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### From the Chairman

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Welcome to the Summer Newsletter and I hope you are enjoying, or looking forward to, a nice Summer break in the sunshine, either here in Britain or abroad.

It has been a quiet period for us in the u3a. We are slowly increasing our membership following a New Members meeting in the late Spring. Our Groups are also building up their numbers, although rather slowly. It would appear Covid is still widespread and face masks are again making their appearance! We have just managed to hold our first Open Visit for two years. It was a very successful trip to Minehead via the West Somerset Railway and then on to Lynton, Lynmouth by coach and back across Exmoor. I'm sorry that some members didn't get selected in the ballot that had to be held since the trip was over-subscribed by 60%. Many thanks go to Sue James and her team.



In the Spring Newsletter, I wrote that Barbara Jones would be retiring from the administration of the Beacon System and I'm delighted to say that Steve Wells has volunteered to run the system in her place; so, at our last Committee meeting, we co-opted Steve onto the Committee. **However, no-one has come forward to become our future Chairman in my place when I complete my three-year term of office at the next AGM. This could become very serious for the continuation of the organisation, so I have set up a small subcommittee to understand the impact of not having a Chairman or Vice Chairman to run our organisation. We need someone to come forward NOW to begin a gradual hand over of the management of our organisation.**

Through the hard work of our Secretary, Pat Wells, we have started a new group "English for Ukrainians" to support the Ukrainian refugees that have come to Thornbury and surrounding areas. Pat has organised the group and there is a qualified teacher conducting language classes at 3 different levels, as well as a separate conversation session for those with some more English. At present about 30 adults are learning English in this group and we hope to expand this as more refugees arrive. The Committee decided to give these refugees free u3a membership for at least a year and we hope they will join other groups in the Thornbury u3a programme in the future. As an addendum to that, Pat has had an article she submitted to the u3a National Magazine accepted and so look out for this in a future edition of the Magazine. Many thanks go to Pat for all her hard work.

Notes on other Groups; The Opera Appreciation group is planning a Summer Festival offering a combination of an interesting opera and a buffet supper. The first meeting will be on Tuesday July 26th starting at 5.30pm in the Thornbury Methodist Hall. The Gentle Exercise Group is looking for a new leader, if no one volunteers then this Group will close. Similarly, the Past Civilisation Group is now dormant due to the ill health of the Group Leader; hopefully it will resume next year.

We are planning on holding the Leaders' Lunch on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at the Olveston Parish Hall. This is our usual venue but it is booked at lunch times on Tuesday through to Thursday. A meal will

be laid on for all the Group Leaders or, if they can't make it, a nominated person in their place. There will be a very short talk / presentation by members of the Committee to give the Leaders an overview of where the current organisation stands. A New Members meeting will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October in St Mary's Hall, Thornbury between 3pm and 4:30pm.

A list of all our current Groups, when they meet, who the Leaders are and their contact details, is given at the end of this Newsletter.

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## Current Committee

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Thornbury u3a is governed by the Committee which is elected annually from its membership and forms the Charity's Trustees. The current Committee comprises:

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Catering Co-ordinator	Sheila Forsythe	-	

## Open Visits

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When we offered the trip by steam train to Minehead and then on to Lynmouth and Lynton and scenic journey home we did not know how responsive the members would be to the first Open Visits coach outing since Covid. We were very surprised and delighted to receive over 80 applications but unfortunately, we could only accommodate 51 - sorry to those who did not get picked 'out of the hat' this time. I think I can say that the day organised by Judith went very well - beautiful scenery, tasty cream teas and even the weather cooperated. We received lots of thanks from those who enjoyed the sociable day.

We hope to plan future outings and would like to hear workable suggestions from you all. At present we have no fixed plans but will keep you informed. Don't forget - these outings are for your entertainment, education, enjoyment - so let us know what floats your boat!

**Sue James**                      **885452**    [openvisits@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:openvisits@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## Open Talks

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No Talks are planned at the moment due to problems of a suitable venue

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## - News from Group Leaders -

The following is the information provided by the Group Leaders. If there is no input, one should contact the Group Leader to determine if the Group is up and running following the Covid outbreak.

### Archaeology

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We have enjoyed our monthly meetings as we have continued to explore the archaeology of the Americas. We have had many surprises along the way and expect to have more. We are having a break over the summer but will resume our odyssey in September. Due to room size our group is full at present.

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### Architecture Group

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We resumed activities at the beginning of the year using the Methodist Hall as a venue. Attendance numbers have been encouraging and the group now has a very healthy membership.

Presentations have been given on "Alternatives to Demolition", "the buildings of Santiago Calatrava" and the lesser known but prolific "British architect Chris Wilkinson". Future topics will be: "The Mind of an Architect", "Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Piranesi and the Swiss architects responsible for Tate Britain" and the "Bird's Nest" stadium in Beijing, Herzog and de Meuron.

We always welcome offers from those members who would like to speak on architectural topics and issues and who have ideas about ways in which we can improve and develop our programme.

