



Thursday 12th September **Galileo and the Roman Inquisition** Janet Diamond

A view from the Chair – Julia Churchley julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk

I hope you are looking forward to an interesting and entertaining autumn in Dartmouth. Iain McCall has organised a superb series of speakers for us to enjoy every month. As ever, do encourage any friends or neighbours to come along with you to try a u3a meeting. Our group conveners have talks, trips and activities lined up, do support them and try something new ! I am also looking forward to the very first Book Festival in Dartmouth on 20th, 21st September, with a marvellous programme of speakers and events.

Secretary's reminders – Christine Milsom christinemilsom@btinternet.com The talk for the u3a members' meeting is at The Flavel on Thursday 12th September at 10.30am. The subject is *Galileo and the Roman Inquisition* by Janet Diamond. A world-renowned scientist, astronomer and engineer, Galileo was ultimately imprisoned by the Roman Inquisition and his books banished. This is the story of the rise and fall of one of the greatest names of modern science. Coffee is from 10am, please remember your mug if you would like a drink.

Membership Secretary – Suzie Dodsworth 01803 770134 membership@dartvalleyu3a.org

A reminder for those who have not renewed that your membership starts on **1st April** each year. Our bank details are as follows: Account Name: **Dart Valley U3A**, Account Number: **06170102**, Sort Code: **52 30 20**. Alternately, write a cheque made out to **Dart Valley U3A** and post to Membership Secretary, Swallowfield House, School Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 OPR.

The annual membership fees are £10 for Individuals, £20 for Joint Memberships (i.e. couples at the same address) and £5 for Associates. For new members who have or intend to join during the year, the membership fee per person is £10 if you join between April and June, between July and Sept it is £7.50, between October and Dec £5 and the remaining three months £2.50. Membership forms are available on the u3a website or from me.

Group Co-ordinator– Suzie Dodsworth 01803 770134 suziedwong@gmail.com I've volunteered to return and take over half the Membership Secretary's job i.e. the database records. I have now given up the role of Group Co-ordinator which I have very much enjoyed. Wiz will be taking on this role, and the job of newsletter editor.

Event: Devon Link Quiz

The Devon inter u3a quiz afternoon is on **Tuesday 1st October** at 2pm in Exeter. If there is anyone who is interested in joining a Quiz team of 4 to represent our u3a please contact Gwendolyn by email or 01803 833270 so we can arrange transport. There is no cost for teams as the entry charge will be paid by u3a, refreshments are also included.

Group News



Photo: Thomas Moran

History of Art is changing its Friday slot to the **first** Friday of the month. The season starts this **Friday 6th September** at 2pm prompt at the Flavel studio. Starting with a fascinating talk from artist and sculptor, **Penny Hardy** talking about her remarkable career and her dramatic sculptures. All welcome.

iPads 4 beginners. Suzie Dodsworth is starting her popular 15-week course again this autumn. More details from Suzie, and under the iPad group heading.

Classics – please note Classics re-starts on 3rd October.

Two groups have recently closed – Calligraphy group– thank you to Gill Kidd who ran the group before her recent move to Ivybridge. Music also closed in July – thank you to Lindsay Charlesworth who ran this group for many years.

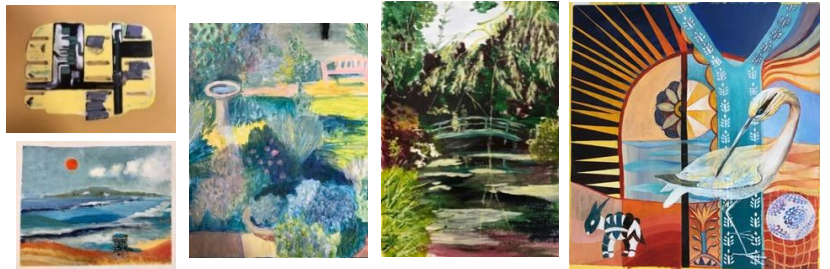
Group reports

ARCHERY Colin Payne 07919 933891 colinpayne43@hotmail.com (Tues am S F Cricket Ground). As we move towards Autumn and less favourable weather for outdoor archery, we will introduce some tutorials and coaching to improve marksmanship. On 27th August we looked at factors that determine trajectory and range as applied to modern bows with sights, and how to make adjustments. We will continue with our arrow fletching experience.

