

## News from the Groups – Feb 2022 edition

Hello all,

As we all know, it's looking more encouraging at the moment on the anti-Covid front so here are some more opportunities:

- If you have friends considering joining Bridport & District U3A at the moment, if they join now they will get - free - the remaining weeks up to the start of our next year (from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022).
- The **Singers** group is looking for more singers! They meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday mornings of the month. Please contact [singers@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:singers@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- The **Art History** topic for a.m. Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> will now be the 14 Hungarian émigré artists who arrived in Britain before WW2 and formed the Hungarian Club of Artists in London. Our Art History group currently has two vacancies. We could also welcome up to 6 other members who may not wish to join the group but might be interested in the March 10<sup>th</sup> session. Please contact [arthistory@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:arthistory@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- Play **Mahjong** – learners and experienced players welcome on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays p.m. Please email [groups@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- The new **Climate Change and Ecology Crisis Study Group** meets next on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> p.m. and has places. Please email [climate@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:climate@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- **Book Group 6** has a vacancy, and meets on the first Friday a.m. of the month. Please contact [bookgroup6@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:bookgroup6@bridportu3a.org.uk) to arrange for a 'Taster' meeting.
- The new **Railway group** meets next on a.m. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, when – among other things – it will be discussing outings in the year ahead. Please contact [railway@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:railway@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- New and experienced **Canasta** players are welcome p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Please contact [groups@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- At the next **History group** meeting a.m. on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March members' summaries of the lives of historical figures will include Alec Issigonis, Otto von Bismarck, and Marcia Campbell...the latter a traveller to India as part of the 'Fishing Fleet' of British women who joined the exodus of British men to India between 1858 and 1947. For a 'Taster' of this group please contact [history@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:history@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- Practice your **German Conversation** on a.m. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Conversation will include looking at the facts on, and talking (slowly) about, the new German Chancellor's topical challenge on sources of energy. Places available by contacting [groups@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- The **Science & Technology Group** has two places available for the talk on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> p.m. when child psychiatrist Dr Peter Loader speaks on childhood attachment affecting adult well-being. Please contact [sciencediscussion@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:sciencediscussion@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- Try our **Monday a.m. Zoom Chat** ...just 10 – 11am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays with members discussing what is going on in our locality + other items that are topical.

Zoom link provided for you to click on, free. Please contact [groups@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bridportu3a.org.uk)

- **Poetry 2 – A Major Poet a Month** – focuses on Thomas Hardy on a.m. Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March and some of his most acclaimed poems such as Drummer Hodge, Great Things, Beeny Cliff, The Voice, The Oxen and The Darkling Thrush. For a ‘Taster’ session please email [groups@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- There are another 50 groups on our website, many with opportunities available now. If anyone would like to have vacancies or news additionally highlighted in this ‘News from the Groups’ sheet next month would you please let me have your information by 20<sup>th</sup> March? Many thanks.

Cheers,  
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