**Stephen Thomas**

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### Art Group - Monday

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We are a friendly group who meet each week on a Monday morning at St. Mary's Church Hall from 9.30am to 12.00 noon to pursue our enjoyment of art. We have a range of abilities and are always happy to encourage and help each other. We use a variety of mediums although most people use water colours or acrylics. We aim to have one or two demonstrators each term but usually it's a mixture of doing our own thing or someone suggests a theme or a picture for us to base our session on. Numbers dipped after the pandemic but have now increased again almost back to our full capacity. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Sue on the contact details given below.

**Sue Puntton**

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### Art Group - Thursday

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We meet from 09:15 to 12:15 in St Mary's Church Hall during normal School Term times. Members of the Group have a range of abilities and pursue their own particular projects using a variety of media with brush, pen or pencil. The Group encourage and help each other and we have successfully trialled a workshop with a local artist and plan to continue with more at regular intervals. Tea, coffee and biscuits are included in the fee which is charged every half term.

We currently have space for a few new members of any ability

**Edward Bridges**

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### Astronomy & Space Group

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The Group continues to meet face-to-face on the first Monday of the month. It took the opportunity with a new Chair in May to rename itself "Astronomy and Space" to broaden the range of possible

talks and discussions, including those from the local space industry around Thornbury.

We support both armchair and active amateur astronomers and space enthusiasts, numbering 50 in the Group but with an average of 20-25 at each meeting. Sadly we cannot offer web online as an option. We will be in summer recess during August but restart in September. The 200th anniversary of the birth of William Herschel has been much on our minds this year with appropriate talks (and including his music!) through 2022. The group meets at the Chantry (Buckingham Room) 10:00 - 12:00 with a prompt start at 10:30 (£2 meeting fee to cover room hire). For more information please contact the group leader on the information given below.

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## **Bird Watching Group**

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This group continues to hold regular monthly outings. We have some new members who are enjoying learning how to recognise the birds we see. We also have some good photographers who are taking splendid pictures. These are particularly helpful when trying to identify a distant bird as the magic of modern cameras means the picture can be greatly enlarged. Look at us on the website.

Our monthly outings take place on the second Monday of the month. We also forward information about interesting birds seen locally. Do you know where the sparrow hawk is nesting?

New members always welcome. Contact the leader if you fancy joining us. Picture is a Moorhen nest at Eastville Park.



**Cilla Farquhar**

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## **Book Group 1**

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Book Group 1 has turned to the pre-pandemic practice of meeting in a member's home, usually on the 3rd Friday of the month. We hope to continue with this (and avoid returning to a combination of zoom and email), but of course this depends on Covid numbers and symptoms. We have recently finished a diverse series of novels on mother/son relationships, which included, for example, Shuggie Bain and Sons and Lovers. Currently we are reading novels which deal with race in the UK.

At the moment we are a group of 14 and cannot take on new members. But if you are interested in joining us in the future, let us know, and we shall add your details to the waiting list.

**Lesley Thomas**

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## **Book Group 2**

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Book group 2 has a core membership of 10, although not everyone attends each time. We choose both fact and fiction titles for our reading, generally we alternate fact and fiction which leads to varied and fascinating reading. We do not always agree on the texts we read, but this generally leads to stimulating discussions which often lead us into even more intriguing avenues! We have chosen our mixed selection of fact and fiction until December 2022 which includes "The Sleeping Beauties", "Small Things Like These", "Kindred: Neanderthal Life, Love, Death and Art".

We finish in July and then will start again on September 5th. We currently have space for five more members. So, if you fancy a good read, come and join us on the first Monday of the month at the downstairs hall, Methodist Church, High Street, Thornbury, from 2.00pm. Please contact Margaret

Pinder on the information below to ensure there are no changes to meeting dates before coming along.

**Margaret Pinder**

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## **Bridge Group 1**

The Tuesday morning group, which meets in Olveston Methodist Hall at 09:30am to 12:15pm, have a few vacancies due to holidays and illness and would welcome new members. We have an equal number of men and women of mixed ability. We charge £2.00 per morning which includes tea and coffee. Come along and join in the fun.

**Mary Bignell**

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## **Bridge Group 2**

Our group meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm in the Methodist Hall, Olveston. We play Duplicate Bridge in a very relaxed atmosphere and now have five tables playing regularly. However, we can now accommodate two or three more players.

Our members have varying levels of Bridge experience and new members would be very welcome provided that they have some knowledge of Bridge before joining.

**Linda Cooper**

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## **Card Making**

The Group has three vacancies for the cardmaking session on Mondays. So please could anyone wanting to join contact Sue by phone on the number below or Lorna Price on the email address given.

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## **Church Visits 1**

We have had a brilliant start to our current season, with local visits, giving members the option to travel by car, although, so far we have had a full coach as well for each trip.

As we have a number of new members, our Treasurer and I have decided to close our Group to new members for the time being. However, we are happy to start a waiting list. Just contact us.

**Sandra Body**

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## **Cinema Group**

The Cinema Group meets in the Tockington Parish Hall, usually on the 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month at 1.30 for a 2pm start. This is an open group for any member of U3A with an entry fee of £2.00 which includes tea/coffee

We show a wide variety of what we consider 'good' films which should appeal to U3A members. We would welcome anyone interested in coming on to our committee of 3 to help chose films, and also setting up the hall and equipment. Film notes are available at Tockington.

