



# News

Heritage Coast Lyme Regis



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**Talks & Meetings.**

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Meetings

**WANTED** - Committee members of course!

Also a technically-minded person to understand and help with the loudspeaker system at monthly meetings.

Geology field trip



**FRONT COVER**

Photo taken by U3A Photography Group member - Carol Fitzpatrick. "Our brief was to provide a photograph suitable for the Lyme U3A newsletter front cover.

I went out early, with the specific aim of taking photos of Lyme Bay because there was quite a high tide and it was a lovely calm, crisp morning.

This was my favourite photo and I called it The Curve because I particularly liked how the eye is drawn to the point where the clean, clear curve of the Cobb meets the sea horizon at a pleasing point along its arc."

## Chairman's letter

Dear Member

Welcome to the Autumn News. As you go through it you will see it has a lot of formal sections. The notification of the November AGM, the voting papers for new committee members, and at least one point for the agenda which we have been asked to put to you from the National Third Age Trust.

This AGM will be a sad time for me as I have to follow our constitution and step down from the Chair. I am also leaving the committee because I believe it will be better for them. I have enjoyed most of the time I have given to the U3A, first as Groups' Co-ordinator, then as Chairman, Treasurer and Chairman again. What a pity no one is willing to take on the Chair role. This will make it harder for the remaining committee members to work efficiently.

Chris Boothroyd is also leaving at this AGM. He has so many other interests (Health, Turn Lyme Green to name two). Thank you Chris for being a superb Publicity Officer.

Below this you will see our Statement on Data Protection. As a member of this U3A we hold your information in a system run by National U3A, called Beacon. This is encrypted to protect your privacy. Your name is removed when you leave us.

So goodbye from me as Chairman. I will still be an active member and most likely run the Newsflash until some one else wants to do it.

Val Doney

### **STATEMENT ON DATA PROTECTION**

You will be aware that Data Protection is being tightened with new laws and regulations. U3A National Office has sent detailed guidance notes and we are following the advice given.

We use a national database (Beacon) to keep membership information and all information is encrypted. We will use this information only for U3A business. This may include informing you of activities with other local associations. If you think that the information we hold on you may not be up to date please let us know as soon as possible - at the next meeting, to your group leader or by post or email to the Membership Secretary - Mrs Shane Ridley, 56 Charmouth Court, Fairfield Park, Lyme Regis, DT7 3DS or sirridley@mac.com.

Your names and contact details are used four times a year when we send them, through a secure online portal, to the company which mails copies of the Third Age Matters and Sources to you. They are also used once a year, via a secure method, when we claim Gift Aid. Other than these times, your details will not be given to anyone outside the Heritage Coast Lyme Regis U3A without your permission.

Group Leaders will have your name and contact details. These will be kept in a secure way. They must not be used within the group, or on an open list, without your permission. If you leave a group please tell the leader and your membership of the group will be terminated.

If you want to cancel your membership of Heritage Coast U3A, so your name will be removed from our list, you need to contact the Membership Secretary (as above).

The Data Protection Policy and the Privacy Policy is on our web site which we have based on national guidance.

**HERITAGE COAST U3A GROUPS**

INSURANCE - Did you know that £3.50 of your yearly subscription goes to the national U3A office? Part of it pays for your insurance. A member on a U3A activity is insured under most circumstances. However, if your accident involves a car or coach you are covered by the vehicle's insurance and not the U3A. Also, if you pay a teacher regularly to lead your group, the U3A will not get involved. Your teacher must have Public Liability Insurance to cover you.

Every effort is made to ensure that the information listed is correct. If you're interested in joining a group please contact the Group Leader, even if there is a Waiting List.

