

# Tiverton u3a Newsletter

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*Where's the grass gone.....*

## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 25th SEPTEMBER 2025  
10.00 for 10.30am

## HESTERCOMBE GARDENS

This month our speaker will be **Dave Usher, MCI Hort** who, with over 50 years of practical gardening experience and head gardener of Hestercombe for 18 years, will be giving us an insight into the restoration of the gardens

Tea coffee and biscuits, will be served before the meeting starts  
Please try and return your cups when you have finished with them

Moorhayes Community Centre Lea Road Tiverton EX16 6SU

And for our next meeting.....

Thursday 23rd October

**David Kennard, from Borough Farm**

On His Life as a Shepherd

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## Tiverton u3a welcomes two new members this month

Sheila Dzioban

Liz Dicker

# FROM THE COMMITTEE

## July Meeting - South-West Blood Bikes

We were enthralled and privileged to hear something about unsung heroes who transport blood, human milk and other health materials in all kinds of emergencies on behalf of our NHS. Our speakers, Rob Springthorpe, Exeter Team Leader and Trustee, and Adrian Page, two enthusiastic bikers of “mature years”, painted for us a picture of the ultimate in advanced motorcycle skills to provide an out-of-hours service supporting NHS partners. The local team of 119 unpaid volunteers



(bikers and back-up staff) are currently completing 639 jobs per month and carrying some 4,700 items. The combination of a hobby turned to community advantage cannot be better displayed than this charity; they can't say "No" and it's all done for free. To commit to picking up of baby life-saving materials from Bristol to travel through the night to deliver to

Derriford Hospital is their achievement and reward.  
*Mike Warren*

*Thank you*  
Your donations to  
**SOUTH WEST BLOOD BIKES**

At our presentation on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
raised the amazing sum of

**£223.50**

Every penny raised is spent on providing our Blood Bike service to the NHS and Hospices we serve. We make no charge for our services, we have no paid staff. All of our work is carried out entirely by volunteers.

[www.swbb.charity](http://www.swbb.charity)

South West Blood Bikes Registered Charity No 1180510



If you missed the meeting, the talk can be downloaded from this link:  
<https://youtu.be/mk8URmfPGMw>

## U3A Online Learning Events

Several members have recommended u3a Online Learning Events. They're free via Zoom and cover a wide range of subjects. <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events#Events>

## Charge for Monthly Meetings

Due to the ongoing fees for the room hire at Moorhayes, the need to purchase new technical equipment and the increasing cost of recruiting speakers, the Committee have reluctantly decided to reintroduce a small charge for monthly meetings. A **contribution of £2.00** will be required on entry, from the October meeting. Cash will be preferred.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will continue to be free of charge.

## Open Day at the Vets

Vale Vets in Tiverton is hosting an open day on the 4th Oct from 1-5pm. I thought it might be of interest to your members to see behind the scenes of the practice and have a look in the operating theatres, imaging rooms, dental suite and farm department and find out what goes on behind the surgery doors. If you think it appropriate please feel free to advertise this amongst your members.

Many thanks

Kate Stevens Vale Vets Director MRCVS.

[katestevens\\_83@hotmail.com](mailto:katestevens_83@hotmail.com)

## Memory Bank at Tiverton Museum

A Memory Bank takes place on the third Friday of the month at Tiverton Museum, from 2-3.30pm. It's a really informal set up, designed to encourage participants to reminisce and to share their memories over a cuppa – each time we'll provide objects and photos from our collection to prompt discussion, although we tend to cover a wide range of subjects!

The sessions are suitable for anyone who would like to share their memories, or just to listen to other people's, including, but not limited to, those living with mild to moderate dementia. Carers and family members are welcome to come along too.

Sessions are run by our lovely volunteers and cost £3/person (£2.50 for museum members), payable on arrival.

# GROUP REPORTS

Unless they have specifically requested otherwise, group coordinators contact details have been omitted on the newsletter page of the website, as this is a public document. However, they can be found in the “members only” section of the website, which needs a password, already provided to members. - *Nigel*



## Always Write

Coordinator:  
Heather Bingham

We meet for 2 hours from 10 am on the 4th Wednesday of the month, *in a member's home in Tiverton*. Next meeting: 22nd October 2025.

