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Country Walks "B" Group near Corfe Castle in September
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Next Newsletter

*We plan to produce the next Newsletter (Summer 2022) at the end of March. The deadline date for articles will be **Monday 21st March**. Group Leaders will be reminded nearer the time. Any contributions from Group Leaders or u3a members will be gratefully received. Thank you. Ed.*

Editor's Chat

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2022. We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

As you can see from the enclosed timetable, more groups have resumed face-to-face Group meetings. In January, we will have our usual January Fayre - see below for more details about this event.

The Covid situation may change again - so please check the website and the monthly Members' Updates (that you should receive by email from our Membership Secretary) for up-to-date information. We are following guidelines from the National u3a and from venues for face-to-face meetings.

*We are still looking for a new Chair for our Committee. We have a very experienced Committee who will give their full support to anyone who volunteers. In the meantime, the Committee will share the duties. We hope that you enjoy reading this Newsletter. Thanks to all the contributors. If you have any queries, comments, suggestions or articles for the next Newsletter, please email me. Please note that this Newsletter was finalised in the middle of November - so the information was correct at that time. **Jane Huff, Editor***

Group Fayre Monday 10th January 2022

Next year, the **Group Fayre** will be on **Monday 10th January** (the **second** Monday of the Month) at the **HTPC Hall** (Culliford Road North).

The purpose of the January Fayre is for **existing, new and prospective u3a members** to see what the groups do and to meet the Group Leaders/Group Contacts.

The last time we had this event was in January 2020 - it was popular and quite crowded. To reduce attendees numbers at any one time, we are putting several measures in place. The event will run from 10 am to 11.45 am but those members with a surname from **A to K** will attend between **10 am and 10.45 am** and those with a surname from **L to Z** will attend between **11 am and 11.45 am**.

Not all Group Leaders/Group Contacts will be there - for example if their group is full or they don't feel comfortable attending. In this case, those Groups will have a flyer outlining what their group does/where and when they meet etc.

First Monday Meetings - January to April 2022

We have had three, mainly successful, hybrid Zoom First Monday Meetings (in September, October and November). This was face-to-face (*and on Zoom*).

The **programme** we have booked for next term is:

Monday 10th January - GROUP FAYRE - see page 4 for further details.

Monday 7th February - "Terrorism and how to prevent it" -
by Alan Jenkins - ex-Counter Terrorist Policing.

Monday 7th March - "Writing historical fiction – from first ideas to published novel" by A.J. Pearce author of "Dear Mrs Bird " and "Yours Cheerfully" (*Zoom meeting*).

Monday 4th April - "Emergence of a new medical speciality within the NHS" - by Richard Purvis - Paediatrician.

Please note that:

*The **face-to-face** meetings will be at **10.30 am** (with the real door opening at 10 am). The **Zoom** meetings will start at **10.30 am** (with the Zoom "door" opening at **10.15 am**). Please ensure that you have your proper name on your Zoom screen - so that we can complete a register. You will be asked to mute yourselves when the talk starts - but there will be time for members to ask questions at the end.*

*Look out for further details/updates of these meetings and the Zoom invitation in the monthly **Members' Update** (the email sent to you from the Membership Secretary). We also try to resend the Zoom link a few days before the meeting. Watch this space in the next Newsletter for further details and names of speakers.*

Interest/Hobbies Table

The "Interest/Hobbies Table" will resume at the First Monthly Meetings from the beginning of 2022. As there has been an enforced break it seemed sensible to commence by presenting our Groups:

January – Bird Watching Group

February - Art Group

March - Photography Group

April - Gardening Group

Oliver Broome, Interest/Hobbies Table Co-ordinator

Membership

Membership Details

Please be reassured that your details held on our database are not shared with any outside organisations. All I ask is that you keep me up-dated with any changes, especially address, telephone number and email address. Our new Membership Form includes Terms and Conditions of Membership and a Privacy Statement.

As you know, I send out our Members' Update (formerly Chairman's Notes) once a month with up to date news after each First Monday Committee meeting. These are normally sent out by email, so please ensure that the Membership Secretary has your **current** email address as some of the emails bounce back to me. It is also useful to know if you are planning **not** to renew your membership for any reason.

Membership

If you have any queries about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other Committee Members.

If you stop attending a group for any reason, it is important that you let the Group Leader know as there may be other members on the waiting list wanting to attend. Likewise, do contact the Group Leader if you are interested in joining a group.

Subscriptions

The annual subscription for Dorchester and District u3a is £15, which is very good value. I would like to remind you that all **subscriptions** should have been renewed by **1st April 2021**. For those that already pay by Standing Order, many grateful thanks. However, please could you check that your renewal standing order is with the correct date i.e. paying on **1st April** annually? We do not offer the choice to pay each term any more but we do offer the facility for **new** members to join us at the January Fayre, where the membership subscription will be carried through until the 31st March the following year.

A reminder that if you are a member of another u3a you need to pay only one capitation fee. You have to decide which u3a is your main one and then pay the other u3a subscription, less £3.50. In our case the subscription would be £11.50 but evidence is needed of your membership of the other u3a (membership number or card). The three payment choices for renewal are:

1. Cheque - if you are paying by cheque could I remind you that a stamp would be appreciated to enable me to send out your membership card.

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Membership (continued)

2. Standing Order - this is set up via a form and saves the u3a time and money (as well as being an easy option for our members). Once set up, the Standing Order will continue to make an annual payment, until it is cancelled. I would be very grateful if those of you who do not currently pay this way would consider doing so.

3. BACS (Bankers Automated Clearing Services) - the monies are transferred from your bank account to Dorchester & District u3a bank account. Our **bank account details** are: Lloyds Bank plc, Dorchester branch, sort code 30-92-69 and our account number is: 01221849

Our **preferred payment option is by Standing Order** as it makes our records and our accounting planning simpler. As our membership stands at over 700 you can see how this payment method helps. Forms are available from the Membership Secretary or on the web site. Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Janet Kennewell (our Membership Secretary) has a **u3a post box** at the **United Church shop** (access from the Library side). The shop has obviously been closed during lockdown but from now, it will be open three days a week (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) from 10am -12.30pm. You can use this box to send membership forms and cheques to Janet (and also collect your membership cards). You can also collect a Membership Application form and a leaflet about the u3a from here (for yourself or a friend).

