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# CARRICK NEWSLETTER

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U3A Carrick

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## U3A MEETINGS

**Monthly Meeting, Carnon Downs Village Hall.** No meeting in December.

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members and wish them a long and enjoyable membership.

Melanie Brown    Tina Barton    Rob Nolan    Moyra Nolan    Christine Dixon  
Dan O'Sullivan    Karen Hughes    Patricia Budd    Brook Berry    Sandra Berry  
Sarah Jordan    Carole Whittaker    Christine Skelton    Liz Smith

**Bob Williams, Membership Secretary** [membership@u3acarrick.org.uk](mailto:membership@u3acarrick.org.uk)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Once again, I think I can say Carrick u3a has had a successful month. The Showcase concert enabled a number of groups and several brave individuals to display their talents and entertain a large audience. Many thanks to all who took part and made such a fun and busy show, hopefully some people will have been prompted to explore joining some of the groups on display, and others of you will be planning your own "pieces" for the next concert.

I understand a few people found the venue cold, which is a shame as had we known we could have put a pound in the slot and had some heat. Those in the lights were of course oblivious to the temperature of the hall. Never be afraid to speak up; if things can be fixed, they will be.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes and enabled the scene changes, sound, vision, refreshments, etc. so that's Mark Breach, Mike Walker, Patsy Ross, Lesley Vingo, Pat and Hilary Harrod, Ric Reilly and of course Sue and Ray Hutt who did such a great job organising and planning and then

couldn't be there to watch it. I understand a recording is available from Ric for anyone who would like to see, or repeat, the wonders of last Wednesday. And once again many thanks to all who took part, we had a varied and impressive programme which reflects the varied and impressive membership of Carrick u3a. The compere's jokes were sufficiently groanworthy to prompt a response from the audience, if only to vow to get a replacement next time.

I have yet to organise the long-promised Group Leaders' meeting, but understand a number of group leaders have been taking advantage of Bob William's expertise on Beacon to get acquainted with the system and finding it very useful already. I have to thank members of the committee who do all sorts of unadvertised things to support Group Leaders in particular, and Carrick in general. The meeting will happen.

The date for the pre-Christmas coach trip to Cotehele NT house to see the Christmas Garland has been finalised as **10<sup>th</sup> December** with potential pick up points at The Moor Falmouth, Penryn Asda, The Norway Inn and Truro Coach Station. The cost for NT members will be £15, being coach costs only; non-NT members will be asked to pay a reduced group rate of £9.50 for entry to the house and garden in addition to the coach cost of £15. There will be a reduced number of rooms open at the house due to winter refurbishments, but the path to the Mill and Quay will be festively lit, and the café will be open, mobility aids are available to enable access to the garden if required but need to be booked in advance. The garland is a tradition which has been happening since 1956 and is a great way of starting off the festive season. If you would like to join us, please let Lesley Vingo LaV@u3acarrick.org.uk or myself know, if you haven't already, but please note as we need to pay for the coach in advance, we will need expressions of interest and payment of £15 per person by **1<sup>st</sup> December**.

The trip to Angarrack for the lights and fish and chips in Penryn is still awaiting confirmation but will be either **12<sup>th</sup>** or **19<sup>th</sup> December**. Coach costs will be £10-£12 depending on numbers. More details asap.

Lesley Vingo is arranging a timetable of potential trips for next year, based on your ideas so we look forward to getting into the swing of organising regular trips in the future.

Finally, very early notice, spurred by a recent visit to Scotland, someone, possibly me, had the bright idea of holding a Burns Night celebration. This we will do, but

due to time constraints not in 2025, we are planning ahead for Sunday **25<sup>th</sup> January** 2026 when there will be haggis, neeps and tatties and everything else involved in a Burns Night dinner, and dance. Now does anyone know anyone who can play the bagpipes? If so please let us know so we can negotiate.

What we can do in January 2025 though is hold a beetle drive, so watch this space.

Have a great month, it seems odd to be talking about Christmas celebrations, but whatever you decide to do I hope it goes well. See you on the bus.

Best wishes to all.

**Lesley Parsons, Chair 01209 314810 chair@u3acarrick.org.uk**

## **BT DIGITAL VOICE AND YOUR TELEPHONE**

For a century or more our public telephone service has been analogue carried on wiggly waves of electricity, but with modern digital technology, lots of 1's and 0's, it has been gradually changing, the most noticeable thing being a change from good ole copper to glass fibre.