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## **Computer Group**

The Computer group is alive and kicking! Although we haven't (yet) returned to 'normal' face-to-face meetings, we continue to support all members in any way they need. Our monthly newsletter,

issued on the traditional first Friday of each month, keeps members up to date with the latest news & developments in the computer world. We've broadened the issues covered, by including features on development systems like Raspberry Pi and Arduino, analogue computers - both mechanical and electronic, and the history of all computing technologies. Each newsletter also includes some fun (cartoons, video clips etc) and features on any recent developments, like quantum computers.

We run a permanent help desk so that members can submit their problems, which may be handled via reply email or by the arrangement of personal visits. Before returning to group meetings we'll need members to voice their interests and preferences and offers to help by volunteering to deal with refreshments and finance. On the plus side, we have seen an increase in our membership since before lockdown started, this stands at 54 at the time of writing. If any u3a member wishes to receive the newsletter just email your name and membership number to the leader on the contact information below.

**Andy Pearson**                      **416321**                      [computerclub@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:computerclub@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

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## Concerts Group

The Concerts Group organises visits to afternoon and evening classical concerts in Bristol and Cardiff, travelling by coach from Thornbury with pickups enroute. Bristol Beacon (formerly Colston Hall) is closed until September 2023, so most visits at present are to St David's Hall, Cardiff.

The programme for the 2022-23 Season should be available by the time you read this, and bookings will be in progress. There will be no group subscription for this season. If you are interested please contact Phil Holland via the details below or via the Thornbury U3A website.

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## Cribbage

We are a small friendly group meeting at the Wheatsheaf on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2-4 pm. It is free and drinks can be ordered at the bar.

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## Cycling

The Cycling Group continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. We have recently enjoyed rides to Epney, Portishead and Luckington. However, for the moment, we are not holding our Tuesday rides.

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## DIY Group

The DIY group meets on the third Thursday afternoon of most months for a couple of hours starting at 2:30pm. All are welcome, especially beginners. We meet at members' houses depending on who has a task or can host.

We have been practising basic skills, including things like drilling, sawing and applying sealant. Sometimes we have a task at a member's house, such as putting up a curtain rail or a trellis. Otherwise, members request things they would like to have a go at or would like to know more about, in which case we meet at Alan's house in Thornbury, where he has space to practise and a workshop. If you would like to join the group, contact Alan on the information below, to be added to the mailing list.

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## English for Ukrainians Group

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This group has been created to support the Ukrainian refugees who have come to Thornbury. Classes are being offered on a weekly basis by an instructor who is qualified for "Teaching English as a Foreign Language" (TEFL). We are hoping to provide more classes if more qualified instructors (TEFL or esol) can be recruited. We are also offering conversation sessions as members' language skills increase.

Booking for classes is essential and new members will be assessed to ensure that they join a class at the appropriate level. All the refugees are being given free u3a membership and we hope will join other groups in the Thornbury u3a programme.

**Pat Wells**

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## Family History Group

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Alas, things have not gone well for the Family History Group in the last few months. We thought we were on track for a good year having resumed face to face meetings but then Storm Eunice arrived and we felt obliged to cancel the meeting. Then Covid intervened in April. Several researchers including me, succumbed and we had to cancel the meeting. We reorganised for May and five of us were all eagerly awaiting our "customers" but only two people came!

It seems most people were desperate for a change of scene and had fled Thornbury & district for sunnier climes, or family, or just somewhere different. We canvassed opinion around the membership and came to the conclusion that it would be best to cancel June & July's meetings and start again in September.

We haven't finalised the subjects for September, October and November. More about DNA, a research session and a "contributions of oddities" session from the members are possibilities. Caroline Gurney was happy to postpone her presentation about "Making the Most of Directories" until the **9<sup>th</sup> December**. Yes, it will be a week early, so it interferes less with Christmas preparations.

In the meantime, if there *is* anyone anxious to get advice on starting family history or wants to "knock down a brick wall", please do get in touch with me. There are people in the group only too willing to do a one-to-one session with you. I can even offer you home-made gluten-free cake to sustain you along with the tea/coffee!

We really are looking forward to getting going again. Please note Friday 16th September the Coach Hall at the Chantry, Castle St. Thornbury will be our next session.

**Frances Houghton**

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## French Book Club

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French Book Club continued to meet almost throughout the pandemic either via zoom or, when regulations and the weather permitted, in a member's garden. We have continued meeting outdoors when the weather permits as we enjoy doing so, though we retreat indoors when necessary. We usually meet on the third Wednesday of the month although, as this is a small group, we can change the date to suit.

We read a very wide variety of books including thrillers, short stories, biographies and modern or classic novels. If a book is particularly challenging there is nothing to stop you reading it, or part of it, in English. Our discussions are in English. Many of the books are available on Kindle which has the advantage of inbuilt dictionaries, otherwise we choose books that are available reasonably cheaply second hand.

We have lively, enjoyable and wide-ranging discussions and the social aspect of our meetings is very

rewarding. The club is a chance to preserve or even improve our French and to learn more about French culture and ideas. We always welcome new members. If you are interested, please contact Sue Kessler.