***PLEASE DON'T FORGET!*** The u3a Short Story Competition is open FOR ALL u3a Members. Please follow the link below which has all the details. Wishing

you all good luck if you enter: [u3a - Short Story Competition Rules 2025](#)

At our August meeting, we used pairs of inanimate objects to create imaginary dialogue practice and had some unusual conversations between: scissors and sellotape; traffic lights and a zebra crossing, and Henry Hoover and an old carpet!

There were also written pieces emailed in from members who couldn't join us on the day and our thoughts and best wishes are very much with Nickie, and Annie – we miss you both ...

Our take away dialogue topics for September (as we didn't actually meet this month) were: A dinner party (which at least 3 famous, historical figures attend), OR, a first date; otherwise, members may decide to enter the u3a short story competition. Good luck if you do enter the competition with the theme: "Lost and Found."

Finally, the Nottinghamshire u3a creative writing group have asked us to read and choose the winner of their own writing competition. We feel very honoured to have been trusted with this task but we're looking forward to it and will certainly give it our all! (This may be the main focus for our October meeting).

***Until next time – keep writing ... Heather***



## Board Games

Coordinator:  
Dawn Ferguson

Our next Evening Board Games meeting will be Saturday 4th October, from 7pm to 9.30pm. Please get in touch if you would like to come along on this occasion or register your interest for a future evening get together. We aim to meet once a month on either a Friday or a Saturday evening, with up to 6 players.

Dawn [ferguson.dawn67@gmail.com](mailto:ferguson.dawn67@gmail.com)



## Cryptic Crosswords

Coordinator:  
Graeme Cozens

The cryptic crossword is included in the newsletter as usual. Anagrams in abundance this time. Hope you like it!

looking forward to another enjoyable afternoon playing with words.

PS Ever seen a bun dance?

Meagre Snezoc [COZENSG@YAHOO.CO.UK](mailto:COZENSG@YAHOO.CO.UK)



## Croquet Coordinator: Wendy Bond

As you read this, our 2025 croquet season has come to an end. Earlier than usual, due to the start of the rebuilding of the cricket pavilion.

We had a very successful season, with player numbers ranging from 7 to 19. Despite the sometimes large numbers, most of us are happy to sit out and natter so everyone gets to play.

Charlie, with other helpers, will have found the brushes and washed

and will hopefully store them for next year.

Sandra will keep our monies, and won't be dining out too many times on the cash. I would like to thank Jean, one of our newer members, for offering to do the admin next year. I will show her "the hoops" in time for the 2026 season. *Wendy Bond-*



## Economics Coordinator: Mike Barlow

John lead our discussion on the **Economic Indicators** with highlights being the 75.3% Employment rate (this is considered good with the Government target being 80%) and with Government borrowing at an unsustainable rate of 5% of GDP each year.

Mike W showed that the conventional wisdom of using **Interest rates to control Inflation** at best takes about 2 years to have an effect and at worst gets subsumed

by other events. The outlook for the UK is however fairly positive.

Our next meeting will be on **Wed 1st Oct at 10am** and will cover a range of subjects including a review of "Spending Power over the last decades". Contact [mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com) if you'd like to join our group. *~ Mike B*

## Gardens Coordinator: Margaret Chumbley

We visited Cadhay at the end of August and Mo wrote "I really enjoyed it. The house was so interesting and the gardens just packed with flowers" and Frances said "Wow, what a fabulous day at Cadhay, beautiful house and amazing gardens with lovely company. A memorable day."



After the visit to Yalham Hayes Flower Farm last weekend Viv writes " a wonderful talk by Claire Greenslade, former chief gardener at Hestercombe, supported by excellent visuals and gentle humour. She took us through the story of how Gertrude Jekyll artistically designed Hestercombe's gardens adding the detailed planning for the creative and colourful planting, the geometric designs and the fullness of the borders in collaboration with Sir Edwin Lutyens who architecturally designed the garden. We gathered an understanding of Gertrude's love of cats and photography, the photo of her gardening boots being particularly famous.