Gift Aid For those of us that pay the equivalent amount of our subscription in tax, this is a good way of giving and supporting our u3a indirectly at **no cost** to yourselves. To register, please complete the form available from the Membership Secretary. Dorchester & District u3a manage to bring in more income this way via HMRC which keeps our costs (and therefore our Membership fees) down. ***Pease consider Gift Aid, as it helps our funds.***

Membership and membership cards

Please ensure that you have renewed your membership before joining a group - including those on Zoom. When you attend a group meetings, please have your membership card to hand. This is to avoid any awkwardness about proving that you are a current member. All Group Leaders have lists of current members - and are asked to check them. Please note that the Membership Card changes colour each year.

Janet Kennewell, Membership Secretary

Geology

It was good to get back in the classroom in October, our first face-to-face meeting since March 2020. We had a session on the topic of 'Geomythology'. Man has always sought to explain his natural environment and myths have fed the imaginations of humans for thousands of years. The vast majority of these tales are just stories people have handed down through the ages, but some have roots in real geological events of the past. Geomyths from around the world cover the gamut of geological phenomena, from seismic and volcanic events to fossil deposits, such as shells and marine creatures stranded far from the sea and oversized, unfamiliar skeletons embedded in rock. Extraordinary landmarks, Biblical floods, natural petroleum fires, gas seeps and meteor strikes were all featured in this talk, which offered geological explanations for myths, folktales and Biblical accounts. The November session was more of a travelogue, featuring the geology I observed on a 2019 trip to the U.S.A. Evidence of climate change was all too visible in the glaciers of Alaska, whilst Chicago provided not just a great contrast but also the Field Museum, with its fantastic geology collection. The December session will be an introduction to metamorphic rocks, i.e. rocks changed by heat and pressure. Familiar examples include roofing slates and marble, the latter being frequently used as an ornamental stone and in sculptures. (Geology is everywhere!) I'm looking forward to the Spring Term, with some interesting talks by members on brachiopods (a marine fossil), minerals and human evolution. **Kelvin Huff, Group Leader**



The Agglestone, Studland.
Legend has it the Devil threw
this from the Isle of Wight,
aiming for Corfe Castle
but missed!
Join the Geology group if you
want the real explanation!
Photo: Kelvin Huff

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National u3a Information

As part of your u3a Membership, members receive the national magazine Third Age Matters (TAM) automatically. It is mailed five times a year - in January, April, June, September and November. If you do **not** wish to receive this publication, please notify the Membership Secretary, (details on page 2 of this Newsletter).

Likewise, if you don't receive these please notify me as soon as possible. Please bear with us if you have indicated that you do not wish to receive the magazines as it does take a little time for the information to filter through!

Details of national u3a activities and much useful information is available at: www.u3a.org.uk You can also subscribe to the u3a National Newsletter. **Janet Kennewell, Membership Secretary**

Learn a language with u3a!

*Did you know that there are now over 11 language groups in our u3a!
Maybe one of your New Year's resolutions is to learn a language?
Maybe you are planning a trip away? Learning a language is good for the
brain too!! You can choose from:*

French - *Get By In, Intermediate or Conversation*

German - *Beginners, Intermediate or Conversation*

Italian *Beginners, Elementary, Improvers, Level 3*

Spanish - *Conversation*

*You can also learn **Russian** - if you signed up for Modern Russia!*

Get By In French

Do you like France? Have you ever wished, when you go, that you could speak and understand a little French? If the answer to these two questions is yes then Get By In French could be for you.

Perhaps back in the day you did some French at school or through a correspondence course. You're a bit rusty but willing to have a go. Or maybe, when you're in France, you're just a bit fed up with using what French you have only to be met by a blank stare. And then, to make matters worse, the French person you are trying to speak to launches into English. Frustrating!

The truth is many English people have a smattering of French but fall down when it comes to actually speaking it. Get By In French is aimed at those who would like to jump this hurdle and reach a level that enables them to have a basic conversation, whether it be at a market, booking a hotel, visiting a restaurant or pharmacy, or in other situations they are likely to find themselves in. We focus on those kind of conversations, concentrating on getting basic pronunciation right but without being too picky about grammar.

We meet on the first and third Mondays in the month from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Upper Classroom in the Parish Centre.

Richard Mann, Group Leader

German Beginners and German Intermediate

These two groups are led by Hilary Fecher-Roberts and her husband Keith Roberts.

Hilary's German Beginners' Group was launched in January 2020. Then along came lockdown after just four sessions had been completed. But that did not stop us from continuing with our classes. Zoom took over. Not all of the group were able to Zoom, so in order to keep us all 'on a par', feedback from each session was sent to the entire group. Since September the sessions have been successfully split in two, the first for absolute beginners, the second for the 'Zoomers'. So far the results have been impressive, with Zoomers and non-Zoomers joining each others' sessions. Much, much learning, and steadily heading towards our aim – to communicate with grandchildren in German-speaking countries as well as having wonderful holidays where we can actually speak German in shops and restaurants and be understood and understand. We are well on our way. And let's not forget the many cultural asides that are thrown in!

After a lengthy interruption, some members of James Michell's former German Intermediate class have recently been joined by newcomers from a variety of backgrounds, so the group currently has eleven very friendly and highly motivated participants. It is still early days, but the three classes held so far have seen a high level of interaction, with all class participants getting to know one another by giving mini-presentations about themselves in German. We have also started to brush up on our basic German grammar and have worked our way through a couple of quizzes about Germany. We have even risen to the challenge of creating the longest possible word in German.

Suggestions included:

Gebärmutterhalskrebsfrüherkennungsuntersuchung, though the winner has to be be

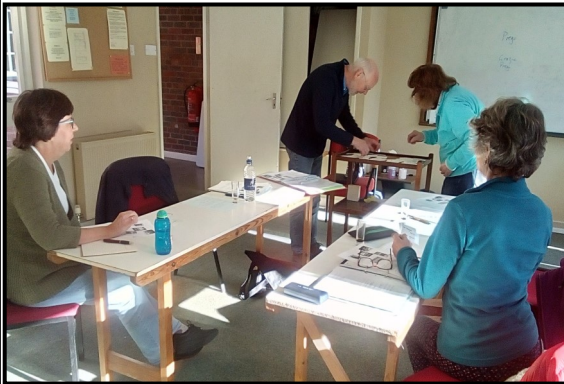
Grundstücksverkehrsgenehmigungszuständigkeitsübertragungsverordnung (wow!).

