



# News

Heritage Coast Lyme Regis



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# **U3A Heritage Coast Lyme Regis**

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To All Members of U3A

We are reaching crisis point in the committee which runs your U3A. We don't have a Chairperson and both the Treasurer and Membership Secretary have indicated that they will be stepping down later this year.

It is putting a great strain on the remaining members of the committee.

If you yourself cannot step forward with an offer to help could you please think about someone you know who may be about to retire perhaps, or who might like to join the committee and U3A?

Do you have any other suggestions about how this U3A can be run? How would you feel if the U3A were to close?

PLEASE - We need either people to step up OR some good ideas to avert this crisis.

Your Committee



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The **NEEDLES AND STITCHES GROUP** (photo opposite) has been meetings for about 10 years, sewing for different projects and each of us bringing new skills of sewing, writing and framing of the pictures. Our latest project was to sew something for the residents of Lyme Regis to display in the Woodmead Hall. The photo shows all the members who contributed in front of their display. We used photographs of twenty of the old iconic buildings in Lyme, such as the Guildhall, Museum, Belmont House, The Theatre and The Mill and transposed them onto material in Tapestry wool, Silks, Applique and Felt. They have been well received and recognised by all, and we are very proud of our work.

FRONT COVER - Photography Group contribution - This photograph was taken by Christopher Bartlett. It was taken as part of a group exercise to take pictures using faster shutter speeds. It shows a small wave breaking on the beach. The short opening of the camera shutter captures the movement of the water droplets and indicates the amount of energy being released by the wave as it is destroyed by the beach. Human vision is not quick enough to capture this type of picture.

## HERITAGE COAST U3A GROUPS

INSURANCE - Did you know that £3.50 of your yearly subscription goes to the national U3A office? Part of it pays for your insurance. A member on a U3A activity is insured under most circumstances. However, if your accident involves a car or coach you are covered by the vehicle's insurance and not the U3A. Also, if you pay a teacher regularly to lead your group, the U3A will not get involved. Your teacher must have Public Liability Insurance to cover you. Every effort is made to ensure that the information listed is correct. If you're interested in joining a group please contact the Group Leader, even if there is a Waiting List.

GROUP NAME	INFORMATION AND VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
<b>GROUPS WITH NO FIXED DAY</b>			
<b>GARDEN LOVERS</b>	Visits to gardens throughout the Summer months. Meetings to share plants and seeds and occasional newsletter		Mary Bohane 01297 444566
<b>TURKISH FOR BEGINNERS</b>	Flexible, weekly, in Group Leader's home		Dennis Hebden 01297 443615
<b>GEOLOGY</b> Understanding our local landscape	Geoff is taking "Expressions of Interest" for Oct 2019 – May 2020. Please contact him soon if you are interested. Talks and field sessions.		Geoff Townson 01297 561337 geofftownson@btinternet.com
<b>JAZZ APPRECIATION LIVE!</b>	Meet for live concerts		Heather Britton 07802 797427
<b>MONDAYS</b>			
<b>BEGINNERS ITALIAN</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month in members' homes	10.00am	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
<b>BOOK GROUP 1</b> Waiting list	1st Monday in the month in members' homes	3.00pm	Jocelyn Marsh 01297 442830 jmwmarsh@gmail.com
<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b>	2nd Monday of each month in members' homes	2.15pm	Philip Peed 01297 442808
<b>SCOTTISH DANCING</b>	Weekly at Woodbury Hall, Axminster	10.00am	Sue Taylor 01297 551445
<b>PLAY READING</b>	Fortnightly - in members' homes	2.00pm	Frances Barter 07986 794722 frances.barter@hotmail.com

