

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your membership was due for renewal on 1st April. Anybody who has not renewed by 30th June has been deleted from membership and not entitled to any of the benefits of membership, such as attending Groups and Meetings, nor will you be able to vote at the forthcoming AGM. You will have had separate notifications if this applies to you. You can start a new membership at any time by completing the Membership Application form on the website.

JULY AGM & MONTHLY MEETING



Our monthly meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, in the Bridport United Church Hall in East Street starting at 2pm and followed by refreshments.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the start of the next monthly meeting on 26th July, followed by a talk about the Geology of the Jurassic Coast from our Chair, Vincent Sheppard.

You will receive a separate email with all of the details of the AGM soon.

Our August monthly talk is by Marcus Paul entitled 'Ireland to the Wild West' on 23rd August.

GROUP NEWS



Enjoying Shakespeare. A new group to discuss a different Shakespeare play every month. Similar to a Book Group, where you read the subject at home, then come along for an informal discussion of any points that interest you. If time permits, we might read part of a Scene. Friendly and informal; nobody is obliged to say anything if they don't want to. Meeting initially in the host's home in Victoria Grove, Bridport. Tea will be served. No cost involved. Contact: *Pete Brown*, 07762 257212. peterbrown2001@gmail.com

Canasta carries on through the summer on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons at the Bridport Youth Centre. In July that's on 13th and 27th, and in August it's 10th and 24th. Beginners welcome. To join in or to come along for a Taster please email to canasta@bridportu3a.org.uk

Science and Technology group – we take turns to research an interesting topic – anything from parasites to the James Webb telescope and share with the group. We will meet on Monday 18th July to find out about Dark Matter.

If you have an idea for a new group please contact groups@bridportu3a.org.uk.

Existing walking groups are over-subscribed so please can someone start a new one.

GROUP SPOTLIGHT

If you want your group to be featured here, please send information to newsletter@bridportu3a.org.uk

History Group



If you enjoy History why not join a group where you research a famous public figure and write a page or two on them to present – over a cup of coffee – to our group members for informal

discussion each month – we usually cover around four in the 90 minutes, and there can be lively discussion. The canvas is wide, and past figures discussed have ranged from Montgomery, Castro and Gorbachev to the likes of Aristotle, Freud, Pope Pius XII and John Reith, and even ‘the Unknown Warrior’ and how he was selected. To join in on the morning of the third Friday of the month, or to come for a Taster, please email to history@bridportu3a.org.uk

JUST FOR FUN



(Answers at the end of this Newsletter)

How well do you know Dorset?

1. The county of Dorset has a motto, what is it?
2. What entered Britain at Melcombe Regis in 1348?
3. How long, in miles, is the part of the Dorset coastline known as the Jurassic Coast?
4. Name Dorset’s only professional football team?

5. Which famous espionage author was born in Poole?
6. Douglas Adams wrote part of which comedy fiction series whilst living in Stalbridge?
7. What is the name of the Iron Age hill fort 1.6 miles from Dorchester?
8. Which Dorset harbour is the second largest natural harbour in the world, after Sydney?
9. A former world record holder at 1.5 Million SHU, what is the Dorset Naga?
10. Which iconic 1973 advert, directed by Ridley Scott, was shot on Gold Hill, Shaftesbury?

MONTHLY LIMERICK CHALLENGE



Each month the Newsletter will bring you a suggested first line for a limerick and publish some of those submitted from the previous month (using contributors initials only). Thank you to everybody who took part.

