

Tiverton u3a Newsletter

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 22nd January
10:00 for 10:30am

Stage Comedy and Magician
Jude Coram

Tea coffee and biscuits as usual

The talk will be
followed by our New Year Meat and Salads Buffet for those who
have booked their place
The Bar will be open from Noon

Moorhayes Community Centre Lea Road Tiverton EX16 6SU

And for our next meeting.....
On Thursday 26th February

Paul Davies

'Weather is predictable' how to produce a forecast

(Photo above – On Exmouth beach, by Jan Harvey)

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Tiverton u3a welcomes five new members this month

Eric Woodbine

Sue Duffin

Dawn Jones

David Perry

Angela Hill

FROM THE COMMITTEE

November Meeting – The Nobel Prize – The History of the World’s Most Prestigious Award. Ashley Jones

Alfred Nobel, a Swedish chemist, engineer and inventor, was instrumental in developing dynamite, a material of immense value in mining but also in war. When his brother, Ludwig, died, the French press confused brother Ludwig with Alfred and mistakenly reported the death of “the merchant of death”. On reading his premature “memorial”, Alfred was determined to put his considerable wealth to good use and so came to pass the Nobel Prize. Ashley Jones presented us with this fascinating background before describing the categories, organisation in Sweden and some of the winners of the Nobel Prize. Although science features significantly in Physics, Chemistry and Medicine categories, Literature and Peace also play an important part. Familiar names of prize winners include Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, Mother Teresa, Aung San Suu Kyi, Alexander Fleming and Crick and Watson. It seems that the University of Cambridge is especially well- represented by Prize winners. We were treated to a most captivating insight of this award from its inception to current day winners and would-be winners.



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Mike Warren

If you missed the talk or would like to hear it again it can be downloaded from the following link

https://youtu.be/6dSfQy0l_hA

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>

Attention all quiz enthusiasts

Do you enjoy quizzing? If so, you may be interested in the following event, which is organised by Ayr u3a. I entered a team last month and was very impressed by the standard of questions and the organisers' friendly but professional approach. It's a step up from the online quizzes we used to hold during Covid and well worth a try! - Tony

Held on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm on Zoom.

The quiz is organised and run by Linda and Ian Matheson. Ian has extensive experience of running quizzes for local groups and charities.

The quiz has six rounds of ten questions with an assortment of themes, including music and picture rounds. Each team can have up to four members. Members are placed in a breakout room where they debate answers and submit them via a Googleform. No prize - just the glory!

Teams from England (including a sole representative from Devon!), Scotland and NI take part regularly. No one from Wales as yet!

To enter please contact Linda Matheson at virtualayru3a@gmail.com or for further information, contact me – lowe.tony@yahoo.co.uk

Buffet Lunch

Following our January general meeting, we will be having our New Year Buffet Lunch, following a talk by Jude Coram, a stage comedy and magician.

Membership Renewals 2025

It's that time of year again! Subscriptions are due for renewal from 1 st January 2026.

- The membership fee for Full Members is **£10.00** pa per person, and includes an emailed monthly newsletter.
 - The fee for Associate Members is £6.00 pa per person and includes an emailed newsletter. NB: you must be a full member of another u3a.
 - The national magazine Third Age Matters (TAM) at £4.00 p.a.
- The simplest way to renew is on-line.
- Please go to the website: tivertonu3a.u3asite.uk click on the membership tab and follow the links.

There is no need to complete a form if you are already registered and if there are no major changes to your details. If you do wish to complete a form, one can be downloaded from the website, or collected at the meeting on **27th November 2025**.

Please identify yourself clearly with your payment. (Name, membership number (just click on the link) or first line of address). Don't forget to enter your details in exactly the same format as previously used (i.e. lower/upper case). If any of your contact details have changed, please update this information too and don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box if you are a tax payer.

Newsletter

Members are encouraged to receive their newsletter by email, which is included in the annual fee. Posted newsletters are available at an additional cost of £25 per year, due to high postal charges. Paper copies of the newsletter may be collected at monthly meetings at a cost of £1.50 per copy.

You do not need your membership number, but if you would like to be reminded, please contact Annie at tivertonu3amembership@gmail.com. A bank transfer or PayPal is the simplest method of payment, cheques (payable to Tiverton u3a) and cash are also accepted. And finally, if you pay by standing order or direct debit, please check the amount is correct and make amendments as required. Thank you.