**Sue Kessler**

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## **French Group - WD40**

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The members of the WD 40 (for rusty speakers) French Group have decided that in the next academic year starting in September they will continue to meet via Zoom. As in the past we base our activities around the magazine, *Rendezvous*, and our efforts are assisted by an experienced French speaker.

The Group currently has 13 members, two of whom share the same Zoom link. Twelve is probably the most that can sensibly interact via Zoom and one person continues to be on the waiting list.

**Alan Payne**

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## **Garden Visits Group**

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Details of the final three visits of the year have been emailed to members and can also be viewed, or downloaded, from the Links section to the right of the Garden Visits page of the U3A website.

Our destination on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August is new to GVG: "The Nurtons and Wye Valley Sculpture Park" near Tintern with a stop for lunch in Chepstow enroute. We will be visiting "The Bishop's Palace and Garden" in Wells on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September to coincide with the farmers' market in the town. The final trip of the year is to "Batsford Arboretum" in Gloucestershire on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October when we hope to enjoy some early autumn colour.

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## **Geology Group**

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The geology group is fully up and running again, meeting the fourth Wednesday in the month at 10am in the Stuart Room at the Chantry (except in July, August and December).

In September though, we are kicking off our Autumn programme with a Field Trip to North Nibley led by Janet Helen (postponed from July because of Covid). In October Charles Hiscock will be presenting "Meteorite, magnetite and moving mountains, holiday rocking in the NW Highlands" and in November Earle Kessler will be presenting "Cornubia. The granites and ores of Devon and Cornwall". Why not join us? For more information contact either Jamie Russell (07799 275799) or Earle Kessler (07906 261517)

**Earle Kessler**

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## **German Language Group**

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This Group is a self-help group of half a dozen or so members. We concentrate on conversation but also read texts from books newspapers and magazines. Some of us have lived in Germany and others are simply interested learners, so our standard varies a bit.

Since late last year we have been meeting face to face, usually at Hawkes House, with a core of 6 people. However, some are still reluctant to do face to face meetings, either because of the pandemic or underlying (non-Covid) health problems. Everyone has been vaccinated.

We usually meet fortnightly on Mondays at 3.00pm at Hawkes House. But due to members being away on holiday etc. we have had to vary the frequency of meetings and hope to get back to our

regular spot in the next few months. Please contact the group leader if you are interested in joining.

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## **Gentle Exercise Group**

After the disruption of Covid and the illness of our instructor Gentle Exercise classes are back to normal. Classes take place on Thursdays at 10.00 in the Methodist Church Hall. We still have a waiting list but interested people are encouraged to come for a trial session to see if the class will be right for them

The class involves low impact exercise with some seated work but with no floor work. It is generally appropriate for those who already have some degree of fitness but we keep it fairly low key. It is not necessary to have done Keep Fit before to enjoy the sessions. We pay in advance each term. Each term fee will be calculated based on the number of sessions in the term.

**Pat Wells, Rita Goss, Christine Baker**

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## **History Group**

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30am in the Coach Hall of the Chantry although please note, there will be no meeting in August.

This year we have enjoyed talks about the Bristol Riots, American Presidents, The Poor in Thornbury and Witchcraft and we look forward to finding out about the historical contribution of Actors and Musicians in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Bath in July. We have studied an eclectic mix of historic interests rather than concentrating on one period and thank our speakers for their interesting contributions.

We are beginning to put next year's programme together and would welcome offers of talks. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Alison Makepeace**

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## **Indoor Bowls Group**

Indoor Bowls will begin again in October but unfortunately I have been informed that the price will have to go up slightly, the new price, per 2 hour session, will now be £6.25 per person. It would be appreciated if everyone could attempt to bring the correct money. Hope you are all enjoying our British summer and managing to stay Covid free!! I look forward to seeing you all in October.

**Veronica Stanley**

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## **Investment Group 1**

With the world continuing to lurch from one crisis to another, inevitably, the Stock Market took a pounding during the Spring and early Summer. Would our, Investment Club 1's, share portfolio be able to beat the downward trend? Whatever the state of the markets, there are always winners and losers, but who are the losers we should sell and the winners we should buy? Unknowns and uncertainties are great for lively conversations and debates during our second Wednesday morning of the month meetings at Tockington Methodist Church.

Of course, the discussion does not have to end when the meeting ends! Many members cross the road to the Swan Inn where the debate continues over a pleasant lunch! If you would like to join the fun and debate, please contact me.

**Bill Peters**

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## Investment Group 2

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For anyone looking at their pension pot and share portfolio over the last few months, it has made for depressing reading. The world markets have suffered as a result of events far beyond the control of fund managers or individuals.

As we look at our modest portfolio of shares and trusts within our club, we are no different and it's important to remind ourselves as to exactly the purpose of our existence. We have an enjoyable and lively meeting each month on the second Tuesday at The Chantry. Buy, sell or hold are the topics of the day but most importantly, it is to have fun and learn about investing and shares.

Sometimes we learn the hard way but we have an educational slot where we watch an instructional video. One month we even persuaded the Investor Relations Manager of Future plc, Marion LeBot to join us on zoom to tell us their plans to increase the value of our relatively tiny holding. We were very grateful to her as she did a Q&A for 45 minutes. Sadly, since that talk, their share price, like so many, have gone down. Over time, things will recover. It's not a time to panic and we will continue to invest and enjoy ourselves.