In the coming year BT will be endeavouring to switchover many if not all of their customers that are still on the analogue network to their digital network. Vicky Hicks, BT's Head of Engagement for the Digital Voice programme will be giving us a talk at Carron Downs, at 2pm on Wednesday **29<sup>th</sup> January**, similar to six talks that she and her team gave around the county earlier this year, which some members attended. Thank you, Monica, for telling me of the talks.

Many of u3a Carrick's members, particularly those using 'broadband' and the internet will already be on BT's digital network connected to it by fibre optics, but we are mindful that many are not but may be impacted in the not-so-distant future.

I shall not pre-empt Vicky's talk, and try and answer all the frequently asked questions, but those that I would most encourage to attend the January talk, are those that are not connected to the internet, those that don't use a mobile phone and those that have devices other than a phone connected to the telephone system, e.g. burglar alarm. BT are mandated to ensure that all customers, particularly the vulnerable and elderly, are taken care of and again I'll leave Vicky to explain the measures and help that BT will be providing.

So, if this is a paper copy that you have received of our newsletter, the meeting on **29th January** may be worth attending, and likewise if you know members who might be affected, please encourage them to come along.

For those connected to the internet more information on BT's Digital Voice may be found at <https://www.bt.com/broadband/digital-voice>

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## EDITORIAL

If you have a regular event that is shown in the calendar as taking place close to Christmas you might want to check with the group leader that it is actually happening. Not all group leaders advise me of cancellations.

Last month's picture was of the Ukrainian memorial on the road to Wier near Restronguet Barton.

The first to get it was Clive Moon followed by Wendy Forman, Mervyn Knight, Katherine Wheatley\* and Maureen Gilbert.

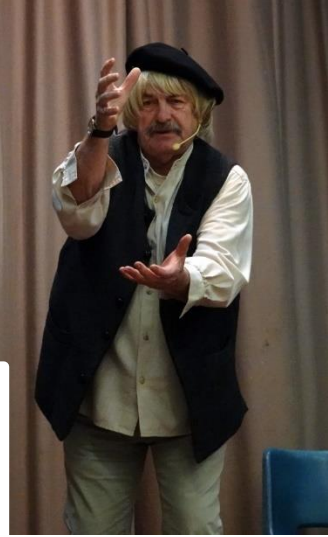
\* Katherine tells me "About ten years ago I was on a village working party to clear the brambles, and clean and paint the memorial. Last summer there was another cleaning and painting of the memorial. It was for a rededication of the memorial. After the service, people were invited to the Tremayne Hall for tea, part Ukrainian and part Cornish, and were entertained with Ukrainian music and singing, the musicians were all in their traditional costumes."

As always, the cover picture is taken locally. This month's picture was taken last summer, and that is the only clue you need to work this one out, even if you are not a sailor. So, where is it?

Your answer, as always, to [editor@u3acarrick.org.uk](mailto:editor@u3acarrick.org.uk) please, or use your smart phone with this QR code to email your editor. The answer will be in next month's newsletter.

**Mark Breach [editor@u3acarrick.org.uk](mailto:editor@u3acarrick.org.uk)**







## GROUP NEWS

### MALE VOICE GROUP TO SING SONGS OF THE SEA.

Would yee like 'ta bring ya ewer along to a local quayside tavern, eye up them servin' wenches an' join in a rousin' chorus or two? Arrrgh ... Sorry, got a bit carried away there. Male voice group to sing nautical themed songs, not just shanties, although of course they will be included.

A great way to keep us out of mischief, and in the pub, through winter. Call, text or e-mail.

**Pat Dye 07904 113804 patdye88@yahoo.co.uk**

### AMBLERS

We have managed to have two ambles in recent weeks without getting wet. Our first around part of the Trelissick estate was a blustery event, which made for some dramatic waves along the Fal.

Our second was a slightly more Cornish Mizzle affair but in the sheltered

surroundings of the Burncoose nursery gardens, and some dramatic foliage reminded us that it is Autumn.

Both walks naturally resulted in a spot of refreshment in a nearby cafe and a good conversation was shared all along.

Our next Amble will be at Argal reservoir on Friday **22<sup>nd</sup> November**. We will meet at the car park, TR10 9JF, and stroll around the reservoir, the paths are well defined or on duck boards and this is a pleasant amble. As there is currently no



cafe at Argal it has been suggested that we then go to the nearby Flicka donkey sanctuary for a cuppa, so a potential added bonus of donkeys as well as cake. Come along and join us.

We will then decide if there will be time to fit in two ambles in December, or if Wednesday 11th will be the only one. Venue to be confirmed.

I look forward to ambling with you.