GROUP NAME	INFORMATION AND VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
<b>GROUPS WITH NO FIXED DAY</b>			
<b>GARDEN LOVERS</b>	Visits to gardens throughout the Summer months. Meetings to share plants and seeds and occasional newsletter		Mary Bohane 01297 444566
<b>TURKISH FOR BEGINNERS</b>	Flexible, weekly, in Group Leader's home		Dennis Hebden 01297 443615
<b>GEOLOGY Understanding our local landscape</b>	Fully booked for 2018-19 year but contact leader for next run. Talks and field sessions		Geoff Townson 01297 561337 geofftownson@btinternet.com
<b>MONDAYS</b>			
<b>BEGINNERS ITALIAN</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month in members' homes	10.00am	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
<b>BOOK GROUP Waiting list</b>	1st Monday in the month in members' homes	3.00pm	Marilyn Trask 01297 792046 taylortrask@btinternet.com
<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b>	2nd Monday of each month in members' homes	2.15pm	Philip Peed 01297 442808
<b>SCOTTISH DANCING</b>	Weekly at Woodbury Hall, Axminster	10.00am	Sue Taylor 01297 551445
<b>PLAY READING</b>	Fortnightly - in members' homes. Next session 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	2.00pm	Frances Barter 07986 794722 francesbarter@tesco.net
<b>RUSSIAN LANGUAGE GROUP</b>	1st and 3rd Mondays at Fernhill Hotel, Charmouth. On bus routes X53 and X51	10.00am-noon	Gerald Clark 01395 488605
<b>SPANISH LEARNERS and CONVERSATION Waiting List</b>	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Wendy Howard 01297 445195

<b>WALKING 1 Waiting List</b>	Fortnightly. Meet Uplyme Village Hall car park. Walks of 4 to 6 miles organised by members on a rota basis.	9.30am	Jim Moseley 01297 443170
<b>WALKING 2</b>	Fortnightly alternating with Walking 1. Meet Uplyme Village Hall car park.	10.00am	Marion Richardson 01297 33824
<b>STROLLERS</b>	Monday afternoons for a leisurely short walk. Walks organised by the members	2.15pm	Jan Robertson 01297 560450 sandjrob@gmail.com
<b>SCRABBLE</b>	Fortnightly in Leader's Home	2.30PM	Brian Chambers 01297 443443
<b>TUESDAYS</b>			
<b>BOOK GROUP 2 Waiting list</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Members Homes	2.00pm	Dawn Armstrong 01297 678932
<b>INTERMEDIATE GERMAN CONVERSATION</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Group Leader's home	2.00pm- 3.00pm	Audrey Standhaft 01297 442427
<b>CURRENT AFFAIRS 1 Waiting List</b>	Fortnightly at Group Leader's home	10:15am- 12:30pm	Iain Paterson 01297 631193
<b>CURRENT AFFAIRS 2</b>	Fortnightly at Group Leader's home alternating with Group 1	10:15am- 12:30pm	Iain Paterson 01297 631193
<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION Waiting List</b>	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Maggie Allison 01297 443983 Keith Robson 01297 442183
<b>FRENCH FOR FUN Waiting list</b>	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Kay Luckraft 01297 599416 kay.luckraft@talktalk.net
<b>ITALIAN INTERMEDIATE Waiting list</b>	Fortnightly at Chideock	10.00am	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
<b>MAH-JONG Beginners and experienced players welcome</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at Group Leader's home.	2.00pm	Nina Haskins 01297 445497 ninahaskins97@gmail.com
<b>TENNIS Waiting list</b>	Weekly Charmouth Tennis Club	10.00am - 12.00	Joyce Beadle 01297 442279