**Graham Ford**

**07970 294341**

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## Jazz Appreciation Group

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We meet on the third Monday of the month, 1.30pm for 2pm start, in the Buckingham Room at The Chantry. Please note, however, that we have a summer break, missing July and August. At each meeting a presentation is given by a member of the Group. This can be on a specific topic or an eclectic selection. We enjoy jazz of all styles and eras from CDs, DVDs, YouTube downloads, etc. via top quality audio equipment and video display.

Attendances have not yet recovered to pre pandemic levels, so we now have to charge £3.00 per person to cover room hire. Tea/coffee & biscuits provided, of course, in the interval. We are an Open Group - all u3a members can attend. So whether you are a jazz fan already, or are just curious to know more, please come along - you will be very welcome!

**Bob Gray**

**885290**

[jazz@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:jazz@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## Lunch Group 2

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A long-established group that meets on the 2nd Wednesday monthly, mainly in pubs but can be anywhere within a reasonable travelling distance of Thornbury. Individual members select their favourite venues and organise the visit, so that there is a good variety of eateries. We are delighted to be meeting again as normal, after a pandemic gap in 2020/21. Membership is now full, and there are several on the waiting list. To add to the waiting list contact Gill & Quentin Killey using the information below.

**Gill & Quentin Killey**

**568541**

[Lunchclub2@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:Lunchclub2@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## Mahjong - Western Group

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We have been pleased to welcome four new members to our group this year and now have 20 on our register. This means we are currently full, as the room can only comfortably accommodate four tables of four players. However, if you are interested, in learning how to play this fascinating game, please contact us as we are happy to start a waiting list and would contact you should a place become available. We meet weekly on Tuesdays, in United Reformed Church small hall from 2.00 until 4.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more, please phone Pat Purssord.

**Pat Purssord**

**501438**

**Pat Neale**

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## Opera Appreciation Group

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The Opera Study Group has managed to meet, Covid regulations permitting, several times this year on the 4th Tuesday in the month at the Methodist Hall Thornbury from 6.30pm - ~ 9.30pm with a good average attendance. BUT we have something more exciting planned for the summer months, so if you can't get to Glynebourne this year, why not join us for their Summer Festival offering combining an interesting opera and a buffet supper.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday July 26 starting at 4.30pm with a showing of Gounod's Romeo and Juliet whilst on August 23, Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutti will be on offer. Both meetings are open to all members of Thornbury u3a and the cost is £10 for each meeting to cover the cost of the opera, hall booking and delicious buffet. If you would like to reserve a place for one or both of these meetings, please book via:

[flowersvf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:flowersvf@yahoo.co.uk)

If you are interested in attending the normal monthly meetings which will begin again in September, please contact the Group Leader vis the information below.

**Andrew Borkowski**                      **228584**                      [opera@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:opera@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## Past Civilisations

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Due to the ill health of Rosie Bailey this group is dormant and is likely to remain so until next year.

**Rosie Bailey**                      **419977**                      [pastcivilisations@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:pastcivilisations@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## Photography Group

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The group has been meeting regularly at the Chantry Coach Hall.

New members are always welcome on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through to June. Our July meeting is usually a coach outing to some places of interest. This years trip was to Croome Park. The programme usually consists of Famous Photographers, followed by short technical topic and a portfolio of members' images. The years programme can be found of Thornbury u3a website.

**Alan Jones**                      **883912**                      [photography@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:photography@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## Poetry Appreciation Group

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Meetings 3rd Monday monthly, between 2-4 pm at Porch House, Castle Street, Thornbury. The group have welcomed back most of their pre-pandemic members face to face although we maintain spaces for a couple of people who are recovering from surgery or caring for a family member at present. New members have joined in enthusiastically! We have just two members on the waiting list.

In July we will share poems about the "Seaside" before an August break. We are borrowing copies of Andrew Motion's biographical poem "Essex Clay" in September, thanks to Thornbury Library. Knowing more about Andrew's childhood and his love for the Essex countryside will give us the background to study his work further next year. Also, in the Autumn Term, we revisit the Dymock poets who lived and met in N.W. Gloucestershire from 1809-1914. Honouring Remembrance Day our November meeting will be for sharing war poetry.

Thanks to Christ the King R.C. church the downstairs room we use in Porch House is accessible to wheelchair users and others with mobility problems.

**Meg Adnams**                      **416080**                      [poetryappreciation@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:poetryappreciation@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## **Recorders 2 Group**

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We are all so pleased to be back to normal again and enjoying playing together. Now that the better weather is with us, we might have one or two sessions outside as we did during Covid restrictions. It was most enjoyable. We shall finish the term at the end of the month and restart in September.

**Kate Phillipson-Masters**      **411253**

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## **Scottish Country Dancing Group**

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The Scottish Country Dancing group meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons in the Thornbury Methodist Church Upper Hall From 2pm to 3.45pm (doors open 1.45pm). We regularly have around 10-12 members each week. Most of us are beginners so we have been learning some steps and figures since we started during January. We have a trained teacher to take us through the dances. We keep each other safe by cleaning our hands between dances and bringing our own drink. We still have room for some more members and you don't need to bring a partner. We finished for the Summer in June and will start again on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

So if you would like to join us in September for some lively dancing to great tunes, please let me know by using the contact information below.