**Nick Parsons** [Nic.alchemy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Nic.alchemy@yahoo.co.uk)

## **CARPET BOWLS 1**

Christmas will soon be here, and we have decided to have a Christmas break. The last Friday bowls before Christmas will be on Friday **13<sup>th</sup> December**. We will start back on Friday **10<sup>th</sup> January**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all u3a members a happy, healthy Christmas.

**Caroline Goodwin 01326 619690, Angie Attwood 07874782735**

## **CARPET BOWLS 2**

Numbers are steadily increasing for Carpet Bowls 2 and great fun is always had. The time of meeting will change in the new year to 1:30 p.m. start, and we will not meet in the weeks when there is a Monthly meeting.

**Lesley Parsons, Chair 01209 314810**  
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## **CARRICK CONSORT**

Some members of Carrick Consort performed at the Camborne Festival this week.

We played two short pieces by contemporary British Composers, Jolly Joan's Fugue by Nicholas Wynne and Pedal Power by Brian Moses.





The adjudicator enjoyed both our renditions and that of the quintet 'Twerps' (Twelveheads Recorder Players) which includes four of our group who played several lovely arrangements of Scottish Folk Tunes by Marg Hall.

They narrowly won the cup; but there is no real rivalry fortunately.

On Friday **13<sup>th</sup> December** we shall be playing selections of Christmas Music in the Visitor Centre at Trebah Gardens between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. and would welcome any audience members: entry to the Visitor Centre, Café and Shop are always free.

**Helen Whomersley [helenwhomersley@gmail.com](mailto:helenwhomersley@gmail.com)**

## **CARRICK SINGERS**

Carrick Singers, the u3a choir, greatly enjoyed the talented and varied acts on display on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. It was a privilege to contribute to the morning. We sang three items: This Little Light of Mine, an African-American song from the 1920's, Toudion, a French drinking song written in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, which we sang unaccompanied, and Swing's the Thing, a medley of 4 songs by Ira and George Gershwin, one accompanied by Kazoos.

This was an excellent demonstration of the wide variety of music that we sing, as introduced and taught to us by our Musical Director, Richard Bailey, who accompanied us at the Showcase.

If you would like to join the choir, or just give it a try, you will be very welcome. We practice on Wednesday afternoons between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at Kea Community Centre, Playing Place. We will take a break over Christmas, but will start again on **8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. For further information please phone June on 07584 258727.

**Mary Wright [wright2mary@hotmail.com](mailto:wright2mary@hotmail.com)**

## **CONNECTED CAFÉ**

We're pleased to say we have a full house for November's Connected Café on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, so encouraged we will be open on the third Thursday, **19<sup>th</sup> December** from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. and as always at Chez Reilly.

We never know what issues and topics our visitors will raise, but they have been wide and varied, and in most cases we can resolve the issues often by delving into the internet or calling on experience from our visitors themselves. In all cases there is no 'bish, bash, bosh' with users encouraged to do things for themselves, the only way to learn, hence why numbers are limited.

With limited space and personal bandwidth, attendance has to be by prior notification even for regular attendees, either with a call or an email, see below. We won't have all the answers, but may be able to help with searching them out.

**Ric Reilly 07973 173367 ricreilly@icloud.com**

## **DONS KERNEWEK - Cornish Dance**

It always feels a bit strange to perform onstage as we did at the u3a Showcase event, since Cornish dancing traditionally took place very informally on the streets, in fish cellars and farmhouse kitchens. As well as Cornish Knave and Dons Fenten, we had planned to dance a Furry, but sadly space did not allow. Furry dances are the backbone of Cornish dancing, using the Cornish Step of "one, two, three, hop", and all of them are tied to a particular place in Cornwall. Tregajorran Furry, which we had intended to perform, is affectionately known among dancers as "Treggy". It is popular at Cornish ceilidhs and is danced every year on the slopes of Carn Brea as part of Tregajorran Village Show. New members to our group will find they very soon learn all the Furry Dances, which we practise regularly.

We will not be dancing in December, so we take this chance to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We will start again on **9<sup>th</sup> January** for a Happy New Year of Cornish dancing.

**Sue Prout 07917341057**

## **FOURTH FRIDAY, FALMOUTH**

Falmouth Fourth Friday will meet on **24<sup>th</sup> January** at 10:30 a.m. at Merchants Manor Hotel, on 1 Western Terrace. Come and join our friendly group for coffee and a chat, and to welcome new members. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and safe New Year.

**Alex Pascoe alexpascoe@talktalk.net 01326 211228, 07971 395995**

## **GARDEN**

Though having sadly depleted numbers, we had a delightful meeting in Carnon Downs for November. With contributions from several people, we had just enough time to visit all their gardens with their memories. From Devon via Wiltshire and Kew, some wonderful orchids, to France and via Madeira to Israel where we saw some amazing ancient olives in the Garden of Gethsemane. A bright and sunny group of photos to enliven a dull November day with a cup of coffee. We all enjoyed it and hope to similarly brighten up a winter's day in the future.

