

BRAUNTON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2026
10.00 – 12.00 – PARISH HALL

SPEAKER: ASHLEY JONES
THE DICKIN MEDAL – ANIMALS AT WAR



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MEMBERS STORIES

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

BRAUNTON & DISTRICT U3A AGM

The AGM is scheduled to take place on
Tuesday 2 June 2026 at the Braunton
Parish Hall from 10.30 am.

DAY TRIP TO LYME REGIS THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2026

Cost £20 which includes coach and driver
gratuities. Departs Braunton 8.55 am.
Tickets for the visit to Lyme Regis will be on
sale at the June meeting

Welcome

SPEAKERS BOOKED FOR 2026

July – Alex Bowler – My Big Cat Sightings
August Coffee Morning –
Richard Patmore – Ukelele and
Julie Genge – Read Easy Devon
September – Liz Shakespeare – Talk about
her novels

CROQUET GROUP

The Summer season has now begun.
Present and new members are welcome.

We meet at Barnstaple Croquet Club,
Raleigh Meadow, Barnstaple EX31 4UX
on Tuesdays 2-4pm.

All equipment & tuition is provided. Wear
comfortable clothes and flat shoes. You
may need a waterproof coat and a drink.

The charge is £4 to join / rejoin the group
and £4 for each session you attend.

Contact Anne Young on 01271 813255 or
email rayvyoung2000@yahoo.co.uk

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The June meeting is on Tuesday 9th June. We have had trips out in June other years but as quite a few group members cannot go to these trips we decided to have a virtual tour of Appledore from David Carter so everyone can enjoy it. David is very knowledgeable about Appledore and a very good speaker. The meeting will start at 10am with refreshments at St. Brannocks Rooms, Church street, Braunton EX33 2EL and the talk will start at 10.30am. The cost is £2 and we look forward to seeing on 9th. Everyone welcome.

WALKING GROUP CHANGES

Occasionally groups need to change.

GROUP A – Faster, fitter, further

GROUP B – slower, flatter. 2-3 miles maximum.

Many planned walks can encompass both abilities. Starting together and meeting up again for shared refreshment/lunch.

See Walking (Interest groups), you will see Group A, Group B or Group A & B.



**BRAUNTON
REPAIR CAFE**
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2026
(Saturdays, 10am-1pm):

May 9th:
Festival Glow Up Special

July 4th:
Summer Upcycling

September 5th:
School Uniform Upgrade

October 31st:
Halloween Fancy Dress

December 5th:
Christmas Crafts & Fun!

Bring your items to be repaired and learn some new skills

Museum of British Surfing
Braunton EX33 1AA

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Memories of a childhood era

I am doing a bit of thinking
I like to reminisce
Remember all the days gone by
When I was young and fit
Is it true the sun kept shining
Did we ever have dull days
I know it is said about old age
Strange tricks the brain can play
I am talking about before the war
The days we were young and free
All I can remember was sunshine for me
South Molton was my home
I know it's true to say
I knew everyone I saw, and everyone
knew me.

Betty Foot

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

Roy Baker 07768314226

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

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

See box for details

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

Classes continue until 29th June, resume in the Autumn.

Croyde Village Hall

Weekly classes on Thursdays

This class has finished for the summer and will resume in the Autumn.

Rosemary's ramblings

'One day at a time. Do not look back & grieve over the past for it has gone. Do not be troubled about the future for it is not yet come. Live in the present & make it so beautiful tha 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

First Wednesday of each month, 2 - 4pm, at 1A Lower Park Road; plus occasional local field meetings.

Please contact Paul in advance

at madgett@hotmail.com or on 01271 812617 for details.

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

Anne Young 813255

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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 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.

POETRY – SCRIBERS

Rosemary Littlewood – 01271 890066 or Whatsapp

07811892686

Meet Monthly at The Countryside Centre on Wednesday

12.30 to 1.30

3rd June 24th June.

New Group. If you like writing the odd poem or enjoy

hearing / reading your own or favourite poem, you will be most welcome.

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 June

TRIPWIRE

Beryl Lloyd 812121

18 June 2026

Trip to Lyme Regis

Tickets on sale at the May and June monthly meeting.

17 September 2026 – Donkey Sanctuary and Sidmouth

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 May

Exeter by train

Depart Barnstaple 9.35. Return ticket to Exeter Central.

Group of 3 third off rail fare.

Walk from St David's along the canal to Exeter Quay or Leisurely day in Exeter.

Tuesday 9th June

Codden Hill to Lankey

Group A 5-6 miles

SQ 21b bus depart 9.54. Barnstaple Bus Station 10.25.

Either return bus from Lankey after lunch at Castle Inn or return bus from Bishops Tawton 35 mins past the hour.

Tuesday 16th June

Morte Station to Ilfracombe

'Group B Walkers'.

George 303 bus (Woolacombe) depart 11.25

Gentle Tarka Trail to Ilfracombe 2.5 miles.

Return bus to Braunton or into Ilfracombe for lunch.

Tuesday 23rd June

Braunton to Horsey Island. Marsh Samphire

Groups A & B Lunch at Quay Cafe

Tuesday 30th June

Hunters Inn – Car Share

Circular reverse walk. Up steep hill to Martinhoe.

Group A + (B Rosemay L) Interpret that at your will!! Lunch at Hunters Inn.

WINE APPRECIATION

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2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

U3A MONTHLY RAFFLE PRIZE

We have a new sponsor for our monthly meeting raffle prize, and it is a thank you to Roger Byrom and his team from L Clarke & Sons who are donating a £15 Tesco voucher as the prize.



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