<b>DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP</b>	Fortnightly Tuesday. Meet in group leader's home	Afternoons	Mark Gillams mark.gillams@gmail.com 07754 309609
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>			
<b>CURRENT AFFAIRS 3</b>	Alternate weeks at a members' homes. Next session 5 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am - 12 noon	Guy Barnes 01308 427430 valandguybarnes@gmail.com
<b>MAKING MUSIC</b>	Mornings at Members' homes. Newcomers very welcome		Sue Calder 01297 561302
<b>MEMOIR WRITING</b>	<i>Please contact Group Leader for details.</i>		JackieLloyd 01297 443516 ladylloyd@msn.com
<b>POETRY-READING</b>	First Wednesday in every month. Old School poets pre-1950 will be read and discussed.	2.00pm	Nina Haskins 01297 445497 or email Kevin Benfield: kevin@wordsonwords.co.uk
<b>QIGONG</b>	Weekly at St Michael's Church Hall, Lyme Regis.	5.30pm	Dave Edwards 01297 443696
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
<b>FRENCH EXPERIENCE (INTERMEDIATE)</b>	Weekly in members' homes - Learning the language through written materials, games, documentaries and films in French and French conversation.	10.00am-12.00	Wendy Howard 01297 445195
<b>ITALIAN CONVERSATION</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month at Kilmington, starting 4 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
<b>LITERATURE</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday in the Month at the Lyme Regis Guildhall.	2.00pm	Guy Barnes 01308 427430
<b>NEEDLES AND STITCHES</b>	Fortnightly - Hallett Court in Queen's Walk. Lyme Regis. Needlework of all types	2.00-4.00pm	Ann Fudger 01297 444901 Janet Moyes 01297 444697
<b>RELIGION &amp; ETHICS – (formerly THEOLOGY)</b>	1A St. Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis	10.30am	Ed Standhaft 01297 442427
<b>SHORT TENNIS</b>	Weekly, Musbury Village Hall	2.00pm	Jill Menzies 01297 444863

<b>STRINGED INSTRUMENT GROUP</b>	New learners or refreshers		Rosalind Tarry 01297 444476 rmtarry@gmail.com
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b>	Weekly at Lyme Regis Baptist Hall. Small charge for room.	2.00pm	Brian Watson 01297 32060
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
<b>CANASTA GROUP</b>	Charmouth Library Meeting Room, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month	2.15pm until 4.15pm	Valerie Penn 01297 560717
<b>SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	Usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday - see website <a href="http://www.u3ascitec.weebly.com">www.u3ascitec.weebly.com</a> Woodmead Hall. Small charge	10.00am - 12:00noon	John Marriage 01297 443469
<b>BIRD INTEREST and WATCHING</b>	Last Friday in the month	10am	Marjorie Waters 01297 445388
<b>WALKING GROUP 3</b>	Walks start at Uplyme Village Hall.	10.00am	If you are interested please contact Paul Butter paulndbutter@gmail.com
<b>SATURDAYS</b>			
<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	First Saturday in each month – alternating venues Bellcliffe Cafe and Courtyard café	9.30am	Rachael Pope 01297 445575
<b>THE CYCLE GROUP abilities ranging from electric bikes to avid cyclists. New members are welcome.</b>	The cycle group offers friendly low key riding, intended for leisure and enjoyment, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The rides are of moderate pace and length, and include stops for refreshment.		clivegodfrey@gmail.com annvgray@hotmail.com 01297 442532 07800 662596
<b>SUNDAYS</b>			
<b>SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB</b>	in a variety of Inns	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Di Wilkinson 01297 678639
<b>SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 2</b> Waiting List	in a variety of Inns	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Ann Macnair 01297 560611

**For any amendments, variations etc please contact Groups' Coordinator**

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## TRIPS REVIEW

Here in the office we are finding that advertising to three U3As, Heritage Coast, Bridport and Crewkerne, is helping to create the economies of scale which we need to run successful trips; but it does have some consequences for travel and venues: increasingly we will choose Southampton for standard shows as it lends itself to pick-ups in Lyme, Charmouth and Bridport; and we will try to avoid matinees in Bristol as it is a nightmare trying to get out of the city at 5.00pm and manage a variety of `drop-offs` on our return.

Do remember that some of the trips we organise arise from suggestions from the membership so do let us know if there is anything that we might consider.

Meanwhile we still have tickets for: `La Traviata` on November 23rd; `Motown The Musical` on January 23rd; `Matilda` on June 27th. Get back to [jdbart45@gmail.com](mailto:jdbart45@gmail.com).

We have enjoyed very good trips to London in June (2 nights at a Travelodge and visits to opera and ballet) and The Edinburgh Festival in mid-August (four nights at a Travelodge and finding shows and events that suited us.) On both occasions we took 36 U3A members.