Any queries please contact Annie Foot at tivertonu3amembership@gmail.com tel: 07706 112569, or for technical issues, John O'Connor, Webmaster at tivertonu3awebmaster@gmail.com

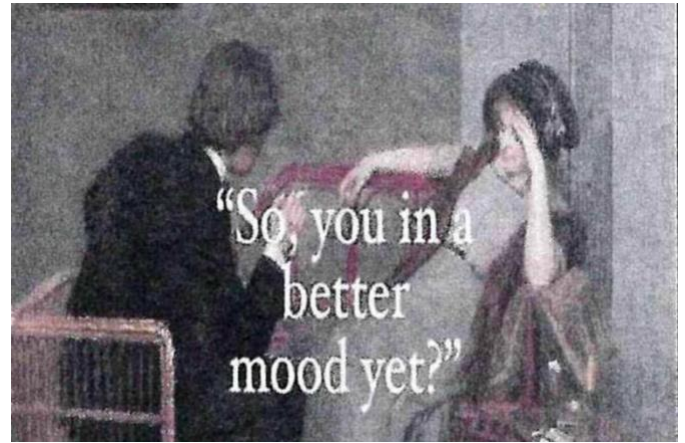
Please find below the link to the brand-new edition of u3a Matters Magazine. Winter edition has just gone up today.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/u3a-matters>

This is shortened version of the hard copy magazine



Back from my morning walk.



How men apologise

GROUP REPORTS

Unless they have specifically requested otherwise, group coordinator 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.**

Future meetings: **28th January** and **25th February 2026**

At our November meeting, we started playing around with alliterative adjectives as a poetry warm-up. We then looked at our favourite poems which included “Cargoes” by John Masefield, and which we all remembered fondly from our primary school days – aah! The rhythm, exotic vocabulary (eg “Quinquireme of Nineveh from distant Ophir” – such a great opening line!) and the very stark contrast of ships and cargoes soon had us reminiscing ... again!

We then attempted a ‘list’ poem based on our childhood memories of Christmas – hmm, there was a pattern developing here ... We continued by looking at prose poetry (remembering, poetry doesn’t have to rhyme) and looked at an AI example first. This was entitled, “The weight of the rain” (yeah, I know, odd title but I didn’t want to make it too easy – ha!) BUT we had to admit (somewhat begrudgingly, obviously!) that it was, surprisingly, beautiful. (Yes, I know, where does that leave us aspiring writers and poets, except that we will **always** love words and putting them together in different ways).

Next, we tried describing a place we knew well, using all the senses and including a wide variety of poetry techniques; had a go at 'blackout poetry' (which I was introduced to at a creative writing hub in Exeter Library run by the, then, Bard of Exeter – Kev Payne) and, finally, we reflected on the session before agreeing on a seasonal poem as the take-home challenge.

Finally, I'd like to thank the whole group, and Maggie R, for supporting me throughout this role in 2025. Unfortunately, due to pressures from greatly increased family/home commitments in 2026, I have decided to pass the baton of leading "Always Write" back into the capable hands of Nickie Haynes and wish everyone the very best for the year ahead.

And remember – do keep writing! Heather



Board Games

**Coordinator:
Dawn Ferguson**

Please get in touch if you would like to 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



Croquet

**Coordinator:
Wendy Bond**

Our U3A croquet group is very active, but only in the summer months! Regular and new players will be welcome to join us next May when we start our new season. Sandra will be collecting the money as usual and I am pleased to say Jean Scott is taking over keeping everyone up-to-date with any news via email or in the monthly Tiverton U3A newsletter. - Wendy



Cryptic Crosswords

**Coordinator:
Graeme Cozens**

Happy New Year to all cruciverbalists! Your NY's resolution is to continue to tackle our cryptic crossword every month! And to all non-cruciverbalists: yours is simply to start having go!

The cryptic crossword and the solution are included in the newsletter as usual. Hope you have fun cracking those clues! Graeme
(cozensg@yahoo.co.uk)



Economics

**Coordinator:
Mike Barlow**

January saw another interesting session with discussion ranging from which country has the simplest Tax System (Estonia), through which one had the best overall economic results in 2025 (Portugal), the worst youth unemployment (Spain @ 25%) to the country with the largest untapped oil reserves (Venezuela). We also talked about the issues relating to inflation in the UK especially as regards to food prices. Thanks to all for their preparation and participation.

