

UPDATE

Edition: Sixty-Four – May/June 2025

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A very warm welcome to those new members who have joined us since the last newsletter was sent out.

May Speaker

Paul Dean explained how he set up a truffle growing enterprise on his farm. Planting 2 acres with Hazel, Silver Birch, Beech & Oak trees inoculated with truffle spores. After 7 years you can expect some truffles, but they are hard to find as they grow underground, that's when you need a truffle hound. Paul has a Spaniel ATM who is quite good but used to have an excellent truffle hound sourced from Italy but sadly died 5 years ago.

You can find truffles in the UK growing wild, but they need a soil PH of 7.6, well drained yet moist conditions and pigs or wild Bore to spread the spores via their excreta as they love to eat them.

Truffles command a high price, with the Black winter truffle (Perigord truffle) fetching up to £3000/Kg

Over 100 other genera of fungi are also classified as truffles. Many truffles are rare and highly sought after as a gourmet delicacy. They have a complex flavour, often described as earthy, musky, used sparingly due to their potent aroma. They need to be used fresh (within 5 days) and do not keep at all well

Our speaker for June

is well known to us as leader of our Ukulele Group, but perhaps less well known as a raconteur of stories of our native lands. So, I will be delighted to introduce **Terence McCarthaigh** with his talk on the **origin, nature and practice of Traditional Folk Tales**. Terence has been telling stories of folk tales to varied groups for many years and in the essence of true storytelling he won't be using a projector or reading from a script, so it'll be a case of sitting comfortably and he'll begin!



Help Please! Tech support desperately wanted for monthly meetings

I'm looking for someone to help me at the monthly meetings by setting up projection and microphone equipment. This would suit someone with much better technical capabilities than me, whilst I continue

to do the meet and greet and introduction parts of the Speaker Coordinator role. This extra pair of hands would also allow me time to speak to people with my other hats on i.e. Behind the Scenes visits and Walkers Group. If you can help, full instruction will be given by me and Andy Arnold who is often available too. Please get in touch via email gill.sole@yahoo.com and I can phone to discuss if you have any questions. Many thanks, Gill

Marian Luck

CVu3a Membership Secretary and u3a Council Representative for the Southwest

Hello everyone, I have been asked to write a bit about the u3a Council, so here goes.

The first meeting of the new u3a Council took place on the 8th April, with Regional Council Representatives excitedly meeting face to face for the first time.

Before this meeting took place the regional representatives met online to decide who we wanted to be our Chair. We elected Sue Russell who I know some of you will know from being Chair of Network Link and other posts she has held for Worcester u3a. She is very proactive and enthusiastic about the great opportunities to work together and make real progress.

It was great to have everyone together in one room and to discuss how Council Representatives will engage with u3as in their region, to ensure the member voice is central to all we do.

The first meeting was all about set up arrangements, how the Council and Board will work together, and how representatives will communicate with u3as. We are at the beginning of a new adventure, and we have a great opportunity to shape the new Council to meet the needs of u3as. So please let me know if there is anything you think we could do to improve how u3as or the Trust work that would benefit our own u3a or that would help all u3as in the region. We need input from u3as across the region, not only from committees but from any member who thinks they have an idea that would be of benefit. Also, please let me know of any issues you have either with Culm Valley u3a or the Trust. I will take them to Council, and we will see what can be done.

As your Council representative, along with Susan Parker, who was our regional Trustee but is now your other regional rep, we will represent you to the best of our ability.

We will hopefully, be having our next meeting in May as we feel it is imperative that we get ourselves organised as quickly as possible so we can start to get working on issues that u3as have.

I am more than happy to talk to any member of Culm Valley u3a about the work of the council or any concerns you may have.

Please email me on marian.luck@u3a.org.uk or phone me 07480 643775



Celebrating Art

In September we are hosting a 2 day art event, Celebrating Art. 8 workshops each facilitated by a different tutor will run over the 2 days and cover a wide variety of art media. From Acrylic to Textiles and Soft Pastels to Gelli Printing, there will be something for everyone, whether you have never tried anything to do with art, or you have been doing art for years!



You can find out more about the 2 day event and the link to the booking form here: www.culmvalleyu3a.org/celebratingart2025 or by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone.