An idea from our `Strategic Planning Team` and now under active consideration for 2019 is a weekend in London based on The South Bank, accessing performances at The National Theatre, The Globe, Art Galleries and the music venues around The Royal Festival Hall. Sven (i/c Strategic Planning) would be pleased to have feedback about this idea. He can also be reached at: [jdbart45@gmail.com](mailto:jdbart45@gmail.com)

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*Satisfied customers - "Splendid trip, seamless organisation..... Great fun.....*

*JB does an amazing job....."*

Item for the AGM Agenda : National U3A, the Third Age Trust, has asked us to tell you that after discussions with the Charity Commission they have altered the object clause of their constitution. The members of all UK U3As have to accept this new clause. The new object clause for England and Wales is:

*"The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development."*

The proposal for this AGM is that we accept this clause as part of the constitution of the National U3A.

### AGM

**10.00am Friday November 9th 2018**

*If there are any issues that you wish to raise at the AGM please advise Chairman Val Doney at least two weeks prior to the AGM (i.e. 27th October).  
Tel:01297 442148 [vjdoney@gmail.com](mailto:vjdoney@gmail.com)*

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Proposals for Committee Members even if not for a specific duty  
Please detach and send Nomination slip to reach the Secretary:  
Ann Fleet, Seaview, 4 Highcliff Rd, Lyme Regis, DT7 3EW  
by noon on Friday 26th October 2018.

We would welcome volunteers at any time. Val Doney Chairman





Election to The Committee:

The formal purpose of this sheet is to call for nominations to our Committee of Management for the 12 months beyond the AGM and/or expressions of interest in specific tasks.

The AGM is required to elect individuals to the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and up to four other committee members. Our constitution requires us to have a committee of at least five and no more than eight although we may co-opt up to two more if necessary.

The following officers are prepared to stay: Vice-Chairman (Mary Bohane) and Secretary (Ann Fleet) and Treasurer (Mike Moyes ) are willing to serve on the committee for the next year.

Sue Wilson (Newsletter), Penny Rose (Groups) and Shane Ridley (Membership Secretary) are willing to serve as committee members for the next year.

The committee traditionally meets four times a year for about two hours on each occasion.

**U3A HERITAGE COAST : NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE, NOVEMBER 2018:**

I propose..... for the position of.....

Proposed by::.....Signature .....

Seconded by:.....Signature.....

Date:.....

I agree to stand for the above position.

Signature of nominee:.....

## CREATIVE WRITING GROUP - A SHORT STORY

### A MOMENTOUS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - BY BARBARA KIDSON

"I've invited Henry to tea next Wednesday." Four pairs of eyes turned and gazed at Mary in shock. Sybil was the first to recover. "What? but you and he have been at loggerheads since he ditch... er, left you for that young woman, what's her name?" -- "Phyllis", Mary duly obliged. She looked around the table.

The five of them were having their usual Saturday morning coffee in the local café. They had been firm friends since they had met at pre-school, and since had helped each other through thick and thin. Daphne with her autistic son, Harriet with her divorce and Cheryl with her daughter becoming pregnant at sixteen. The only two who had had relatively uneventful lives until now, were Sybil and of course Mary herself. She resumed; "I decided that life was too short, and that what was good for the gander was good for the goose." They all looked at her in anticipation, she smiled. "You know I went to Barcelona for a few days, well I met someone".

"And?" they all said, almost in unison, as Mary paused. "His name is Carlos and I met him in a bar." "So he is Spanish" said Cheryl. "How old?" "About my age, late forties, I think."

"Well that's better than twenty years!" said Sybil tartly. Mary smiled.

"Phyllis is only fifteen years younger than Henry, she's thirty five." She shrugged. "Men have their mid-life crisis, it could have been a Ferrari, but in Henry's case it's a younger woman. Men don't like the thought of getting older any more than we do."

"I'm glad," said Daphne, "that will make it easier for the twins. It must have been very difficult for them with you and Henry being so nasty about each other." "Yes, it has affected them badly, neither of them have said much to either of us."

"When are you seeing Carlos again, and what will the twins think of you dating a Spaniard?" "Yes, Sybil has a point there" said Cheryl. "

"I've no idea, and really I couldn't care less. Their father has gone off and done what he wants to do, so I'm going to do what I want to do!" Mary said sharply. She had had enough of the cross examination, "and I'm going back to Barcelona next week! Now I will love you and leave you." With that she got up, smiled at them and left.

