two stiles and two long gradual ascents. BYOFAD. The walk will be led by **Ray and Ruth Moon** (see Contacts List for contact details). As usual it is helpful to know if you are coming. New members are welcome. ~Harriet

SHORT TENNIS - Yvonne Geary, Sue Morley (New Leader). We shall continue to meet **every Wednesday** from **10:30am** till **11:30am** at the new **Barnstaple Leisure Centre** up until **March 29th**, when we have our Easter break. We have room for more players, so if you used to enjoy tennis but don't think you can leap around a full sized court any more, do get in touch and give it a try. ~Yvonne & Nicky

SIGHT SUPPORT - Jill Baker. The next meeting is on **Monday 13th March** at **10:30am** in **Bromley's Cafe in the Museum on The Square, Barnstaple**. New members with a sight problem are very welcome. ~Jill

SKITTLES - Julie and Patrick Kift. No report this month. ~Patrick & Julie

STROLLERS - Maureen and Peter Penfold. Our **March** walk will be in **Bideford**. Meet at the **Kingsley statue** at **12:00 noon**. Lunch approximately 1:45pm. Lot of buses from Barnstaple, any number 21, as all go to Bideford. **April** walk to be arranged. Keep safe. Hope to see you all. ~Maureen & Pete

SUNDAY LUNCH - Susan Covington. **2nd Sunday of the month** at a different venue. Next carvery lunch will be on **Sunday 12th March** at **12:30pm** at **Rolle Quay Pub**,

Barnstaple. **April 9th** will be at **Portmore Golf Club**. The group is now full but if you are interested I can add your name to the waiting list. ~Susan

TABLE TENNIS - Janice and Bob Godfrey. **Every Thursday morning, 9:30am to 12:00 noon** at the **Tarka Centre**. Due to changes and retirements there are now some spare places in the table tennis group! To enjoy games to the full some previous experience is really necessary even if it was ?-?- years ago. Don't hesitate to contact us and arrange a free taster session. ~Janice & Bob

TEN PIN BOWLING - Brian Tilbury, Jan Hartshorne. We now meet **every Wednesday** at **1:15pm inside the Bowling Alley on the Braunton Road**, except during the school holidays. In an expanding group including new male and female members, there has been a steady improvement in performance and we are anticipating the announcement of some 'personal bests' shortly. Just hanging onto the top spot during the past few weeks, Jayne Hartshorne has the highest score for the ladies with 215. For the men, Jan Hartshorne was the top scorer with 326, his highest score for years. Jan also achieved the only 'Turkey' this month. ~Brian & Jan

TUESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB - Trish Lilley. Our lunch at the **Fortesque Hotel** will be on **21st March, 12:00 noon for 12:30pm** lunch. The cost will be **£15** for carvery and dessert followed by tea or coffee. Payment to be made by cash on arrival. Bookings can be made by email or telephone (see Contacts List for contact details). ~Trish

WANDERERS - Chris and Lesley Wade. Join us for a walk on **Northam Burrows**. Meet at **11:00am** in the **car park on the Hardstanding by the Sandymere lake** for a walk past the visitor centre and along by the golf course, and return. Use the Northam entrance to the Burrows and drive down to the pebble ridge, and turn right for the car park. Lunch will be in Westward Ho! at the Pier House at 12:30pm. The ground can be quite uneven so stout shoes and a stick are recommended. If you plan to join us please let us know by **March 9th** either phone or email. ~Chris & Lesley

WHIST. This group is suspended pending a new Group Leader. ~Paul

WINE APPRECIATION - David Rowe. Meet **1st Friday of the month** at the **Barnstaple Library, Room 3B**. ~David

WOODCARVING - Marion Choules. **Weekly, Wednesday mornings 10:00am to 12:00 noon**. ~Marion

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Advance Notice - September/October Newsletter

As I will be on holiday for the latter part of September, the Trustees have agreed that the September and October Newsletters can be combined. The deadline will be as for the September Newsletter, but your entries will need to cover October too. I will remind you nearer the time. ~Valerie, Newsletter Editor

INVITATIONS FROM OTHER U3A's



BARNSTAPLE U3A: Barnstaple U3A are looking to form a new group called 'Introduction to Bonsai' and are looking for members from neighbouring U3As to make up the numbers. You would need to become an Affiliated Member of Barnstaple to join. If interested please contact **Nigel Wright** (see Contacts List for contact details).



BRAUNTON U3A: New members welcome to the **Braunton Croquet Group** which will be restarting on **Tuesday 18th April**. We meet at **Barnstaple Croquet club, Raleigh Meadow, off St. Georges Road, Barnstaple, EX31 4UX**. We meet every Tuesday, weather permitting, during the summer from **2:00pm to 4:00pm**. No experience is necessary and all equipment and coaching is provided. The cost is £4 to join or rejoin the group and £4 for every session you attend. Contact **Anne Young** (see Contacts List for contact details) for more information and to book your place. Come along to meet friendly people for a fun afternoon.