If you are able to help with the event by being on the refreshment team or helping with setting up, cleaning and clearing up, or showing visitors to their workshops etc. please get in touch with me on CelebratingArt2025@gmail.com

While this event is being referred to as a Culm Valley u3a event, it is not being financed by any CVu3a funds. We felt it was important that the event be self supporting, and anticipate that all costs will be met through workshop and evening event bookings.

Cryptic Crossword Workshop

Culm Valley u3a are extremely grateful to Graeme Cozens, a member of Tiverton u3a, who is currently running four, 2 hour, Cryptic Crossword Workshops. The offer was snapped up by 27 eager CVu3a members who have been joining Graeme for their respective workshops in April and May. I understand that the workshops are both great fun and very much appreciated by all who attend.

News from Interest Groups

Reading

In April we read Dissolution, a murder mystery set at the time of the English Reformation, which was enjoyed by all, despite it being a second reading for many, as well as being a better introduction to that period of history than it was a murder mystery – but well written and gripping.

The next meeting will be on May 15th at 2.30 upstairs in the Foyer of Cullompton Library. All welcome.

Books chosen by members for the coming months are:

May – Weyward by Emilia Hart plus a look at Longfellow's Hiawatha – origins at motivations.

June – The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry

July – Godmersham Park by Jill Hornby

August – The Turning of the Tide by Liz Shakespeare

September – The Raging Storm by Anne Cleves

October – The Malayan Spymaster by Boris Hembry

November – Slow Horses by Mick Herron

Behind the Scenes

2nd April – Norman Lockyer Observatory nr Sidmouth

We had a fine April day for the visit by 36 members to the Norman Lockyer Observatory, which is perched on top of Salcombe Hill to the east of Sidmouth. An introductory talk explained something of the background of Sir Norman Lockyer, a Victorian self-taught astronomer who used spectroscopy to identify the unknown element, Helium, in 1868. Lockyer was director of the Solar Physics Observatory in Kensington until it closed in 1912. On his retirement to Sidmouth he was able to raise money to set up the Hill Observatory [renamed the NLO after his death in 1920]. At this stage there were 2 domes housing the Kensington and McCloud telescopes.

Our group were entertained by a modeling of the solar system using props, and a session in the Planetarium using a unique fully working 1963 Spitz A3p planetarium star projector with an impressive history. We were guided around the Northern and Southern hemispheres stars spotting the well-known constellations along the way. Next a tour of the historic telescopes and domes, some of which are over 100 years old.

Next, we went outside to view the historic telescopes on site, plus the Technology Centre. It's very impressive that the NLO operates as a centre for amateur astronomy, meteorology, radio astronomy and education, staffed only by volunteers.

.. The site is owned by East Devon District Council and operated by the Norman Lockyer Observatory Society (NLOS) who maintain the instrument, open the site to the public and run courses in astronomy.

The observatory has three historic working telescopes. The Lockyer (1863, rebuilt 1871), the Kensington (1840) and the McClean (1895) see photos. These mark the start of solar and astrophysics in Britain.



Creative Writing

Our topic this month was 'The Trip'. This can suggest different stories to different people.

A couple of our members shared trips to exotic parts of the world, bringing those regions to life with their evocative descriptions.

We also had an unwanted trip to Grannies, which was partly true with a granny that lived with a cow in her house. There was also a trip into the past where we were transported to a different time - no

central heating and an outside loo.

Words can spark memories and feelings that you thought were lost. Words can also take you to other worlds where you can live vicariously through someone else's experience.

Below is an excerpt from Paula Longden's excellent story.

The Trip

It couldn't be described as a holiday, it was more of an adventure, one that I felt compelled to take after being inspired by 'Race across the world' and of course the many captivating David Attenborough programmes in remote areas of our planet. On a bleak November afternoon, I found myself searching the internet for an exciting quest, after all, I decided, I was still young, with just about enough energy, but I had to act quick, whilst I had the momentum! Before I could stop myself, I had committed us to spend seventeen days of our lives in Antarctica and South America. I told people I was interested in photography, science and adventure. Really, I just wanted to see a penguin in its natural habitat and not endure frostbite. So, I thought a cruise, accompanied by a thermal coat and a pair of binoculars would be ideal.

I didn't give the journey to the end of the world too much thought, despite hurtling towards my seventieth decade I felt youthful and infallible, I didn't ask my husband about how he felt, after all he is a year younger than me and in good health, so he was bound to feel as positive and infallible as I was and needless to say, just as keen for an adventure!

