

BRAUNTON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025
10.00 – 12.00 – PARISH HALL

SPEAKER: MICHAEL BUCKLEY
DEVON AIR AMBULANCE



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December Newsletter deadline
18th November 2025
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Welcome

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

There will be no meeting as it would take place at 11am on 11th November. We will have a meeting on Tuesday 9th December when Collette Hall will be highlighting some buildings in and around Braunton.

CROQUET GROUP

The Croquet group has finished for the summer. We will begin again in May 2026.
Contact Anne Young on 01271 813255 or email rayvyoung2000@yahoo.co.uk to join the group and for information on the location.

SPEAKERS BOOKED FOR 2025

December 2nd
Sally Smith - Magnificent Women and Flying Machines

BRIDGE

Yes, we have a new Beginners Bridge group!

Contact Helen Walsh on 07974020109
See Interest Group for details

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

ART APPRECIATION

We are a group of 7- 8 members which meets on the second Tuesday of the month in each other's homes.

Each month one person provides light refreshments and then presents information on an artist of their choice. We then try to create work in the style of that artist. The group has been together since the formation of the U3A in Braunton. The sessions are very enjoyable, and the format works well. We are a mixed group in terms of artistic skills but everyone "has a go". There may be 1 or 2 spaces for new members in the next few months If you would like to know more please contact either Jackie Osborne – 01271 813317 or Jane Casey 01271 816893

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

At the AGM in June our Membership Secretary, Brian Gilbert, said that he wishes to relinquish his position in June 2026. We therefore urgently need a Member to come forward to take his place and progressively take over next year.

A U3A laptop computer is available to maintain the records and help is on hand. If you are interested in the position, please either contact Brian or me. Further information Beryl 01271 812121

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The money raised from this year's Christmas raffle will be given to the charity Chemo Hero. The first prize is £50 plus other items.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the November and December monthly meetings and at the Christmas meal on 4th December.

BRAUNTON & DISTRICT U3A CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 4th December 2025 at the Williams Arms Wrafton

GUEST ENTERTAINER Rick Tucker with a selection of music from the 60s and 70s.

Midday arrival for lunch at 12.30pm

The cost per person is:

Carvery only – £19

Or

Carvery and Sweet – £23

Prices include gratuity but NO drinks which should be paid direct.

OPTION A – £19

Carvery only – choice of Turkey, Pork, Beef or Nut Roast

OPTION B – £23

Carvery as above plus a choice from the Sweets of the Day.

Please advise your choice when you book at the November or December meetings. Numbers are limited.

The correct amount of payment IN CASH would be greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the monthly meeting and would like to book a ticket, please call Beryl Lloyd on 01271 812121.



**U3A WALKING GROUP
Kestrel rescued from
Trentishoe Church
during our walk to Hunters Inn
last Tuesday.**

**On Tuesday 30th September
the Walking Group met at
Saunton Golf Club to walk to
Velator Quay via Crow Point
where they paused for some
refreshment.**

Lloyds Bank

If you were at the August Meeting, you would have heard an announcement that Lloyds Bank are going to start charging for debits and credits going over our two accounts. It is estimated that it will cost us about £10 per month
The charges will be as follows:-

Cash paid in 75p per £100 paid in at the counter
42p per £100 paid in using the Deposit machine

Cheques paid in 50p per cheque paid in at the counter
42p per cheque paid in using the Deposit machine

Cheques paid out 50p per cheque

In order to mitigate these charges if you have access to internet banking, please use it. It is very secure if you follow the procedures.

We would prefer that you paid in cash, (If you must go to the bank to get cash, instead of taking the cash, ask the bank to make a fast payment for you. You will need the Braunton & District U3A account number 45943360 at Lloyds Bank 30-90-49)

We will still accept cheques for membership, reluctantly, but for Trips & Xmas Lunch it will be pure cash only.

If you can help us in this matter, it will go a long way to keeping Membership Fees as they are.

Poetry Penners Page

It was a nice October morning in September last July.
The moon lay thick upon the ground, the mud shone in the sky.
The flowers were sweetly singing, the birds were in full bloom, as I
went down the cellar to sweep the upstairs room.
The time was Tuesday morning on Wednesday just at night , I saw ten
thousand miles away a house just out of sight. Its walls projected
backwards the front was at the back.
Alone it stood between two more & its walls were whitewash black.

Rosemary Littlewood's Mum taught her that bit of nonsense when she was just a child.

If you pen poems, please send them in to Julia for the Poetry Page of the U3A Newsletter.

INTEREST GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION

Jane Casey – 816893

Jackie Osborne – 813317

We take a light-hearted look at the work of a different artist and 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

BEGINNERS BRIDGE

Helen Walsh 07974020109

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

23rd October and 13th November

10.30 – 12.30

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

drandjgkent@btinternet.com

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

EXERCISE - Medau Movement

Rosemary Littlewood – 890066

WhatsApp 07811892686

Braunton Parish Hall,

Weekly classes on Mondays .

12.30 – 1.20 and 1.45 – .2.35

£1.00 per session

Croyde Village Hall

Weekly classes on Thursdays

10.15 – 11.15am

cost £2 per session

Rosemary's ramblings

One day at a time - this is enough. Do not look back & grieve over the past, for it is gone; and do not be troubled about the future , for it has not yet come. Live in the present, and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.

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

Email: cdelve55@gmail.com

Monday 10.30am - 12.00 noon

LOCAL HISTORY

Anne Young 813255

rayvyoung2000@yahoo.co.uk

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 now have a vacancy in our friendly group due to a member leaving the area. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Gillian . (She returns from holiday on October 8.)

POETRY – SCRIBERS new group

Contact Rosemary Littlewood on 890066

Or WhatsApp 07811892686 to set up group

See Poetry page.

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 5th and 19th November.

THEATRE COMPANIONS

Rosemary Littlewood – 890066

07811892686

All tickets must be paid for in advance with booking.

Contact Rosemary if interested in any of the above

TRIPWIRE

Beryl Lloyd 812121

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 28th October

Croyde - Georgeham

Homemade soup, bread and hedgerow jelly.

Donations to Georgeham Village Hall

Meet at The George 10.00am for Croyde Bay

Return bus from Georgeham 1.40pm or 3.40pm

Tuesday 11th November

Dunster - car share

Meet at the Countryside Centre at 8.30am

Lunch at The Lutterel Arms

Tuesday 18th November

Rosemary NOT walking

Tuesday 25th November

Fremington

21b bus at Braunton Academy School at 9.29/30! (bus pass)

To Barnstaple bus station. Catch next 21 Bideford bus.

Off at New Inn Fremington.

Approximately six miles – a bit challenging in places!

Refreshment at Sandbanks or Fremington Quay.

Return bus or walk Tarka Trail back to Barnstaple.

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



Sponsors of our monthly raffle prize meal