



Honiton u3a Bulletin

JUNE 2026

MONTHLY TALK JUNE 17th: MEET THE LADY KATHERINE

Rosemary Griggs makes a welcome return visit. Travel back in time with Lady Katherine, and learn about her life in Tudor Devon and the amazing clothes she wore.

The Beehive has asked that we don't park in the hatched yellow squares in the parking area behind the building, as these are reserved for coaches. Parking spaces are not easy to find so why not consider car sharing, which is better for the environment, and if you share petrol costs helps with the budget, too!

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 Spoons group at Wetherspoons/Star Inn, New Street, Honiton, **1st Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.** Meet, chat, make new friends... we look forward to seeing you there.

And don't forget Coffee & Chat morning at Coffee No 1, Honiton High Street, **2nd Monday of the month at 10.30 a.m.**

AND TALKING OF CUPPAS...

If you have received an invitation to **A CUPPA AND CAKE** please come and tell us how you are settling in as a new member of Honiton u3a and meet other new members. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on **Tuesday, June 9th at 2 p.m.**

GET READY FOR THE SUMMER SOCIAL!

This will take place at Cotleigh Village Hall on 19th August, 2–4 p.m. As well as a buffet including wine, there will be two quizzes with a range of prizes and a free raffle. Ticket prices are £10 and will be available at the June and July monthly talks at The Beehive.

HONITON U3A PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

We would like to invite you to submit one photograph, which must have been taken in the month of June, either this current month or in June 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 July.

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

CALLING ALL JANE AUSTEN FANS

THE NEW JANE AUSTEN READING GROUP 2 will meet for the first time on **Tuesday 21st July at 1.30 p.m.** and on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month following. The group will meet in the Group Leader's home in Honiton to read and discuss *Northanger Abbey*. There are two places left. Those wishing to join should have their own copy of the novel. Please send enquiries by email to honitonu3a@gmail.com.

INSIDE HONITON U3A – AUGUST EDITION

I am now collecting material for the August edition of the magazine, *Inside Honiton u3a*. If you have had any recent trips or experiences, or have any stories that you think may be of interest to other members, please let me know. Plus we'd love a summery photo for the cover and, of course, news from our groups. Please send your submissions to honoreditor1@gmail.com by 10th July. I look forward to receiving them.

SAFETY FRST – FIRE

A u3a member recently had a house fire due to a faulty fusebox. She was uninjured but her home suffered a lot of damage and she is spending the next few months in a local hotel while it is sorted out. This is a reminder that house fires can be devastating. The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service website has an online home safety checklist that assesses the level of risk in a household. A free home visit is offered to those considered to be more at risk of fire. Go to <https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/safety/home/online-home-safety-check> or phone 0800 05 02 999. It doesn't take long and will help you to keep yourself and your home safe.

GROUP VACANCIES

BIOGRAPHY WRITING would welcome anyone keen to research and write about their own lives or those of friends, relatives or anyone they are interested in knowing more about. A small, friendly group that meets once a month, day and time to be confirmed.

BOOK LOVERS meet on the **1st 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.

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

PHILOSOPHY meets in a member's home on the **3rd 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.

SINGING FOR FUN meets **twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 2 p.m.** at Honiton Family Church. There's no need to be able to read music and everyone is welcome. Group members contribute to the cost of hiring the venue.

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

To join any of these groups contact Jackie Moran by emailing honitonu3a@gmail.com.

EVENTS AROUND HONITON

Non-u3a events happening in and around Honiton that may be of interest to u3a members.

• **Thelma Hulbert Gallery, 16 May–27 June.** Solo exhibition by Mellony Taper, *All This Useless Beauty*, explores female stories and how generational patterns have shaped women's lives.
www.thelmahulbert.com/whats-on

• **Shibashi** is a gentle form of **Tai Chi** that has many health benefits including aiding balance and digestion, improving anxiety and reducing blood pressure. Carol, a fully qualified Shibashi teacher, runs classes every Monday 4–5 p.m. at The Cub Building, School Lane, Honiton and Offwell Village Hall, Mondays, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. Contact carol.stallard@icloud.com, or phone 07495 538233 for more information.

HONITON U3A MONTHLY TALKS 2026

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, talks 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.