*There was a storage sight on the sand
A refugee from a strange land
Had written a note
And set it afloat.
I held it awhile in my hand
(TJ)*

*There was a strange sight on the sand
A gathering of people names Brand
There was Katy and Jo
Who played the game ‘Go’
While Russell performed a handstand
(ER)*

If you want to participate, please create a limerick with the following first line:

“There was an old man on the coast “

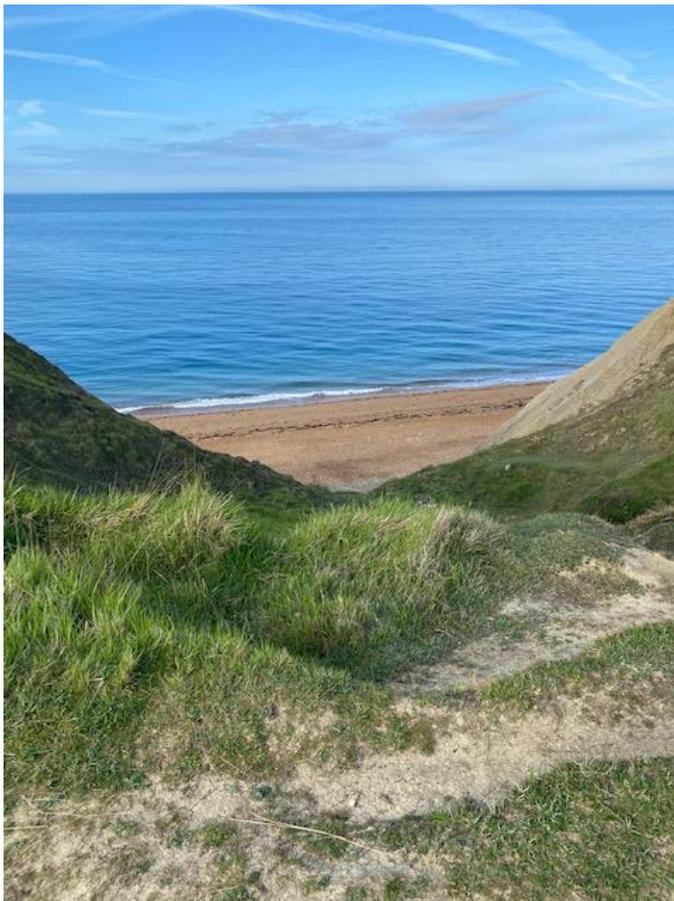
Please send your contributions to limerickclub@bridportu3a.org.uk by 31st July, and a selection will be printed in the next Newsletter.

MONTHLY LOCAL PHOTOGRAPH

Each month we will publish a photograph of a local scene. Please submit your photographs to newsletter@bridportu3a.org.uk and let me know when and where it was taken, and if you want to be acknowledged as the photographer or remain anonymous.

Please note, we may use photographs from the newsletter on our website. Please advise if you do not want this to happen.

This month, a lovely part of our Jurassic Coast.
(GE)



NATIONAL u3a

u3a Day 2022– The Third Age Trust have decided that national u3a Day will take place on the Wednesday of u3a week, which will be at the end of September, and dates have been set for the next 5 years. For 2022 the dates are 17–25th September. If you have any thoughts or ideas about how you would like us to celebrate the u3a and promote our Bridport u3a during this week, please get in touch with any of your committee.

The u3a Science Network Anniversary Meeting is online on 26th July, and is available for free booking on the national website and through Eventbrite

Science Network meeting – Click here

Did you know that Third Age Matters is also available as a text-only download that can be read by text-readers, so anybody with a visual impairment can still enjoy the national magazine? The link is available here.

Third Age Matters text only– Click here

More information about national online groups, the latest u3a Covid guidance, projects, research and much more can be found in the national u3a Newsletter, which you can sign up to here

National u3a Newsletter– Click here

OUTSIDE u3a

Some of the best local Picnic Spots include :

The Blue Pool near Wareham, where you can look for fairy doors amongst the trees, marvel at the phenomenal shimmering blue waters, and picnic at this nature reserve on the Furzedown Estate Picnic area or in the grounds of the 1930s tea-room bluepooltearooms.co.uk

Ringstead Bay near Weymouth. Park at the top of the cliff above Southdown Farm and walk along

the cliff top, or follow the tracks down for a picnic on the shingle beach with clear safe waters and views across to Weymouth Bay and Portland nationaltrust.org.uk/ringstead-bay