The friends looked at each other in disbelief. "Now that's the last thing I would have expected." said Sybil, in her usual way voicing the thoughts of all of them.

"Yes I agree with you, it sounds very much like..well if you can do it so can I" said Harriet. "But I do hope not, she will only regret it."

"Yes she will, I'm really surprised, she has always adored Henry, it doesn't sound like her at all." "It's the rebound effect Daphne" said Sybil in a

dismissive way "it does happen." With that the friends turned their attention to local gossip, catching up on what had happened since they last met. The next few days passed quickly. Mary made a victoria sponge, Henry had always loved her Victoria sponge. She checked the weather forecast. It was June but that wasn't to say it would be nice and sunny, but yes, the forecast was for a lovely hot summer's day. They could walk along the river bank after tea, like they always used to do. It would be a good way to end the afternoon.

Wednesday was indeed a lovely, hot day. Promptly at 3.00pm there was a knock on the door. Henry was always punctual. Mary went to let him in. He looked a little uncertain, as if he really wasn't sure what this was about. Not surprising she thought, considering the language I've used to him of late. She smiled, "come in Henry." She led the way through the sitting room to the conservatory, she turned. "As I said on the phone, I thought it was time to put an end to the recriminations and move on as I've now met someone. I thought we could have tea in the conservatory. I've made your favourite victoria sponge. Then we can go for a walk along the river, which we always loved doing. Put these past weeks behind us and move on with our respective lives. I'm sure the twins will be greatly relieved, it's been a dreadful time for them."

He smiled and visibly relaxed. "Good, and I'm glad you've found someone." They spent the next hour chatting about the twins and what they were doing. Mary told him all about Carlos. After tea they walked down to the river and made their way along the bank to the seat they had always used in happier times. Mary put her arm through Henry's as they strolled along. It was a really lovely day. They reached their seat and sat down. It was so peaceful, just the countryside all around, the sounds of the town could now only be heard faintly.

"I wonder if our swans will come?" said Mary. "Oh look, how lovely, there they are, just coming round the bend, and they've seen us. I brought some bread, just in case."

They got up and moved to the edge, she handed Henry some of the bread. Suddenly Henry gave a cry as he slipped and fell into the river. Mary screamed. The bank was quite steep, there was no way she could reach his outstretched hand. She looked around desperately for help. There was a man running towards her who had been fishing further along the Bank, and had heard her scream. She shouted "My husband's fallen in, please help, he can't swim!" After several minutes they eventually got Henry out and he was rushed to hospital. Alas, it was too late.

Mary was distraught, "oh if only I hadn't invited him to tea!" At the inquest Mary sat between the twins. She looked pale and drawn. Verdict-accidental death by drowning. She smiled inwardly.

"You fool Henry! Did you really think you could ditch me and just walk away!"

## GROUP NEWS

**LITERATURE GROUP:** This group needs 2 more members. The books for the Autumn term are:

August/September	Hag Seed by Margaret Atwood
October	The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald
November	End of the Affair by Grahame Greene
December	Home Fires by Kamila Shamsie
January	Christine Falls by Benjamin Black (John Banville)

They can be challenging. We ask what is the writer trying to tell us and why. They are about People and life.....

**PLAY READING:** This group will resume on 17 September. There is no longer a waiting list. We had a super end of term jolly which included celebrating our oldest members 90th birthday! A good time was had by all. Frances Barter.

**GEOLOGY COURSE: Oct 2018 - May 2019** - This group is now fully booked but if you are interested contact Geoff Townson in case a vacancy arises (geofftownson@btinternet.com, 01297 561337).

**SUNDAY LUNCH 2:** 'Our group meets at different pubs each month and since starting the Sunday lunch 2 we have had quite a few requests to join. 10 members works very well but knowing some people cannot always attend, we are now up to 12. In this way we can choose smaller venues who wouldn't fit in a larger number. Also we can get to know fellow members instead of just talking to one's neighbour. We have visited: Uplyme, Chardstock, Smallford, Broadwindsor, Axcliffe and Lyme golf clubs, Kilmington, Axmouth, Chard and Hawkchurch, amongst others, further afield. We are happy to have 2 more names on waiting list in case someone leaves.' Ann Macnair

**BADMINTON:** Sadly, the Woodroffe school will no longer allow use of their sports facilities during out of school hours. This is due to issues of safeguarding and is the headmaster's decision. Therefore the badminton group has ceased to run unless we can find another good venue in Lyme. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Susan Gale 01297 444260 .