A snapshot into the skilful work of Claire's team provided us with some of her tips on maintaining the garden. Wandering through the very pretty organic flower farm's gardens to collect seeds was an

added bonus to the very chilled afternoon with lovely company." *Margaret*



## German Conversation

**Coordinator:**  
**John Smith.**

We have resumed our bi-weekly meetings following the Summer break. One of our members had visited Tiverton's twin town in Germany, Hofheim, to attend the inauguration of the new Bürgermeister (Mayor). This is an important event as the Bürgermeister is a more "political" appointment than here in Tiverton and is attended by a large audience.

Another member had attempted to fly to Greenland (having visited every Country in Europe) only to be thwarted by flight (which have to be made from Denmark) cancellations.

We reviewed some words and phrases for expressions of "Time" and continued with our attempts to find the most unusual German words and proverbs and to discover an amusing joke (which can often depend on a word having two meanings). - *John*



## Going Places

**Coordinators:**  
**John O'Connor**  
**Tony Lowe, Chris Steele**

### Mayflower Water Treatment Works

Our visit is confirmed for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you haven't already applied and would like to join this trip, please get in touch as soon as possible – *Tony* (lowe.tony@yahoo.co.uk)

**Planned for 2026 ....**

### **SS Great Britain and Bristol Harbourside**

Details in the spring.

### **A visit with tour and lunch at Treguddick**

Some members may remember, we undertook this trip a couple of years ago, and it was a great success. No dates yet, but its in the plan for next year.

A message from John Walters, Master Distiller

*We are probably Europe's leading small batch distillery, constantly pushing the boundaries of better spirits and liqueurs. One of our tours is a real journey, taking in no less than 13 billion years of booze, how to make spirits from anything (pretty much), a detailed look at the key genre of spirits, barrel aging and a tasting to finish. This, with a bite to eat, is a fantastic half day out and we offer amazing value deals for groups!*

So if you fancy something different that's of interest to anyone curious about smells, flavours, food, booze, industry or history, we have it all!



## Trad Jazz

**Coordinator:**  
**Mike Barlow**

September saw the following sessions:

**Kevin Grenfell's Jazz Giants** played at **Wivey Has Jazz**. The band was led by Kevin Grenfell on trombone, trumpet and vocals. Also, local lad Nick

White on reeds, Simon Smith on string bass, James Clemas on piano & Julian Aldridge, aka Baby Jools on percussion.

**Charlie Hearnshaw's Trad Band** performed at **Magelake** with Charlie (pictured) leading on Woodwind, Bill Hearnshaw on Violin, Maxine Green on Ukulele, Marcus Darc on Bass and Steve Crossen on Drums. They played New Orleans and Trad Jazz style music. ~ *Angie*

The next month will see the following:

**John Maddocks Jazzmen** at the **Jubilee Hall in Langford Budville** on **Wed 8th October**  
**Gordon's Algiers Strutters** at the **Magelake Hall in Uffculme** on **Wed 15th October**

Details of who to contact to book seats is on the Trad Jazz webpage as usual ~ *Mike Barlow*

You can always find more details on the Trad Jazz webpage or contact [mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com)



**Local Theatre**  
**Coordinator:**  
**Betty Thrall**

Our next block booking is for The Willow Tree production of "Beauty and the Beast" on Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7-30 pm in the New Hall Tickets are £10 payable by September 30<sup>th</sup> or preferably at the monthly meeting September 25<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to pay by card machine if that is easier.

Please support this very talented group as they bring this classic Disney Musical to life. A show not to be missed.

19 of us spent an enjoyable evening watching TAOS production of "The Wedding Singer". The music from the 80's set our feet tapping and our hands clapping. The number of bridal dresses displayed was eye catching. Pauline Farr who was the musicals director and Robbies grandma caused lots of laughter as did all the characters in their various roles and eye catching costumes. Grandma was joined by two grannies on stage boogying with their walkers, one had been sitting quietly of stage in case she had been needed and Jacqui Mitchel. All the cast and the production team are to be congratulated on their performance.

- *Betty* 01884 242998



**Mahjong**  
**Coordinator:**  
**Celia Hicks**

I have a new enthusiast for the game and will be looking to recruit three more at least at the forthcoming new members coffee morning. I expect to have some more seasoned players to demonstrate this fun game. Do give it a try.

