

Next General Meeting & Monthly Talk

When and where: October 10th at 10:30am The Flavel Auditorium

Magnificent Women and Flying Machines presented by **Sally Smith**

Just 18 months after two Frenchmen made the world’s first flight in 1783 a fearless British woman hopped into a flimsy balloon and flew across the London sky for nearly an hour. Since then, many British women have followed their dreams into the sky. This talk describes these women who achieved firsts in various forms of aviation right up to the first woman in space focusing on personalities, social history, and what the women did.



What’s on this month

Summary of events on this month, further details are in the Groups and Events section below in this newsletter. Please always check with the convenor as details may change after the issue of this newsletter.

AM/PM	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4	5
AM			Devon Link Quiz Bridge Crafts Club	Book Group 2	Classics	Mahjong	
PM				iPad 4 Beginners		Italian Conversation	
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AM		Walking	Bridge Crafts Club	Book group 3	Monthly Talk		
PM		Wine Group	Bowling Pub Lunch (C)	French Conversation Geology		Scrabble Italian Conversation	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
AM		Art Group	Cryptic Crosswords				
PM	Sunday Lunch		Bridge Crafts Club	iPad 4 Beginners		Garden Group 1 Italian Conversation Mahjong	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
AM			Bridge Crafts Club			iPad Graduates	
PM		Book Group 1		French Conversation	Architecture German Conversation Wine Group – Noble Rotters	Scrabble Italian Conversation	
	27	28	29	30	31		
AM		Art Group	Bridge Crafts Club				
PM			Garden Group 2	iPad 4 Beginners			

News

The Dart Valley u3a will be launching a new website soon. The new website will enable us to promote and showcase our u3a, the individual groups, and upcoming events, with photos, stories, news items, and more!

Groups and Events

GROUPS AND NEWSLETTER Wiz Tehel 07770912100 newsletter@dartvalleyu3a.org

If you wish to start a new group or want to have an entry in this newsletter then contact me. For starting new groups, your committee can support with advertising, publicity, advice and reasonable financial assistance.

DEVON LINK Gwendolyn Alker jsgmalker@yahoo.co.uk or 01803 833270

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 so we can arrange transport. There is no cost for teams as the entry charge will be paid by u3a, refreshments are also included.

ARCHERY Colin Payne 07919 933891 colinpayne43@hotmail.com (Tues am S F Cricket Ground).

The Archery Group has had a good summer season. As we move into the cooler and less predictable season, we will continue as long as the weather permits. On 24th September we were joined by Andy and Carol, u3a members on holiday from near Penarth, who wanted to have a go at archery. **How about you Dart Valley members having a go?** Give Colin a call or text first.

ARCHITECTURE Mike Trevorrow 01803 752928 / 07470 484858 mike.d.trevorrow@gmail.com

(4th Thurs, 11.15 for 11.30am start, Flavel Studio – all welcome.) On October 24th we are privileged to have the splendid Wiz talking about the architect Jorn Utzon, a treat in store, I am sure.

ART GROUP Pat White 07929 271658 lespatwhite@icloud.com (Monday 10am Townstal Hall).

Art group resumed on 30th September. We look forward to starting a new term of artistic exploration.

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

(10.30am – 3rd Mon Stoke Fleming)

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)

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).

The bowling group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month (Tuesday 8th October) as normal. Possibly for November we will try short mat bowling indoors as the outdoor green in Dartmouth isn't available through the winter (it gets too many leaves on it). This is a fairly new group, and we would like to have more people come along and join. If you would like to try it, please contact the convenor first and he will give you a session one to one to teach you the basics. You don't need any equipment, the bowling club has bowls you can use.

BRIDGE Judi Cotes 01803 834802 / 07870897108 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.

CLASSICS 'Wiz' Tehel 07770 912100 classics@dartvalleyu3a.org (1st Thurs 10.30am Flavel Auditorium, £4).

3rd October *Classical Architecture-It picked us up and has never put us down* presented by Mike Trevorrow

The ancient Greeks not only gave us democracy, theatre, the Olympics, but also architectural elements and styles which have influenced western architecture tradition for over 2000 years. Besides columns, porticos, podiums, and friezes, but also the concepts of elegance and beauty we have the ancient Greeks to thank for.

7th November - *Zenobia - Queen of the Palmyrene Empire* Presented by Mary Crawford

A highly educated, intelligent and accomplished leader. She created the largest empire that stood against the might of Rome, which spanned from Mesopotamia, Syria to Northern Egypt.

5th December- *A History of Greek Art in 10 Favourites* Presented by Peter Ireland

A selection of Greek artworks, all personal favourites, some very familiar, from the 6th to the 2nd Centuries BC, which demonstrate the virtuosity of ancient craftsmen and artists.

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

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 jsgmalker@yahoo.co.uk (3rd Tues)

Our next Cryptic Crossword meeting is on Tuesday 15th October at 10.30am. 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. If you would like to join us, please contact me, Steve Stevenson, via the email address above, 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. Contact Anne for more details for next meeting.

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 meetings)

The group enjoyed a September visit to beautiful Middle Well Garden in Stoke Gabriel, with a guided tour from owners Neil and Pamela Millward. We are taking a break in October.

