

BRAUNTON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 3RD JUNE 2025
10.00 – 12.00 – PARISH HALL

SPEAKER: JOAN DE LAUNEY
A CAREER IN THE ARTS



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Welcome

CROQUET GROUP

The Croquet Group has resumed for the summer. We meet at Barnstaple Croquet Club, Raleigh Meadow, Barnstaple EX31 4UX, weekly on Tuesdays, 2-4pm, weather permitting, we have space for new members.

All equipment and tuition provided, wear comfortable clothes and flat shoes, you may need a waterproof coat and a drink. The charge is a joining/rejoining fee of £4 and £4 for each session you attend.

Contact Anne Young on 01271 813255 or email rayvyoung2000@yahoo.co.uk to join the group and for information on the location.

MR JOHN PHILLIPS

It is with sadness we heard that John had passed away recently. He held the office of Secretary for many years and gave support and help wherever needed. He was a true gentleman who will be missed. His funeral is on Thursday 5 June at the North Devon Crematorium at 11.30am. Our thoughts are with his widow, Kay and family.

THURSDAY 19 JUNE 25

Morning cruise on a horse drawn barge on the Grand Western Canal at Tiverton followed by an exploration of the area. See the Visitor Centre, floating cafe bar, tea room, canal towpath walks etc.

Visit the Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life or just wander around the shops and Pannier Market.

Cost of barge trip, coach hire and gratuities £35pp.
Tickets will be on sale at the monthly meeting - April, May and June.

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 25

Afternoon visit to War Horse Valley Country Park at Iddesleigh near Hatherleigh. Formerly the home of Michael Morpurgo the author of "War Horse"

See the cob barn with WW1 exhibitions, the story of farming 100 years ago, meet the animals, trailer rides, walk the farm trail and homemade cream teas (extra charge)

Entrance £6pp. This trip will be by private cars so a contribution to costs would be appreciated.
Tickets will be on sale at the monthly meeting - July, August and September

SPEAKERS BOOKED FOR 2025

June 3rd Joan de Launey
A Career in the Arts

July 1st - Liz Shakespeare
The Ordeal of Miss Jones

August 5th - Coffee morning

September 2nd
Trish and Cathie, Race around the World

October 7th – Stephen Powles
Hedgehogs

November 4th - Devon Air Ambulance
TBA

December 2nd
Sally Smith - Magnificent Women and
Flying Machines

THE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP VISIT TO ILFRACOMBE LIFEBOAT STATION

The Local history group are visiting the ILFRACOMBE LIFEBOAT Station on Tuesday 10th June and we have some spaces for Braunton U3A members. We are having a tour of the lifeboat station at 11am when we will be taken around the station in groups. members can then visit the RNLI shop and there is a Lifeboat trail around Ilfracombe for those wishing to follow it. The RNLI do not charge for the tour but I suggest a donation of £5 per person. The venue is Ilfracombe Lifeboat Station, Lifeboat House, Broadway St., Ilfracombe, EX34 9EE. We are meeting at 10.45 am. There are no toilet facilities at the station but there are public toilets nearby. There are car parks nearby. If you wish to join us please contact me before Friday 6th June. Contact details: 01271 813255 Or email rayvvyoung2000@yahoo.co.uk
Anne Young

BRAUNTON & DISTRICT U3A AGM

The AGM is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 3 June 2025 at the Braunton Parish Hall from 10.30 am.



Braunton Village Fair Celebrates



Monday 26th May 2025

10am to 4pm

Recreation Ground, Exeter Road, Braunton

This year's main beneficiaries



Registered Charity No. 1063314

and other Rotary supported charities



WOODY FOX – WILLOW SCULPTOR

Woody gave a very interesting talk on how he uses willow to make sculptures. His work can be seen at various National Trust homes. He recently had two commissions for his sculptures which will be shown at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

QUILT EXHIBITION

Quilts large, small, traditional, and contemporary all produced by the "From a Distance" quilting Group based in Braunton.

Sunday 25 and Monday 26 May 2025
10am till 4pm Braunton Parish Hall

Admission £2(children free)
Refreshments, Tombola, Raffle
Proceeds to Project Linus UK
For more information contact
07860944019

U3A VISIT TO EXETER 12 MAY

Seventeen members were treated to a three-hour tour of various churches ending up at the Guildhall with Dr Todd Gray as their Guide. Todd was brilliant and everyone agreed they felt privileged to have him as their Guide.



MEMBERS STORIES

Any other interesting items from members. it could be a life experience, funny story, meeting with someone famous or anything of interest.

Articles and photos (if available) to be submitted to our Newsletter Editor, Julia

BRAUNTON & DISTRICT U3A CONVENORS MEETING

The Convenors Meeting held on the 10th April was a success in that not many group leaders attended. Those present introduced themselves and informed us how their group is run, checking membership and how monies, if any were handled. All groups are either just ticking over, full happy groups and those (due to their nature) doing o.k.

Rummikub, Geology and Cinema Club are new groups so along with a few groups folding, we remain a healthy 25 Groups.

Beryl thanked all group leaders for completing their Risk Assessment forms. These will be reviewed annually in September.

As Group Coordinator Rosemary is always happy to discuss any uncertainties or problems. Either phone her on 890066 or WhatsApp on 07811892686.

U3A Membership Warning!!

1) To walk the SWCP - in May- it is a trend.
To share twin room & have a pal. In Jenny I had a friend.

2) Out walking with the U3A - overtime I sowed a seed.
How exciting - we'd love to come. We'll work out what we need.

3) A stroll along The Tarka Trail- forget that - this is large.
It's nothing to do with the U3A and NO I'm NOT IN CHARGE!!

