

## NEWS ON OUR GROUPS - PLACES NOW AVAILABLE IN 20 GROUPS:

Hi to all Bridport & District U3A members

### VACANCIES AND FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES:

The following groups are known to have at least one vacancy at the moment; please click here on our Bridport & District U3A website's '**Groups**' page at <https://bridportu3a.org.uk/groups.html> and scroll down to click on the Group Leader's email address to make contact to see if there is still a place – It's first come, first served but if you miss the place see if you could go on a Waiting List. (Other groups on our website may also have vacancies but are not listed in this selection.)

- **Bird Watching** - Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Feb a.m. Meetings are outside.
- **Book Group 6** - read a selected book by Fri March 4<sup>th</sup> a.m. Varied books chosen
- **Canasta** – Wed Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and Wed Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> p.m. Beginners and experienced players welcome to apply
- **Chess Club** – timing as players arrange. Beginners and experienced players welcome to apply
- **Climate & Ecology Crisis Study Group** - **NEW GROUP** – Thurs Feb 10<sup>th</sup> p.m. This study group follows on from our January Monthly Talk by David Ramsden MBE, a version of which can still be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHcSygldGO0>
- **Cribbage** – Alternate Tuesday evenings. Beginners and experienced players welcome to apply
- **Extra Walks** – Fri Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and Thurs Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, both based around Burton Bradstock. Contact: [groups@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bridportu3a.org.uk)
- **Family History** – Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb and Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar p.m.
- **German Intermediate** (*used* to be called 'German Beginners'...there's progress!) - Weekly Mon a.m.
- **German Conversation** - and usually around a Germany-related subject. Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb a.m.
- **History** – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb a.m. Participants choose the life of an historical figure to summarise briefly: usually 5 or 6 summaries read each session, giving great variety and a basis for discussion.
- **IT Self Help** - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb p.m. Discuss, and seek help on, your IT challenge(s).
- **Limerick Club** - Weekly Saturdays: see [Bridport U3A Limerick Page](#) and join in!
- **Lunch Club Tuesday** - Tues Feb 15<sup>th</sup> midday. Different venue each month.
- **Major Poet a Month** - Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Feb a.m. Following on from John Betjeman, this month it'll be Rupert Brooke. We each select a renowned poet, hear briefly about their lives and then read some of their poems.
- **Needlework for Pleasure** – informal self-help group. Meets Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb and Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb p.m.
- **Puzzles for Fun** - Monthly, by email – currently there are challenging Codewords

- **Science and Technology** - Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Feb p.m. when the speaker is Richard Lawson who is involved in trials and research at *Dorchester Hospital* and speaks on '*Clinical Research - A Patient's Perspective*'
- **Singers** - Thurs Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and Feb 17<sup>th</sup> a.m. Back at last! And in the new venue at the Bridport W I Hall.
- **Watercolour Painting - NEW GROUP** - Fri Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb a.m. Informal: paint in an atmosphere of self-support.
- **Zoom Chat Monday** - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb & Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb a.m. In just an hour of Zoom we cover what's going on in and around Bridport, and anything else topical – or even just 'anything else!'

**SUMMARY:** To reach the Group Leader please click on <https://bridportu3a.org.uk/groups.html> then scroll down to your chosen subject where you click on the email address of the Group Leader.

### **NEW GROUPS:**

If you would like to discuss starting a new group please contact [groups@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@bridportu3a.org.uk) We would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone who would like to start a Beginners' Group in German, Spanish or Italian, but *whatever* your idea is please let us know.

### **SUPPORT TO GROUP LEADERS:**

- A big thanks to all existing Group Leaders for all you do
- In some groups members have offered to support GLs through covering the secretarial side, teeing up the arrangements for the next meeting; and in others there is a member or a rota of members who provide the hot drinks etc. each time. If you can offer in your group to do one of these it could be much appreciated. Thanks.
- Finally please remember it's a Bridport & District U3A request that users of refreshments chip in 30p a time, despite our increasingly cashless society! Thanks

Cheers,

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