Our next session will be on Wed 4th February when we will again meet at Eunice's house at 10am. Topics are yet to be defined. Contact mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com if you'd like to join us. ~ Mike B



Folk Dancing

**Coordinators:
John & Hazel Ridd**

12 dancers met for our meeting on the 12th of November including some new members and we danced jigs and reels to a waltz, in different formations, and different eras from 17th century to more modern dances. All dances are explained, and the movements are taught, and the fun is fitting the moves to the music.

We always welcome new members, so if you fancy coming along and joining in we will be delighted to see you, (you don't need to bring a partner) -- *John*

Gardens

**Coordinator:
Margaret Chumbley**



How do you know you are a keen gardener
You would rather go to a garden center than a clothes outlet
You hunt down slugs in the dead of night
You don't like going on holiday in the summer
You are obsessed with the weather forecast
You have a mountain of pots in your shed
If this is you, join the Gardens Group and enjoy visits with fellow gardeners. - *Margaret*



German Conversation

**Coordinator:
John Smith.**

At our last meeting of 2025, we talked about our plans for the Christmas and New Year period and celebrated with glasses of Glühwein and typical German snacks such as Lebkuchen and Stollen.

Our first meeting of 2026 was, unfortunately, abandoned at the last minute due to illness and bad weather. Our next meeting will take place after the publication of this Newsletter. - *John*



Going Places

Coordinators:
John O'Connor
Tony Lowe, Chris Steele

Last night of the Christmas Proms

This festive December evening with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra was thoroughly enjoyed by an enthusiastic

audience, including 21 cheery u3a members. The programme featured a delightful mix of orchestral favourites, traditional carols and festive classics, alongside much-loved songs from Broadway and the West End. As the evening progressed, the audience's enthusiasm grew, with many joining in the singing—and some even getting to their feet to dance (we have pictures!). Altogether, it was a fun-filled evening in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoyed in the company of one of the country's most accomplished orchestras.



Roadford Reservoir

This visit is scheduled for Tuesday 24th February and will include access to the dam and the overflow tower. The visit is free of charge. Please note that there will be some steps to negotiate, and the site is generally not suitable for those with mobility issues. Transport will be by car share. Visitor numbers are strictly limited, with places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. However, a few places are still available, so if you would like to join us, please get in touch as soon as possible. – Tony (lowe.tony@yahoo.co.uk)

SS Great Britain and Bristol Harbourside

Details coming soon.

A visit with tour and lunch at Treguddick Spirit Distillery

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



Trad Jazz
Coordinator:
Mike Barlow

"Roger Marks Fiesta 5 (pictured) gave us a very good and varied program at the Jubilee Hall in Langford Budville including a flute - a first for me in a jazz session.

The February plans include:

Wed 11th Feb Zoe Lambert's Vintage Jazz

Collection at the Jubilee Hall in Langford Budville

Wed 18th Feb Gordon's Algiers Strutters at the Magelake Hall in Uffculme.

All these sessions starting at 1930 are a great opportunity to hear live music and need your support to continue. All the 2026 planned events can be checked on our [Trad Jazz webpage](#). If you need more details please contact. ~ Mike Barlow mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com



Line Dancing

Coordinator:
Mich Bowers

Five weeks since our last dancing session, and we had a good work out - as my legs and feet were very aware! Good to see most of our regulars back - and some more new faces amongst us. I hope they will all be brave enough to join us for the next session, which is **January 28th**

February dates : 9th and 23rd.

Mich.



Local Theatre

Coordinator:
Betty Thrall

Our next block booking is The Tiverton Junior Operatic production of SEUSSICAL on Thursday February 19th in The New Hall 7-30 pm.. Tickets £10 each .Please pay by the January 22nd monthly meeting .In my absence Irene Butler will be taking your names if they are not already on the list and ticket money. If you prefer you may pay the

Treasurer Sue Robbins by card, making that sure your name is on the list, with paid by card at the side.

"SEUSSICAL" is a family friendly musical bringing Dr Seuss's beloved characters to life on stage, including Horton the Elephant and the Cat in the Hat. The shows themes explore friendship, loyalty and believing in oneself. Do support this hard-working talented award winning group for an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Tiverton Operatic Society's next production will be "The Unexpected Guest " by Agatha Christie .

Our block booking will be Thursday 16th April, a date for your diaries.

The "early bird " ticket price will be £11.50 if we pay by March 31st ,

Look out for more details in the March newsletter and at the February meeting.

Betty 01844 242998 9 (we have call minder so remember to say u3a before your name)



Photography

Coordinator:
Roger Gunn

Thank you to Sue and Mike for hosting the January meeting and for the coffee and delicious biscuit selection.