Hilary Fecher-Roberts and Keith Roberts, Group Leaders

Italian Beginners

After a lengthy search for a Group Leader, this group got off the ground in October with only three attending, the rest of the waiting list of nine having melted away for various reasons. Attendance increased by 33% for the second class and we are hoping that more will wish to join. We are happy to welcome those wishing to revise rusty Italian as well as genuine beginners – even amongst five members we have at least one of each.

We have made a good start, everybody willing to have a go and talk to everybody else in the various activities devised by the Group Leader – the whole point of learning a language, after all, is to use it to speak to other people. As we don't want to be trying to communicate in pidgin Italian there has been some time spent on grammar, and all have successfully surmounted the first hurdles. Pictures of people sitting at desks, thoughtfully checking the sheets they did for homework are not very photogenic. However, the



accompanying photo (taken with the participants' permission) shows them in the midst of an activity, in which pairs of learners take turns to ask for and fetch each other drinks – only picture cards, unfortunately – I can't get a fully stocked bar in my briefcase.

Here are some comments from the group members: *"This class has really been worth waiting for."* *"No sitting listening to the teacher all the time – we have been encouraged (obliged!) to talk to each other from the start."* *"The group activities are really well-planned to help us communicate in Italian."* *"Anneli is such a fantastic teacher."*

Yes, of course, I bribed them! But they're a great bunch. If you have ever felt you want to learn or revise Italian, come and join us. Enjoyment (as well as learning Italian) practically guaranteed. **Anneli Fisher, Group Leader**

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Family History

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 14.00-16.00 in the lower classroom at Holy Trinity Parish Centre.

We have access to the internet so we try to solve brick walls of members. Family History record books are available and we look at all aspects of family tree making.

Next year is the issue of the 1921 Census but you can only view it on the 'Findmypast' website. You will have to take out a subscription (not cheap) and pay per view to download images, so it may be some time before we can look at these. Other subjects to look at are wills, original records, localities in the past and 19th century military records.

You don't have to have access to the internet but it helps.

Come along and try it out, with questions and what you would like to research. We are using Family History Academy projects to help us understand different aspects of genealogy. **Les Mould, Group Leader**

Pins and Needles, Spring Term 2022

There's no doubt about it, the past two years have been very strange but despite all the ups and downs of the pandemic the Pins and Needles' knitters have been very prolific. We have sent loads of blankets, jumpers and beanie hats to Heart Response, who have been shipping them all out to Romania for the Romani families. We have also given quite a lot to Julia's House recently for them to sell in their shops.

We still don't know when we'll all be able to meet up again at Culliford Court. At present, it is closed to gatherings of non-residents, so we are looking around for an alternative and hoping to hold smaller gatherings in the New Year. I will keep everyone updated as things develop.

For the time being though don't hesitate to give me a ring, I'm always happy to have a chat. Many thanks to all those of you who have kept in touch either by phone or email - hopefully it won't be too long before we can all meet up again in person.

Best wishes for 2022. **Libby Wood, Group Leader**

You The Jury - 28th January

We have been delighted to welcome Diane Janes to Dorchester on several occasions to run a day long seminar entitled "You The Jury". Diane has researched many murder/attempted murder cases from 1900 to 1970 and comes armed with all the evidence from two cases, with slides. She then asks members of the mock jury for their verdicts, before telling you what happened in the actual case. The seminar begins at 9.45 am and finishes at around 4.30 pm with an hour break for lunch (bring your own or go to a nearby cafe). The cost is £15, to include Diane's fee and a small contribution to the room hire.

Priority booking will be given to those who booked for the session on 16th October 2020, which was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Peter Scaife, Group Co-ordinator

Scottish Country Dancing

In recognition of the COP26 event in Glasgow recently, the Scottish Country Dancing Group performed two dances associated with that city at their meeting in November. The first, from the collection of dances “Miss Milligan’s Miscellany” was “Lady Glasgow”, a dance devised to celebrate the industrial expansion of Glasgow in the past. Miss Milligan was one of the co-founders of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and here in the photograph is our group performing a three-couple promenade from the dance.

The Scottish Country
Dancing group in action -
next stop Strictly?!!
Photo: Irene Robinson



Please note that there is plenty of room in this large, lovely hall for plenty more people to join us. With the windows and doors open there is plenty of fresh air and we always

sanitise our hands between each dance. The other dance that we attempted was “Good Hearted Glasgow”.

Good Hearted Glasgow was the name of a campaign by the Greater Glasgow Health Authority in 1988 to improve the health of the population at large by encouraging many forms of readily accessible exercise, including Scottish Country Dancing. Peter Knapman won the competition for a relatively easy new dance to be part of the campaign. It was called “The Good Hearted Glasgow Jig”.

The dance was supposed to be relatively easy so that everyone could join in. Unfortunately, as a new group, not having a lot of experience of “right hands across” and “left hands across” like the good folk of Glasgow, we all ended up collapsing into fits of giggles and suffering from total exhaustion. Undaunted, we all agreed to try the dance again next session. It will be good for the heart. **Irene Robinson, Group Leader**

Country Walks - 2021 Review

Since our restart in April after the Covid lockdown, all our 3 groups have enjoyed an increase in numbers. The weather has certainly helped, with no cancellations since then (to date!) but I'm sure the prime influence has been the desire to get away from the confines of home, and get out to meet old and new friends again.

Thanks to the brilliant Dorset (and Somerset) countryside, all the groups have been able to experience the best the counties have to offer by way of scenery, history, geology and literary connections. We have had coastal walks (Burton Bradstock - thank you Kelvin), The Fleet, Abbotsbury and Ringstead, including views of the many cruise ships at anchor. We have found hill forts at Ham Hill and Abbotsbury, as well as the Roman roads at Gussage, Thorncombe Woods and Tolpuddle. We have visited remains of old churches at Knowlton, Cerne Abbas, Montacute and Abbotsbury (again), hill figures at Cerne and Osmington, old castles at Corfe (see front cover). We have seen many sites connected with Thomas Hardy and Thomas Hardy!

Our last walk of the year, from Sutton Poyntz, will combine a number of these features in one walk.

All in all, it's been a good year - well, 9 months - for walking. Many thanks for all your support. Thanks also to Andy and Des for their stewardship of the "C" Group. **Nick Priddle, Group Leader**

Kings Cribbage

It seems like an age since the group met to play Kings Cribbage. However, I am pleased to say we are planning to restart in the New Year with the January meeting (17th January). If Covid cases increase, resulting in new national and/or local restrictions, then the Kings Cribbage website page will be updated with the latest information.