There are no fees as we meet in peoples' homes. I provide the Mahjong set and racks. I am willing to come from Bampton to any region close to Tiverton so do get in touch if you feel you'd like to know more. Alternatively, I am willing to host at home. 01398 332101 (with answerphone) and [celiahicks13@gmail.com](mailto:celiahicks13@gmail.com) -- *Celia*



## Photography

Coordinator:  
Roger Gunn

We will be taking our customary summer break, so the next meeting will be at 10am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Venue to be decided at a later date. Focus for that meeting will be anything that you snap during the summer.

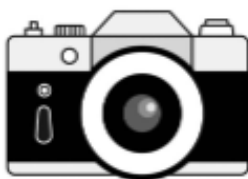


## Photography 2

Coordinator:  
Charlie Duke

The subject for our last meeting was Far, Far Away. This provided a combination of landscape views and distant visions such as hot air balloons and helicopter which were brought closer using telephoto lenses. Pictures of the full moon clearly showed craters on the surface and David had some outstanding ones of birds in flight.

Our next meeting is looking at items relating to water. - *Charlie*



## Exploring Photography

Coordinator:  
Philip Skinner

Exploring Photography is a relatively new group and is actively looking for additional members.

We meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 11am, usually at the group leader's house.

Over the last month we have set up a Whatsapp group doing some tasks and sharing photos etc.

I have found a short presentation on mobile phone photography which I found interesting which I can show in the next meeting. If you are interested in joining our group, please email me on [philipskinner874@gmail.com](mailto:philipskinner874@gmail.com) - *Philip*



## Railway Group

Coordinator:  
Jose Kimber

We don't normally meet in August, but as we had to cancel our July meeting, we met in August this year instead, though only four of us made it. We watched another in the Britain's Railways series, this time The Home Front War Years, 1944-1945. This is a very interesting

series of DVDs with a lot of high quality archive footage, telling the story of how crucial our railways were to the war effort. What is astonishing is how rapidly bomb damage was repaired to get lines open as quickly as possible to keep the trains running. And not a hard hat or high-vis jacket in sight!

A couple of us visited the Launceston Steam Railway, which is well worth a visit if you haven't been, it is a very quirky line run by Nigel and Kay Bowman, who have built it with their own hands, and have restored and maintain all the locomotives and stock. Kay is the proud owner of the Quarry Huntsley locomotive Dorothea, which she rebuilt from scrapyard condition single-handed. A highlight of the visit was Richard Holder's 4mm scale model of the railway, complete with a miniature Kay and Nigel, which was displayed for that week.



Later in the month we visited the railway gala at Westonzoyland Pumping Station. Another place worth visiting if you are interested in local history and industrial steam engines, of which they have a large collection. They have a short length of 2ft gauge railway line, though sadly this year they did not have a visiting steam locomotive for the gala, and were running a collection of diesel engines instead. There were also model railways and all the engines were in steam including the large pumping engine.

Our September meeting will take place on Friday 26 September at 10.30am, at Eric Procter's home, when we will finish watching the DVD we started last month. If you are not on my list of group members and would like to come to the meeting or are thinking of joining us, please contact me for the details.

Our October meeting will be on Friday 24 October at 10.30am, which i will host.

We welcome new members to our small but friendly group. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact me. – Jose



## Ramblers

Coordinator:  
Jenny Bedford

Only five members joined the Ramble this month. Despite some directional uncertainties at the start, Jenny led us across the Link Road and onwards through riverside meadows to the village of Craze Lowman. Then it was uphill to Peadhill Farm to join the rather muddy track back to the Link Road and thence to the cars at Cowleymoor. *Nigel*

The next Ramble, on **Tuesday 14th October**, will be led by Peter, starting from Killerton House visitor carpark, EX5 3LE. The 4 mile walk on paths and fields will take us in a loop round Columbjohn and return via a steepish hill through woodland. Undulations but a mainly easy walk.  
- Jenny



## Skittles

**Coordinator:  
Janet Loader**

We are resuming our skittle evenings on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, from 7pm to 8.30pm.

