



Honiton u3a Bulletin

AUGUST 2026

IT'S THE SUMMER SOCIAL!!!

STILL TIME TO GET YOUR TICKET...

The social 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. For tickets contact Suzie Blithe on suzie.blithe@gmail.com or Jackie Moran at honitonu3a@gmail.com

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

MAGAZINE SUMMER EDITION – IT'S HERE!

Keep an eye open for the August edition of *Inside Honiton u3a* dropping in soon. Look out for it on the Honiton u3a website and in your inbox. Printed copies will be available at Honiton library and The Beehive.

BE PART OF THE BIG QUIZ!

Each year there is a Big Quiz competition open to all u3a groups in Devon. Last year the Honiton team won so this year we are hosting the Big Quiz. We are looking for quizzers to form a Honiton team or two, with four members in each team. The venue is Awliscombe Village Hall, 22nd October, 1.30–5.00 p.m. If you're interested in forming a quiz team or for more information please contact honoreditor1@gmail.com

HONITON U3A PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

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

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

NATURE APPRECIATION GROUP LEADER NEEDED!

This is Val Frood's last year as Group Leader of the Nature Appreciation Group. She started the group in April 2022 and their first field trip was to Honiton Community Nature Reserve in May of that year. It has been a very successful group that has grown over the years, visiting a whole range of venues from woods and commons to beaches and animal sanctuaries. There are now 28 members.

Val is hoping that someone from within the group will take on the role of Group Leader as the group will fold if there is no leader. The role is also open to non-group members who would like to be part of a Nature Group. If you are interested please get in touch with Val at honitonu3a@gmail.com to find out more about the role.

GROUP VACANCIES

ART FOR FUN

The group meets **every month on the 2nd Friday 9.30 a.m.** downstairs in the Community Use Building (CUB). Members share expertise and knowledge within the group – there is no formal teaching. This group is open to everyone.

GERMAN CONVERSATION

Meets on **alternate Tuesdays from 2–3.30 p.m.** at The Yellow Deli, High St, Honiton. The group focuses on practical words and phrases for travel, holidays and social use. Complete beginners welcome or anyone wanting to refresh forgotten skills.

JANE AUSTEN READING GROUP 2 (NEW)

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Jackie Moran at honitonu3a@gmail.com

SINGING FOR FUN

This group meets twice per month on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays 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.

WALKING

Group walks take place on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 10.00 a.m.** Walks are about 4 miles in length at a leisurely pace and usually end with a pub lunch.

WALKING 2

You're invited to join the group or come along for a taster walk to see if it's right for you. This group meets on **1st Monday or Thursday of the month**. The walks are all day and **start at 9.30**.

WALKING 3

These walks take place on the **2nd Thursday and 4th Thursday of the month**, starting in Honiton at **2 p.m.**

To find out more about any of the group vacancies email Jackie Moran at honitonu3a@gmail.com.

To find out about vacancies in other groups contact Jackie Moran by using the enquiry form on the Honiton u3a website honitonu3a@gmail.com

EVENTS AROUND HONITON

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

- **Gate to Plate**, 22 August, 10-4 p.m. Over 70 stalls showcasing the amazing food and drink produced by local food growers and cooks. Expect deli favourites, brewers, bakers, street food, treat food, vegan and vegetarian.
- Thelma Hulbert Gallery, until 29 August. **Double Elephant: 30 Years Shaping Print.** A celebration of 30 years of the Double Elephant Print Workshop with works by over 30 Double Elephant members. www.thelmahulbert.com/whats-on

HONITON U3A MONTHLY TALKS 2026

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

October 21st: A Kayak Safari Around Cornwall and Devon 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. A look at the world of the late 18th and early 19th century, when there was much social unrest, industrialisation, fighting against Napoleon's France, the slave trade and transportation to Australia.

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.