All current members have been informed as to the precautions and conditions for restarting the group. Numbers will be restricted to 12 on a first come basis. Masks need to be worn and social distancing maintained as much as possible. Hand sanitiser will be provided for use on arrival as well as sanitising wipes for the chairs.

New members are welcome to join the group though I feel it is only fair that current members be given a booked slot first for the time being. If you wish to join the group please get in touch with me and I can discuss this with you. **Anne Denholm, Group Leader**

Newsletter Delivery

Whenever possible, our members deliver your newsletter by hand. We are very grateful for this - as it keeps our postage costs down (and therefore our Membership Subscription down). Anyone wishing to help would be more than welcome. If you are interested, please contact the Membership Secretary to check whether someone delivers in your area. At present we have 39 delivery areas! Many hands make light work! Thank you.

Janet Kennewell, Membership Secretary

Timetable: Spring Term Programme

The following four pages provide the programme for the various activities and locations.

Members new to any activity are advised to contact the Group Leader to confirm vacancies. Some popular groups hold a waiting list.

Key to locations:

DCC = Dorchester Community Church, Liscombe St, Poundbury, DT1 3DF

DYA = Dorset Youth Association, Lubbecke Way, DT1 1QL

HTPC = Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road, Dorchester, DT1 1QG:

Hall = Main Hall / **LC** = Downstairs Classroom / **UC** = Upstairs Classroom

Junc = Junction Hotel, Gt Western Road, DT1 1UF

LB = Dorchester Library, Charles Street, DT1 1EE

MH = Members Home, by arrangement

SBC = Sandringham Bowls Club, Armada Way, DT1 2TN

SC = Sandringham Court, off Balmoral Cres, DT1 2BL (nr. Trumpet Major Roundabout)

StGCh = St George's Church Hall, 67 High St, Fordington, DT1 1LB

UChH = United Church Hall, South Street, DT1 1BY

UChR = United Church Room, South Street, DT1 1BY

YMCA = Sawmills Ln, Weymouth Ave, Dorchester DT1 2RZ

Please note that this timetable is correct at time of going to press (November 23rd, 2021). Please always check the online timetable, the group website or with the Group Leader that this information is correct. Due to Covid and/or unexpected circumstances, meeting times and dates may change.

Spring Term Programme - page 1

Group Name	Place	Day	Times	January	February	March	April
1st Monday Meeting	Hall	Mon	10.00 - 12.00	10	7	7	4
Antiques & Collectables	SC	Fri	10.30 - 12.30	14	11	11	8
Archaeology	DCCh	Mon	14.00 - 16.00	17	21	21	To be announced
Architecture	DYA	Mon	11.00 - 12.45	10	14	14	11
Art	LC	Thur	11.00 - 13.00	13,27	10,24	10,24	14,28
Backgammon	YMCA	Fri	10.00 - 11.30	7	4	4	1
Badminton	UChH	Fri	14.00 - 16.00	7,21	4,18	4,18	1,15
Bird Watching	Various	Mon	From 9.30	17	21	21	25
Booktalk	Junc	Tues	14.30 - 16.00	11	8	8	12
Bridge	SC	Wed	09.30 - 12.00	5,12,19,26	2,9,16,23,	2,9,16,23,30	6,13,20,27
Chess	UC	Thur	14.30 - 16.00	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended
Computing Club	LC	Thur	15.00 - 16:30	6	3	3	7
Country Walks A	Various	Tues	10.00 - 13.00	18	15	15	19
Country Walks B	Various	Fri	09.30 start	28	25	25	29
Country Walks C	Various	Thur	10.00 - 13.00	13	10	10	14

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Group Name	Place	Day	Times	January	February	March	April
Creative Writing 1	LC	Wed	11.15 - 12.45	12,26	9,23	9,23	13,27
Creative Writing 2	LC	Tues	10.30 - 12.00	18	15	15	19
Cryptic Crosswords	UC	Tues	10.00 - 12.00	11,25	8,22	8,22	12,26
Digital Photography	LC	Mon	15.00 - 17.00	No meeting	14	14	11
Dining Club	Varies			Contact GL	Contact GL	Contact GL	Contact GL
Family History	LC	Tues	14.00 - 16.00	18	15	15	19
French Conversation	UChR	Fri	10.30-12.00	14,28	11,25	11,25	8
French Get by in	UC	Mon	13.30 - 15.00	3,17	7,21	7,21	4,18
French Intermediate	DCCh	Wed	13.30 - 15.00	5,19	2,16	2,16	6,20
Gardening	LC	Wed	11.15 - 12.45	5	2	2	6
Geology	DYA	Fri	10.00 - 12.00	7	11	11	8
German Beginners	DCCh	Wed	10.00 -12.00	12,26	9	9,23	27
German Conversation	MH	Wed	10.00 - 11.30	5,19	2,16	2,16	13,27
German Intermediate	DCCh	Fri	10.30 - 12.00	7,21	4,18	4,18	1,15
History	LC & Zoom	Wed	09.30 - 11.00	5	2	2	6

Spring Term Programme - page 3

Group Name	Place	Day	Times	January	February	March	April
History of Art	DYA	Wed	15.00 - 17.00	5	2	2	6
Italian Beginners	UC	Thur	09.30 - 11.00	20	3	3,17,31	7
Italian Elementary	UC	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	12.26	9	2,16	13,27
Italian Improvers	UC	Mon	11.00 - 12.30	10,24	14,28	14	11,25
Italian Level 3	UC	Thur	11.10 - 12.45	13,20,27	3,10,24	3,10,17,24,31	7
Jazz Appreciation	SC	Mon	10.15 - 12.30	17	14	14	11
Kings Cribbage	LC	Mon	14.00 - 17.00	17	21	21	18
Mah Jong	LC	Thur	14.00 - 17.00	27	24	24	28
Maths and Physics	LC	Wed	09.30 - 11.00	12	9	9	13
Modern Russia	LC	Thur	09.30 - 11.00	13,27	10,24	10,24	14,28
MOTO	StGCh	Wed	14.00 - 15.00	5	2	2	6
Music Appreciation	SC	Fri	10.15 - 12.30	No meeting	4	4	1
Pétanque	SBC	Wed	14.00 - Finish	5,12,19,26	2,9,16,23	2,9,16,23,30	6,13,20,27
Philosophy	DYA	Tues	10.30 - 13.00	11	1	1	5
Pins & Needles	MH	Tues	14.00 - 16.00	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended

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Group Name	Place	Day	Times	January	February	March	April
Play Reading	LC	Tues	14.00 -16.30	4	1	1	5
Poetry Appreciation	LC	Thur	13.00 - 15.00	20	17	17	21
Quiz	StGCh	Wed	14.00 - 16.00	18	16	16	21
Reading for Pleasure 1	LC	Tues	14.00 - 15.30	11	8	8	12
Reading for Pleasure 3	Library	Thur	10.30 - 12.00	20	17	17	21
Science	LC	Wed	09.30 - 11.30	19	16	16	20
Scottish Country Dancing	StGCh	Tues	14.00 - 16.00	11,25	8,22	8,22	12,26
Scrabble	UC	Mon	14.00 - 17.00	10	14	14	11
Short Tennis	UChH	Wed	14.00 - 16.00	6,18	2,16	2,16	6,20
Singing for Pleasure	SBC	Tues	09.45 - 11.30	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended
Spanish Conversation	UC	Wed	15.00 - 16.30	12,26	9,23	9,23	13,27
Table Tennis	UChH	Fri	14.00 - 16.00	14,28	11,25	11,25	8,22
Topical Issues	Zoom & UC	Thur	09.30 - 10.45	13 Zoom, 27 UC	10 Zoom, 24 UC	10 Zoom, 24 UC	14 Zoom, 28 UC
Weaving	LC	Tues	09.00 - 13.00	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Contact GL

Dorchester and District AGM Summary - 4th October 2021 at Holy Trinity Parish Centre

Welcome – Chris Knight acted as Chair and welcomed everyone to the AGM and explained the proceedings. There were 67 members in the hall and 45 on Zoom. There were no apologies.

The minutes of the 2020 AGM had been published on the website and sent to all members with the last Newsletter. This was accepted as a true record.

Annual Report – This was read out by Les Mould (Secretary). The main points were: The last year has been difficult but the Committee had kept going with virtual meetings and Group Leaders have been keeping their groups going and maintaining contact. Some have carried on with Zoom meetings and some have used other media to keep the group going. During the past year our membership has fluctuated but we are now seeing an increase as members return. Our finances are stable but we still had to collect subs to pay the TAT subscription, Zoom Licences and update equipment. The Newsletter has restarted and thanks goes to Jane Huff who has produced some very good ones. This was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Read out by Janet Kennewell (Membership Secretary). The financial figures and Treasurer's report were circulated. Owing to Covid, there were far fewer transactions reflecting curtailment of activities. Income from members was down about 20%. Outgoings were much reduced with, in particular, no room hire. This has produced a surplus of £6300 for this year which is not causing concern. To help return some money to members, attendance fees have been waived for the rest of the year at least. The Excursions and Social Account show a deficit of £1300 approx. and this was the return of money paid for tickets that were cancelled. This was unanimously accepted.

Election of Officers – Ian Blaby conducted the vote for the Officers and Committee. As all the existing Committee were happy to stand again and there were no new proposals, the vote was taken *en bloc* and was carried. There being no other business the AGM finished at 10.45 am.

Les Mould, Secretary

Mah Jong, Spring Term 2022

It seems such a long time since we were all able to meet up for an afternoon of Mah Jong. From emails and phone calls, I gather that some of you have got together, when the pandemic allowed, to keep playing so I hope all has gone well.

I am hoping to restart the group in January. We have had a change of day and are now timetabled for the fourth Thursday of the month in the downstairs classroom at the Parish Centre.

I'm afraid that, due to the current Covid situation, there will be several restrictions in place when we do start, such as:

At first numbers will be limited to 3 tables of 4 players - so if you want to come along please contact me to book a place. Once I have 12 on the list, I will start a waiting list and these people will have priority for the February meeting. Hopefully before too long we will be able to have more games running each afternoon.

Please wear masks throughout the session as social distancing is difficult round a table. I will be opening windows for ventilation. As it will be winter when we start, please make sure that you are dressed warmly.

1. On arrival, please use the hand sanitiser provided.
2. I'll sanitise the tables before we start.
3. On arrival take a chair and wipe it with the sanitising wipes provided. At the end of the session, as you leave, wipe your chair again and replace it.
4. No refreshments will be provided, so if you wish to have something please bring it with you.
5. Should you need to use the toilets, please use the sanitising wipes to disinfect before and after use.
6. Members accept they attend the Mah Jong Group at their own risk.

All being well, our first session will be on Thursday 27th January at 2.00 pm. If you would like to come along, please ring or email me to book a place.

Best wishes for a happier and healthier 2022.

Libby Wood, Group Leader

History of Art: There ain't nothing like this Dame

The History of Art group is at last back up and running. The group is quite large, and some time ago had to relocate to the Dorset Youth Association venue. Even there, to maintain sensible distancing, a limit of 30 was set, and it proved just enough. Doors were left open for ventilation, and we wrapped up warm. Luckily it has been a mild November. Everybody was fully vaccinated, and we asked anyone with a cough or snuffle to sit this one out - a couple of our number did, so we will reserve the best seats for them next time!

The talk on November 3rd looked at the life and work of Dame Paula Rego, a Portuguese/British painter. Her work has often dealt with uncomfortable themes, from her upbringing under the Salazar dictatorship, through a difficult period with a husband (artist Victor Willing) suffering with MS, to tribulations, particularly of women and girls in the present day. Her imagination and skill have underpinned a long and prolific career, and she must surely be considered one of Europe's most significant living artists. A BBC film, directed by her son Nick Willing, called "Secrets and Stories", is hopefully still available on iPlayer. "The Dance" from 1988 links a number of personal stories in one canvas:

The Dance (1988) Tate Britain
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The group will be meeting as usual, every first Wednesday of the month, at the slightly earlier time of 2:45pm. Group members are informed by email of the subject for each meeting, and other things, including exhibition info and group excursions.

If you wish to get on the mailing list, please email Mike Aylott.

Mike Aylott, Group Co-Leader

'Twas the Night Before Christmas' - a Parody

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the flat
Not a creature was stirring, not even a rat.
The stockings were hung by the TV with care
In hopes that large gift boxes soon would be there.
The kids were all flaked out, asleep in their beds,
With visions of Tablets and Apps in their heads.

And their Mum in her onesie and me in me vest
Had settled to drinking, just having a rest,
When outside the flats there arose such a clatter
I opened the window to see what was the matter.
Away to the left the bright streetlights revealed
A sight so strange that my senses just reeled:

A sleigh and eight reindeer wedged tight as could be
Between two large box vans parked illegally.
The reindeer were terrified, kicking and fighting
Their traces and bridles. It looked quite exciting
As they twisted and wriggled, rolling their eyes –
High on chunks of carrot and too many mince pies.

