



Honiton u3a Bulletin

MAY 2026

MONTHLY TALK MAY 20TH: RESTORING THE BALANCE

An introduction to the barn owl, the effects of changing farming practices, conservation measures and the work of the Barn Owl Trust. The talk will show the close links between barn owls and people and the environmental consequences of everyday human activity.

Doors open at 1.30 p.m. and the meeting starts as usual at 2 p.m. Please bring a slip of paper with your name on it to put in the box provided when entering the Auditorium (this is a safety measure).

The Beehive cafe will be open before and after the meeting for refreshments.

A full list of this year's monthly talks can be found at the end of this Bulletin.

COME TO OUR COFFEE MORNING

Pop along to our new Honiton u3a Coffee Mornings at Wetherspoons **1st Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.**, starting Thursday 7th May. Meet, chat, make new friends... we look forward to seeing you there.

AND TALKING OF CUPPAS...

If you joined Honiton u3a recently add **Tuesday 9th June, 2 p.m.** to your calendar and look out for an invitation to a Cuppa and Cake afternoon at the Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Honiton. More information soon!

HONITON U3A PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

We would like to invite you to submit one photograph, which must have been taken in the month of May, either this current month or in May of a previous year. Please give your photograph a title, add the name of the photographer and submit it to: **u3aphotoshowcase@btinternet.com** by 2nd June.

A selection of photographs will be included in the PowerPoint slide show at The Beehive before our June Monthly Talk.

A NEW WAY TO STAY CONNECTED

A reminder of our telephone number to help members stay in touch who do not have Internet access or find it difficult to use. The number is **07598 614455** and is for general inquiries regarding u3a activities. Please note calls will not be answered immediately. Leave a message, your name and a contact number, and someone will get back to you.

GROUP VACANCIES

KNITWISE First Wednesday of the month 2–3.30 p.m. at Thimblestitch. This is the group's technical session when new techniques and ways of improving knitting skills are considered.

Third Wednesday, 10 –11.30 a.m. at the Beehive Café or the Honey Farm Café where they have coffee and knit.

SUNDAY SINGLES LUNCH CLUB This group has 3 vacancies. The group meets on the **1st Sunday of the month** at various venues where they connect, laugh and build friendships over good food.

BRIDGE (RUBBER) The group meets **weekly on Wednesday at 2 p.m.** in the Group Leader's home. The group is small and would welcome more players.

OPERA On the **first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.** the group meets to watch a variety of operas on TV with hi-fi sound, mainly from DVDs. The members take turns to host the group in their home. The group would love to have more members to join.

BOOK LOVERS The group meets on the **first Monday of each month at 2 p.m.** in the group leader's home. There is a small annual fee for the monthly supply of books that come from the central library in Exeter.

PHILOSOPHY The group meets in a member's home on the **third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.** It doesn't matter if you have 'no knowledge whatsoever of philosophy' – the purpose of the group is to learn and share and, most importantly, to have some fun.

To join any of these groups, contact Jackie Moran by emailing honitonu3a@gmail.com or phone or text – **07818 413161**.

HAVE YOU RENEWED?

Don't forget to renew your membership this month. You can do this on the website: honiton.u3asite.uk. It's our members that make the Honiton u3a so renew today to continue to enjoy all our groups and social events.

HONITON U3A VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is great fun and gives you an opportunity to meet other u3a members and really get involved with what your u3a is doing. There are many different roles within the u3a that need volunteers.

To find out more contact richardspoerry@gmail.com

HONITON U3A MONTHLY TALKS 2026

May 20th: Restoring the Balance the Barn Owl Trust.

June 17th: An Audience with the Lady Katherine by Rosemary Griggs, making a welcome return visit to Honiton u3a. Travel back in time with Lady Katherine, and learn about her life in Tudor Devon and the amazing clothes she wore.

July 15th: Sidmouth Toy Museum by Ian Gregory, a Trustee of the Charity.

August 19th: Summer Event, for members only. Details to be announced.

September 16th: Mayday in July by Jim Rider, an author and musician residing in Honiton. The talk describes the forced landing of a Vickers Viscount airliner near Ottery St. Mary in 1980.

October 21st: Fur, fins and feathers by Rupert Kirkwood, describes some of the wildlife he has seen while kayaking around South West England.

November 18th: The Real World of Jane Austen by Stewart Raine

December 16th: Christmas Event for members only.

Talks are subject to change at short notice. Members will be notified of any changes through the Bulletin.

All talks take place at The Beehive. Unless otherwise stated, meetings are open to non-members.

JOIN HONITON U3A!

To find out more about Honiton u3a and how to join, go to the website: honiton.u3asite.uk or email: honitonu3a@gmail.com

