

# West Dartmoor U3A



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Monday Walkers getting up to speed

## Calling photographers and snappers.....

We need more photos of our members in action, like David Anthony's, for our new website. Jane would love to hear from you [u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com](mailto:u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com)



## Interest Group Updates

### Opera Group 2

With Sue Foster. Proposed dates - 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### Singing for Fun Group

Meetings will be held at 2pm in the Parish Rooms on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. Contact: Marie Strick. Subs due in October

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am, Venue: Ann Rowland

### Art Appreciation Group

Next meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10am, Venue: Jane Whitehead – The Medici and Art

## Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am  
Tavistock Methodist Church Hall

## Speaker: – Brian Freeland

"G B Shaw:  
Playing the Clown"



It's time to make plans for Christmas and we have some old, some new and some changes to tell you about.

### CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

As in recent past years, we will be putting on a Christmas Entertainment Show at the December meeting instead of having a Guest Speaker.

We have asked Margaret Garton to organize this year's event and we welcome all participants. If you can sing, dance, tell stories, play a musical instrument or generally entertain us, please contact Margaret who will be delighted to hear from you. [m.garton12@gmail.com](mailto:m.garton12@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tavistock Golf Club will be the venue for the Christmas Lunch this year, following the Christmas Entertainment, and we are very excited to be going to this new venue at Christmas. We will be restricted to 50 places for the meal so bookings will be on a first come first served basis, cash or cheque payable to WDU3A at time of booking please.

Menu choices and tickets will be available to purchase at the October meeting. Cost is £16.95 per person for two courses with coffee. Drinks can be purchased directly from the Golf Club. We can provide lifts to the Golf Club, for those members who need a lift, please advise us when you make your booking. More information please contact [Sandra Bradbury](#) or [Jeanette Russell](#).

### WINTER WARMERS

Last year 9 generous Members hosted a programme of Winter Warmers between Christmas and New Year.....ranging from Seasonal Music to Opera and Tea, Slide Show, Bring & Share Lunch and New Year's Day Walk. We would love to be able to offer this facility again to Members to enjoy in the lull period between the Christmas and New Year festivities.

Sandra will be contacting Hosts from last year to see whether they would like to Host a Winter Warmer again this year. But are there any other members who would like to Host a Winter Warmer for the first time? For more information please contact [Sandra Bradbury](#)

## New Season for the Singing Group

After a tricky summer, the Singing Group begins a new Season on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Parish Rooms, when subscriptions to pay for the rent will be due. Interested new members are always welcome to attend a 'taster' session without charge.

We normally take part in an annual concert in November in aid of RNLI, but this year's has been postponed until the new year. We shall be polishing our repertoire for Christmas and generally doing what we do best.....SINGING FOR FUN.

Members of the Singing Group pay £14 approximately twice a year to cover the rent of the hall, music and refreshments. The more members we have, the cheaper the cost for every member.....Come along and join us, you will be very welcome.

We're making some changes.....to our technology groups. Juliet Hill is going to concentrate on **Modern Technology** and its uses and will continue to offer tasters on Apple products – Macs and iPads as well as Kindles. Please contact Juliet directly if you would like help and support on these products at [julietanddonald@gmail.com](mailto:julietanddonald@gmail.com)

Jane Whitehead is going to handle **Basic Computing** and offer help and support to anyone with the Windows platform and Microsoft products; setting up email; internet access and general basic information. Please contact Jane on [u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com](mailto:u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com)

Membership Subscriptions are overdue. If you wish to renew your subscription please ensure payment is made before 31<sup>st</sup> October. Cheques for £15 (full membership) or £11.50 (associate membership) made payable to WDU3A please. [treasurerwdu3a@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerwdu3a@gmail.com)

### Eating Out Group – The Forest Inn at Hexworthy Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

12.00 for 12.30pm

Please contact Anne Williams if you would like to attend. Meals will need to be pre-ordered with Anne by 9<sup>th</sup> October

[anne.williams@waitrose.com](mailto:anne.williams@waitrose.com)



### New Members Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning for our new members on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Invitations have been sent out by email and the Committee look forward to meeting as many new members as possible.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

It was great to see so many new members this month and at last month's meeting. Thank you for joining us and we hope you will be able to participate in many West Dartmoor activities.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for new groups, activities and events, or have skills you think we could use, don't be shy, please let us know, we'd love to hear from you.



Welcome  
Glad you're here!

**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:

[u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com](mailto:u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com)

### Membership Secretary

We are urgently looking for a Member to join the team and take up this role and be the 'first point of contact' for West Dartmoor. This is an exciting time to be joining the Committee and you don't need to have been a member for a long time. If you would like to find out more please contact Richard Byrn [richardbyrn01@gmail.com](mailto:richardbyrn01@gmail.com)



U3A contact for information about the West Dartmoor U3A and membership contact [u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com](mailto:u3awestdartmoor@gmail.com)

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