Thanks

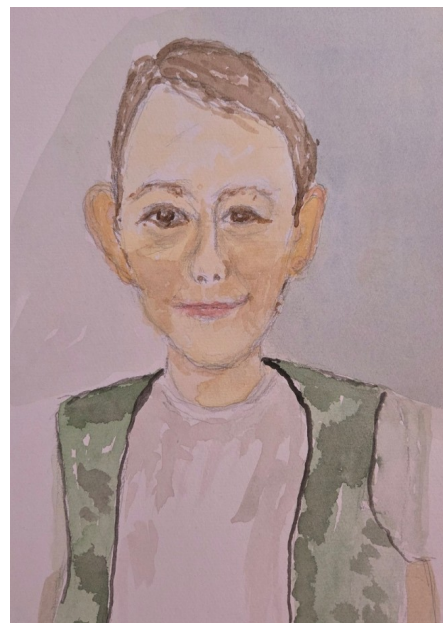
Sue Childs

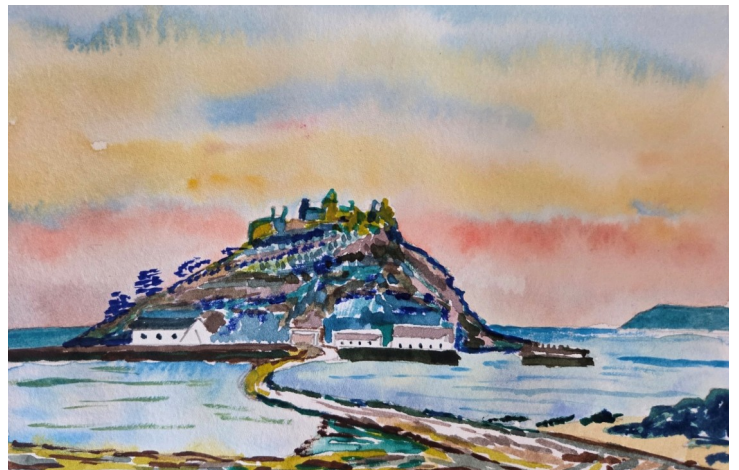
Perhaps you will be inspired by this month's topic - 'Space', to join us with your own story or poem. The hardest part is picking up a pen and writing the first word. We will be meeting again on Tuesday 20th May at 2.00pm. Hazel Newman will be kindly hosting us again.

Art in Action

Chris Howe was due to give the group a second session on Watercolour technique April 28th, but unfortunately was too ill to attend, wishing him a speedy recovery.

We continued with our various art projects many watercolour, see a few samples below.





Photography

This month the Photography Group took a trip to Exmouth for a few different photo opportunities. When we arrived there was an eerie sea fret moving over the sand which was a challenge to capture. We also found lots of dogs and very brave swimmers, that always make good subjects. The beach huts were a favourite photo, but we also had the Lifeboat Station open, which meant you could climb a ladder to see inside the vessel. One of our members used his hat and sunglasses to create a hilarious image. It was a gloriously warm day which meant we were able to have coffee and cake outside.

Our photographic challenge for the month was 'Clock/Clocks'. As well as beautiful clocks from across the world we also had some great photos from people thinking outside the box. Our winner this month was Bob Deeley with a stunning photo of a dandelion clock.

Next month's challenge will be 'Sun'. This could be a sunrise or sunset, or you could let your imagination go wild using the word sun.

Our next meeting will be at my house on Monday 26th May at 11:00



Image on left is Bob's winning photo

Bob with the winner's trophy



A few members of the Photography Group enjoying the sunshine.



Quizzing

At our April meeting we enjoyed questions set by Julie and John Perratt. As always, our question setters come up with a really interesting mix which this time included famous parents, quotations, song lyrics, geography, general knowledge and some particularly fiendish close-up pictures of various items of sporting equipment.

The winners this month were excellent at working out what a pommel horse and curling stone looked like in ultra close-up.

Our next meeting is on Friday 16 May at Willand Village Hall, doors open at 10.30 and the quiz starts at 11.00.

Walkers

Our Feniton walk in April provided plenty of interest - sheep on the move, a horse in hand, Swampy's Oak and a posse of Segways. And of course, the beautiful landscape of East Devon, Escot Park and the River Tale. All ending with a good value pub lunch at the Talaton Inn.