Soon the police arrived and were breathalysing Santa,
Who was even higher on rum and sweet sherry, and to
Add to the spectacle what next should appear
But an animal trailer to take the reindeer
To safety, while Santa went into a squad car
And the missus and me went back to the vodka.

MW, member of Creative Writing Group 1

Group Leaders/Group Contacts

*We had a successful Group Leaders' meeting (face-to-face) in early November. There were 23 Group Leaders and Committee members present. Minutes have been circulated to Group Leaders. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 15th March at 10 for 10.30 am** (at DYA). A reminder will be sent to Group Leaders nearer the time.*

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Research & Shared Learning

The SW Region of u3as has recently set up a new Facebook discussion group with the object of promoting all matters relating to research and shared learning in the u3a South West region. It is hoped that anyone with any interest in research or shared learning (or, alternatively, "finding out") will use this as a hub to try ideas out, discuss methods, find out how to do things and what others have done in a non-judgemental way as well as telling others what you have achieved. We are all along the path of pursuing our ideas and no-one knows all the answers! The aim will be to take an informal approach with no specific direction except to be accepting of any question and respectful of members' need to know and share. The group is administered by Chris Knight, sole Research & Shared Learning Adviser in the SW region (at the moment!). Please feel free to spread this information far and wide amongst u3a members.

u3a SW Research & Shared Learning: a discussion group on Facebook, click the link to join the 'Private Group'. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/400816764818327/>

Chris Knight, SW u3a Shared Learning Advisor and Committee Member

Dining Club

On the evening of Thursday, 12th August thirty very excited members arrived at Frampton Village Hall where a very festive 'Welcome Back' decor greeted them. The Chef and his team served up a delicious 'Taste of the Mediterranean' aptly named while International travel is so volatile! A party vibe, wonderful food, smiles, chatter, laughter filled the hall and a sense of a little normality prevailed.

A celebration of the Group, finally getting to dine safely together since last eating out in February 2020!

Organisation for this meal was challenging as it was originally planned for June but due to an extension of Covid restrictions it had to be postponed and rearranged in August.

Members' compliments for all my efforts arranging this meal in-line with current Covid guidelines were hugely appreciated. All of us enjoyed ourselves - very much socialising again in a safe venue with our own personal Chef. A great success.

Brenda Brewer, Group Leader



The Dining Club enjoying their Mediterranean meal. Photo: Bob Brewer

'Christmas' Quiz

- Q1.** 'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents' is the opening line from which classic novel (first published in 1868)?
- Q2.** Joulupukki (or Yule Goat) is the name commonly used for Father Christmas or Santa Claus in which country?
- Q3.** Which member of the 'Rat Pack' died on Christmas Day 1995?
- Q4.** In which children's nursery rhyme is a 'Christmas Pie' consumed?
- Q5.** What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas (and New Year?)
- Q6.** The Poinsettia is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States Minister. Which country is the plant indigenous to?
- Q7.** Which UK monarch delivered the first royal Christmas broadcast live on the radio in 1932?
- Q8.** Which 1988 film features a Christmas party in the Nakatomi Plaza?
- Q9.** What are the names of the three wise men said to have brought gifts to the baby Jesus?
- Q10.** Musically, what did Dora Bryan want for Christmas in 1963?

Ray Dickerson, Group Leader

[Answers on page 33!]

Scrabble

The Scabble group anticipates resuming meetings in January with limited numbers. Due to high and increasing local numbers of Covid cases and the need to ensure members' safety, there will be conditions set down for attendees. These will remain in place until Covid numbers and advice from both Government and national u3a make conditions unnecessary. The Group Leader has sent out the list of conditions to all current Scrabble Group Members. For anyone wishing to attend (or join) the Group, please contact the Group Leader to book a place beforehand. **Jean Croot, Group Leader**



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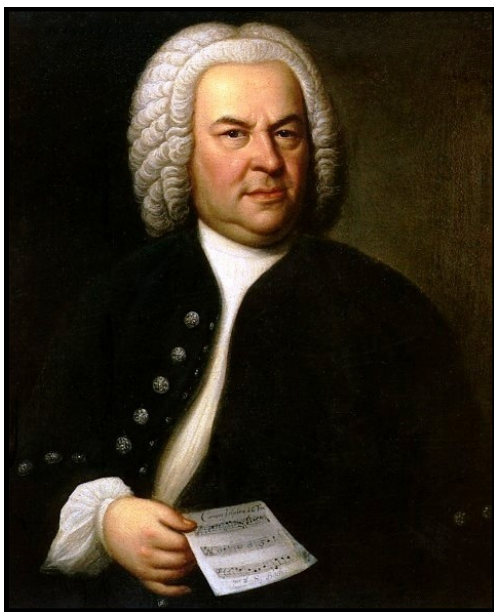
Music Appreciation

The last time I wrote a short piece for the u3a Newsletter was before Christmas 2019 when I looked forward optimistically to the New Year's Spring Term programme for 2020. Well, we all know what happened to that. After just two meetings the Covid-19 pandemic shut us down until September this year when, with great relief and delight, we could resume Group meetings once again in Sandringham Court, albeit with masks, hand sanitising and safe distancing. We are now meeting once a month - when previously we were fortnightly. We will continue meeting on the first Friday from February, 2022.

We reopened in September with an exploration of music by composers whose centenaries occurred in 2021: some well-known; others more obscure. Our November presentation was given by Pat Murdoch, who took us through the history of keyboard music from the Baroque to the 20th century; from the spinet and virginals to the pianoforte, via the organ and forte-piano. In December we shall watch a DVD of a live performance of the well-loved *Mass in B minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach, performed in 2017 at St Thomas's Church in Leipzig, Bach's own church from 1723.

Looking forward to 2022 we will have another varied programme which we will announce in the New Year.

Richard Searle, Group Leader



Johann Sebastian Bach
Photo: Wikimedia Commons

Reading Group 3

We have now had two meetings at Dorchester Library, our new venue. It was so good to be able to see everyone in person and catch up. There is a beverage machine but we have decided to bring our own choice of drink. We currently meet in a large room where it is easily to socially distance so at the moment, attendance numbers are not a problem. However, in January we will be allocated a smaller space and, depending on guidance from the Government, spaces may be limited. Members are asked to continue to let me know of their wish to attend the meeting. In the early part of the year, we sent a book selection to the library. Unfortunately, the majority of those we had chosen had already been allocated. We understand that the new book list will be available in June 2022 so we plan to look again at the titles available. We have recently been reading the most popular books from our members' library selection and still have a couple to go before deciding on titles to take us up to June.