We welcome any new members to our friendly group. No experience needed. We meet at Tiverton Town Football Club, which is opposite the Leisure Centre. Unfortunately, the football club has increased their charge to £5.00

Please contact Janet, our Coordinator on 01884 252116 for more information.- *Janet Loader*



## Snooker

**Coordinator:  
John Anderson**

A small, social group catering for all levels of Snooker ability (up to "average"!).

Our normal meeting dates at Halberton Village Hall are the 1st and 3rd Friday each month. Our start time is 3.30pm.

Conveniently, buses from Tiverton stop at

the door, so you can use your bus-pass to get there. I am a keyholder for opening up, so give me a ring beforehand if you would like to join in and have a game or two.

- *John*. Tel: 07947 000757



**WALK and  
TALK**

## Strollers and Twalkers

**Coordinator:  
Chris Mumford**

**TWALKERS** - These walks are out in the countryside, generally within 10 miles of Tiverton. The maximum distance is no more than 3.6 miles and take no more than 90 minutes. The venue changes weekly.

**STROLLERS** - Venue changes monthly for a gentle walk lasting no more than 60 minutes

around the streets of Tiverton.

For more details and a programme, please contact Chris Mumford:  
[chris.mumford21@gmail.com](mailto:chris.mumford21@gmail.com)



## Short Tennis

**Coordinator  
Diane Lewis**

The newly formed Short Tennis group continues to meet every Friday morning from 10 - 11.30am at Uplowman Village Hall. Our enthusiastic band of players has recently welcomed several new members and it's generally

agreed that the standard of play is improving every week with a keen but friendly competitive spirit! With the increase in numbers we sometimes extend our sessions until 12 noon. We charge £2.50 per session to cover Hall hire and refreshments.



If anyone is interested in finding out more then please contact Di Lewis on 01884 821329 or 07713 311616.



## Short Trek Coordinator: Phil Akers

The August Short Trek was unusual for two main reasons, it was linear and it was in memory of our long-time trekking companion, Ben Mayo.

Linear walks are always a bit of a challenge because of vehicle logistics, but after a slight deviation from the timetable, in excess of 20 walkers met (eventually, some may say!) on the roadside at Embercoombe

Head. It was a beautiful day and we made good progress over the four miles to the site of the newly erected finger post bearing the small plaque remembering Ben and his love of Exmoor. We were met by Margaret, her daughter and a couple of others who had travelled there by car. A few words were said in Ben's memory, apple cakes were shared (thank you Mich), beers were cracked open, Ben was toasted and the post sprinkled ceremoniously with Exmoor Gold. A fitting tribute to a much missed companion and friend.



After a sunny lunch overlooking the north Somerset coast, the Bristol Channel and Wales, we gingerly continued our tricky 1.5 mile descent to Horner to be reunited with some of the cars, sufficient anyway, to get everyone back to Embercoombe Head to the rest of the cars.

Ben was a keen participant of debriefs and always enjoyed a beer or two after trekking. We were keen to continue that tradition so stopped at The Anchor at Exebridge where we enjoyed drinks, in the warm sunshine, in their wonderful garden by the River Barle, just before it meets the Exe (two important rivers with their source on Exmoor). It was a fitting finish to the day.



Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the cost of the post. Thanks also to those who joined the event and big thanks to Gordon Cleaver for his work liaising with the National Park Authority and organising Ben's Memorial Short Trek.

A short video, made by Roger, can be seen here: [https://youtu.be/\\_VeBcwHVtIM](https://youtu.be/_VeBcwHVtIM)

The **September short trek** will be on Friday 26th September led by Simon and Dawn. Starting at Chawleigh (grid ref 707 127) park in the lay by at the west end of the village and pick up the footpath at Leaches Farm/Mildon's Leigh/Leigh Bridge to Cheldon Bridge/ up to Sowden's Burrige and return via East Leigh and Mildon's Leigh.

Includes part of the Ridge and Valley route, along the Little Dart River and lunch spot at Burrige ancient settlement. Includes some very short steeper sections.