**MIDDLE EAST:** Maureen D'Albertanson is hoping to lead another Beginner's Guide to the Middle East from October and a short course on Israel in the Spring. If you are interested, please contact Maureen 01297 631025 or mdalbertanson.t21@sky.com

**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY:** This Group was delighted to be asked to provide the cover picture for this newsletter. The cover picture was selected by the group from a collection of recent pictures that they had taken. The group has just completed its first year. It has been a successful year, having fun whilst improving our camera skills. Some easy and some not so easy subjects have been tackled with enthusiasm. We had three outings last term, fortunately before the heatwaves started. Plans are now being made to move our photography gently forwards again when meetings resume in September. The group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons in Lyme Regis. There is currently a short waiting list. Anyone requiring further information should contact Mark on mark.gillams@gmail.com. or 07754 309609

**NEW GROUPS?** It would be great to have some more and different Groups. At present we seem to have reached stalemate, with the same group structure for several years. It is splendid that these groups continue to flourish and we thank the leaders wholeheartedly for their continued enthusiasm. However, we now have a large number of new and younger members, often newly retired, with a tremendous range of expertise from their past careers or personal interests. It would be marvellous if any of these would offer themselves as leaders or co-ordinators of some new and different groups. We have been asked for archaeology, travel, fishing, darts, painting, crafts, gardening hints, history groups - to name a few. The "U3A Matters" magazine shows a range of groups from all over the country which could give inspiration, so do try to read this! If you have any ideas, please contact me and we can chat over ideas, venues, etc with no compulsion! Penny Rose 01297 561076 or pennyrose2009@gmail.com

### **WALKING GROUP HOLIDAY - MARCH 2018 - remember the weather!**

Nineteen walkers set off from Lyme Regis (in their cars!) to Weston super Mare and the Grand Atlantic Hotel. With the prospect of a forecast for a very wet weekend the cars were loaded with plenty of wet weather gear.



The Saturday walk took us over Worlebury Hill through Weston Woods to Sand Bay. In spite of the threat of black clouds delivering heavy showers we had a very enjoyable walk along the length of Sand Bay continuing round to Sand Point - a very windy spot! The walk then took us towards Woodspring Priory where we sheltered in the lee of an old barn for our picnic lunch. Then onwards passing through a flock of pregnant ewes, with the promise of spring, and great banks of residual snow left from the previous week's weather. We were lucky to avoid the rain but certainly found plenty of mud underfoot. Tea, and cakes for some, on our return through Kewstoke. They must have been grateful for our custom - the sun came out and everyone ignored the muddy boot ban on the front door. Back to the hotel after 7.75 miles.



Sunday's walk took us to the outskirts of Axbridge and the Cheddar Reservoir. A level but scenic walk under the Mendip Hills. Our route initially skirted around the reservoir with dinghy sailors appreciating the wind and the ducks finding conditions a bit rough. The route followed the River Yeo for some time with a stopover for another al fresco picnic lunch this time sheltered by a large reed bed waiting to be harvested for thatching. We then explored Axbridge and took refreshments in the market square. Again no rain until the car journey home but improved levels of mud on our boots.



Thanks Jim and Pam for organising a great couple of days.

**Forthcoming events:** Meetings held at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis  
10.00am - 10.40am - coffee/tea and biscuits. 11.00am - talk

## Wednesday 12th September

**The Musical Heritage of Thomas Hardy: a presentation by Bonny Sartin.**

Thomas Hardy's skill as a fiddle-player is perhaps less well-known than his talents as novelist, poet and playwright, famed around the world. And Bonny Sartin is equally familiar to thousands worldwide as frontman for folk group the Yetties for the best part of fifty years.



Bring these two together and what do we have? The story of Hardy's music, his instruments and the characters he created, many involved in traditional song, music or dance, told with songs, poetry, music and readings. (And plenty of fun and laughter.)