Titles read since the beginning of this year are as follows:

The Family Upstairs	Lisa Jewell
The Dutch House	Ann Patchett
The Only Woman in the Room	Marie Benedict
The Thread	Victoria Hislop
Boy Swallows Universe	Trent Dalton
A Single Thread	Tracy Chevalier
Noah's Compass	Anne Tyler

Titles still to be read and discussed:

Inheritance	Jenny Éclair
Hamnett	Maggie O'Farrell
My Name is Why	Lemn Sisay
Lady in Waiting	Anne Glenconner

Elizabeth Martin, Group Contact

Group Leaders' Lunch

In October, around 30 Group Leaders and Ex-Officio Members enjoyed a two course buffet lunch prepared by the chef at Came Down Golf Club. The lunch was arranged as a thank you to the Leaders, Committee Members and other helpers for the hard work they put in to the running of our u3a. We currently have 58 Groups offering a wide variety of interests and activities with Short Tennis to be added to the list in January. See back page for photo.

Peter Scaife, Group Co-ordinator

Philosophy

We are pleased to be back meeting face-to-face (with precautions). The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Our programme for this year has a mix of sessions. Colin, our resident philosopher, will be giving some entertaining and thought-provoking talks. Members of the group will talk and lead discussions on areas of interest to them. We will also have some facilitated meetings 'in the round' where philosophical issues can be discussed, with everyone encouraged, but by no means obliged, to contribute.

Our last talk from Colin asked the question: 'Can a theory be a fact?' We have a common-sense idea that facts are somehow out there in the world, and that theories are our attempt at explaining and predicting. Facts are 'true', otherwise they wouldn't be facts. Theories develop as they get better at explaining the facts. Can a theory, such as evolution by natural selection, be so overwhelmingly convincing that we can regard it as true, as a fact? Richard Dawkins claimed this for evolution in the face of the 'well it's only a theory' attack. From a philosophical point of view, facts and theories are not so straightforward. What seems like a fact may turn out to be our interpretation of something. But does this mean that anyone's fact is as good as anyone else's? Is this a dangerous path whose horrible end is the anti-science misinformation of anti-vaxxers, climate change deniers and QAnon? (My apologies to Colin if this crude summary misrepresents his points.)

Our next 'in the round' session will go big – we'll be asking some pretty fundamental philosophical questions. First – what is philosophy? You'd have thought we'd have found out by now but the answer is not straightforward. And what is the point of philosophy in modern times? Second - Does or can life have meaning? What gives it meaning? Is it just pointless and absurd? The starting point is the Myth of Sisyphus, by Albert Camus. Sisyphus was punished by the gods, for twice cheating Death. For eternity he would struggle to roll a rock up a mountain - hard backbreaking work. When he had finally managed to push it to the top, the rock would roll back down and he'd have to start again. How did he cope? What was going through his mind as he went down the mountain to start again? Why did he do it? Why doesn't he just kill himself and be done with it? Sisyphus couldn't, but as Camus points out, we could. Or maybe life doesn't need to be like that at all.

Our January meeting, led by a member of the group, will look at Plato's *Meno* dialogue. The dialogue starts by discussing virtue. What is it? Do we need to be taught virtue or is it somehow innate? Written two and a half thousand years ago, the concerns are right up to date.

If you are interested in these ideas, you are very welcome to come along. No prior knowledge is assumed – just come and listen. We hope you will feel able to contribute your thoughts, but if you don't want to say anything, that's fine.

Clive Topper/David Rhodes, Group Co-leaders

Group News

After an 18 months absence, the majority of our groups have resumed meetings in the classroom and a big thank you to all the Group Leaders who have had to cope with the additional guidelines to keep us as safe as possible. We have been able to replace some of the Group Leaders who resigned and we are exceptionally fortunate to welcome the following:

Eleanor Halse, the new Leader of the **French Intermediate** Group who meet at the Dorchester Community Church on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 1.30 pm to 3 pm. Eleanor speaks five languages and has over 20 years experience of teaching French.

Keith Roberts was persuaded by his wife Hilary (German Beginners) to take over the reins of the **German Intermediate** Group. He lived in Germany for many years and will include information about the country in his group meetings. The group also meets in the Dorchester Community Church on a Friday from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Anneli Fisher who is Group Leader for **Italian** Level 3 kindly agreed to start a **Beginners Class** and they now meet on the first and third Thursday of the month at Holy Trinity Parish Centre from 9.30 am to 11 am. The numbers attending the initial meetings have been disappointing and more members will be needed for the class to keep going after Christmas. So, if you think you might fancy an Italian holiday now restrictions on travel are easing, get in touch with Anneli, she will be delighted to hear from you.

We have been able to get a second Creative Writing Group started (**Creative Writing 2**) meeting once a month on the third Tuesday of the month from 10.30 am to 12 noon at Holy Trinity Parish Centre. Nigel Watt is the contact for this group.

We are hoping to start a new **Short Tennis** group and welcome Barbara Roberts, who will be teaching us how to play. Meetings will be on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 2 pm to 4 pm at the United Church Hall, in South Street. New members will be very welcome.

We have not yet been able to replace the Group Leaders for **Travel Tales**, **Wine Appreciation** and **Spanish Beginners** and I will be delighted to hear from anyone prepared to volunteer. The **Singing Group** is urgently seeking a new Musical Leader and Keyboard Player before they can resume their meetings.

Theatre Visits are not likely to resume until the winter is over. If you have seen anything that catches your eye for the spring, let me know.

Finally, if we don't have an interest group that suits your particular needs, let me know and I will see if we can get one started. Better still if you can volunteer to be the leader yourself! **Peter Scaife, Group Co-ordinator**

Archaeology

The Archaeology Group opened the Autumn Programme with a guided tour round the Roman Town House in Dorchester. Dorset archaeologist Steve Wallis led us, taking us along the new information boards and then breaking up our 30 or so members into smaller groups for entry into the House itself. It was a beautiful, sunny day and wonderful to be back again after the long absence caused by lockdown.