<b>SPANISH LEARNERS and CONVERSATION</b> Waiting List	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Wendy Howard 01297 445195
<b>WALKING 1</b> Waiting List	Fortnightly. Meet Uplyme Village Hall car park. Walks of 4 to 6 miles organised by members on a rota basis	9.30am	Jim Moseley 01297 443170
<b>WALKING 2</b>	Fortnightly alternating with Walking 1. Meet Uplyme Village Hall car park. We walk for about 1½ hours covering a distance of approximately 3 miles	10.00am	Marion Richardson 01297 33824
<b>STROLLERS</b>	Monday afternoons for a leisurely short walk. Walks organised by the members	2.15pm	Jan Robertson 01297 560450
<b>SCRABBLE</b>	Fortnightly in Leader's Home	2.30PM	Brian Chambers 01297 443443
<b>TUESDAYS</b>			
<b>BOOK GROUP 2</b> Waiting list	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Members Homes	2.00pm	Dawn Armstrong 01297 678932
<b>CURRENT AFFAIRS 1</b>	Fortnightly at Group Leader's home	10:15am-12:30pm	Iain Paterson 01297 631193
<b>CURRENT AFFAIRS 2</b>	Fortnightly at Group Leader's home alternating with Group 1	10:15am-12:30pm	Iain Paterson 01297 631193
<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION</b> Waiting List	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Maggie Allison 01297 443983 Keith Robson 01297 442183
<b>FRENCH FOR FUN</b> Waiting list	Fortnightly in members' homes	10.00am	Kay Luckraft 01297 599416 kay.luckraft@talktalk.net
<b>ITALIAN INTERMEDIATE</b> Waiting list	Fortnightly at Chideock	10.00am	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
<b>MEDITATION</b> Waiting List	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at Group leader's home	10.30am - 12.00	Jo Smith Oliver info@josmitholiver.com

<b>TENNIS</b> Waiting list	Weekly Charmouth Tennis Club	10.00am – 12.00	Joyce Beadle 01297 442279
<b>DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP</b>	Fortnightly Tuesday. Meet in group leader's home	Afternoon	Mark Gillams 07754 309609 mark.gillams@gmail.com
<b>QIGONG [Chi gung]</b>	Weekly at St Michael's Church Hall, Lyme Regis.	5.30pm	Dave Edwards 01297 443696
<b>BADMINTON</b>	Weekly at The Hub. Limited places, please enquire	5.00pm	Sue Gale 01297 444260
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
<b>BEGINNER'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISRAELI PALESTINE CONFLICT</b>	4 weeks, fortnightly, starting 1 <sup>st</sup> May, Guildhall, Lyme Regis	2.30pm	Maureen D'Albertanson 01297 631025
<b>COMPUTER LEARNERS</b> Waiting list	Weekly, for 8 sessions for two members at a time, in members' homes.		Klaus Wagner 01297 792978
<b>CURRENT AFFAIRS 3</b>	Alternate weeks at a members' homes	10.00am - 12 noon	Guy Barnes 01308 427430 valandguybarnes@gmail.com
<b>INTERMEDIATE GERMAN CONVERSATION</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Group Leader's home	2.30pm-3.30pm	Audrey Standhaft 01297 442427
<b>MAKING MUSIC</b>	Mornings. Newcomers very welcome at James Hargreaves Hall, Morecombelake	AM	Sue Calder 01297 561302
<b>MEMOIR WRITING</b>	Fortnightly from 24 <sup>th</sup> October at Guild Hall, Lyme Regis	10:00 – 12:00	Jackie Lloyd 01297 443516 <a href="mailto:ladylloyd@msn.com">ladylloyd@msn.com</a>
<b>POETRY-READING</b>	First Wednesday in every month. Old School poets pre-1950 will be read and discussed	2.00pm	Email Kevin Benfield 01297 446066 kevin@wordsonwords.co.uk

THURSDAY			
FRENCH EXPERIENCE (INTERMEDIATE)	Weekly in members' homes - Learning the language through written materials, games, documentaries and films in French and French conversation	10.00am-12.00	Wendy Howard 01297 445195
ITALIAN CONVERSATION	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month at Kilmington	2.30pm	Allan Swannell 01297 443003
LITERATURE	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday in the Month at the Lyme Regis Guildhall.	2.00pm	Guy Barnes 01308 427430
NEEDLES AND STITCHES	Fortnightly - Hallett Court in Queen's Walk. Lyme Regis. Needlework of all types	2.00-4.00pm	Ann Fudger 01297 444901 Janet Moyes 01297 444697
RELIGION & ETHICS	1A St. Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis	10.30am	Ed Standhaft 01297 442427
SHORT TENNIS	Weekly, Musbury Village Hall	2.00pm	Jill Menzies 01297 444863
TABLE TENNIS	Weekly at Lyme Regis Baptist Hall. Small charge for room	2.00pm	Brian Watson 01297 32060
FRIDAY			
CANASTA GROUP	Charmouth Library Meeting Room, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month	2.15pm until 4.15pm.	Valerie Penn 01297 560717
RARE BOOKS GROUP	The Sanctuary Bookshop, Rare Books Room. 65 Broad Street, Lyme Regis. Monthly from April	7:30pm	Bob Speer 01297 445815
CREATIVE CLAY Waiting list	Group Leader's home. Last Thursday and Friday of the month	10 am	Janet Steer 01297 631831
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE GROUP	1st and 3rd Fridays at Fernhill Hotel, Charmouth. On bus routes X53 and X51	10.00am-noon	Gerald Clark 01395 488605
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	Usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday – see website <a href="http://www.u3ascitec.weebly.com">www.u3ascitec.weebly.com</a> Woodmead Hall. Small charge	10.00am – noon	John Marriage 01297 443469