**Margaret Pinder**      **416778**

[scottishcountrydancing@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:scottishcountrydancing@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## **Scrabble Group 1**

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Scrabble 1 is meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the URC from 2.30 to 4pm. The dates are sometimes altered so please contact Geraldine Cater before coming along for the first time. We only have 2 or 3 people attending at the moment but are trying to get back to our previous hall which was much bigger. However, that venue is still planning their new Covid arrangements and it looks like we will continue in situ for July at least. We do need more members to continue, so if you are interested in joining, please contact Geraldine to understand the latest situation.

**Geraldine Cater**      **855396**

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## **Shakespeare Studies Group**

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We resumed our 2022 programme in February / March when we enjoyed studying the comedy "Measure for Measure". Unable to meet in April we were then able to enjoy a presentation of "Henry VIII" in May / June which completed our coverage of the History plays.

Our numbers have unfortunately been reduced which means we are able to welcome new members. We meet again in September when we will be studying "The Tempest". A reminder that we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Vestibule of the Methodist church, High Street, Thornbury from 2.0pm to 4.0pm.

**Alan Brown**      **884851**

[shakespeare@thornburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:shakespeare@thornburyu3a.org.uk)

## **Spanish Group**

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This group began in October last year with 10 members - the maximum that can be accommodated at our venue, the back bar at the Anchor, Morton. The same 10 stalwarts are still enthusiastically expanding their repertoire and have certainly progressed well beyond the level of total beginners.

As mentioned in the Spring newsletter, we were delighted to attend a Tapas Evening at the Anchor,

when we enjoyed delicacies such as "albondigas" (meatballs) and "calamares" (squid). A very authentic Spanish Experience! The group tell me that they are enjoying the challenge! If I was writing a report I wouldn't need to use "could try harder" for any of them as, without exception, they all fulfil their potential with humour and patience.

On a practical note, I have a waiting list which could easily form a second group. If there is anyone out there who feels able to lead such a group, it would be great to hear from you and I would be happy to offer support and advice.

**Ann Ferragut**

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## **Table Tennis 1 Group**

Our group has now been playing as normal for just over a year and although we have had a few cases of Covid we are now clear and accepting visitors. If you are familiar with the game and would like to give us a try please get in contact. All our details are given below or on the u3a website.

**Graham Bancroft**

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## **Table Tennis 2 Group**

Thanks to support from the Treasurer, we have managed to survive despite membership losses due to old age, ill health and family commitments but after a recent appeal for more members, we are now in a healthy position - I hope!

We are a small friendly group who meet on Monday afternoons in the Jubilee Hall Alveston from 2-4pm with a break at ~ 3pm for refreshments and chat. We play for enjoyment and exercise rather than winning and have players with a range of abilities. At present we are full but I keep a list of people wishing to play regularly.

**Joan Flower**

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## **Table Tennis 3 Group**

We meet at Thornbury Leisure Centre on Monday mornings from 9am to 11am and currently have some vacancies. We would welcome new members so if you are interested, please contact Jay Cooper

**Jay Cooper**

**414762**

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## **Table Tennis 4 Group**

Table Tennis Group 4 is a relaxed though mildly competitive group that plays TT at an intermediate level. Generally, we play doubles games on two or three tables each Thursday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Thornbury Leisure Centre. The group remained active during the pandemic albeit with some changes to comply with Covid restrictions. Happily, sessions returned to normal in July 2021. Our membership is currently fully subscribed but we sometimes - particularly during the summer period - have opportunities for casual players and this may lead to full membership depending on our numbers. If you would like more information, please contact Ray Pioli.

**Ray Pioli**

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## **Table Tennis 5 Group**

We are a friendly mixed group of intermediate ability players who meet on a Friday morning to play table tennis and have a natter! The group has a couple of vacancies at present so, if you are interested and have some experience of playing table tennis, please get in touch.

## Theatre Group

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We have booked 14 Theatre visits this year at Cardiff, Malvern, Bath, Bristol Old Vic, and Sonning, and had a good response from members wanting to go.

As Theatres return to some kind of normality, we hope to increase the number of visits on offer next year.

Of course, prices have risen, as have the cost of Coaches, but we do our best to keep these as low as possible. We are in need of another person to join our committee of six to share the load. Anyone interested should contact Pam Dawe.

**Pam Dawe**

**614843**

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## Travel & Tourism Group

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We meet in the Upper (Wesley) Hall of Thornbury Methodist Church on the second Friday afternoon of the month at 2.30pm.

This year we have had some very good talks on Berlin, the Lower Danube, "Here, there and Everywhere," Guernsey, "Cruising," and Bristol and we look forward to exploring more of the UK and abroad from September. Our first visit of the year to South Yorkshire with highlights of Cromford Mill, Brodsworth Hall, Haworth, the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and Bolsover Castle which were most enjoyable and we thank Audrey Shepherd for organising these visits.