GEOLOGY Tim Freeman 01803 832663 timfreeman61@googlemail.com (Irregular Weds 2.30pm Flavel Studio, £2)

Next meeting Wednesday 9th October, 2:30pm, Flavel Studio, £2 – **Lime and Limestone**. Just outside Ashburton is a huge limestone quarry that is so deep it goes down below sea level. On a recent tour of the quarry your convenor decided to make lime and limestone the subject for the next meeting. Why are there so many lime kilns all over the place? A recent visit to a quarry in Okehampton found a lime kiln once kept working continuously 24 hours a day. New members are welcome to come along. Attendance at our group meetings this year has been 20-25 people, and we have had successful trips out to the caves at Buckfastleigh and an overnight visit to Dorset to see Jurassic fossils.

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

(Monthly Thurs 10.00am in Strete). The October meeting will be **24th October**.

HISTORY OF ART Julia Churchley 07900 321681 julia.churchley@hotmail.co.uk (1st Fri 2pm Studio, Flavel)

Our next meeting will be on **Friday 1st November at 2pm** (we are not meeting in October). We will be reviewing the Tate Britain exhibition "*Now you see us*", Women Artists in Britain 1520–1920. Julie Hadley will open the presentation with a look at Artemisia Gentileschi before we look at the other little-known artists in this groundbreaking exhibition.

IPADS 4 BEGINNERS Suzie Dodsworth 01803 770134 suziedwong@gmail.com

(Stoke Fleming Village Hall, hopefully Weds 2:00 to 4:00pm twice a month.)

iPads for Beginners is on holiday until mid-October. The previous group graduated at the end of April and those who think they have learned enough will join the iPads Graduates group. We start on 16th October at 2.00pm. Please bring your iPad, a notebook, a small address book and £3 for hire of the room. The group who signed up is quite large so all hands to the pump on the day!

IPADS Graduates Alan Machin alanmachin@aol.com (Monthly 2pm Stoke Fleming Village Hall)

Our next meeting will be at 2 pm on Friday 25th October at Stoke Fleming Village Hall.

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)

Medau restarted on 11th September. Contact Yvonne for more details.

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 LUNCHES GROUP (A) Alan Cole 01803 752902 alan5cole@icloud.com (4th Weds monthly)

Seven members of the group lunched at the Seven Stars, Dartmouth on Wednesday the 25th of September. As usual the company was excellent, however, only one chef was cooking which meant the service was slow. October's lunch will be more rewarding - the award winning Cott Inn at Dartington will be our venue.

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

(Last Thurs monthly) The group are meeting next in October. Contact Alan for details.

PUB LUNCH GROUP (C) Mike Dodsworth 01803 770134 mike1.dodsworth@btinternet.com (2nd Tues monthly)

After a longer summer break than usual, we resume our lunches on Tues 8th Oct with 18-ish members expected at Rockfish in Dartmouth. Several of our usual venues won't take this number and a number of venues don't open on Tuesday. Consideration is being given to alternating between the 2nd Tuesday and 1st Wednesday on a monthly basis with limits on numbers attending on any one day.

SCRABBLE Sue Manley 01803 414774 Mobile 07840257045 susancmanley2004@yahoo.co.uk

The Scrabble group meets upstairs in The Studio in The Flavel. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. 2-4 pm. This month's meetings are on Friday 11th and 25th October. £4 to play. Tea and biscuits are provided. Come and see us.

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 12.30.pm)

Contact Anne for details regarding next venue.

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!)

This month's wine tasting featured a selection of Portuguese wines from Majestic Wines. Portugal does not seem to be such a prolific wine producer as its neighbours and so the best selection was to be found at Majestic Wine. The evening kicked off with Porta 6 a light Vinho Verde which is a typical Portuguese wine. It was light refreshing, and everyone liked it.

Following that a Portuguese Alvarinho which compared favourably to the Spanish version. A light Rosé followed and that split the room. Then just to mix it up an orange wine from Crete which everyone enjoyed. The evening closed with two red Porta 6 and Muros de Vinho these were acceptable but nothing remarkable. At the end of the evening, it was a split decision half the room liked the Vinho Verde and Floraco Rosé – the other half preferred the Wind and Waves Alverhino and the Lyrarakis Assyrtiko-Vidiano Orange Wine which goes to show when it come to wine it really is a matter of taste!

Wine Tasting Bill Riddell 01803 752049 billriddell75@gmail.com (1st Mon pm. Members' homes)

Tim Freeman, our host for September's wine tasting, introduced us to his personal 'house wines' - all obtainable as a Bag-in-Box at bargain prices. These wines retain their freshness and character far longer than opened bottles of wine because oxygen is prevented from entering the container as the wine is poured. Tim then asked us to compare and contrast these with a selection of bottles from the M&S Collection series, sold at more than twice the equivalent price. The consensus was that most, if not all, of the M&S wines were superior and justified their price level. Thank you Tim for a stimulating evening and for a delicious array of half-time canapes.

Writers Val Depledge 01803 834323 valdepledge@hotmail.com (Mon pm. Members' homes)

The group reconvened on September 22nd with the topic of 'Westward Ho!'

Membership

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY -Suzie Dodsworth 01803 770134 membership@dartvalleyu3a.org

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.

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 0PR.