Our next walk on May 15th - Fingle Bridge

The walk is approximately 5 miles. It's very scenic taking us along the famous Hunters Path under Castle Drogo. Lunch afterwards at the Fingle Bridge Inn on the banks of the River Teign. For more details and to join this walk contact gill.sole@yahoo.com



You can read more about Swampy's Oak and the Fairmile A30 road protest (1997) here ... https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairmile,_Devon

Quilting

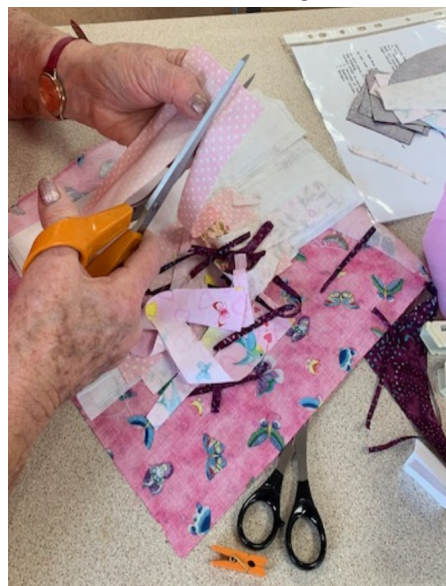
During these last couple of sessions, as well as working on individual projects, we have been working on the stained-glass quilting technique, to make a cushion cover - zip included! . Production has been high and I hope to be able to include some finished cover pics in next month's edition.

Work has also continued on the Autumn themed quilt, which will be raffled later in the year. More details on that below.



We have recently said hello to two new members, who have joined the group - welcome Sue and her companion, Hetty. Hetty is proving to be a valuable member of the group, she wanders around occasionally, doing quality control - and so far, we've got her making the tea and sweeping up threads at the end of the session. She really has made herself a useful member of the team. We like her a lot!

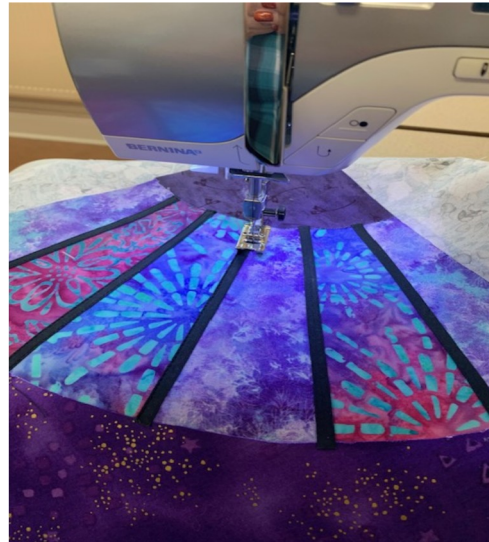
Group members have been set a challenge to create a quilt, with an Autumn theme, which will be raffled, with the proceeds being donated to charity later in the year.



It's hoped that many u3a members will participate in buying raffle tickets, to win this unique quilt - either for themselves, or perhaps as a gift? More details will follow, nearer September.

The group is run by Lin Arnold and we meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month,
- 9.30 to 12.30 in the Committee Room at Willand Village Hall. Anyone wanting more information can contact Lin on Impish4me@gmail.com or talk to her, directly, at the monthly meetings.





Crafts

Sue Childs led the group again for our second session of Needle Felting. This time it was Highland Cattle, so there is lots of scope for interpretation and character. It really is a most satisfying craft seeing a form created from strands of wool using a barbed needle. We are very easily satisfied with Craft!!

Our next challenge will be Iris Folded, a cunning way of making pictures out of folded paper.....what can possibly go wrong!

Lorna



A reminder to all gardeners

that Uffculme Gardeners Association are welcoming u3a members to their meeting on Monday, 12th May. It will be held in the Garden Room of the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. Guest speakers, Alan and Linda French, will give a talk called Spring into Summer and this will be followed by a plant sale. Entrance fee approximately 50p, with free tea and coffee.



There is still space available with the Uffculme Gardeners Association on their summer visit to Stourhead in Wiltshire, famous for the magnificent Palladian House and landscape garden. The visit will be on Tuesday, 8th July, coach departing Uffculme at 9.30 am and returning approximately 5.30 pm. Entry to Stourhead is free to National Trust members, while non-members will pay the group discount price of £17.70. The cost of the coach will be between £20.00 to £25.00.

Contact Richard Coleman, Secretary, on 07876451768 or r.e.coleman7@gmail.com for further details.