The next visit is to Jersey and we thank Pam Dawe for organising this trip. Could you lead a future trip or offer to present a talk? If so, please see one of the Committee. Travel safely!

**Alison Makepeace**

**415019**

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## Walking Group

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We continue to meet for either a long or short walk twice per month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Distances cover anywhere from 3 to 8 miles on our A and B walks.

Recent walks have included the Wye valley, including 1100m in a disused railway tunnel, Tytherington Village circular, and a walk in Laurie Lee's Cider with Rosie Slad Valley. Anybody interested in joining should get in touch with Adrian Jones 01454 417378

**Adrian Jones**

**417378**

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## Wine Group 2

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We continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month, and so far this year we have held talks on the Vendee, a vertical wine tasting, and a summer BBQ.

More outside and inside meetings throughout the year, including a summer garden party, a fish and chip supper, and a "Beaujolais" evening. Potential new members please contact Nick Howkins on the information below.

**Nick Howkins**

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## Wine Group 3

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We meet in St. Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury on the first Friday evening of the month at 7.30pm.

This year we have had some very knowledgeable talks from Novel Wines on Eastern Europe and from members on Organic wine and Austrian Wine as well as an interesting "Good, Better, Best"

tasting of a variety of single grape wines.

We look forward to trying other new wines in the near future and perhaps a visit as wine businesses return to more normal openings. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me below.

**Alison Makepeace**

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## **Wine Group 4**

Wine Group 4 ('Imbibe with friends') continues to welcome new members and has had an exciting period of 'face-to-face' events post-Covid at the St Mary's Church Hall.

Whilst the quality of the wines tasted was what one would have expected at our "Return to the 1970's" event in March, nevertheless a fun evening ensued, with certain members dressing in period fashion! Later, in May, we moved on to a look at Italian wines, albeit in a slightly unusual way. Entitled 'The wines of Spartacus,' we sampled Italian regional wines from those areas touched by the Gladiatorial war (71 – 73 BC).

We are also planning for an external tasting at a local vineyard in July and an External Merchant presentation in the Autumn, so lots going on looking forward. If you are interested in joining our growing, merry band, please contact the group leader Colin Ballantyne.

**Colin Ballantyne**

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## **YOYO Group; You On Your Own! Not any more!**

**YOYO** will celebrate its first birthday in September. We had no idea how popular it would become. With over sixty members now, there is scope for all kinds of activities, events, get-togethers, to suit everyone. It is a very simple idea – just connecting people who want to do things together. Any member can suggest an 'event', recently, members have attended several including afternoon tea in a member's garden for the Jubilee; Moscow Drug Club at The Ship; Tortworth Lake; Great Expectations at Castle School, Mamma Mia at The Hippodrome, guided walks around Charfield and Wotton Under Edge.

We now have two drop-in sessions every week: on Wednesdays at Coffee #1 from 2-4pm and The George on Saturday from 10.30-12.30pm. These friendly get-togethers enable members to meet regularly and get to know each other. Often, ideas for events are discussed and action taken! Pooling talent and resources has been great! We have our own IT expert who has recently helped individual members with IT/mobile phone issues and has also set up a YOYO WhatsApp group. This enables immediate contact for spontaneous get-togethers, outings etc. The main YOYO meeting is held at The Methodist Church Hall on the second Wednesday of each month 2- 4pm.

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## - Thornbury u3a Groups -

The following Table provides a Summary of all the current Groups within our Thornbury u3a. It provides the name of **the Group Leader or the person to contact** and when these groups meet. For more details on the Group's activities and how to contact them by email, then please look on our website [thornburyu3a.org.uk](http://thornburyu3a.org.uk).

	Group Name	Group Leader or Contact Person	Tel (01454 -)	Frequency	Day/Time
1	Open Talks	Louise Ingsley	415131		
2	Open Visits	Sue James	885452	Various	
3	Archaeology	Jackie Carpenter	294561	Monthly	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 2pm
4	Architecture	Steven Thomas	None given	Monthly	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues 10.30am
5	Art Monday Group	Sue Punton	776271	Weekly	Mon 9.30am
6	Art Thursday Group	Ted Bridges	419257	Weekly	Thurs 9:15am
7	Astronomy	Chris Lee	07715 159541	Monthly	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon 10.30am
8	Bird Watching	Cilla Farquhar	413055	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon 9.30am
9	Book Group 1	Lesley Thomas	613508	Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri am
10	Book Group 2	Margaret Pinder	416778	Monthly	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon 2pm
11	Bridge 1	Mary Bignell	415131	Weekly	Tues 9:30am
12	Bridge 2	Linda Cooper	414762	Weekly	Tues 2pm
13	Bridge 3	Ian Macdonald	613846	Weekly	Fri 2pm
14	Bridge 4	Jan Winter	612641	Weekly	Tuesday evening
15	Canasta	Steve McMillan	883450	Fortnightly	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1.30pm
16	Card Making	Sue Kitson	418543	Monthly	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon, Tues & Thurs 2pm
17	Church Visits 1	Sandra Body	415250	Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues all day
18	Church Visits 2	Janet McBride	416569	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs all day
19	Cinema	Pam Dawe	614843	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 1:30pm
20	Computer Club	Andy Pearson	416321	Monthly	
21	Concerts	Phil Holland	413897	Various	
22	Creative Writing	Doug Easthope	07794 705656	Monthly	Last Fri 10am
23	Cribbage	Pam Pass	600772	Fortnightly	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 2pm
24	Cycling	Don Grundell	412896	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 2pm
25	Discussions	Bob Dale	415345	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 2pm
26	DIY	Alan Pinder	416778	Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2.30pm
27	English for Ukrainians	Pat Wells	850379	Weekly	Various
28	Family History	Frances Houghton	417048	Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 10.30am
29	French Book Group	Sue Kessler	414917	Variable	Mon 2pm
30	French Intermediate	Margaret Rowley	413217	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 11am
31	French Slightly Advanced	Margaret Rowley	413218	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 11am