For December it has been decided to take advantage of the planned Carrick u3a coach visit to Cotehele for the Christmas garland. There also may be a visit to Morwellham Quay. I for one have been meaning to get to see the garland for some years and I'm sure there are others of you who would also enjoy the trip without the need for a long drive there and back. You may have seen some details on the 'Events not to be Missed' email from Lesley. The visit is planned for Tuesday **10<sup>th</sup> December**. It is being arranged by Lesley Parsons, chair@u3acarrick.org.uk, and

Lesley Vingo, LaV@gmail.com, so it would be best to contact one of them to show your interest and for further details.

December meeting: u3a coach trip to Cotehele, see other notifications for further details. I hope to see lots of the group, it should be a good festive outing.

Cost will be that of the coach plus entry; National Trust members free for Cotehele.

If anyone needs to get in touch I am available for contact as below.

**Kate Gidman kategarts.gdns@gmail.com 07962 805666**

## HANDICRAFT

This is example of some of the work that we do at handicrafts in Chacewater Nissan hut in the car park. There is free parking. We are friendly group of all experiences, some very new to craft work and some more experienced but we are all learning at different levels. It would be lovely to see new people. We meet 2:00 - 4:00 on Thursday afternoon every week. We are on bus routes from Truro to Chacewater. It is nice to meet new people.



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## HISTORY

The next meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November so the report will be too late for this newsletter and will appear next month.

Our December meeting is a return visit to Helston on Monday **9<sup>th</sup> December**. We will meet at the museum in the town centre and providing that the weather is favourable, we will have a short, guided walk around the historic town centre. The walk will finish at The Angel Hotel where we will have coffee. The Angel is one of the most interesting buildings in the town, dating back to the 1540s when it was the town house of the Godolphin family. We will be able to see the C18 ball room upstairs and other period features of the building.

For anyone not wishing to do the walk this will be an opportunity for a second visit to the museum where there is always something interesting to see, and to meet the rest of the group later at The Angel. If you wish to attend the meeting in Helston please contact the group leader for further information.

The History Group meetings programme for 2025 will be available in January. If you would like a copy please contact the group leader. New members are always welcome.

I would like to thank History Group members for their support this year, and to wish all u3a members a happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025.

**Sheila James** [u3acarrickhistory@gmail.com](mailto:u3acarrickhistory@gmail.com) 01872 870745

# EVENTS CALENDAR

\* Contact leader before first attendance. Subject to information supplied at time of preparation. Some events may change. Contact editor to input/edit entries.

## December 2024

### Mon 2

10:00 PETANQUE FALMOUTH Gyllyngvase Beach  
10:15 RUBBER BRIDGE Central Bar, Truro  
10:30 SPANISH, BEGINNERS Norway Inn  
13:00 UKULELE Perranwell Church Hall  
13:30 SOCIAL DANCING Perranwell Centre  
14:00 JAZZ APPRECIATION Carnon Downs Village Hall  
14:00 YOGA\* Feock Church & Community Hall  
16:00 TABLE TENNIS Feock Church & Community Hall  
18:00 MONDAYS ONLINE online

### Tue 3

10:00 QUESTIONS OF THE DAY 2 Member's home  
10:30 FRENCH CONVERSATION Threemilestone Village Hall  
13:30 SHORT TENNIS 1 Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge  
15:30 CARRICK BELLS Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge

### Wed 4

09:30 SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE Ponsanooth Village Hall  
10:30 ITALIAN online

13:00 PETANQUE TRURO Boscawen Park  
13:30 ART, TRURO Feock Church & Community Hall  
13:30 CARPET BOWLS 2 Perranwell Centre  
14:00 CARRICK SINGERS Kea Community Centre  
16:00 TABLE TENNIS Feock Church & Community Hall

### Thu 5

14:00 HANDICRAFT Chacewater WI Hall (The Nisson Hut)  
14:00 QUIZ Victoria Inn, Threemilestone

### Fri 6

09:30 SHORT TENNIS 2 Tremough Campus  
10:00 SPANISH COMPLETE BEGINNERS Denyer Court, Falmouth  
10:15 WALKS, 5 BANANAS various locations  
10:30 WALKS, RAMBLERS various locations  
12:00 FRENCH BEGINNERS Falmouth  
13:30 CARPET BOWLS 1 Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge  
14:00 MEDITATION and CREATIVE VISUALISATION Truro  
14:30 CARRICK CONSORT Kea Community Centre  
15:30 LINE DANCING Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge

**Sun 8**

10:30 PETANQUE TRURO Boscawen Park

**Mon 9**

10:00 HISTORY Helston

10:15 RUBBER BRIDGE Central Bar, Truro

10:30 SPANISH, BEGINNERS Norway Inn

13:30 PLAYREADING leader's home

13:30 SOCIAL DANCING Perranwell Centre

14:00 YOGA\* Feock Church & Community Hall

16:00 TABLE TENNIS Feock Church & Community Hall

19:00 EUCHRE Oak Tree Farm

**Tue 10**

10:00 PHOTOGRAPHY Carnon Downs Village Hall

10:30 FRENCH CONVERSATION Threemilestone Village Hall

13:30 SHORT TENNIS 1 Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge

14:00 CREATIVE WRITING, TRURO Member's home

15:30 CARRICK BELLS Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge

**Wed 11**

09:30 SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE Ponsanooth Village Hall

10:00 PHILOSOPHY 1 Victoria Inn, Threemilestone

13:00 PETANQUE TRURO Boscawen Park

13:30 ART, TRURO Feock Church & Community Hall

13:30 CARPET BOWLS 2 Perranwell Centre

14:00 CARRICK SINGERS Kea Community Centre

16:00 TABLE TENNIS Feock Church & Community Hall

**Thu 12**

09:30 BADMINTON 1 Tremough Campus

10:30 SCIENCE Kea Community Centre

14:00 HANDICRAFT Chacewater WI Hall (The Nisson Hut)

**Fri 13**

09:30 SHORT TENNIS 2 Tremough Campus

10:00 SPANISH COMPLETE BEGINNERS Denyer Court, Falmouth

10:15 WALKS, 5 BANANAS various locations

10:30 WALKS, RAMBLERS various locations

12:00 FRENCH BEGINNERS Falmouth

13:30 CARPET BOWLS 1 Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge

13:45 MAHJONG Perranwell Church Hall

14:30 CARRICK CONSORT Kea Community Centre

15:30 LINE DANCING Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge

**Mon 16**

10:00 PETANQUE FALMOUTH Gyllyngvase Beach

10:15 RUBBER BRIDGE Central Bar, Truro

10:30 SPANISH, BEGINNERS Norway Inn

13:00 UKULELE Perranwell Church Hall

13:30 SOCIAL DANCING Perranwell Centre

14:00 JAZZ APPRECIATION Carnon Downs Village Hall

14:00 READING, TRURO online

14:00 YOGA\* Feock Church & Community Hall

16:00 TABLE TENNIS Feock Church & Community Hall

18:00 MONDAYS ONLINE online

**Tue 17**

10:00 QUESTIONS OF THE DAY 1 Member's home, Carnon Downs  
10:15 SCRABBLE Threemilestone Community Centre  
13:30 SHORT TENNIS 1 Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge  
15:30 CARRICK BELLS Ord Statter Pavilion, Mylor Bridge

**Wed 18**

10:00 SKITTLES Threemilestone Community Centre  
10:30 ITALIAN online  
13:00 PETANQUE TRURO Boscawen Park  
13:30 ART, TRURO Feock Church & Community Hall  
13:30 CARPET BOWLS 2 Perranwell Centre  
14:00 CARRICK SINGERS Kea Community Centre  
16:00 TABLE TENNIS Feock Church & Community Hall  
**18:00 NEWSLETTER CLOSING**

**Thu 19**

10:00 CONNECTED CAFE Penryn  
10:30 THIRD THURSDAY Truro  
14:00 HANDICRAFT Chacewater WI Hall (The Nisson Hut)

**Fri 20**

10:00 SPANISH COMPLETE BEGINNERS Denyer Court, Falmouth  
10:15 WALKS, 5 BANANAS various locations  
10:30 WALKS, RAMBLERS various locations  
12:00 FRENCH BEGINNERS Falmouth  
13:30 MUSIC APPRECIATION Leader's home, Lanner  
14:30 CARRICK CONSORT Kea Community Centre

**Mon 23**

10:15 RUBBER BRIDGE Central Bar, Truro  
10:30 CREATIVE WRITING, FALMOUTH Bay Court, Falmouth  
10:30 SPANISH, BEGINNERS Norway Inn  
13:30 PLAYREADING leader's home  
14:00 YOGA\* Feock Church & Community Hall  
16:00 TABLE TENNIS Feock Church & Community Hall

**Tue 24**

10:00 PHOTOGRAPHY Carnon Downs Village Hall  
10:30 FRENCH CONVERSATION Threemilestone Village Hall