Linda Grantham

Behind the Scenes

Visit to Paignton Zoo 8 May

Culm Valley were joined by members from Exe Valley and Tiverton u3as on a brilliant day out at Paignton Zoo, proving that you're never too old to enjoy a zoo. We kicked off with a very interesting talk from Dr Andy Bowkett about the zoo's 100-year history, its collaboration with other international zoos on breeding programmes as well as its external conservation projects in the Southwest as well as Africa. We then had a guided tour by one of the keepers, who introduced us to Many of their black rhino, their Bornean orang-utans and silverback gorillas and their family of red ruffed lemurs, all of which are critically endangered. We spent the rest of the day exploring our favourite animals - enjoying it every bit as much as we did when we were young!





A few spaces left on 18 June Glastonbury Trip - £20

If you've haven't yet signed up for the morning visit to Glenda Spooner Farm, World Horse Welfare's Rescue Centre in Somerset, followed by a free afternoon in Glastonbury, there are just a few places left on our coach.

email gill.sole@yahoo.com for full details or to reserve your place.



Glastonbury Abbey



The fossil hunt and a visit to the Lyme Regis Museum is set to go ahead on the 16th July. commencing at 13.30pm at Lyme Regis Museum. Contact Paula for further details at: paulajlongden@outlook.com

Genealogy

The group will be creating an online knowledge bank of resources to support Culm Valley u3a Genealogy Group members with their family research. This will include notes, hints/tips and aide-mémoire from previous workshops and presentations by expert speakers. Further details will be available at the Genealogy Group meeting on the 14th of May.

In other news ...

A new groundbreaking record collection has been released for the Channel Islands (only on Findmypast). Records include War time occupation related information, Poor Relief, Marriage, Birth, Baptism, Death, and Burial Records etc.

If you are interested in Irish ancestry, you can learn more on the National Archives new website.

They have made available over 60 million historical records to aid your family research.

For further information please read the u3a Subject Matter expert Stephen Dyer's May Newsletter available to view or download by clicking on the following link [click here](#)

Walter, Tel: 07852 910549, Email: walterwlongden@outlook.com

Petanque

As many readers are aware, this active sporting interest group rely on "lobbin" heavy metal boules on the very playable piste, located in the scenic calm garden at the rear of the beautiful Walronds, in the very middle of Cullompton.

We persist in playing "the Iron Ball Game", popular worldwide with more than 12 million ardent followers, throughout the year, meeting weekly in almost every imaginable weather condition, for two hours in the morning and again, with different participants, in the afternoon. We learn about the game through frequent playing competitive games amongst our members, occasionally visiting other venues and sometimes competing against other u3a teams. It's a friendly, healthy and FUN thing to do and is generally accessible to all ages and abilities. Some of our players have extended their involvement to playing with established Southwest area Petanque clubs and have acquitted themselves admirably at Devon County League contests!

We invite all our avid readers to come along to the Walronds garden one Friday, and join us at play. We have spare boules to lend visitors and are happy to show new players how to participate in playing this addictive sport. Try it for yourself! It's FUN !

All enquiries to Richard Taylor - Co-organiser of the Group. Mobile: 07816 337456.

Or email: farmerzboy@icloud.com

Jazz Live Music Appreciation

We hope you will enjoy listening to these several tracks on your own IT device FREE! If, having enjoyed this musical experience, you wish to join our CVu3a Jazz Music Group please arrange to share transport with other like-minded jazz music fans. We would enjoy your company at future monthly live band performances that our group members visit locally throughout year!

CLICK ON THIS LINK TO HEAR SOME LOCAL CULM VALLEY, MAGELAKE PAVILION STYLE, JAZZ TUNES:

<https://charliehearnshaw.bandcamp.com/album/winter-solstice-jazz-at-magelake-uffculme>

The Bandcamp list of tunes should be displayed with click-on arrows to play each one !

NB: I will appreciate some feedback from readers; let me know if this link works for you?

For further details, contact Richard Taylor on Mobile: 07816 337456, or by email

farmerzboy@icloud.com , OR speak with me at the monthly u3a meeting at Willand Village Hall.

Lastly, some information on two interesting jazz music gigs coming our way in May:

- Wednesday 14th May - The Mississippi Dreamboats 6-piece band from the north east of England will perform for us at Wivey Has Jazz Club, in the Jubilee Village Hall, Langford Budville, near Wellington, Somerset from 7.30pm. Car parking is FREE!
- Wednesday 21st May - the Gordon's Algiers Strutters jazz band will perform from 7.30pm at the Magelake Pavilion, Uffculme. Again, Car Parking is FREE.