32	French WD40 Group	Alan Payne	418749	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 10am
33	Garden Visits	Lyn Haigh	228637	Mar - Sept	Various
34	Gentle Exercise	Sally Bradford	419651	Weekly	Thurs 10am
35	Geology	Jamie Russell	261649	Monthly	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10am
36	German Self Help	Michael Boulton	416416	Fortnightly	Mon 11am
37	History	Alison Makepeace	415019	Monthly	Weds 10.30am
38	Indoor Bowls	Veronica Stanley	07947 149639	Weekly	Weds 11.45am
39	Investment Club 1	Bill Peters	07947 149639	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds 10am
40	Investment Club 2	Graham Ford	613164	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 2pm
41	Italian	Emma Buckoke	413318	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2pm
42	Jazz Appreciation	Bob Gray	885290	Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 2.30pm
43	Latin	Lorna Minshall	411685	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 2pm
44	Lunch Club 1	Brian Baskerville	416389	Monthly	1 <sup>st</sup> Weds
45	Lunch Club 2	Gill & Quentin Killey	568541	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds
46	Lunch Club 3	Gunter Schurrer	07833 634280	Monthly	Tues Monthly
47	Mah Jong - Social	Jane Climpson	228672	Fortnightly	2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 2.15pm
48	Mah Jong - Western	Pat Pursord	501438	Weekly	Tues 2pm
49	Mixed Craft	Anne Reed	415849	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 2pm
50	Music	Jos Gregson	411652	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri 10.30am
51	Music Visitor	Elizabeth Smith	418695	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri 10.30am
52	Opera Appreciation Group	Joan Flower	228584	Monthly	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 6.45pm
53	Our Living Language	Bob Dale	415345	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon 2pm
55	Photographic	Alan Jones	883912	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds 10.30am
56	Play Reading	Liz Gazzard	614148	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon 2pm
57	Poetry Appreciation	Meg Adnams	416080	Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 2pm
58	Practical Gardening Forum	Nick Roach	618411	Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 2pm
59	Railway & Transport	George Hargreaves	414243	Monthly	Last Fri 7.30pm
60	Recorders 1	Mandy Clapp	414749	Weekly	Mon 9.45am
61	Recorders 2	Kate Phillipson- Masters	411253	Weekly	Mon 10.15am
62	Sailing	John Allen	415261	Various	Various
63	Science & Technology	Bob Dale	415345	Bi-monthly	Last Fri 10.30
64	Scottish Country Dancing	Margaret Pinder	416778	Fortnightly	Tue 2:30pm
65	Scrabble 1	Geraldine Cater	855396	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon 2pm
66	Scrabble 2	Josie Bloxsidge	01179 692555	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 2pm
67	Shakespeare Studies	Alan Brown	884851	Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 2pm

<b>68</b>	Short Slow Strolls	Pat Poole	414611	Monthly	Various
<b>69</b>	Spanish	Ann Ferragut	0117 9502139	Fortnightly	Thurs.
<b>70</b>	Table Tennis 1	Graham Bancroft	07514 086277	Weekly	Wed 1.30pm
<b>71</b>	Table Tennis 2	Joan Flower	228584	Weekly	Wed 1:45pm
<b>72</b>	Table Tennis 3	Jay Cooper	414762	Weekly	Mon 9am
<b>73</b>	Table Tennis 4	Ray Pioli	0117 3706403	Weekly	Thurs 3pm
<b>74</b>	Table Tennis 5	Pat Light	412260	Weekly	Fri 10am
<b>75</b>	Theatre Group	Pam Dawe	614843	Various	Various
<b>76</b>	Travel & Tourism	Alison Makepeace	414547	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri 2pm
<b>77</b>	Walking Group	Adrian Jones	417378	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Thurs
<b>78</b>	Whist	Reg King	418962	Fortnightly	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 2pm
<b>79</b>	Wine Group 1	Rex Sackett	416940	Bi-Monthly	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 6.30pm
<b>80</b>	Wine Group 2	Peter Burney	417900	Monthly	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 7pm
<b>81</b>	Wine Group 3	Alison Makepeace	415019	Bi-Monthly	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 7.30pm
<b>82</b>	Wine Group 4	Colin Ballantyne	07802 838241	Bi-Monthly	Last Friday 7.30pm
<b>83</b>	You On Your Own (YOYO)	Jackie Cadwgan	07504 633350	Monthly	1st Wed 2:15pm