Pub option at Nomansland.. - *Phil*



## Table Tennis

**Coordinators:**  
**Katherine Green**  
**Lorne Loxterkamp**

The group meets every Monday, except Bank Holidays, from 10am to 12 noon at Sunningmead Community Centre. We have four tables and generally play doubles to ensure that everyone gets as many games as possible. Currently new members are welcome, but spaces are limited. We endeavour to help those with less experience of the game, but unfortunately, we are unable to

accommodate complete beginners. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Katherine and Lorne.



## Thinking Allowed

**Coordinator:**  
**Eunice Hinds**

Because holidays continued, we had to postpone our September meeting. We will now consider Patriotism on 16th October at 2pm. The meeting will be the third and last in our series on migration.

Roger Strickland will fascinate a discussion covering the philosophical and historical basis of Patriotism before moving on to consider what it means today.

For further information contact Eunice.

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



## Thursday Lunch

**Coordinator:**  
**Angie Cheshire**

This month, the Thursday Lunch group explored the delights of the Lamb Inn, in Silverton. Despite a few parking

problems, everyone arrived more or less on time and were promptly served with a variety of pre-ordered dishes, of which the pub's signature Silverton Smokie was easily the favourite. A good variety of desserts was also on offer, including Affogato and the ever-popular Eton Mess, a slimmer's delight. Our thanks to landlords Chris and Rachel for a well organised lunch. - *Carol & Nigel*

Our next venue is The Drewe Arms, Broadhembury, EX14 3NF, on 9<sup>th</sup> October, organised by Jill.

Again, we must pre-order and the menu will be sent out to those on the list a couple of weeks beforehand. Please let me know asap if you have not already signed up and would like to do so.

Angie. [angelacheshire@hotmail.com](mailto:angelacheshire@hotmail.com)





**Trekking  
Coordinator:  
Gordon Cleaver**

**The September Long Trek**

Under the joint leadership of Annie and Mike P, 10 trekkers set off from the village car park in Crowcombe for a 10 plus mile circuit of the Quantock Hills.



Refreshed by some “help yourself grapes” left by the footpath by a Crowcombe viticulturist we ascended the ridge up the hills. The panoramic views started when we reached the Trig point at Black Hill where we enjoyed far reaching views of the Somerset coast, over to Wales and the massive building site at Hinckley Point. We enjoyed a banana break at Higher Hare Knapp before traversing Lady’s Edge to reach Bicknoller Post. With the rain clouds looming we had lunch under the trees in Paradise Coombe whilst sheltering from the heavy shower. Fortified but slightly damp we then headed up to Halsway Post before dropping off the hills and back to the cars.

The debrief was held in the Carew Arms pub garden which provided an excellent sunny venue for thanking the leaders and discussing the attraction of the Quantocks in their autumn colours.

**October Long Trek – Thursday 2nd October 2025 – 10.00 am start Timberscombe Village Post Office**

Start point: Timberscombe, outside the pub/post office. SS956 421 W3W companies.flooding.tilts No car parks, but on street parking possible if we spread out throughout the village. Route - Bridleway to Broadwood Farm, then to Bat’s Castle via Bonniton Gate, to Withycombe Hill Gate, then long up and long down bridleway to Baker’s Farm via Black Hill. Footpaths from Baker’s Farm back to Timberscombe. Approx 10.4 miles nothing too steep, but very little flat... so always going up or down. Mostly in and around woodland, but fairly varied scenery.

**Please let me know if you are planning to come on this Trek or you are interested in joining the Trekking Group, please contact Gordon. - 01884 242563 grcleaver54@gmail.com**



