

BRAUNTON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025
10.00 – 12.00 – PARISH HALL

SPEAKER: TRISH AND CATHIE
RACE AROUND THE WORLD



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Welcome

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

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.

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



Walking group – Arlington

Shading under trees at Arlington, a strenuous walk in a heatwave. Challenging but very rewarding



Tiverton Canal Company trips continue to be a popular seasonal visitor attraction

Barge business will hand over reins to new owner

New Group

Any Bridge or Whist players?
Like to get together then contact Rosemay on 89066 or Whatsapp on 07811892686

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

There will be no meeting in August our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th September when David Carter will talk about Listed buildings of North Devon.

SPEAKERS BOOKED FOR 2025

October 7th – Stephen Powles
Hedgehogs

November 4th - Devon Air Ambulance
TBA

December 2nd
Sally Smith - Magnificent Women and Flying
Machines



Culm Valley u3a invite you to join us to Celebrate Art!

Our 2 day event on the 16th and 17th September 2025 has something for everyone, whether you are new to the whole art thing and want to try different types of art, or you have enjoyed being creative for years!

The 2 days consist of a broad range of workshops, an informal evening meal and an inspirational speaker.

Our 2 hour workshops are delivered by a team of inspirational and creative tutors who are looking forward to sharing their knowledge and skills with you in the following workshops:

- A Fresh Approaches to Still Life using Collage
 - Discovering Unusual Ways of Working with Watercolour
 - Exploring Soft Pastels
 - The World of Gelli Printing
 - Getting into Felting
 - Creating a Textile Landscape
 - Starting out in Calligraphy and Lettering
 - Planning and Creating Mixed Media Art
- All workshops are repeated 3 times on the day they are running.
All workshops cost £10 to attend (or £6 for u3a members)

Following an informal evening meal on Tuesday 16th, we will hear from Cate Field who is joining us to talk about "Cultivating a Creative Mindset". Cate delves into the transformative power of creativity and how it can enrich both personal and professional life. Drawing on her extensive experience as an artist and educator, Cate provides practical strategies and insightful anecdotes to help her audience embrace their creative instincts.

The informal meal and speaker cost £12 to attend (or £8 for u3a members).

For more information and booking details please email
CelebratingArt2025@gmail.com



PAPERBACK BOOKS

Do you have any unwanted paperback books?

The Rotary Club of Braunton would be delighted to take them off your hands. Each summer the Rotary club places paperback books in various camp sites in North Devon for the visitors to purchase.

Last year the money raised from the sales amounted to nearly £500 and this was donated to various local Charities eg. Ask for Jake, Braunton Volunteers, ND Hospice. Please contact Beryl 01271 812121.

OLD FOREIGN AND UK COINS

If you have any old foreign or UK coins and do not want them, please contact Beryl on 01271 812121. The old coins are passed onto a company with the money raised going to help Mary's Meals which is an organisation in Africa that provides school meals for children.

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

BOOK GROUP

Brian Gilbert
816911 or 07876308317
briangilbert8@gmail.com

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

CINEMA GROUP

Barbara Watson 07740941263.

<barbingledene@gmail.com

Sue Gilbert 07969150318

suegilbert46@gmail.com

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

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

CRAFT

Sue Gilbert – 816911
suegilbert46@gmail.com

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

CROQUET

Anne Young 813255
amcyoung2003@yahoo.co.uk

DISCUSSION GROUP

David Kent 816042
drandjkent@btinternet.com

Meets the last Monday of the month for discussions
on various subjects.

EXERCISE - Medau Movement

Rosemary Littlewood – 890066
WhatsApp 07811892686

If Autumn each year did not come round
Another excuse would have to be found
To care as we must for life and limb
Our bodies to work and keep in trim
Your Medau class is the place to be
To stretch and swing and feel so free
Just look below for all the info'
And come along to move with Flo

Braunton Parish Hall.

Weekly classes will resume on Monday 15th September.
12.30 – 1.20 and 1.45 – .2.35
Maximum 20 per class, so book with Rosemary
Still just £1.00 per session

Croyde Village Hall

Weekly classes will resume on Thursday 9th October, cost
£2 per session

Rosemary Littlewood

(Seen on a T-shirt)

It's weird being the same age as old people!!!!

FLORAL ART

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

GEOLOGY

Paul Madgett 812617
madgett@hotmail.com
Contact Paul for next event

LANGUAGES

GERMAN

Sheila Higdon 812585
higdonsheila15@hotmail.com
Wednesday 10.30am – 12.00

SPANISH IMPROVERS

Christine Delve 07884 944297
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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**

LOCAL LUNCHES

Shirley Fry 813944
12.15 for 12.30 pm on the second Friday of each month

MAH JONG

Peter Barnes 816998
peterbarnes1958@hotmail.com
Meeting on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 2pm.

POETRY

Gillian Kerr 549150
Every second Wednesday of month 2. – 4.30.pm 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.

POETRY - SCRIBERS

New group
Contact Rosemary Littlewood on 890066
Or WhatsApp 07811892686 to set up group

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.

INTEREST GROUPS

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.

STROLLERS

Carole Sellwood 07729899444

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Meets at the Countryside Centre at 10.30am

Wednesday 3rd and 17th September.

THEATRE COMPANIONS

Rosemary Littlewood – 890066

07811892686

Thursday 11th September

Queens Theatre.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

7.30pm Tickets £34,00

Saturday 20th September

Queens Theatre

Blood Brothers **SELLING FAST**

2.30 Matinee, Row R Tickets £43,50

Early booking essential, NO reservations

Thursday 2nd October

Queens Theatre.

Play – Breaking the Code

2.30 Matinee

Row Q 11-15 Row R 12 - 16

Ten seats reserved

Early Bird discount

Tickets £16,50

All tickets must be paid for in advance with booking.

Contact Rosemary if interested in any of the above

TRIPWIRE

Beryl Lloyd 812121

Thursday 18th September

Afternoon visit to War Horse Valley Country Park, Iddesleigh – **See box for details**

WALKING

Rosemary Littlewood 890066

WhatsApp 07811892686

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 26th and Wednesday 27th August

Stay over at Brendon Stag Hunters Inn.

See WhatsApp walking group message of 4th July.

Tuesday 9th September

Mortehoe – Woolacombe

Meet at George 303 bus depart 9.15am to Mortehoe

Morte Point to Woolacombe

Marica Café for lunch

Return 303 bus at 2.50pm

Tuesday 16th September

Rosemary NOT walking!

Tuesday 23rd September

Rosemoor Gardens (RHS)

Barnstaple bus station 5B bus departs 9am

Return bus 3.40pm

Tuesday 30th September

Braunton Burrows

Meet at George 21C bus for Croyde Bay

Depart at 10am, off at Saunton Golf Club

To Crow Point back along ridge to Velator Quay

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

WINE APPRECIATION

Anne Young – 813255

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2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