Hope to meet up with readers at one or both of these venues. KEEP ON JAZZIN!
Richard Taylor - Jazz Music Appreciation Group Co-organiser. Mobile: 07816337456

French Conversation #2 – New Information

This group now meets on a Tuesday afternoon (instead of Monday - for Summer 2025).

We will still be meeting at The Bakehouse using the back room.

The group would be happy for new members, so if you want to continue developing your French conversation this is the group for you.

Please contact Julie Murphy on email: murphyjulie74@gmail.com

University of Oxford - Research Opportunity

Jonathan Taylor

Jonathan.Taylor@ndph.ox.ac.uk

I am leading a research project at the University of Oxford that may be of interest to Culm Valley u3a members.

Study into the health and well being of adults who grew up in foster or residential care

Research has shown that care-experienced adults face a greater risk of negative health outcomes compared to the general population.

Researchers are holding focus groups to understand the health and well being concerns of older care experienced adults and explore the types of support they would like to receive from health and social care services.



If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more, please contact

Jonathan.Taylor@ndph.ox.ac.uk

If you would like more details or have any questions, I would be happy to arrange a phone call or Zoom meeting at your convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jonathan Taylor

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Prize Draw

A member of CVu3a Quilting Group has made this fabulous farmyard quilt and has decided to set up a prize draw in aid of the hen rescue charity - BHWT (British Hen Welfare Trust) - raising funds to re-home hens at the end of their commercial laying life and to promote better animal welfare.

The Prize

This fun and colourful farmyard quilt made from cotton can be used as a bed throw or as a wall hanging as there is a hanging sleeve on the reverse to insert dowling. The letters are edged with hand embroidery. Perfect for brightening up any children's bedroom, playroom or nursery. The animal themed quilt measures 42"x 52" (approx 107cms x 132cms).



As a bonus there are a second and third prizes up for grabs. The second number drawn will receive an adult size apron with a chicken design and the third lucky number drawn will win a set of six matching chicken themed place mats.



How to Enter

Go to:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/henmadeforyou>

To support BHWT please donate just £5 which will give you one entry into the Prize Draw. By donating up to £20 will give you four Prize Draw entries.

If you wish to enter the Prize Draw for free your entry should be submitted by Standard post (first- or second-class letter or postcard) or by Standard rate phone call or SMS.

The prize draws close on Friday 9th of May at 12 noon.

There will be a computer-generated random draw which will pick the winning entries and the names will be notified on both the Crowdfunding page and Facebook unless you choose to be an anonymous entry. Once chosen I will contact the winners using the email provided in the Prize Draw entries list. I will then arrange for the delivery of the prizes directly with the winners.

Winners have a week to claim their prize. If the prize is not claimed within 7 days, then there will be another random draw to select a replacement winner.

Please enter now.....and thank you to everyone for your donation and support. The funds raised will really make a difference.

difference.

.....it's all for The Girls!

Thank you



Interest Groups Information

Group	Contact Please click on name to email	Venue, Day & Time
Art in Action	Rachel Kingdom	2nd & 4th Monday each month 13.30 – 16.30 Club Room, Willand Village Hall
Beginners French Conversation	Terence McCarthaigh	Monday Fortnightly. Members' home, Uffculme
Beginners Spanish	Micky Wood	Weekly at The Bakehouse, Cullompton
Beginners Jewellery	Julie Murphy	Contact Julie
Behind the Scenes	Gill Sole Paula Longdon Moira Wood	6 times each year
All trips will be announced by email and offered to all u3a members on a first come first served basis in future so as to give everyone the opportunity to participate. Given the different nature of the venues, we visit some numbers will be small and if over-subscribed we may be able to repeat the trip at a later date.		
Boules/Pétanque	Richard Taylor Mobile: 07816337456	Every Friday 11:00 and 14:00 Weather dependent
Bridge	Maggie Lambert	Contact Maggie
ITCG (Computers/IT)	Andy Arnold	1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 15:00 The Hayridge, Cullompton
Colour Pencils	Sue Hooper-Lawrie	1st & 3rd week each month 13.30 – 16.30 Club Room, Willand Village Hall
Craft	Linda Arnold	1st & 3rd Wednesday each month 9:30 to 12:30 Committee Room, Willand Village Hall
Creative Writing	Hazel Newman	Meet every 3rd Tuesday 14.00
Draw It!	Sue Hooper-Lawrie	2nd & 4th Thursday each month 10:00 – 12:00 Club Room, Willand Village Hall
French Conversation	Sally Graham	1st Monday each month at 11:00