4) There's folk that like to organise- technology or what
Others just go with the flow & couldn't care a jot.

5) Cars, trains & taxis and getting the right number bus.
The Globe Inn at Frogmore, could accommodate all ten of us.

6) The scenery is amazing. The going was quite tough.
Butterflies, birds, wild flowers galore
But there were times when some felt they'd really had enough.

7). Thank you Lawrence, Cliff, Roger & Dave and my room mate Jenny E. Also Linda, Sarah, Sheila and little Rosemary B.

8) This adventure we shared together,
With honesty, joy & fun.
The weather was just perfect - no rain, but lovely sun.



INTEREST GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION

Jane Casey – 816893
Jackie Osborne – 813317

We take a light-hearted look at the work of a different artist 11nd then have a go at working in their style.
2nd Tuesday of each month 10am – 12pm

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First Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm
June 4th at 1A Lower Park Road.

Later in June, either on afternoon of Wednesday 11th or Wednesday 25th June (weather dependant) ;
2nd date if first “inclement”) a field trip to Broadsands/ Crow Neck area.

BOOK GROUP

Brian Gilbert
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2nd Tuesday of the month, 2.00pm in the Library

LANGUAGES

GERMAN
Sheila Higdon 812585
higdonshela15@hotmail.com
Wednesday 10.30am – 12.00

CINEMA GROUP

Barbara Watson 07740941263.

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Sue Gilbert 07969150318

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Please contact by email or Whatsapp to register and for details of films.

SPANISH IMPROVERS

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Monday 10.30am - 12.00 noon

LOCAL HISTORY

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The Local history group meets on second Tuesday of the month at St..Brannocks rooms, Church St., Braunton, EX33 3EP at 10am until 11.45am, new members welcome. There is only limited parking at the venue. Refreshments are served until 10.30am. The cost is £2.00. **See box for details**

COUNTRY DINERS

Group 1 - Ray and Lola Hanson 817681
lolahanson@btinternet.com

Group 2

Jean Barnes 890927 jeanb68@btinternet.com

3rd Friday of each month

LOCAL LUNCHES

Shirley Fry 813944

12.15 for 12.30 pm on the second Friday of each month

CRAFT

Sue Gilbert – 816911
suegilbert46@gmail.com

Third Wednesday of each month, 2pm at the Countryside Centre

MAH JONG

Peter Barnes 816998

peterbarnes1958@hotmail.com

Meeting on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 2pm.

CROQUET

Anne Young 813255
amcyoung2003@yahoo.co.uk

POETRY

Gillian Kerr 549150

Every second Wednesday of month 2. – 4.30pm approx..

We have now acquired a couple of new members, so the group is full at present, but we are happy to put your name on a waiting list if you are interested.

DISCUSSION GROUP

David Kent 816042
drandjgkent@btinternet.com

This Discussion Group is now open to all members of our U3A. Meets the last Monday of the Month for discussions on various subjects.

RUMMIKUB (BOARD GAME)

Marg Abbott. 07710 201396
margabbott@icloud.com

Meeting on the third Wednesday at members' homes from 2 till 4pm. This group is full at the moment but if anyone else would like to play do get in touch so I can put you on a waiting list.

EXERCISE - Medau Movement

Rosemary Littlewood – 890066
Weekly class at Braunton Parish Hall
Combined summer class 9.15 – 10.00am

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Lora White 870171
lora@planetmail.com

Come and join the Social Sciences group, learning about interaction and developments in society through Computer & TV presentations with Lora, provoking and sparking new ideas. We would love to hear your views. Meeting once a month, on the 4th Tuesday. 10.30am – 12.30pm at member's homes with Lora, unless otherwise arranged.

Croyde Village Hall

Wednesdays 10.15 – 11.15am

Rosemary's ramblings

Rambles regularly. Rants occasionally. Now U3A member
WARNING. Where it might lead!! See box

FLORAL ART

Jan Evans 812852 janetevans6@icloud.com
Meeting third Tuesday of the month 10.00 - 12.00
at St Brannocks Rooms

STROLLERS

Carole Sellwood 07729899444

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Meets at the Countryside Centre at 10.30am
Wednesday 4th and 18th June

GEOLOGY

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INTEREST GROUPS

TRIPWIRE

Beryl Lloyd 812121

Thursday 19th June

Tiverton Canal trip

Thursday 18th September

Afternoon visit to War Horse Valley Country Park,
Iddesleigh

WALKING

Rosemary Littlewood 890066

Most Tuesdays, varied bus/walks, with refreshments at pub/cafe if you wish. Appropriate clothing, light refreshment and poles if required.

Dogs welcome on the walk but restrictions at some cafes.

Tuesday 27th May

Hartland – car share circular walk

Meet at Stoke carpark for 10.30 departure

Tuesday 10th June

Simonsbath – car share

Meet at Simonsbath car park for 10.30 departure.

Tuesday 17th June

Exeter by train

Meet at Barnstaple train station at 9.,15am for 9.,35 departure

2 mile walk along the canal/river to Exeter Quay or to Exeter Central for a day out.

Group of three is 30% off rail fare.

Tuesday 24th June

Mortehoe – Woolacombe

303 bus George depart 9.15am. Off at Mortehoe.

Optional bus back from Woolacombe or walk to Putsborough and Croyde

July Walks

8th 15th 22nd, 29th

Ideas welcome or put up with Rosemary's choice!!!!

For further information and if the weather looks doubtful the routes may change so WhatsApp Rosemary on 07811892686 nearer the time,

WINE APPRECIATION

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2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm



Sponsors of our monthly raffle prize meal