The Sartins arrived in Dorset 350 years ago, Huguenots fleeing persecution and settling in Corscombe to work the land. Today the family is Dorset through-and-through, with the Yetties ("just four lads from the village") taking their name from Yetminster. Dorset was the anchor for a group that travelled the world, sharing folk music wherever they went. For the last seven years Bonny has undertaken many speaking engagements in the county "as a way of staying in touch".

Don't miss this one.

## Friday 12th October: social and coffee morning

Our traditional coffee morning for existing and potential new members takes place in October.

A happy social occasion, this offers members and not-yet-members the chance to learn more of the leisure and educational opportunities available with membership of our U3A. You can come to chat, and talk to representatives of the many activity groups. You can join new groups or even consider starting your own. The committee members and plenty of group leaders will be there. At 10.00 there's a special welcome for new(ish) members - those who have joined in the last 12 to 18 months - with cake not available to other members ... U3A coffee mornings are always enjoyable and interesting - and there's no charge for the coffee!



**Friday 9th November: U3A talk and AGM**  
**AGM: 10.00am Coffee: 10.30am Talk: 11.00am**

## **The Red Arrows: an illustrated talk by Phil Holt**

The Red Arrows aerobatic team has won the hearts of a nation and is renowned throughout the world, acting as ambassadors for Great Britain and supporting UK industry by demonstrating the capabilities of British equipment and expertise. Since their creation in 1965, the Red Arrows have flown over 4,000 displays in 52 countries.

Phil's illustrated presentation takes us through the events that led to the creation of this exceptional team of pilots. He then introduces the men and women in the famous red suits, who make precision their profession, teamwork their science and aerobatics their art form. He will bring some official Red Arrows Merchandise for sale.

An Air Traffic Controller for almost 40 years, Phil served at seven locations including Heathrow. He was a reservist in the R.A.F., a flying instructor, and involved in Maritime Air Region operations; he can count among his flying achievements parachute dropping and flying for the St John's Ambulance air wing. He continues as an active pilot and is a Flying Display Director, involved with the show circuit for over 30 years.

Phil's talk will begin at 11.00am. Beforehand, at 10.00am, the AGM will be held: hear a summary of the year's activities across the many groups, monthly talks, trips and visits; learn of the (sound) state of the U3A's finances; ask questions, make suggestions, and elect (or change) the committee. Coffee will be available at about 10.30am.

During the coffee break you can make bookings for the Quiz on 14th December. **If booking as a team of 6, the team representative must have the names of all 6 team members written out to give to the booking clerks ...**



Friday 14th December:

## The U3A fourth annual Christmas Quiz

11.30 - 3.00 (doors open 11.00)

Hibernating in a dark cupboard where the U3A stores its Christmas decorations, Quizmaster John Bartholomew has had eleven months to brood on new and unexpected questions. He will emerge, blinking but raring to go, to mastermind the 2018 quiz.

The quiz is for U3A members only, with participation strictly by pre-booked ticket. Tickets will first be available at the AGM on Friday 9th November. Any spaces left after the AGM will be offered through the Members' Newsflash. The last day for booking tickets will be Tuesday 4th December.

There will be 18 tables with 6 people on each. You can book individually, or as a pair or even a threesome, joining a table with other members - this can be a very social occasion. Or you can book as a pre-arranged full team of 6. In that case, a booking will be taken only if the team representative brings a written list of the names of all members of that team at the time of booking: no exceptions will be made! Incomplete teams will be put aside until all other team and independent bookings have been taken.

Payment of £4.00 per person is made on arrival, with ticket, at the quiz, not at time of booking. Be aware that parking in Woodmead Halls car park costs £1.00 per hour if you don't have a Resident's Permit.

A snack-with-wine-or-soft-drinks will be served at lunchtime: vegetarian food will be available if noted at booking. Please bring your own food if you have other dietary needs.



**Membership renewal** is due January 1st 2019 - but if you wish to pay in advance you may do so at the AGM in November or at the January meeting. (Not on Quiz day). Also cheques may be posted to Shane Ridley the Membership Secretary with SAE enclosed - £12 pa or £22 for couple living at same address.