The theme 'Winter light/colours/water' was the focus this time. Sue and Mike had been out and about at Knightshayes, West

Anstey and Exmouth and showcased some excellent images from these places, focussing on light at different times, shadow, reflection and silhouette and colour around the Exe estuary. Bampton also featured with atmospheric pictures of rooftops with smoking chimneys and snow.

Nigel featured his garden in the (also atmospheric) early morning mist, images from a very wet January Knightshayes Ramble, snowy archive photos from Suffolk and Culmstock Beacon and the ferocity of the River Exe at the weir in Exeter and the tranquillity of the same river in autumn light from his garden.

Roger too had been to Knightshayes and took a striking shot of a tree and shadows that appeared to converge at the point the photo was taken. A very clean and clear Exeter Cathedral featured and great low-lit shots of the Avalon Marshes in Somerset, including a beautifully vivid photo of a rainbow. He also managed to get good video of the amazing starling murmuration above the marshes, witnessed on the December long trek.



Phil had a selection of shots from a snowy Cumbria in November, the Avalon Marshes and the frozen canal during the recent cold snap.

Tim's contribution was unfortunately stymied by an issue with his memory stick. Maybe next time!

Our next meeting will be at 10 o'clock, Thursday 12th February at Roger's place. The theme will be 'Photos from your local area'.
– Phil and Roger



Ramblers
Coordinator:
Jenny Bedford

Despite near torrential rain around 9 a.m. and against all expectation, 9 intrepid Ramblers turned out for Tuesday's walk at Knightshayes. They were rewarded by having free parking as the machine wasn't working. We set off up an easy slope but were somewhat slowed by the slippery nature of the terrain. Reaching firm footing on the lane without mishap, we set off at a good

pace up towards the Fire Beacon, stopping only to photograph two handsome black horses and a somewhat camera-shy Dartmoor pony - though it may just have been turning around thinking, "Perhaps this my best side".

As forecast, the rain stopped at 11a.m. enabling us to emerge from our hoods. We had a brief stop under cover where Jan handed round chocolate biscuits - much appreciated. After crossing the remaining fields, we returned downhill on the lane and took the unanimous decision to forgo the Impey Walk, in favour of refreshments at the cafe - a very cheerful event and a pleasant start to the new year.



Thanks, Mike, for an excellent introduction to 2026's Rambles

February's ramble will be led Roger Gunn. Details to follow. - Jenny



Skittles

**Coordinator:
Janet Loader**

Skittles continue to meet every Monday at 7pm at Tiverton Football Club. New members always welcome, no experience needed. Come along for a pleasant way to spend an hour during the winter months. The bar is open for drinks and nibbles. - *Janet*



Snooker

**Coordinator:
John Anderson**

A small, social group catering for various levels of Snooker ability (up to, but not exceeding, "average"!)." The normal meeting dates at Halberton Village Hall are the 1st and 3rd Friday afternoon each month. Our start time is usually 3.30pm [but

check with John when messaging (see below)]. John is a keyholder for opening up, so give John a message [e- mail/text/whatsapp, or even phone!] 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



Short Tennis
Coordinator
Diane Lewis

The Short Tennis group celebrated Christmas with a special session consisting of an array of festive nibbles alongside a friendly/competitive mini doubles tournament. Partners were drawn at

random and each pair played a number of games before a tie for top spot was declared between Simon/Mick and Tony/Jan. Well played everyone!

We continue into 2026 meeting every Friday from 10 - 11.30am at Uplowman Village Hall.

If anyone would like further information please ring Di Lewis on 07713 311616.



Short Trek
Coordinator:
Phil Akers

November seems a long time ago but Mike Barlow led a familiar and enjoyable walk from Exford which took us above the village onto Road Hill and Room Hill before descending to the River Exe, following it to the Nethercotes, crossing it and returning through Lyncombe to the start point. He had forecast mud, and there was plenty of it. The weather held until the

last mile and we all got wet.

Fortunately the The White Horse Inn was warm, dry and welcoming for a convivial debrief. Lovely walk Mike, thanks very much. (6.05 miles, 771ft of elevation gain)

The December Short Trek was led by me, from Culmstock. It was a beautiful sunny morning and the walk took us partway up Culmstock Beacon before returning to the village. Apologies for the route through the brambles, should have listened to Angie! We covered 3.17 miles and 636ft of elevation gain. Shorter than usual because Christmas lunch was booked in the Culm Valley Inn. I believe everyone enjoyed their meal and a couple, who will remain nameless, enjoyed it so much, they forgot to pay!