CALENDAR - March/April 2023

Coffee Mornings:

Monday 6th March (Current Affairs Groups 1 and 2) - 10:30am - Roundswell Community Hall
Monday 3rd April (Devon History Group) - 10:30am - Roundswell Community Hall

April Newsletter Deadline: Deadline for entry of events occurring **after Saturday 1st April - THURSDAY 16th MARCH**

| Group | Day | Date | | Time | Venue/Information |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--|
| | | March 2023 | April 2023 (Subject to Change) | | |
| Afternoon Tea | Tuesday | 28 | 25 | 2:30pm | Queen Anne's, The Strand |
| Amblers | Tuesday | 14 | | 11:00am | Car park behind pub in Landkey |
| Art | Thursday | 2; 16 | 6; 20 | 9:30am | TBN |
| Badminton | Tuesday | 7; 14; 21; 28 | 18; 25 | 10:00am | Methodist Church Hall, Rhododendron Avenue |
| | Thursday | 2; 9; 16; 23; 30 | 20; 27 | 2:00pm | Tarka Leisure Centre |
| Book Club | Monday | 27 | 24 | 10:30am | Chambers Cafe (next to the Castle Centre) |
| Bookworms | Tuesday | 28 | 25 | 10:00am | Barnstaple Library |
| Breakfast Club | Wednesday | 1 | | 9:15am | Lemon Next To The Pie, Holland Walk |
| | | | 5 | | Queen Anne's Cafe, The Strand |
| Bus Pass | Thursday | 23 | | 10:55am | 21a bus to Ilfracombe |
| | | | 27 | TBN | Woolacombe |
| Canasta | Monday | 20 | 17 | 2:00pm | Fremington Parish Hall Annexe |
| Chatterbox | Monday | 20 | 17 | 11:00am | Museum Tea Rooms |
| Coffee Mugs and Teapots | Wednesday | 15 | 19 | 10:30am | Museum Cafe, The Square, Barnstaple |
| Creative Writing | Thursday | 9 | 13 | 10:30am | TBN |
| Crime and Punishment | Tuesday | 14 | 11 | 2:00pm | Fremington Village Hall Annexe |
| Current Affairs Discussion 1 | Thursday | 2 | 6 | 10:15am | The Fox Inn, Fremington |
| Current Affairs Discussion 2 | | 16 | 20 | | |
| Cycling | Wednesday | TBN | TBN | 10:30am | TBN |
| Dancersize | Tuesday | 7; 14; 21; 28 | 18; 25 | 10:00am | Church Hall, Fremington |
| Day Trips By Coach | Thursday | 16 | No Meeting | 8:30am | Babbacombe Model Village and Torquay |
| Design & Make I - Ladies | Friday | 31 | 28 | 9:30am | Group members know venue |
| Design & Make II - Gents | | | | 2:00pm | |
| Devon History | Thursday | 2 | 6 | 2:30pm | Castle Centre, Barnstaple |
| Food, Farm, Environment | Monday | 27 | | 2:30pm | Methodist Church Hall, Fremington |
| | | | 24 | TBN | Mole Avon Farmers Store, Crediton |
| Garden Days | Wednesday | No Meeting | 26 | 9:30am | Dyrham Park |
| Holidays | See entry in Our Groups for information | | | | |
| Italian for Beginners | Wednesday | 1; 15; 29 | 5; 19 | 10:30am | Group members know venue |
| Knitting - NEW GROUP | Thursday | 9 | 13 | 11:00am | The Museum, The Square, Barnstaple |
| | Friday | 24 | 28 | | |
| Mosaics | Friday | 3; 10; 17; 24 | 7; 14; 21 | 10:00am | Methodist Church Hall, Rhododendron Avenue |
| Practical Gardening | Thursday | 9 | 13 | 10:30am | The Annexe, Fremington Parish Hall |
| Psychology of Everyday Life | Tuesday | 28 | 25 | 2:00pm | The Annexe, Fremington Parish Hall |
| Railway | Wednesday | 8 | | 9:35am | Barnstaple Station to Newton Abbot |
| | | | 12 | | Barnstaple Station to Totnes |

CALENDAR - March/April 2023 (Continued)

