

Editors Corner

Hi Everyone.

It's that time of year again when everyone eagerly looks forward to the Annual General Meeting of the Chard and Ilminster u3a ! We will be holding it, as usual, before the Open Meeting at The Guildhall in Chard on 21st September and I hope that as many of you as possible will attend.

You will be sent reports and details beforehand so that you can come put any questions you have to your committee.

On which point we have a need for a few volunteers to join the committee from September as some current members will be retiring from their posts. It is essential that we have "new blood" to join the committee, if only for a couple of years, so that the enthusiasm and innovations that the current committee have shown can be continued. Think about it...it's your u3a, run by members for members. Only by contributing in whatever way you can will the Chard and Ilminster u3a continue to be such a great success.

Peter Walmsley
Chair

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Deadlines

The following deadlines for content to arrive for the newsletters & monthly news sheet.

The deadlines are NOT cast in stone but as a rule of thumb, the 21st of the month for the next month's news sheet, or the quarterly newsletter, which are published at the start of February, May, September and December.

Simon Thomson

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In the Spotlight Barn Dance

Chard, Ilminster & District

We are offering you an afternoon of entertainment with live music, food van, raffle & Barn Dance.

Saturday 15th August from 1pm
Thorncombe Sports & Social Club TA20 4PS
Just £5 family & friends welcome

Food and Drink available: try the roast pork and apple sauce rolls plus lots of other goodies!

1pm – u3a guitar group.

2pm – Barn Dance
Jeroka Band with Simon the caller.

4.30pm – Emily Jean
Vocalist

5pm – Julie Dowling
Vocalist & u3a member

5.30pm – Ukulele Group

A wonderful opportunity to spend some time with all your u3a friends. We are planning to be outside, but we have the use of the hall if needed.

Beautiful views – plenty of free parking
Please come and support your u3a

Raffle with 3 spectacular prizes

Contact **Julie Young**
07507 397007 or julie.young65@hotmail.co.uk

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£5
under 16's FREE

On Saturday 15th August 2pm-6pm at Thorncombe Sports and Social Club we are holding a barn dance with the well known Jeroka and Simon followed by two exceptionally talented female artists, Julie Dowling and Emily Jean who will enchant you with their voices and have you dancing in the in the aisles. (The u3a guitar group are also on a promise!)

This event is intended for u3a members, their families and friends (£5 per head, children free). Picnic if you like but a bar will be available along with food. Who can resist roast pork rolls dripping with stuffing and applesauce. Other options will be available.

Contingency plans are in place for inclement weather and transport for those who need it will be provided. So, no excuses; come and have fun. Alcoholic donations for our raffle would be appreciated.

Guarantee your place by contacting:
Julie Young - julie.young65@hotmail.co.uk
or **Pat Kyte** - kytepat@yahoo.com

Craft

The Craft group is currently on a summer break. We are back on Tuesday 15th September. If you are interested in joining the group please email me. carolynpauls27@gmail.com

The Amblers

We aim to do 2.5 to 3.5 miles over not too difficult terrain. We normally try to have lunch together afterwards.

Recent rambles include:

a **Bluebell walk and picnic**, and a circular amble on the **Bridgewater & Taunton Canal** returning via **Firepool Lock** and the **River Tone**.



August will be taking a relaxing stroll following the river Sid from Sidford to the annual summer Folk Festival at Sidmouth.

We meet 10.00am at the Crowshute Car Park, Chard on the first Friday of the month, if you wish to join this social group, please do not hesitate to contact Archie Bell at email archibaldbell@hotmail.com

Your Committee Needs You

This year, in September we are losing 3 valuable members of the committee. If you have time to come to just 3 of the 6 meetings we hold each year, you don't have to do anything other than attend, unless of course you want to, but you would be most welcome to join us. Please let me know – cidu3achair@gmail.com

Trips

To various locations

We have 3 places left on the trip to **Cardiff** on **Monday, 7th September**. Please let me know via email to secure the last few places.

Contact **Carolyn Pauls**
carolynpauls27@gmail.com

Scottish Country Dancing

New group

New to
Chard, Ilminster and District u3a



Starts in September
Register now while there are still places

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Could be just what you are looking for!

Come and join us for an enjoyable and sociable morning of dancing at **Horton Village Hall every Tuesday from 10am to noon**
No experience is needed to get going and there is no need for any special clothes (*but soft soled shoes are advisable*).

All classes are led by experienced teacher

Anita Wilson (anitaandjim22@gmail.com)

who will talk and walk through all the dances taught each session.

- Spend time with friendly people
- Get some light exercise for mind and body
- Learn some new skills
- Enjoy great music

A fun and friendly group just waiting for you to come along and join in.