The January Short Trek will be on Friday 23rd January, starting at 10am from Beech Car Park next to the canal between Burlescombe and beyond Fenacre Bridge towards Whipcott. (Postcode - EX16 7JD. W3W - suggested.treetop.folders). The walk will be about 6.5 miles and cover footpaths along the canal, across fields and along quiet lanes around Burlescombe and Holcombe Rogus. It is likely to be muddy in places. Hope to see you there.

Here is the list of trek leaders for 2026.

January, Phil Akers, Holcombe Rogus area.
February, Kelvin, Parke/Lustleigh
March, Roger
April, Andrea, Withypool
May, Tony Lowe, Parracombe?
June, John Greenwood, Cosdon Beacon, Dartmoor
July, Jenny Bedford
August, Jan Proud, Molland
September, Dawn
October, Barlows, Horner
November, Peter Hall, Otterton?
December, any suggestions for walk and Christmas lunch?

- 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

We meet at 2pm on the third Thursday of each month in member's homes.

Our December meeting discussed FAKE NEWS agreeing that it didn't start with Trump, but while history has always been written by the victors and there has always been a degree of manipulation, we felt it had become increasingly difficult to decide what is true. We thought the explosion of

social media had contributed to the problem and it is important to ascertain sources of information. BBC was considered a fairly reliable although not infallible source.

This month we considered FORGIVENESS starting by listening to a short BBC Radio 4 programme interviewing an Israeli, who had forgiven the loss of his parents on 7th October. We considered the point that forgiveness did not necessarily exclude justice which led us to discuss the success of restorative justice. We agreed that forgiveness did not mean forgetting and that it could help move forward, implying that the focus needs to be on the future. We thought that on the whole Northern Ireland had been a success in allowing forgiveness to forge a more hopeful future.

Our next meeting will consider MENTAL HEALTH and will be on February 19th.

- Eunice EuniceHinds@gmail.com



Thursday Lunch

Coordinator:
Angie Cheshire

For our Christmas celebration this year the Thursday Lunch Club made a welcome return to the Ashill Inn, organised by Diane and Simon. Some 20 members enjoyed delicious starters, traditional Christmas fare like roast

turkey with all the trimmings, or a range of alternatives, followed by a selection of desserts. Many thanks to the staff of the Ashill - I'm sure it won't be too long before we return!

Our first lunch in 2026 will be on 12th February at the York Inn, Churchinford, to be organised by Tony and Liz.

- Angie



Trekking

Coordinator:
Gordon Cleaver

The December Long Trek

An enthusiastic 15 turned out for the 10+ mile trek

through the interesting but flat Avalon Marshes area of the Somerset Levels..At lunchtime we had a brief talk from local wildlife volunteer and author Alison Uren about the birdlife of the marshes and the world-famous sunset starling murmurations. A few diversions had to be made on the trek because of an outbreak of Bird flu but luckily it was a splendid sunset and we were treated to a good view of a murmuration at the Treks end.



January 2026 Long Trek –Blackdown Hills.

Despite a fairly dire weather forecast 12 trekkers shook off their festive torpor to trek across the Blackdown Hills splendidly led by Phil A. The Trek wasn't quite as wet as predicted as we trekked 10.6miles through the woodland paths in the Staple Hill ,Pitminster and Corfe areas of the Hills. Brunch was taken in Bus Shelter in Pitminster and the debrief and thaw and dry off was held in the Holman Clavel Inn where we huddled round the logburner and any heat given off by the Coffee Cafetieres !

February Long Trek –Thursday 5th February 2026 -10.00am Start Station Road Car Park Bampton

A 10.5-mile Trek from Station Rd Car Park Bampton will be led by Anne and Amanda.

Grid Ref :SS956 222

A circuit of the Bampton Area taking in the villages of Exbridge, Morebath and Shillingford.

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



We had a good turnout of members for our December venue at the Ponte Vecchio Tiverton. As usual the food was well presented and very tasty and enjoyed by all as most plates were empty by the end.