Steve Wallis talks
about a sarcophagus
at the Roman
Town House
Photo: Michael Insley

In October a smaller group of us braved the heavy rain to look round the Visitor Centre at Hengistbury Head and the nearby Round Barrow where a lady of status had been buried. It was too wet for the archaeological walk round the headland. As I write, we are looking forward to a talk on November 22nd by Michael Insley on 'Nero – not so bad after all?' This picks up its theme from the just closed BM Exhibition which had offered curator led visits by video. On 13th December, David Taylor will speak on the 'Tunnels under Dorchester' and on 17th January, Paul Cheetham from Bournemouth University is booked to speak on 'The Roman Fort at Wimborne'. On 21st March, we look forward to Bob Kenyon talking to us on 'Ancient DNA with special reference to Dorset in the Bronze and Iron Ages'. The venue for these meetings is usually the Community Church in Poundbury on 3rd Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

Michael Insley, part of the Archaeology steering group

Digital Photography

We are a group of mixed interest photographers, ranging from the use of mobile phones, compact (point and shoot) cameras to Digital SLR cameras. Each month we have a theme when all members have to take photos and display five of them at the next meeting using a memory stick and projector. We aren't critical, but we look at the photos and make suggestions if needed. The latest theme is 'Weathered'.

We learn aspects of how to improve our photo technique and also help newcomers to digital photography use their camera more effectively. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month 3.00 pm-5.00 pm at HTPC (lower classroom) so come and join us. **Les Mould, Group Leader**

Dorchester Poverty Action/Winter Fuel Payment

Dorchester Poverty Action (DPA) has been working locally throughout the pandemic providing grants of up to £250 to those living in DT1 and DT2, who are at a point of financial crisis. A small amount of money can make the difference between just managing and beginning a downward spiral of debt. Over the last two years people have been made redundant. Some people have not been eligible for furlough but have no on-going work. The prevalence of domestic abuse increased and some children have not been at school, some had no access to online learning. DPA has been there throughout, working with local professionals. Grants have been provided for furniture to those moving away from an abusive relationship, computers for a school in DT2, nursery equipment for a new baby, a car repair for a rural worker to get to their job and when the schools returned, grants for school uniform, especially shoes.

Grants have also been provided to help cover fuel costs, as some people were at home all day during lockdown. DPA's fuel grants will become even more needed as the cost of fuel rises this winter. Many of us have just received our letter stating that we will be receiving the DHSS annual winter fuel payment of £200. Do you need that £200? This amount of money could make a real difference to a family in DT1 or DT2, who has to decide whether to feed the children or heat the home.

To find out more about Dorchester Poverty Action, please go to www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk where you can learn more about the charity and donate. Alternatively, cheques can be made out to Dorchester Poverty Action and sent to DPA c/o United Church Dorchester 49-51 Charles Street, Dorchester DT1 1EE. Thank you.

Wendy Hilton, Trustee of Dorchester Poverty Action

Trips and Outings - Spring 2022

All day trips are arranged through **Crossways Travel** - 01305 851697. Any bookings made will be fully refundable should Government guidelines change and the trips cannot go ahead. All guidelines are strictly followed and Crossways Travel is always happy to discuss any concerns you may have in this regard.

Tuesday April 5th - MOMPESSEON HOUSE (National Trust) and **SALISBURY MARKET DAY**. Mompesson House featured in the film 'Sense & Sensibility'. Displays of 18th century drinking glasses and stumpwork (raised embroidery). Cost **£34** (National Trust discount £7.50).

Saturday April 16th - ARUNDEL CASTLE TULIP FESTIVAL 120,000 tulips in 130 varieties. Explore the historic castle, grounds and new water garden. Cost **£54** (includes entrance to castle and gardens).

Sunday May 8th - TINTERN ABBEY and THE WYE VALLEY Explore the scenic Wye Valley and visit Tintern Abbey – a national icon, still standing in roofless splendour. Stops are made at some of the beautiful towns and villages. Cost **£40** (including entrance fee).

Thursday May 12th - DARTMOUTH PADDLE STEAMER and CREAM TEA Explore Dartmouth before joining our paddle steamer for a fabulous cruise on the Kingswear Castle, the UK's only coal-fired paddle steamer. On return we stop for an included cream tea at the House of Marbles. Cost **£49.50**.

Monday May 30th - THE VYNE (National Trust) BASINGSTOKE Warm, red-bricked Tudor mansion built in the 16th century and now the family home of the Chute family. Set in gardens, woodlands and wetlands. Cost **£45** (National Trust Discount £11.50).

BOOKINGS

Bookings can be made at the First Monthly Meeting by cash or cheque, by post or by bank transfer. Please contact me for further details. Please note that bookings close 4 weeks before departure.

Anna Shapter, Group Leader

Situations Vacant

We are looking for the following:

- A **Chair** (the Committee are currently sharing the role)
- **Group Leaders** for: **Travel Tales, Wine Appreciation, Spanish Beginners.**

Please contact Peter Scaife (Group Co-ordinator) for more information.
Contact details on Page 2.

Answers to 'Christmas' Quiz (from page 23)

- A1.** Little Women (by Louisa May Alcott)
- A2.** Finland
- A3.** Dean Martin
- A4.** Little Jack Horner
- A5.** Panettone
- A6.** Mexico
- A7.** George V
- A8.** Die Hard
- A9.** Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar (or Caspar)
- A10.** A Beatle

Ray Dickerson, Group Leader

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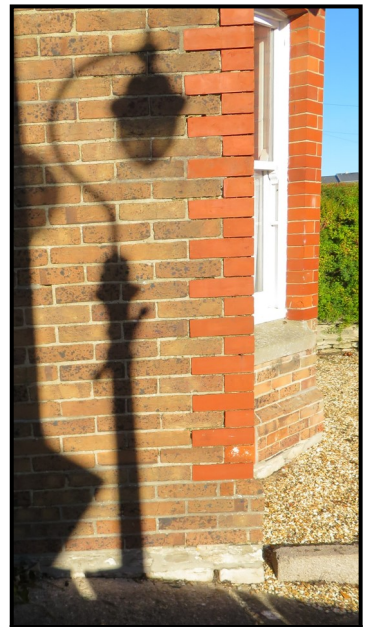
Bird Watching group - Male Bearded Tit
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Bird Watching group - Oyster Catcher
Photo: Nick Priddle



Bird Watching group - Grey Plover.
Photo: Nick Priddle



Digital Photo group - Shadows theme.
Photo: Les Mould

Group Leaders'
Lunch in
October (see
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Mould



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