SATURDAYS			
<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>	First Saturday in each month – alternating venues Bellcliffe Cafe and Courtyard café	9.30am	Rachael Pope 01297 445575
<b>THE CYCLE GROUP</b> abilities ranging from electric bikes to avid cyclists. New members are welcome.	The cycle group offers friendly low key riding, intended for leisure and enjoyment, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The rides are of moderate pace and length - include stops for refreshment		clivegodfrey@gmail.com annvgray@hotmail.com 01297 442532 07800 662596
SUNDAYS			
<b>SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB</b>	in a variety of Inns	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Di Wilkinson 01297 678639
<b>SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 2</b>	in a variety of Inns	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Ann Macnair 01297 560611

## GROUP NEWS

The **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** is now in its second year and still has a core from the Class of 2017 that came from John Marriage's Photography Beginner's Course. We continue to try to develop our camera operations skills whilst having some fun at the same time. Last term we experimented with different shutter speeds. At short and at long shutter opening times we discovered a wide range of pictures that could not have been captured by human sight. This term we are studying the fundamental rules of composition. Next term we hope to have several short outings to put all the theory we have learnt into practice - well that is the idea anyway. Time will show. The group meets on alternative Tuesday afternoons. There are 7 of us in the group at present of varying ability and there is room for more members now. New members are welcome to try us out. If you are interested please contact me, Mark Gillams on [mark.gillams@gmail.com](mailto:mark.gillams@gmail.com).

**BEGINNERS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY.** John Marriage is willing to start another beginners group if he has enough requests. Please contact him on 01297 443469.

The **SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB ONE** is still going strong with usually 12+ members attending. We have three favourite venues which must be included every year, including the Lord Lease Hotel at Chard for our Christmas event. During the year two members celebrated 90th birthdays, joining another member who is 90 plus. Age certainly doesn't matter - all three ladies never miss, and two are founder members. This year we have two new venues to try which will be interesting. Finally, all the members are very loyal and supportive so I am blessed to have such a lovely group. Di Wilkinson 01297 678639.



The **STROLLERS GROUP** would like to welcome additional members to our easy walking group. The walks are ideally selected and led by members in turn and take place each Monday at 2.15pm for an hour or so, weather permitting. Members select walks to avoid scrambling up hillsides, and for decent walking surfaces. Some members walk with walking sticks or poles. Do come and try our walks!

Please phone Jan Robertson on 01297 560450.

The **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP** will continue to meet at Woodbury Community Hall, just off the road from Axminster to Raymond's Hill on Monday mornings between 10:00am and 12.00noon. Teaching is progressive and after a short warm-up, we normally have time for 4 or 5 dances plus a break for refreshments. We finish for the summer in May. Do join us!

Sue Taylor 01297 551445.

The **CURRENT AFFAIRS GROUPS 1 AND 2** are looking for new members. They meet on alternate Tuesdays from 10:15am to 12:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Iain Paterson on 01297 631193.

The **GEOLOGY GROUP** is booked for 2018-19 session and well under way. Geoff Townson is currently taking "Expressions of Interest" for Oct 2019 - May 2020. In early April Geoff will send information and a questionnaire to people who have contacted him. The closing date for return of the questionnaire is end-April. Ten places will be offered in May. In September, pre-course info will be sent out for the start in October.

Dates have yet to be chosen but it is always irregularly-spaced Tuesdays (pm for indoor meetings, all day for field trips). For more information on Geoff, go to <http://www.geofftownson.co.uk/a1-page.asp?ID=3284&page=7>

The **POETRY READING GROUP** meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the afternoon to read and share our enjoyment of poems of all kinds from all periods. Each month we have a chosen poet and everyone chooses one of their poems in advance. We also choose a second poem which is a free choice. At the meeting we take it in turns to introduce the chosen poet. Each of us then reads out their chosen poem. After some discussion, we then go around again and read out the free choice poems. The meeting concludes with tea and cake which we take it in turn to provide. Whether your taste is for John Donne, John Milton, John Masefield or John Betjeman why not come to a trial session and give us a try. We would welcome you! Kevin Benfield, 01297 446066 or [kevin@wordsonwords.co.uk](mailto:kevin@wordsonwords.co.uk)

The **PLAY READING GROUP** would like several more members, to help share out the reading of different parts of the plays we read. We meet fortnightly on Mondays at 2:00pm. Please contact Frances Barter 07986 794722 or [frances.barter@hotmail.com](mailto:frances.barter@hotmail.com)

The **MIDDLE EAST GROUP** will be a beginner's understanding of the Israeli Palestine conflict - for 4 weeks, fortnightly, starting 1st May, at Guildhall at 2.30pm. Please contact Maureen D'Albertanson 01297 631025.