Contact and sign up:

Anita Wilson anitaandjim22@gmail.com

Talent Show

Held in The Guildhall, Chard

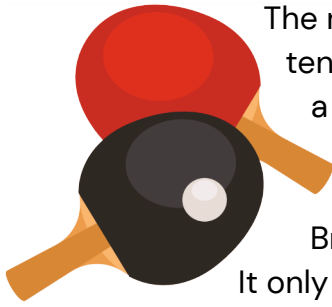
We are back again with another 'star' filled show, full of fun, laughter, song and dance. **November 4th**. If you want to participate, or you want more information, contact me.

Simon Thomson

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Table Tennis

Meets in Broadway Village Hall



The new Thursday table tennis group is looking for a few new members.

We run from 10 – 12 on a Thursday at Broadway Village Hall.

It only costs £2 per session including tea and bikkies.

We are a friendly bunch and would love to see you.

Contact: **Barry Bates**
barrybates17@gmail.com

There are lots of different Table Tennis groups on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, visit the website for more information

chardilminster.u3asite.uk/groups/

Cartoon



Anyone good at drawing want to produce a cartoon or an image for use in the newsletters, please let me know.

Contact: **Simon Thomson**
cidu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Folk and Acoustic

Held in leaders home

We are a fun and varied group of people who sit around in relaxed surroundings and sing and play an eclectic mixture of folk and acoustic music, without amplification. A place to practice, listen or play with help and support if needed.

Any genre of music is acceptable with everything from Guitar and Tin Whistles to acappella singing and harmonies.

We meet on a 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month and welcome any u3a member with open arms. Why not pop us an email to find out more information.

Contact **Simon Thomson**
simonthomson1958@gmail.com



Bunting

A group of our u3a members came to the rescue when they were asked to produce some bunting for the August Barn Dance. Well done all.



Newsletter

Meeting in your own home

The new Newsletter Group is a group of people who rarely meet, but will be doing a grand job of proofreading, photographing and sourcing information for this newsletter.

If you have time to proofread the newsletter before it goes out or would like a go at reporting or photography, or may be you would like to share something and feel up to write a regular gardening or model railway column... the opportunity is here for you to shine!

Get in contact for more information by emailing me.

Simon Thomson (Editor)
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Past Times

At 60 members (in theory) Past Times is considered full, thus a waiting list applies.

This month's Past Times excursion was to the Haynes Motor Museum. We had an excellent guided tour and an outside display of operational cars from yesteryear.



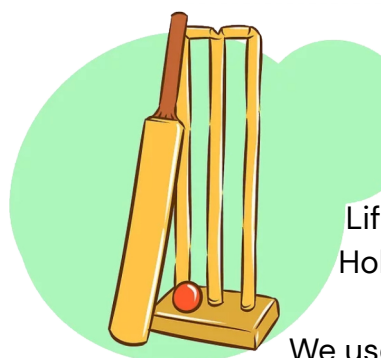
The programme for the remainder of the year can be seen by visiting the Past Times page on our website. chardilminster.u3asite.uk

AGM

Notice is hereby given that The Chard, Ilminster and District u3a Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 21st September at 2pm, in the Guildhall, Chard.

Cricket

Meets in Lifestyle Fitness, Holyrood Academy



The Cricket Group meets on Wednesdays from 17:00 until 18:00 in Lifestyle Fitness at Holyrood Academy.

We use soft balls and so no protection is necessary. it's a fun and gentle game with a pace that is suitable for the individual. If you would like to give it a try, contact us below:

Jim Lobley
jim.lobley1950@gmail.com

Knotty Natterers

4th Thursday of every month at the leaders home, from 10:00hrs until 12:00hrs New members are welcome to join us to learn new knots, chat and make things with string and rope! contact Robin on chardilminster.u3asite.uk/.../knotty-natterers/

Sudoku Challenge

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	2				3
		3			
4	1				

Answer on the following page

Monthly Open Meetings

We are pleased to bring you an amazing selection of speakers with wide and varying topics to tantalise your imagination and titivate your senses.

Simon Thomson
cidu3aspeakers@gmail.com

18th August – Horton Village Hall

Alistair Forbes

How to be a good tourist

Choose the GREEN way

21st September Guildhall

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Followed by **Stuart Musgrove**

So you think you know what you are eating - What is really in your food?

19th October - Guildhall

Andrew Powell-Thomas

The West Country's Last Line of Defence: Taunton Stop Line

Local History bought to life

The Committee

Meets every other month

in Horton Village Hall

The committee is made up of members of this u3a, we try to make sure things run smoothly, but also offer you new and interesting things to do.



Each committee member can only stay in a role for a maximum of 3 years, except for the treasurer who has the unenviable task for a maximum of 6 years. As you can imagine, while we currently have a good working committee, there are a number of people coming to the end of their time in their committee roles and we are always looking for new blood to bring interesting and lively ideas to make this u3a fun and friendly.

A committee member does not have to hold a role, in fact we encourage new committee members to not take on a role until they have settled in to the group and get a feel for things as we wouldn't want to give you too much to do. (*editor: I know that it's all too easy to volunteer!*).

If you would like to find out what's involved or have any questions, please speak to any of the committee listed on page 7.

Monday Table Tennis

Tatworth Memorial Hall, 10–12 noon.