Wellington Monument near Wellington, a recently restored obelisque, a tribute to the Duke of Wellington's victory at Waterloo, surrounded by beech hedgerows and wildlife-rich meadows with views across the Blackdown Hills, Taunton Vale and across to Exmoor. Or you can climb the monument's 232

steps up a spiral staircase from 10am to 4pm on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday between April and September, but you must book, nationaltrust.org.uk/wellington-monument

Kingombe Meadow near Toller Porcorum and Maiden Newton. Grassland as it used to be, filled with wildflowers and butterflies, streams, ponds, green lanes and woodlands almost untouched by artificial fertilisers and pesticides. Park at the Dorset Wildlife Trust's visitor Centre dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserve

Brownsea Island near Poole. Hop on the ferry from Sandbanks to this island, inspiration for Enid Blyton's Whispering Island, with views across the Purbeck Hills, soft sandy beaches and lots of wildlife including red squirrels, trails, a nature play-area and lots of picnic spots nationaltrust.org.uk/brownsea-island

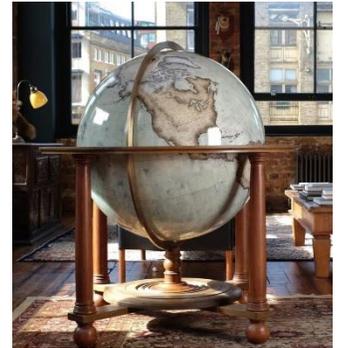
Sydney Gardens in Bath, one of my all-time favourite places. Tranquil Georgian pleasure gardens in the centre of Bath, a favourite also of Jane



Austen, with formal flower gardens, parkland, woodland, walks by the Kennet & Avon canal, playground, tennis and pétanque courts, white chinoiserie bridges, classical buildings and the

Holburne Museum, a former Georgian party house! And not in the guide books, but walks alongside the main Bristol to London railway line and great views from bridges over the lines. Ah, schoolgirl memories. And if you are interested, the Royal School of Needlework are teaching a day course here on 3rd September bathnes.gov.uk/visit-sydney-gardens_or_holbourne.org

Globe Making – a fascinating virtual tour of Bellerby & Co Globe Makers where you can learn more about this fascinating art bellerbyandco.com and even design your own globe!



This newsletter has taken an interest in various versions of Wordle, and this month's choice is Waffle, where you swap letters to make multiple words wafflegame.net

And a couple repeated from last month:

If you love hats and want to see more hat walks, **London Hat Week** is taking place both in person and online this year during 1st – 7th August. For more details and bookings londonhatweek.com

If you are heading up to London, check out the new exhibition at the **Saatchi Gallery, Vision & Virtuosity by Tiffany & Co**, for a dose of extravagance and beauty, from 10th June until 19th August saatchigallery.com

Iford Manor Estate, 2.5 acres of Italianate gardens designed by Edwardian architect Harold Peto is always worth a visit, open 11am – 4pm Wednesday – Sunday and Bank Holidays, with the added benefit of the Restaurant and Cafe. Champagne Garden Tours are available for booking throughout the summer. Their first ever Jazz Festival will be held this year 22nd – 24th July. Further information and booking here ifordmanor.co.uk

ANSWERS TO JUST FOR FUN QUIZ

- 1 Who's A'feard
- 2 The Black Death
- 3 96 miles
- 4 A.F.C. Bournemouth
- 5 John Le Carre
- 6 The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy
- 7 Maiden Castle
- 8 Poole Harbour
- 9 A chili pepper (SHU or Scoville Heat Units are used to measure the heat of Chilis)
- 10 Hovis advert

CONTACT US

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to comment on our Newsletters, and we welcome all suggestions. If you have anything you would like to be included in future Newsletters, please send your submissions to newsletter@bridportu3a.org.uk and we will do our best to use as many as possible.

Until next month

Stay safe

Bridport U3A Committee