ARCHITECTURE Mike Trevorrow 01803 752928/07470 484858 mike.d.trevorrow@gmail.com (4th Thurs, 11.15 for 11.30am start, Flavel Studio – all welcome.) Architecture will not be starting until October since so many people will be away, including me. On October 24th we are privileged to have the splendid Wiz talking about the architect Jorn Utzon, a treat in store I am sure. Until then, enjoy bucket and spade time, then come back for a fresh new season.

ART GROUP Pat White 07929 271658
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(Monday 10am Townstal Hall). Art group continued until the end of July and will start again on September 30th. In July we continued to explore something of semi-abstract qualities giving careful thought to colour combinations and various ways of actually applying paint. We will hold individual sketching sessions during the summer when as weather and circumstances permit. We look forward to starting a new term of artistic exploration.



ASTROLOGY Geraldine Leigh geraldine.e.leigh@gmail.com 07590 646653 (3rd Tues, afternoon). Astrology is taking a break for now.

BOOK GROUP 1 Lindsay Charlesworth 01803 834592 lindsay@jpcharlesworth.plus.com

(10.30am – 3rd Mon Stoke Fleming) At our August meeting a small group of us discussed *Run Away* a collection of short stories by Alice Munro. Not quite sure why we had chosen this book but none of us impressed – we hadn't managed to engage with any of the characters plus all very confusing until the last few pages of each story. Next month on 16th September we shall be discussing *The Secret Shore* by Liz Fenwick. This book is featuring in Dartmouth's first Book Festival to be held in the Flavel on 20th/21st September. On the 20th Liz Fenwick will be present talking about the book and answering questions. On 21st October we shall be discussing *The Light Years*, the first of the Cazalet Chronicles by Elizabeth Jane Howard.

BOOK GROUP 2 Valerie Church 01803 834280 churchval2@aol.com

(1st Weds 2.30pm – 4.00pm) Since I last reported, the group has read *River Rats* by Andy Griffe, and *The House of Spirits* by Isabel Allende. We then broke for our usual 2-month summer break during which we are reading *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins. Some of us have also read *The Secret Shore* by Liz Fenwick for discussion at The Book Festival. We resume our monthly meetings on Wednesday, 2nd October.

BOOK GROUP 3 Sarah Nottrodt 0777 8547064 sarah_nottrodt@hotmail.co.uk (2nd Weds 10am)

BOWLING Tim Freeman 01803 832663/07792 620176 timfreeman61@googlemail.com

(2nd Tuesday 3pm). To join the group or have a try it session please contact the convener, Tim Freeman.

The u3a bowling group will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month (Tuesday 10th September) as normal. Cost £2. New joiners are welcome to come along, please contact the organiser first.

BRIDGE Judi Cotes 01803 834802 judigrovecotes7@gmail.com

(Flavel Studio Tues 10am – 12 noon) No stress bridge. Every Tuesday 10–12. £4. To include tea/coffee and biscuits. A partner will be found if you come on your own. Judi Cotes 07870897108.

CLASSICS 'Wiz' Tehel 07770 912100 classics@dartvalleyu3a.org

(1st Thurs 10.30am Flavel Auditorium). Classics restarts **3rd October** with *Classical Architecture-It picked us up and has never put us down* presented by Mike Trevorrow, 10:30am Flavel, tickets £4.

COFFEE CUPS Gwendolyn Alker 01803 833270 jsgmalker@yahoo.co.uk

(Main Meeting Flavel 2nd Thurs) We are always looking for helpers to serve tea and coffee before the monthly talks. There is a list of dates by the serving hatch so please sign up and arrive at 9.45am on the day. Volunteers serving coffee at the meeting have free entry to the talk. Remember to bring your mug.

CRAFTS CLUB Joan Buscombe 01803 832662 c/o vcbest@hotmail.co.uk (Tues 10am –12 noon ring first) We would welcome more people to come and join us and share their knowledge with ours, or if a complete beginner for us to share our knowledge with you. Do come forward if you enjoy creative stitching.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Gwendolyn Alker 01803 833270 jsgmaker@yahoo.co.uk

(3rd Tues). Our next Cryptic Crossword meeting is on Tuesday 17th September at 10.30.am. Although we are full at present if you would like to be on a waiting list to join please contact Gwendolyn.