**Thu 26**

14:00 HANDICRAFT Chacewater WI Hall (The Nisson Hut)

**Fri 27**

09:30 SHORT TENNIS 2 Tremough Campus  
10:00 SPANISH COMPLETE BEGINNERS Denyer Court, Falmouth  
10:15 WALKS, 5 BANANAS various locations  
10:30 FOURTH FRIDAY, FALMOUTH various locations  
10:30 WALKS, RAMBLERS various locations  
12:00 FRENCH BEGINNERS Falmouth  
14:30 CARRICK CONSORT Kea Community Centre

**Mon 30**

10:15 RUBBER BRIDGE Central Bar, Truro

10:30 SPANISH, BEGINNERS Norway Inn

14:00 YOGA\* Feock Church & Community Hall

16:00 TABLE TENNIS Feock Church & Community Hall

**Tue 31**

10:30 FRENCH CONVERSATION Threemilestone Village Hall

Use this QR code with your smart phone to find the most up-to-date version of the calendar. See what's on today.



## **JAZZ APPRECIATION**

It was my privilege to introduce on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October the Simon Lata arche Quartet. The Musicians were: Simon Lata arche – piano, Claudia Lang-Colmer – bass, Mike Rowlands – alto, soprano and tenor saxophones and Keith Marshall – Drums. All professional jazz musicians.

I have known Simon for the past seven years and during that time he has played for the JAG members on at least two other occasions which he carried out admirably with his communication skills and enthusiasm, so there was no doubt in my mind that this meeting would not be any different.

We were not only given musical renditions of the diverse styles and sounds from the various decades but also the verbal history with it, during which we were encouraged to ask questions.

It's origins in New Orleans, Ragtime, Trad, Big Band and Swing, Bebop, Post bop, Cool and Latin etc. There are around 40 styles and still counting.

All this was carried out in a light-hearted and convivial atmosphere.

The audience at the end showed their appreciation by applauding the Quartet for their undoubted musicianship and knowledge.

The attendance was 26; 14 u3a members and 12 visitors, of which as at the time of writing 3 visitors said they would become u3a members.

**David Weaver 01872 870385 d.weaver02@btinternet.com**

## **MONTHLY MEETING**

A big thank you to Bob Richards for sharing his extensive knowledge and stories of the history of the Redruth and Chacewater railway with us in October.

As this edition of the monthly newsletter lands electronically in your lap at roughly the same time as our meeting on the **20<sup>th</sup> November** it may be worth mentioning that Malcolm Clark will be taking us on a "whodunnit" ride and chat around central Europe and beyond on that afternoon

As mentioned under the u3a Meetings section previously there is no meeting in December, November being our last meeting of the year. Our small team is currently working on the programme for next year starting in January.

The past year has proved to be a little tricky due to the need to relocate from Truro Library and find suitable accommodation because of increased charges.

The committee along with members worked hard to help in different ways.

Lesley tried hard to seek venues in and around Truro, knowing we had been in the city a long time but in the end, Sue managed to secure our current home.

We had very little choice over dates these past months which meant our meetings happened to take place at very irregular periods.

But Sue has already arranged next year's dates at a more regular and consistent level.

Ric Reilly has come on board and been a tremendous help in many ways, and we must not forget the members that turn up early and stay on to help with teas, registers and placing chairs etc.

We are indebted to our speakers who have entertained and enlightened us over the year and shared their knowledge with our members.

Finally, we were all concerned that you would read these articles and be prepared to follow us on this journey. It's clear you have been, and to top it all, our attendance figures have even increased.

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you all in the New Year.

**Richard Allen** [richardwallen85@gmail.com](mailto:richardwallen85@gmail.com)

## **PÉTANQUE, TRURO**

We had an enjoyable single competition. Malcolm holds the winner's plaque. hope to have a pairs challenge match in December. Our Christmas dinner is all booked, for eighteen of our group in December.

Eight of us are going to Scorrier for a county competition on **24<sup>th</sup> November**, it is an indoor event, but a challenging surface to play on. We continue to play all year.

Please contact me if you would like to join our group.

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## **SAILING**

Anyone interested in Sailing please get in touch. Do you own a boat?

Family and friends not interested in sailing? Are you short-handed or would just like some company on board for a few hours? This year's season is over now but there are always things to do through the winter. I will be looking at navigation, chart work, tides, weather and VHF through the winter months. We could also meet up in the pub to swap yarns and to discuss possible adventures for next Spring / Summer. Give me a call, text or E-mail.

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## **SCIENCE**

Last month Dr Anthony Asbridge gave an interesting talk about the impact of minerals on our everyday lives, reflecting on his experience working for nearly 40 years in the local laboratories of the China clay industry.