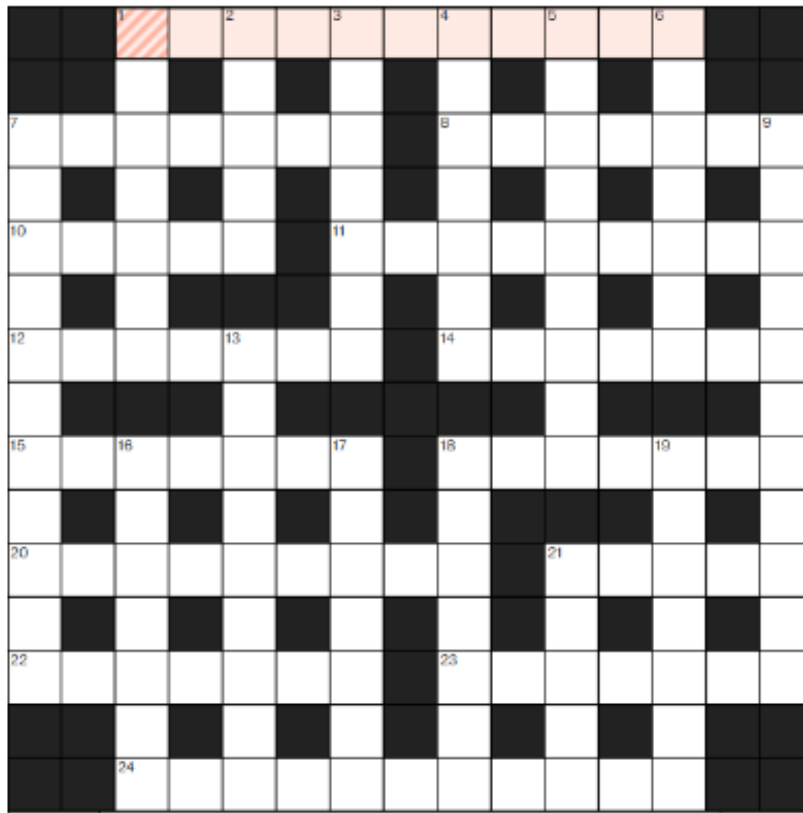
Wednesday Pub Lunch 7th January was attended by a disappointing 10 members caused by Holidays and illness. Our visit to Redwoods at Uplowman was on a bright Sunny day following the Snow and Icey roads the previous weekend. We were welcomed by the Landlord and his wife ,who together cooked and served our meals with a short wait time. A selection of seven freshly cooked good hot vegetables arrived just before our main meals ensuring the mains remained hot. The majority of the group expressed satisfaction with their meals although we did have one or two who were disappointed.



Our next venue on 4th February is planned as a local visit to Bickleigh Mill, Bickleigh. If you did not put your name down at Redwoods Inn and would like to attend, please contact me ASAP. - Trevor



Cryptic Crossword #53 Jan / Feb 2026 (Solution at end of newsletter)



Across

- 1 Money holder – you can eat some of it (11)
- 7 Sounds like boat workers added a weight to put in soup (7)
- 8 Sadly, nothing in mill, but could be lots (7)
- 10 A change in the church, I hear (5)
- 11 Adhering debts after net reversed current (9)
- 12 Just madden the grandee (7)
- 14 Certify to correct the mistakes (7)
- 15 Chemist in Southern England loses it but makes plans (7)
- 18 Drink for someone complaining about a cuppa (4,3)
- 20 All at sea? Mostly (2,3,4)
- 21 Adhere, given an old beat (5)
- 22 A soofsayer? E’s er... like, real crazy type, I’d say (7)
- 23 Henry Percy has warm spiked footwear (7)
- 24 Not heavy and aimed at goal makes one feel a bit dizzy (5,6)

Down

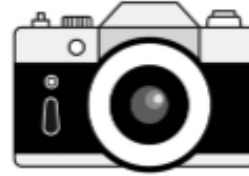
- 1 Deskpap, or one who soaks up mistakes (7)
- 2 Begin eagerly now to enjoy refreshment – at your own risk (5)
- 3 Where you might eat in a small place (7)
- 4 Student moaner becomes hospital worker (7)
- 5 Many a bike! (9)
- 6 Take a little trip; olives are ripe in Libya (7)
- 7 Celandines to a ‘T’ show hidden aim (11)
- 9 Lady Penelope’s inquisitive driver? (5,6)
- 13 Comprising trade union strait (9)
- 16 ‘In’, dishy too. Melting Snowman’s heart (3,4)
- 17 Sex worker, well read reputedly (7)
- 18 Exile mobile service provider, but not Italy, she shrieks! (7)
- 19 Took drugs and fell (7)
- 21 Placed Edward after instruction not to stand (5)

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



Railway Group

Coordinator:
Jose Kimber



Exploring Photography

Coordinator:
Philip Skinner



Photography 2

Coordinator:
Charlie Duke



Mahjong

Coordinator:
Celia Hicks

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