The **WALKING GROUP 2** meet fortnightly alternating with Walking Group 1. We meet at Uplyme Village Hall car park. We walk for about 1½ hours covering a distance of approximately 3 miles. We welcome new walkers. Please contact Marion Richardson 01297 33824.

The **GARDEN LOVERS GROUP** will, as usual, start its year with a meeting in the spring in the Woodmead Hall (date to be confirmed). 10 or so garden visits will be arranged for the summer months. This year I am proposing that some of these be coach trips which will enable us to travel a little further than usual and will make available to us some great new gardens which until now have been too far for car-sharing. Mary Bohane (Group Leader) 01297 444566.

The **BOOK GROUPS 1 and 2** are currently full and have waiting lists. So far, we have four people on the waiting list. If a sufficient number of people want to join a book group, we would be willing to help set up a new, third reading group. The people in the new group could then agree amongst themselves which day to meet. One person would have to be willing to take on leadership of the group. Anyone who wants to go on the waiting list should contact either of the current reading group leaders: Dawn Armstrong- [dawnjarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:dawnjarmstrong@gmail.com), Jo Marsh - [jmwmarsh@gmail.com](mailto:jmwmarsh@gmail.com)

The **BIRD INTEREST GROUP** - We usually meet on the last Friday of the month.



Mornings at 10 am at a given site, or occasionally evenings in the summer. I send out news of bird sightings when I can and Roger (Boswell) sends in lovely photos of local birds. On our last walk, along the front in Lyme to the Cobb and Harbour. we were really lucky, with Roger's help in seeing lots of quite rare birds, about 15 Purple Sandpipers, the lone young Eider Drake (blown in on a storm just before Christmas), Ringed Plover, an endearing group of Turnstones and our favourite little Lyme Rock Pipits. We loved the row of Cormorants on the bar at the end of Victoria Pier with their wings hanging out to dry! These were the highlights, many others seen and heard. To crown it all it was a most beautiful day, blue sky and a warm sun on our backs. Our meeting in February will be at Chard Reservoir in the hope that the Great Crested Grebes will perform their magical display for us. Last year we also had Coots skating on ice! Never a dull moment.

Marjorie Waters 01297 445388.

*Bird photos by Roger Boswell*

The **CHI GUNG GROUP** (or as it is sometimes known Qigong, Qi gong, Chi kung, or Chi gung!) is a holistic system of coordinated body posture and movement, breathing, and meditation used for the purposes of health. We meet every Tuesday at 17:30 at the St Michael's Church Hall for an hour's stretching, breathing and relaxation with a 15 minute Meditation to finish. This leaves us de-stressed and chilled out. It never fails! Do join us! Dave Edwards 01297 443696.

The **COMPUTER LEARNING GROUP** (2 people at a time) meet once a week on Wednesdays for a couple hours for up to eight sessions in learners homes. It aims to give people more confidence in using the computer, ipad or such. Often people discover about things they had never thought about. The beauty is that there is no pressure and the atmosphere is very relaxed so that everyone learns something - often myself included. Try it and be pleasantly surprised. It's free! Klaus Wagner - 01297 792978.

The '**FRENCH FOR FUN**' group continues to thrive; we are enjoying 'brushing up' our French and we have also been lucky recently to have some help from a delightful French lady who is living locally for a year. The photo shows some of the group living up to the 'Fun' part of our name at our New Year Party, which included a traditional 'Galette des Rois' Epiphany Cake. The Group is full and we have a short waiting list. Kay Luckraft 01297599416.

The **RARE BOOKS GROUP** is a new group which will meet monthly at 7.30pm on the first Friday of the month, starting on April 5th or, possibly, the fourth Friday of the month, starting March 22nd.  
Venue: Rare Book Room. The Sanctuary Bookshop 65 Broad Street. Lyme Regis. There is free off road parking adjacent. At the first meeting, we will sound out people's preferences re timing, dates, and program, etc.  
Bob Speer 01297 445815.

**POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS?** If interested in these suggestions please contact Penny Rose 01297 561076 or [pennyrose2009@gmail.com](mailto:pennyrose2009@gmail.com)

**PAINTING TOGETHER:** is anyone interested in co-ordinating, but NOT teaching, or joining a group of members who would like to paint together.

**HISTORY GROUP and ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP:** We have had requests for these two areas but we would need leaders? Have we recently retired history/archaeology teachers or in our U3A or somebody with a passion for history/archaeology who could lead one of these groups?

**Please will all members note the following:**

*If you are emailing members of groups, whether group leaders or not, do check that they wish their e-mail addresses to be seen by all. It is best to use the BCC [Blind Carbon Copy] for ALL multiple messages if you are uncertain. This means that any given recipient will only see their own e-mail address and the sender's. Failure to do this means that the name and e-mail address are shared with all other recipients without their prior consent. This would be in breach of the GDPR requirement established in 2018.*

## SHORT STORY - CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

### The newspaper Maureen Albertanson

As I turned into Clevedon Road, the north wind caught my hair and I began to doubt why I was here. It was November and I had been sent up to Manchester for a Conference on the Teaching of Contemporary History. Because I had an afternoon free I decided to try and find my grandfather. We had been close until my parents split up, and then we lost touch: that was over 15 years ago. I remembered visiting him and my grandmother, as a child, and although I think I loved my grandfather, he was rather austere. My grandmother fussed over him, and us. I remember there were few photo's in the sitting room, and as I was never invited into any of the bedrooms I did not know what was stored up there. In my family you didn't stay with relatives, so I only saw my grandparents when my mother thought we ought to visit.

So here I was at the front gate. Suddenly a sense of loneliness overwhelmed me, the garden was overgrown and the net curtain grey and unkempt, was this the right house? As I walked up the path I knew there was nobody there. Peering through the window I could see post on the floor and a newspaper. Having knocked and rung, I decided to go next door and see if the neighbours knew anything. I knocked and a woman in a salwar kameez came to the door. I explained that next door was my grandparents' house and that I had come to see them.

"Oh, I am so sorry your, grandmother passed away some months ago, and two weeks ago Mr Blake, your grandfather, went into hospital and I believe he died. The house is empty and will probably be sold".

I was shocked at the passing of time. How had my grandfather died without a whisper that he was gone?

I asked the woman if she had a key to the house. "Yes, I have, in case of an emergencies". She turned towards a small table and picked up the key. I thanked her and left.

As I opened the door I paused to pick up the post and the newspaper. I quickly checked the date, it was the 11th of November 1995. As I scanned the pages I realised that the photo's and articles were about Armistice Day.

The house had that quiet air of resignation, one life had gone and a new one would be shifting all of those memories. Perhaps the house would be inhabited by people from a different culture and history. As I thought about this I decided to go upstairs to see what was in the bedrooms. I felt like an intruder pushing through other people's lives and loss. How could it be that our family did not even go to the funerals?

I went into one of the bedrooms, it must have been my grandparents', there were 2 single beds covered with candlewick bedspreads. How could they be so tidy when death had probably happened in this room? I went over to one of the chests of drawers and opened it. As I leafed through the myriad of photo's I began to piece my grandparents' world together. Then something changed this narrative. There was a box of medals, as I opened it I took out two medals, and

as I examined them, I realised that one was a military cross. How had my grandfather, who never spoke of war, been awarded this medal? I vowed that I would find out. As I delved further into the drawer a fragile and battered piece of paper found my grasp. I looked carefully, it was a newspaper, and the mud-stained title was the Wipers Times. I was shocked and excited. As a History teacher, this was one of those amazing moments when I felt I was in touch with the past: then I stopped and realised that this was my grandfather's copy. It was strange that I had turned up at their house on the day the nation had commemorated its war dead.

I tenderly gathered up the blurred photo's and all the memories that were in that drawer. I decided that instead of going back to the Conference that evening, I would do some research. So I looked up the Commonwealth War Graves website. Looking at the papers that I had found, and some photo's of soldiers, I noticed somebody who looked similar to my grandfather. I read a letter from my great grandmother to a son: Walter. I then checked the War Graves and found that a Walter Blake had died in France in 1914. An overwhelming sadness crept over me-perhaps this was my grandfather's brother and they had both joined up, and his younger brother had been killed almost as soon as he reached the Western Front.