Group	Contact Please click on name to email	Venue, Day & Time
French Conversation #2	Julie Murphy	2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at The Bakehouse, Cullompton from 15:00 to 16:30
Gaming	Jean Turner	1st Monday each month 10:30 to 12:30 Club Room, Willand Village Hall
Genealogy	Walter Longden	2nd Wednesday each month 10:30 to 12:30 Hayridge Centre
History	Alison Waple	3rd Thursday each month plus various other days
Jazz Appreciation	Richard Taylor 07816337456	Contact Richard
Mahjong	Jean Turner	2nd Monday each month 10:30 to 12:30 Club Room, Willand Village Hall
Photography	Sue Childs 07398 686612	Last Monday each month
Quilting	Linda Arnold	1st & 3rd Tuesday each month 9.30 to 12.30 - Committee Room, Willand Village Hall.
Quizzing	Martin Newman	1st and 3rd Friday each month at 11:00 - Willand Village Hall
Reading	Sally Graham	3rd Thursday each month, 14:30 upstairs at Cullompton Library
Soloists (But not alone)	Jenny Day	Contact Jenny
Strollers	Elieen Turner & Jackie Sim	2nd Tuesday each month @10:30 4th Tuesday each month @10:00
Theatre/Cinema/Music	Daphne Dowsing Carole Eden	Contact Daphne or Carole
Ukulele	Terence McCarthaigh	Thursdays 10.00 -11.30 @ Markers Community Room, Uffculme, EX15 3DZ

Group	Contact Please click on name to email	Venue, Day & Time
Walkers (4-6 Miles)	Gill Sole	3 rd Thursday each month a/m

If you have an idea for an Interest Group, please get in touch with Groups Co-ordinator on email: cvu3agroupscoord@gmail.com

Contact Emails for current Executive Committee members:

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cvu3agroupscoord@gmail.com	Sue Hooper-Lawrie
cvu3amemsecretary@gmail.com	Marian Luck

Monthly Meetings:

Monthly Meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month, except January. The meeting starts at 2pm, with members arriving any time after 1.15pm. We hold our meetings at Willand Village Hall, Gables Road, Willand, EX15 2PL. Check monthly newsletter for more information about arrangements for upcoming meeting/s.

Suggested Venues for Group Meetings

John Tallack Youth & Community centre, Meadow Lane, Cullompton. Ex15 1LL.

Email: info@jtc.org.uk Website: www.johntallackcentre.org.uk

The Walronds, 6 Fore Street, Cullompton.

Email: Info@walronds.com Website: www.walronds.com

The Bakehouse, 3 High Street, Cullompton.

Email: enquiries@thebakehousecullompton.co.uk Website: www.thebakehousecullompton.co.uk

Phone: 01884 35222

The Steamer, Five Bridges, Cullompton.

Email: hello@the-steamer.co.uk Phone: 01884 904960

Willand Village hall, Gables Road, Willand. Bookings contact: Frances Wilcox.

Email: bookings@willandvillagehall.org.uk

Willand Health & Community Centre, (opposite Village Hall) Bookings contact; F. Wilcox

Email: info@whacc.org.uk

Cullompton Library, (part of The Hayridge Centre). Contact; Rachel Kidd.

Email: Cullompton.library@librariessunlimited.org.uk. Phone; 01884 824555

Go to <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena> to pre book a computer time slot by using the iCAM booking system or directly. <https://lu.imil.uk/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fbookings>

Opening hours (Staffed): Monday-Friday – 09:00 – 17:00 Saturday – 09:00 – 13:00

Square Corner, The Square, Uffculme, Ex15 3AA: <https://www.squarecorner.org.uk/book-online>

Bridwell, Uffculme, is under new ownership and **The Orangery** is open once again. They are happy for large groups to meet there again. If you are planning to hold a meeting in the Orangery for 8 or more people, please email cafe@bridwell.co.uk to book the group in and let them know numbers and if you are planning to eat or not.

If you know of any other suitable venues, please let us know.

Deadline for items for UPDATE is always the 10th of the month.
Please send to johnhayston1@gmail.com