| Group | Day | Date | | Time | Venue/Information |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--|
| | | March 2023 | April 2023 (Subject to Change) | | |
| Rambling | Monday | 13 | | 10:30am | Car Park, Torrington Common |
| Reading Shakespeare Allowed | Wednesday | 15 | 10 | TBN | TBN |
| Roamers | Monday | 27 | | 10:30am | P&R car park at Park School, Barnstaple |
| Short Tennis | Wednesday | 1; 8; 15; 22; 29 | 19; 26 | 10:30am | Tarka Leisure Centre |
| Sight Support | Monday | 13 | No Meeting | 10:30am | Bromley's Cafe, Museum on The Square |
| Skittles | Friday | TBN | TBN | 7:30pm | Plough Inn, Bickington |
| Strollers | Tuesday | 7 | | 12:00nn | Kingsley Statue, Bideford |
| | | | 4 | | TBN |
| Sunday Lunch | Sunday | 12 | | 12:30pm | Rolle Quay Inn, Barnstaple |
| | | | 9 | | Portmore Golf Club |
| Table Tennis | Thursday | 2; 9; 16; 23; 30 | 6; 13; 20; 27 | 9:30am | Tarka Tennis Centre, Barnstaple |
| Ten Pin Bowling | Wednesday | 1; 8; 15; 22; 29 | 19; 26 | 1:15pm | Bowling Alley, Braunton Road, Barnstaple |
| Tuesday Lunch Club | Tuesday | 21 | 18 | 12:00nn | Royal & Fortescue Hotel, Barnstaple |
| Wanderers | Tuesday | 14 | | 11:00am | Northam Burrows |
| | | | 11 | TBN | TBN |
| Whist | This group is suspended pending a new Group Leader | | | | |
| Wine Appreciation | Friday | 3 | 7 | 2:00pm | Room 3B, Barnstaple Library |
| Woodcarving | Wednesday | 1; 8; 15; 22; 29 | 5; 12; 19; 26 | 10:00am | Fremington |



REMINDER: If you move house or your email or telephone number changes *please* let **Veronica McLaughlin**, the **Membership Secretary**, know so that we can continue to keep in contact. It will also ensure you continue to receive the Newsletter by email.

ILLNESSES and BEREAVEMENTS: Carol Griffiths is responsible for keeping in touch with members who become ill or are taken into hospital. If you become aware of any such cases please contact her. Would Group Leaders please take responsibility for informing Carol of illnesses of their group members. Would the family, Group Leader or any other member please inform Carol of the details of names and dates of deaths. **A single line announcement will be included in the Newsletter unless the family do not want any acknowledgment. It is for the Group Leader to notify Carol who will notify the Newsletter Editor.**

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: Gordon Gregory.

TAW U3A - CORONATION CELEBRATION DEVONSHIRE CREAM TEA

TUESDAY 16th MAY 2023, 2:30pm for 3:00pm
BARNSTAPLE HOTEL, BRAUNTON ROAD, BARNSTAPLE

To mark the King's Coronation and to say Thank You to the Membership we are holding a Celebration Event at the Barnstaple Hotel with a Devonshire Cream Tea and music. The Trustees have agreed to subsidise this event by 50%. The Trustees invite you to join them and an Application Form is below. Applications need to be in by **Thursday 4th May**, and refunds are **NOT AVAILABLE AFTER THAT DATE**.

APPLICATION FORM FOR CELEBRATION CREAM TEA

NAME/S: _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER/S: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PAYMENT IS **£5 per person**. AMOUNT: _____

Payment may be made by Cheque or BACS. Please tick one of the following:

Cheque _____

OR

BACS _____

Cheques to be made payable to **Taw U3A**

BACS payments:

Account: TAW U3A; Sort Code: 30-90-49; Account No: 02341066

Please ensure you add your **name** and add the word **TEA** if paying by BACS

Form and money to be returned to David and Jill Baker (see Contacts List for address for payment) by the latest **Thursday 4th May**. PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – 2023/24

(1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024)

| Office Use Only | | |
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Applicant 1:

Title: _____ Forename: _____ Surname: _____

Please tick one box: ☐ Existing Membership Application
☐ New Membership Application
☐ Affiliated Member (from 1st April 2023) Affiliated Fee £2.50 pa

Affiliated Members Only -

Please state name of existing U3A _____

Please attach a copy of your existing U3A membership card.

Applicant 2:

Title: _____ Forename: _____ Surname: _____

Please tick one box: ☐ Existing Membership Application
☐ New Membership Application
☐ Affiliated Member (from 1st April 2023) Affiliated Fee £2.50 pa

Affiliated Members Only -

Please state name of existing U3A _____

Please attach a copy of your existing U3A membership card.

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel. No: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile No: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER:

Telephone/Mobile: _____ Please state **NAME** & relationship: _____

NOTE: Please write your email address as you would see it on your computer (i.e. not in 'joined-up' writing) and please be aware of upper and lower case letters, and especially punctuation.

NEWSLETTER:

In an effort to minimise costs and the amount of printed paper produced, Taw U3A members will have our monthly Newsletter emailed directly to them, at their email address given above. Printed versions are available at the monthly Coffee Mornings.

If you do not have an email address, then we are happy to post this to you at a cost of £9 per annum. Please add this amount to your membership fee (if applicable).

MEMBERSHIP CHARGES:

For 2023/24 the annual membership fee for members will be **£12.00 per person**, and **£6.00 per person** if joining after the 1st October 2023.

From the 1st April 2023 the subscription for new and existing Affiliated Members will be **£2.50 per person, per annum**.

Taw U3A would like members to pay their subscription directly into the TAW bank account via internet banking. We are promoting this option as a safe and secure method of paying your annual subscription. To make the payment please use the following information:

Name of Account: **TAW U3A**

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