FRENCH CONVERSATION Steve Stevenson steelboatsteve2@btinternet.com

(2:30pm 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, at Brown's Hotel, Bar & Bistro, Victoria Road.)

Are you interested in maintaining/improving your level of spoken French? We shall be restarting the u3a French conversation group on Wednesday 10th September and every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month thereafter. It will be held at Browns Hotel, Victoria Road, Dartmouth at 2.30pm. If you would like to join us (on 10th September or at a later date), please contact me, Steve Stevenson, via this email address:

steelboatsteve2@btinternet.com so that I can gauge the number of people who are interested. Any suggestions as to how we might structure the afternoons will also be welcome. *Venez nombreux, nous allons nous amuser, et il est gratuit – sauf pour l'achat d'une boisson! Vous serez les bienvenus. Merci et à bientôt*

NEW FRENCH READING Anne Goody anne@goody.org.uk Some of us have met during the summer and have decided to read some intermediate level stories, and attempt *L'Etranger* by Albert Camus. The next meeting will be on **26 September**. Contact Anne for more details.

GARDENING GROUP 1 Clare Ball ceball@live.co.uk (3rd Friday)

GARDENING GROUP 2 Clare Ball ceball@live.co.uk (12 noon on the last Tuesday).



GARDEN GROUP 3 Julia Churchley 07900 321681

julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk (Irregular) Our group enjoyed a lovely visit to **The Garden House**, at Yelverton in July (left). For our next trip we have a private visit to a local garden, **Middle Well in Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6RL**, a two-acre garden with woodland and streams. *It can be reached by using the ferry/driving from Dartmouth or via Totnes. Owner advises putting house name, NOT postcode in your satnav.* Date : **Tuesday 10th September 2pm** at the garden. Parking for 10 cars which should be plenty as some will car share.

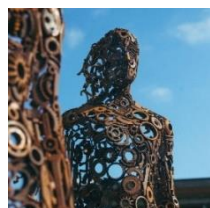
As it opens for National Garden Scheme it can be seen online, directions are there too. The owners will be showing us around, entry £6 (for the NGS,) and for an extra £4 coffee/tea and cake afterwards – please bring cash on the day. Ideally let me know by 6th September if you would like to come and would like refreshments. All welcome, the more the merrier !

GEOLOGY Tim Freeman 01803 832663 timfreeman61@googlemail.com

(Irregular Weds 2.30pm Flavel Studio). **Talk Thursday evening October 3rd** The next geology date for your diary is actually at the start of October. On the evening of Thursday 3rd October at 7pm your convener will be giving a geology talk in the Dartmouth Yacht Club (DYC) on *The Geology of the coast between Brixham and Start Point*. u3a members are invited to come along if they wish, even if not members of the Geology Group. There will be a charge of £2 for non-DYC members. If you have any questions about the geology group please contact Tim .

GERMAN CONVERSATION Ingrid Sidell 01803 770870 ingsid23@yahoo.co.uk mob 07818208721 (for texts)

(Monthly Thurs 10.00am in Strete).



HISTORY OF ART Julia Churchley 07900 321681 julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk

(1st Fri 2pm Studio, Flavel) As you can see our new date is **first Friday**, so we meet this **Friday 6th September**. I am thrilled to tell you an artist I greatly admire, Penny Hardy, has agreed to come and talk to us about her art, which takes us from her days as a scientific illustrator, to Kew Gardens and her recent sculptures raising funds for UNICEF. Do come and bring your friends, I would like a full house for this speaker !

i P A D S GROUP Alan Machin alanmachin@aol.com

(Monthly 10.30am Stoke Fleming Village Hall) iPadsGrads group meetings recommence on Friday 28th October. The first session will be held at Stoke Fleming Village Hall and start at 2pm. Further details will be sent out to group members next month.

i PADS 4 Beginners Tutor Suzie Dodsworth 01803 770134 suziedwong@gmail.com

(Stoke Fleming Village Hall, hopefully Weds 2.30 to 4.30pm twice a month.) iPads for Beginners is on holiday until mid October. The group graduated at the end of April and those who think they have learned enough will join the Grads group. It meets once a month to further enhance understanding of these amazing machines. Others who were absolute beginners or who missed a great deal will rejoin the beginners in mid October. I'm planning to switch to Weds afternoons once a fortnight from October. See you then!