As I looked carefully at the battered newspaper I found a poem written by my grandfather. The paper I found out, was published between 1916 and 1918. The Wipers was a slang version of Ypres. It was full of black humour, jokes, anecdotes and dark advertisements: 'TO LET- Fine freehold estate in salubrious neighbourhood. Terms moderate. Owner going east shortly. Apply Bosch and Co., Messines.' There were cartoons and then addresses of imaginary brothels. I realized that it would be wrong of me to keep this precious archive, so I decided to take it to the Imperial War Museum.

I found out that my grandfather had been part of the editorial team for a year and that he had been awarded the Military Cross for outstanding bravery - he had carried a wounded comrade across no man's land for almost half a mile, and sustained wounds from 'so-called' friendly fire.

When he returned home in 1918, as far as I knew, he never mentioned the war again, and we were never aware of his injuries, or his part in the 'Great War'. I have never really recovered from the overwhelming sense of loss I felt on that day. Since discovering my grandfather's past I have attended the ceremony at The Cenotaph each year, and will tell my children that they must too.

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**For any amendments, variations in Group details etc please  
remember to contact**

**Groups Coordinator**

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## Renewal of Membership which was due on 1st January 2019

£12 for individual membership, £22 for joint membership (2 members living at the same address).

This is the final reminder to pay your subscriptions please. Full details of how to pay have been given in Newsflashes and the previous Newsletter.

It is a big job to renew over 600 members not made easier by having to chase people who haven't yet paid! To know that you no longer wish to be a member is very helpful to know too.

Many thanks to those who have paid promptly.

Shane Ridley, Membership Secretary

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## From Karol Kulik at the Marine Theatre

Karol has sent two links for U3A members to buy discounted tickets for the first two film screenings at Tuesday Night at the Movies at the Marine Theatre. 12th and 26th March.

To get this discount you must purchase a 'Theatre Friends' ticket either online or from the Tourist Information Centre, bringing proof of U3A membership on the night.

**Blade Runner:** <http://www.marinetheatre.com/cinema-tuesday-night-at-the-movies-blade-runner-tuesday-12-march>

**Sullivan's Travels:** <http://www.marinetheatre.com/cinema-tuesday-night-at-the-movies-sullivans-travels-tuesday-26-march/>

Karol says "... we've now got another 12 films scheduled for April-September...all the highest voted-for films in our poll...starting with Some Like It Hot...and ending with Cabaret...it's gonna be a great summer film-wise".

From John Bartholomew TRIPS

Wednesday March 18th 2020! Bristol Hippodrome 2.30pm

`We Will Rock You` (Queen tribute)

Expressions of interest to [jdbart45@gmail.com](mailto:jdbart45@gmail.com)



Remember Christmas? Tennis players in Festive Dress, our tree at Lyme Regis Tree Festival & "French for Fun" celebrating the season



Breakfast Club



Scottish dancing



February's meeting - Groups & Social morning



Strollers

**Forthcoming events:** Meetings held at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis  
10.00am - 10.40am - coffee/tea and biscuits. 11.00am - talk

Note the change from Fridays (March) to Wednesdays (April, May & June)  
10.00am - 10.40am - coffee/tea and biscuits. 11.00am - talk.

### March 8th FRIDAY - The Lighthouses of Devon and Dorset

**Alan Nicholas** - A retired  
Lighthouse Engineer of some  
40 years service -  
Lighthouses and their history.



### April 10th WEDNESDAY- The fire in the Cathedral Yard in Exeter

**Todd Gray** - The fire that gutted  
the Royal Clarence Hotel in Exeter,  
horrified people all over the country.  
**Dr Todd Gray** - a specialist in the  
history of Exeter will be speaking  
about the historical implications of  
the fire and what it revealed.



### May 8th WEDNESDAY - The Festival of Britain

**Matthew Denney** Six years after the end of the Second World War, and exactly one hundred years since the famous Great Exhibition of 1851 - the first international exhibition of manufactured products - the Festival of Britain was a display of might and fortitude on a national scale, showcasing the best of British manufacturing. **Matthew Denney** will be speaking about the Festival of Britain and its impact on Britain.

### June 12th WEDNESDAY - Growing up in a Polish resettlement camp

**Bozena Brophy** grew up in the Polish re-settlement camp at Northwick Park in Gloucestershire. Northwick Park was owned by the Spencer Churchill family and had lakes, a walled garden and the barracks and Nissen huts that had previously housed troops. She will speak about her experiences of life in the camp.