China clay, kaolin, is a naturally occurring white clay primarily composed of kaolinite, a silicate mineral. Its fine texture, chemical stability, and high whiteness make it versatile and widely used.

Tony's talk focused on four areas, two centred on kaolin, one on lithium and one on quartz.

First mentioned was the paint and coatings industry, which are now the major user of kaolin, which acts as a filler for the more expensive titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) pigment. It not only gives improved paint opacity through optical effects, but also reduces thickener requirement, resulting in significant cost savings.

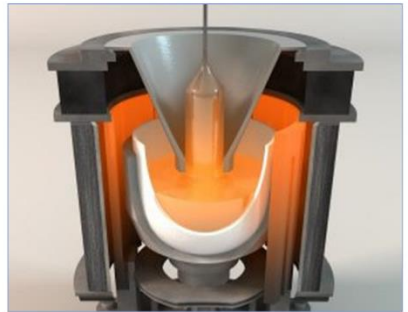
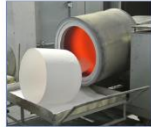
The second area was in electric vehicles in which lithium batteries are used. There are three types of battery, cylindrical, pouch and prismatic, all using the same function and internal design and chemistry. The cathode can be lithium cobalt oxide, although newer ones are made of lithium iron phosphate. What I didn't appreciate was that these batteries have large amounts of graphite surrounding the anode that contributes significantly to their weight. The graphite can be natural or artificial, the former being quicker to charge and discharge, but latter better for recyclability.

The third area was in sustainable construction. Cement is the biggest global man-made material produced, with 4 billion tonnes/year; 50% from China. Its production is a significant source of carbon dioxide. LC3 is emerging as a climate-friendly innovative cement solution. It is a blend of clinker, calcined clay, limestone, and gypsum, which reduces carbon emissions in the cement production process by up to 40% compared to Portland cement.

The fourth area was in renewable energy and our increasing reliance on solar PV panels. These as well as microchips

#### ▶ Renewable energy

▶ High purity quartz used to make crucibles for the Czochralski process



are dependent on ultra-high purity, 99.99%, quartz, most of which only comes from mines in Spruce Pine, North Carolina. This is then used to make silicon crucibles for the Czochralski process, a crystal growth technology that starts with the insertion of a small seed crystal into a molten silicon in a crucible, pulling the seed upwards forming a cylinder-shaped monocrystal. The pulling rate is controlled to ensure a constant diameter for the monocrystal. Silicon wafers are then sliced from these crystals, then an electrical circuit is printed into one surface for a solar cell, an array of which are assembled in a PV panel.

Finally, Tony briefly mentioned the use of kaolin in cosmetics as being a greener product compared to those containing organic compounds that contribute to microplastic pollution. It also an important addition to animal supplements, acting not only as a binding agent, but also as an absorbent of mycotoxins.

The talk raised lots of questions and discussion from the audience of 32 members.

At our next meeting on **12<sup>th</sup> December**, local naturalist and photographer, Dr Paul Gainey, will talk on the “Flora and Fauna of the Lizard”

**Roy Fisher 01872 270528 raf59@talktalk.net**

## SOCIAL DANCING

Hello Members, here is a Photograph of our Dancers taken at our Social Dancing Halloween Party, held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. A very scary bunch they were too.



Also to remind people that the Christmas Party is on Monday **9<sup>th</sup> December**, with the last afternoon of dancing for this year on Monday **16<sup>th</sup> December**. At this point we would like to thank the people who have helped out with refreshments, people who are a dab hand with a tea towel and our lovely dance teachers who do their best with what they have got to work with and the music masters who host our afternoons so well. If you would like to come along and give us a try you will be very welcome. Dancing restarts on Monday **6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**"

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## SPANISH, BEGINNERS

Spanish Classes for complete beginners, improvers and intermediates.

If you want to learn to speak or improve your Spanish, we have the groups for you.

Come along and join in one of our friendly weekly sessions. No experience necessary. For info call, text or e-mail.

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## THIRD THURSDAY, TRURO

This friendly group is still meeting in December so why not join us for a break from the Christmas mayhem.

We will meet in Zafiro's, New Bridge Street, Truro from 10:30 a.m. on Thursday **19<sup>th</sup> December.**

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## TRAVELLERS' TALES

I hope those who attended October's meeting or joined us online enjoyed our now annual Cornucopia of Cameos. I would like to thank Julia, Ray, Rosemarie and Lesley for their talks on the Rocky Mountaineer and Alaska, Cartagena the one in Spain, Canadian art and Indian transport. I think each of them did really well, with support behind the scenes from Neil, Kate and Jay. If you think you can give us ten or fifteen minutes on somewhere, anywhere, next October please let me know, and we'll help you pull it together.