ITALIAN CONVERSATION Tasha James 0795 750 9351 nataliarh9@gmail.com

We meet on Fridays at 2 pm. Contact Tasha by email or telephone.

MAHJONG Elaine French 01803 832304 frenchfamily1@live.co.uk

(1st & 3rd Fri 10am to 1pm Stoke Fleming Village Hall)

MEDAU Yvonne Cottam 01803 835251 ycottam@live.co.uk

(Weds 12.30pm–1.30pm, Townstal Hall) We will restart Medau on 11th September.

PITCH AND PUTT Jennifer Wright 01803 445247 jenniferm.wright@hotmail.co.uk

(Occasional, Cayman Golf, Churston) Any member of the u3a may go independently to P & P and enjoy a round for the discount price of £6 which includes the hire of two clubs and two balls. It is a good way to exercise but be aware that there are only a couple of places on the course to sit and rest! You can play just nine holes if you don't want to do the full 18 holes, and the garden centre cafe next door is great for refreshments afterwards!

PUB LUNCHE GROUP (A) Alan Cole 01803 752902 alan5cole@icloud.com

(4th Weds monthly) The group will be lunching on the 25th September, venue to be advised.

PUB LUNCHE GROUP (B) Alan Drew 01803 833219 asdrew@btinternet.com

(Last Thurs monthly) The group are meeting next in October.

PUB LUNCH GROUP (C) Mike Dodsworth 01803 770134 mike1.dodsworth@btinternet.com

(2nd Tues monthly)

SCRABBLE Sue Manley 01803 414774 Mobile 07840257045 susancmanley2004@yahoo.co.uk (2–4pm 2nd & 4th

Fridays Flavel Studio). We are a small friendly group that meet upstairs in The Flavel. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. 2–4 pm Tea and biscuits provided. This month's meetings are on Friday 13th and 27th September. We are always looking for new members. Come and have a game. Looking forward to seeing you all.

SPANISH CONVERSATION Yvonne Cottam 01803 835251 ycottam@live.co.uk

(Mon 11.30am – 1.00pm) We will restart in September – dates tba.

SPORTS MORNING Yvonne Cottam 01803 835251 ycottam@live.co.uk

(Weds 10am Dart Leisure Centre) Sports Morning starts again on 4th September.

SUNDAY LUNCH Anne Taylor 01803 363257 jonquil_shapley@hotmail.com

(2nd Sun month 12.30pm)

WALKING Hilary Cranmer 01803 835812 hilarycranmer@hotmail.co.uk

(Mon 9.30am Ivatt Rd, Townstal) August brought a mixed bag of coast and country walks including a Capton circular walk offering spectacular views across the South Hams to Torbay and beyond to the Moor. Avon Woods and Staverton walks took us to woods and rivers while Brixham and Beesands saw us at the coast.

WINE GROUP–NOBLE ROTTERS Anne Taylor 01803 363257 jonquil_shapley@hotmail.com

(4th Thurs, Royal Castle Hotel Library Room/members homes/gardens weather permitting!)

WINE TASTING Bill Riddell 01803 752049 billriddell75@gmail.com

(1st Mon pm. Members homes) For our August tasting David and Wendy guided us on a fascinating wine journey through Portugal. Although we managed to sample wines made from only 13 of the more than 250 indigenous grape varieties, the range of flavours and aromas was astonishing. No wonder the Portuguese drink more wine per capita than any other country. We each had our own particular favourites but the *Vinho Verde* from the Minho region in the North and the *Touriga Nacional Rose* from Lamego on the Douro were given high marks by all. *Muito Obrigado* David and Wendy.

WRITERS Val Depledge 01803 834323 valdepledge@hotmail.com

(Mon pm. Members homes) we will reconvene on September 22nd with the topic of 'Westward Ho!'

Talks at the General Meeting 2024

Thursday September 12th – *Galileo and the Roman Inquisition* Janet Diamond

Thursday October 10th *Magnificent Women and Flying Machines* Sally Smith

Thursday 14th November *Topic to be confirmed* Jung Chang