**Wednesday Pub  
Lunch  
Coordinator:  
Trevor Ellmore**

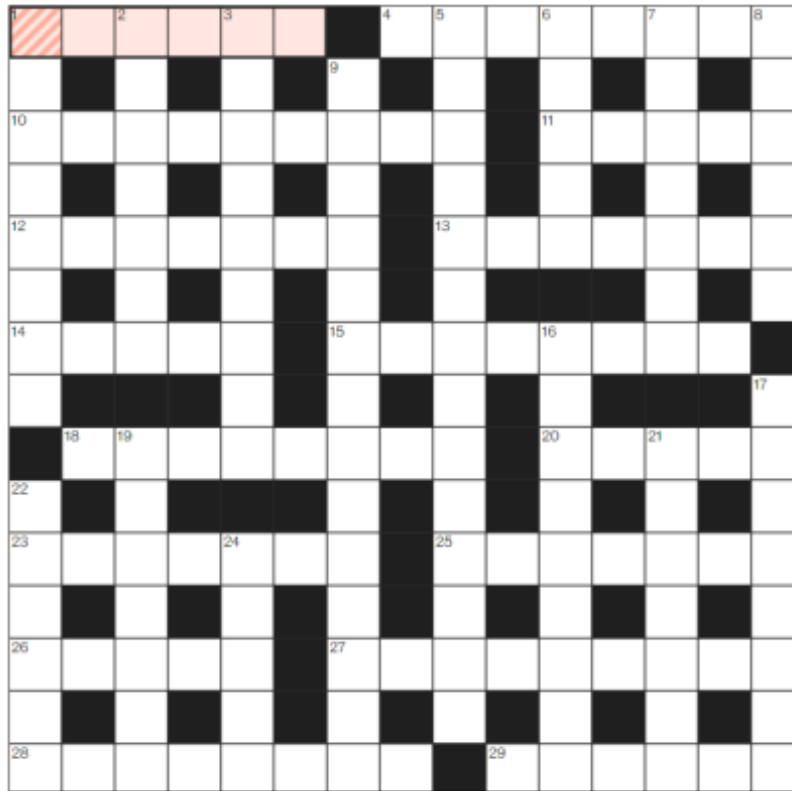
The recommendation by one of our members to use Villa Verde Rockwell Green on the 3rd of September turned out to be a good choice at this family-owned Italian restaurant established 3 years ago. This was a Public House before and is now owned by a Grecian who together with staff were very attentive, food was varied and excellent, and empty

plates to finish confirmed my own enjoyment.

We have The Mount Pleasant Inn Nomansland booked for the **1st of October**, so if you did not sign up at the Villa Verde in September and would like to attend, please contact me ASAP.

- Trevor

Cryptic Crossword #50: Oct 2025 (Solution at the end of this newsletter)



**Across**

- 1 A load of love for sweetheart, briefly hospitalised (6)
- 4 In the single-storey building, we found a blow gun (8)
- 10 Feline with a pick-me-up barely reponds (9)
- 11 Went nuts over a man I care for (5)
- 12 Dartmoor hill initially promises easy downhill or sinks a ship (7)
- 13 Small carved ornament made partly from a gannet's ukulele! (7)
- 14 Hand over your rise in wage (3,2)
- 15 Valuable part of centre, as urea often is (8)
- 18 Able to percieve some of those present, I entered (8)
- 20 A levy for an island (5)
- 23 You might take this if you're offended (7)
- 25 Late cricket match expected soon (7)
- 26 Make a speech of no value? (5)
- 27 Gamma and neon together made an important person in the Trojan Wars (9)
- 28 Work concealed in a treat is effective (8)
- 29 Taken from £ notes scrambled (6)

**Down**

- 1 Aced putt? Tricky. And sticky!! (4,4)
- 2 Gil enters yurt to find form of worship (7)
- 3 Where to put the ointment without delay? (2,3,4)
- 5 Crazy? Sure, quite weird (14)
- 6 The start of going a mile under threat is the full range of it (5)
- 7 Pleasurable tiredness brought about by eating granolu (7)
- 8 Evil - or brilliant, in slang (6)
- 9 Ethan eyes foods made possible some time in the future (3,2,5,4)
- 16 Mates get into trouble with tent – something that police might take (9)
- 17 Eventually French? No, partly from Algeria and traditionally he has moustaches (8)
- 19 I back a pair with open arms! (7)
- 21 Noise in exam determines position in ranking (7)
- 22 Shelter created by excavation (6)
- 24 Recorded mess – better to have been competent (5)

Groups not reporting this month are shown below. Coordinators details can be found on the web page



## Line Dancing

**Coordinator:**  
**Mich Bowers**



## Folk Dancing

**Coordinators:**  
**John & Hazel Ridd**

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