Next week, on Thursday **28<sup>th</sup> November** we're staying in Asia and David Potter will recall in words and pictures his travels to and through Sri Lanka. Like one or two of our speakers David tends to wander



off the beaten tracks so it will be a different view of a truly fascinating country. Doors will be open at 10:00 a.m. and David's talk will start at 10:30 a.m.



David has kindly agreed to us extending his talk to members online, using Zoom, so please let me know by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday **26<sup>th</sup> November** if you would like to join online. We will also be recording the talks so again let me

if you would like a copy of the recording.

We are now meeting half an hour earlier at 10:00 a.m. and finishing half an hour later, and as a bit of an experiment this month we will be providing tea, coffee and bickies after David's talk, to encourage a bit of mingling and particularly a chance to say hello to newer members.

All u3a Carrick members are welcome to our meetings, just come along or join us online for talks that are zoomed. Meetings of the TT Group are held at the Kea Community Centre, Playing Place. There's plenty of car parking at the hall, the bus stop is close by, adjacent to the Playing Place Shell Garage. There is a ramp access to the hall for wheelchairs and mobility scooters, and we are endeavouring with our talks in Kea to 'mic' up our speakers and make use of the hearing loop.

There will not be a Travellers' Tales meeting in December, being the fourth Thursday and Boxing Day. I hope you have a lovely Christmas wherever you are, and if it is somewhere interesting, even in the UK, please remember to take some photographs as another year of talks beckons.

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# ACCOUNTS

The accounts are a month behind as they have to be confirmed by the committee. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

## Income & Expenditure, 1st February - 31st January

<i>Category</i>	<i>Start year</i>	<i>2024</i>	
	<i>In</i>		<i>Out</i>
Catering			£ 348.99
Charity Lottery	£ 599.00		
Donations	£ 306.11		
Equipment			£ 104.03
Fundraising	£ 1,628.22		
HMRC Gift-aid	£ 2,634.42		
Interest	£ 45.95		
Membership	£ 18,240.00		£ 26.00
Newsletter Printing			£ 916.00
Postage	£ 1,032.00		£ 1,546.65
Re-Imburse	£ 84.00		£ 100.00
Stationary			£ 458.17
TAM postage	£ 113.28		£ 114.16
TAT			£ 2,848.00
TATTL Beacon			£ 892.00
Venues	£ 28.20		£ 11,793.20
Website			£ 64.81
Zoom			£ 155.88
	Sub-totals £ 24,711.18		£ 19,367.89
	Brought forward £ 26,277.70		

**Total** **£ 31,620.99**

## Balance Sheet

Current	£ 16,570.05
Easy Access Account	£ 5,050.94
Fixed Term Savings	£ 10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 31,620.99</b>

## Membership Analysis, at 31 Oct

	<i>Members</i>
Associate	6
Associate Joint	2
Honorary	1
Individual	421
Joint	202
<b>Totals</b>	<b>632</b>

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## PUZZLES

### SUDOKU

In last month's Sudoku the three shaded numbers, in order, were **9, 4, 1**.

The first to get it was Mary Jarvis followed by Chris Ayres, Joan Woodward, Peter Becker and Maureen Gilbert.

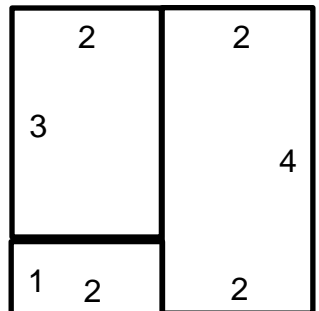
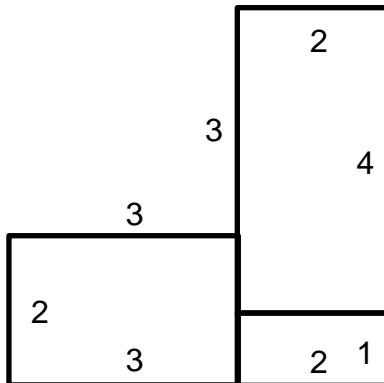
For this month's puzzle, just tell your editor the three numbers in the shaded squares, top to bottom, or left to right as applicable.

### My Birthday

Today is my birthday and it is Saturday. My diary tells me that 2 years ago it was on a Wednesday. In 2 years, what day will my birthday be on?

### Last month's problem – Squares from a Square

The paper was originally 5 inches square and these are the further cuts reassembled to form a 4-inch square.



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## Photography Group Weather