Don't suffer from Monday blues! Come and have some fun. We are a very friendly group of mixed abilities who are always happy to welcome new faces. Some familiarity with racket sports is an advantage but if you are new to table tennis we can provide you with a bat. Come and see us.

chardilminster.u3asite.uk/.../table-tennis-4/

Music Appreciation

Our group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.00am until 12.00pm. We meet in our own homes so numbers are limited, but we do have room for 1 or 2 new members at the moment. We are a friendly and social group that just shares a love of music. No technical knowledge is required and the meetings are informal social occasions.

chardilminster.u3asite.uk/.../music-appreciation

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1	4	9	3	5	2
3	1	5	4	2	9
4	9	2	5	3	1
5	3	4	1	9	5
9	5	1	2	4	3

Sudoku Challenge Answer

If you have a suggestion for a future newsletter, please send me a message

cidu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Groups

We have a large number of active groups here in Chard, Ilminster and District u3a, all run by members who do not get paid for their tireless work.

If you can't see what you are looking for, or would like to start a new group, which is really easy to do, just get in contact with one of the committee members who would be more than happy to guide you through the simple process of starting one up.

So whilst some of the following groups are full, there is usually scope for starting another to run alongside the existing one.

To join a group, either talk to a committee member listed on the next page or visit our website:

chardilminster.u3asite.uk

Badminton

Tuesdays 10:00
Wednesdays 12:30
Fridays 10:00
Broadway Village Hall

Board Games

Tuesdays 14:00
Ilminster Bowls Club

Book Choice

3rd Wednesday 10:00
Leader's home

Bridge Improvers

Tuesdays 14:00
Leader's home

Bridge Intermediate

Mondays 10:00
Ilminster Bowls Club

Canasta

Thursdays 10:00
Ilminster Bowls Club

Chess

Friday 14:00
Leader's home



Circle Dancing

Friday 14:00
Chard Guildhall

Crafting

3rd Tuesdays 10:00
Leader's home

Cricket

Wednesdays 17:00
Holyrood Academy

Discussion

1st Monday 14:15
Members' home

Family History

2nd Thursday 10:00
Leaders' home

Folk and Acoustic

1st & 3rd Thursdays 14:00
Leaders' home

Friends of Chard Museum

Various times
Chard Museum

German Conversation

1st & 3rd Wednesday
Eleos Cafe

Golf

Occasionally
Cricket St Thomas Golf Club

Guitar

Alternate Tuesdays 14:00
Alternate Wednesdays 14:00
Horton Village Hall

Harmony-U3

Tuesdays 19:00
Tatworth Memorial Hall

Music Appreciation

2nd Wednesday 10:00
Horton Village Hall

Natural History

4th Thursday 10:30
Various Venues

Needlecraft

2nd Wednesday 13:00
Eleos Cafe

New to Writing

1st Friday 10:30
Gamesmaster Cafe

News and views

2nd Tuesday 10:00
Member's homes

Not Quite Authors

2nd Monday 10:30
Member's homes



Past Times

3rd Thursday 14:00
Horton Village Hall

Play Reading

1st & 3rd Wednesday 11:00
Eleos Cafe

Poetry for Pleasure

3rd Wednesday 14:00
Member's homes

Rambling

1st Friday 10:00
3rd Friday 09:30

Countryside

Reading for Pleasure

Last Wednesday 14:30
Member's homes

Scottish Country Dancing

4th Tuesday 10:00
Horton Village Hall

Scrabble

4th Thursday 19:00
Leaders' home

Short Tennis 1

Thursdays 14:00
Wednesdays 10:00

Broadway Village Hall

Skittles

3rd & 4th Tuesday 10:30
Haymaker Inn, Wadeford

Spanish

2nd & 4th Mondays 14:00
Members homes

Sunday Lunch Club

1st & 3rd Sunday
Various Venues & times

Table Tennis

Mondays 10:00
Tuesdays 10:00
Thursdays 10:00
Fridays 10:00
Tatworth Memorial Hall
Thursdays at 10:00
Broadway Village Hall



Trips

Various

I try and keep this list up to date with any new Groups, printed in **Red**.

Your local u3a Committee

Chair:



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Michelle Miller
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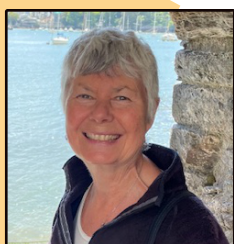


Pat Kyte
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Groups Coordinators:



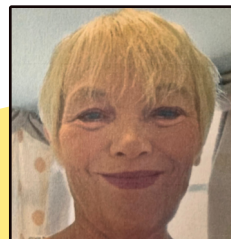
Lilly Sell-Dunkley
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Groups Coordinators: continued



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Patricia Hounsell
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Treasurer:



Cathy Wallis
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Vice Chair, Facebook, Newsletter & Speakers Secretary:



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The committee is made up of volunteers and they do not get any recompense for the work they carry out.