

West Dartmoor U3A



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Members enjoying the Christmas Lunch at Tavistock Golf Club – a great success

Interest Group Updates

Poetry Group

There will be brief meeting in the Hall after the January meeting for the group to discuss dates and venues etc for this Group. All interested parties please stay behind after the main meeting. Contact: Barbara Ward

Singing for Fun Group

Next meeting will be held at 2pm in the Parish Rooms on Friday 19th January. February meetings are scheduled for 2nd and 16th February at 2pm. Contact: Marie Strick.

Walking Group

Mondays 9.30am at Crelake, Pixon Lane car park. Bus passes and NT cards may be useful. Long and Short walks are available on each Monday Contact: Kay Anthony

Opera Group 1

Next meeting, Friday 9th February at 9.30am. Opera: Beatrice and Benedict. Venue: Mary Logan

Art Appreciation Group

Next meeting 10am, Tuesday 16th January. Venue: Dinie Brickl

Eating Out Group

Don't forget the 'Bring and Share' Lunch from 12noon at Ann Rowlands on Wednesday 24th January. The programme for 2018 will be discussed at the lunch.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18th January at
10.30am - Tavistock
Methodist Church Hall

January 2018

Speaker: – Roger Higgs

“Sea-level rises 5m by 2050
– not humans' fault”



50 Members celebrated with a festive Christmas Lunch at Tavistock Golf Club after the December meeting. The venue was highly praised and the food was plentiful and expertly served by the catering staff.



At the meeting we were treated to some entertaining and varied performances from the members, too numerous to mention. Margaret Garton was an accomplished MC and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed. Many of you have told us how much you appreciated the variety and skill of the performers. What talented Members! **Thank You** to everyone who

TRIP TO THE MINACK – TUESDAY 26TH JUNE



We are planning our trip to the Minack for Tuesday 26th June to see the 2pm performance of 'Sense and Sensibility' by Jane Austen. Cost £28 per ticket.

The first 27 Members who expressed interest will be asked if they would like a ticket, payment to be made at the January meeting or by the end of January.

Should members be unable to attend the date selected we will contact those on the reserve list first, before we open the bookings up any further.

Calling all amateur painters.....

BUCKLAND IMPRESSIONISTS are a small group of amateur painters who meet each Thursday morning during term time to paint and socialize. From time to time they 'buy in' a visiting artist to run a class. They are self-funding so, at the moment they each pay £30 a term to pay for the hire of the hall.

They meet in the old Baptist Church at Buckland Monachorum from 9.30am-12.30.

They are looking to recruit about six new members and would welcome any U3A members who might be interested.

Contact Tel No: 612652 or 612619

NEWSLETTER - Change of issue date

Please don't forget that we are now producing the Newsletter 3 days in advance of each monthly meeting (not a week afterwards as it was previously).

If you have any stories or contributions for the February edition, please contact the Editor by Thursday 9th February.

Interest Group Updates

Exploring German – 19th century German cities

Fortnightly Group A – Tuesday afternoons – Jan 23rd, Feb 6th, Feb 20th, March 6th, March 20th (Easter break), April 10th, April 24th

Fortnightly Group B – Wednesday mornings – Jan 24th, Feb 7th, Feb 21st, March 7th, March 21st (Easter break), April 11th, April 25th

10 places in each group.

Contact: Richard Byrn

Film Seasons – Political Thrillers

There are 1 or 2 spaces remaining for the forthcoming film season
Tuesday 6th February – Argo
Tuesday 20th February – Syriana
Tuesday 13th March – Salting the Battlefield

Contact: Jane Whitehead

RED CROSS FIRST AID TRAINING

Is anyone interested in coordinating with the Red Cross a one-off training session on First Aid? It's been a while since we last had a training session and we can provide support to a member willing to take up the baton.
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A Message from the Chairman

Your U3A needs you

This summer, 4 members of the WDU3A Committee end their tenure and if we don't find replacements, West Dartmoor may need to close.

This would be a great shame in view of wonderful history of this U3A, but we cannot function without willing volunteers.

Please offer your services - don't be shy, you will be welcomed with open arms, and have the opportunity of working alongside the existing Committee until the summer.

Mary Badge

ADVANCE INFORMATION

Speakers Day, Okehampton Town Hall
Tuesday 17th April
Subjects: The Galapagos Islands and Nano Technology

THE SEVEN AGES OF WOMAN

How lovely, a dear girl child,
Who cries and sulks in Mother's arms,
Smiles and gurgles at her Daddy,
Captivates him with her charms.

Then the schoolgirl with her back-pack,
Sharing secrets with her mates,
Learning all about computers,
Made to do sport, which she hates.

Then the rebel in her teen years,
Doesn't want to work or play.
Loves boys, then she loathes them.
On her smart-phone night and day.

Business woman with her briefcase,
Carving out her own career,
Riding roughshod over colleagues,
Conquering empires without fear.

But a home and marriage beckon
Behind a loving manly smile.
Juggles motherhood and housework,
Leaves her business for a while.

When the kids have all left home
She can be herself at last,
Then babies call her Grandma
And her heartstrings hold her fast.

Now she has a second childhood,
Teaching children games to play.
But she still needs stimulation
So she joins the U3A.

Jan Robinson

MEMBERS. Are you getting monthly emails from us with links to the Newsletter? If you aren't, it's possible we don't have your up to date contact information. Please advise us of any changes by contacting the WDU3A email address:
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U3A contact for information about the West Dartmoor U3A and membership
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Amendments/Updates to Group Lists to Jean : j.thompson166@btinternet.com

Articles, information or anything else for the Newsletter please contact the Editor: u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com