

Happy New Year

Over 80 members had an excellent Christmas Lunch at the Waie Inn in December. Many thanks to those who organised it and to Jane Innes who provided a fun quiz. And now we have started 2025. Does it seem impossible to you (as it does to me) that we are nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way through the 21st century? I'm not one for New Year's resolutions but I would encourage you all to take part in more of our activities. We have an excellent series of talks lined up, starting with a very special talk from Jim Causley, and yes, there will be music. Please also think about joining one of our special interest groups or even better, suggesting one that may be of interest to you. The committee and the groups coordinator will support anyone thinking they would like to start a group. It's not necessarily as much work as you think! Even better, you can share leading a group with a friend or two and then it's no work at all. The list of our current groups is below. If you want to find out more about any of them, search for Crediton u3a groups on your web browser and you will find our website. Alternatively, come to one of the monthly meetings. You can chat about or sign up for groups there.

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Group	Status	When
All our Yesterdays	Active	3rd Thursday in month, 10-12
Astrology	Full	1st Tuesday in month, 2pm
Bird watching for All	Active	1st Friday in month
Book Group 1	Full	2nd Tuesday in month
Book Group 2	Full	3rd Thursday in month, 2-3pm
Boules	Active	2nd Tuesday in month 2pm
Carpet Bowls	Active	3rd Monday in month 10 -12:
Coffee Mornings	Active	3rd Tuesday in month, morning
Collage	Active	2nd Thursday in month, afternoon
Creative writing	Full	1st Wednesday each month, 10-12

Current Affairs 1	Full	2nd Thursday in month, 11-12:30
Current Affairs 2	Active	1st Monday in month, 10:30-12
Cycling	Active	1st Monday in month, mornings
Exercise 1	Active	Wednesdays, 2-3 pm
Exercise 2	Active	Thursdays 10-12
Intermediate Walks	Active	1st Tuesday in month, mornings
Mooramblers	Full	3rd Thursday of month, am-pm
Piano Playing	Active	
Poetry discussion	Active	3rd Wednesday in month, afternoons
Pub lunches	Full	Last Friday in month, 12pm
Short Walks	Active	4th Wednesday in month, mornings
Spanish Conversation	Active	1st Thursday of month at 10 am and on 3rd Monday of month at 2 pm
Sunday Pub Lunches	Active	Once a month / mid-month, 12pm
Theatre	Active	As suitable events occur
Ukulele	Full	2nd + 4th Monday in month
Wine Appreciation	Active	Thursday evenings, alternate months

Important dates

January 15th Open meeting at the Boniface Centre: Jim Causley, singer & author, 'Traditional Folk Songs of Devon'. Refreshments from 9:30am. The talk starts at 10:20.

January 21st Coffee morning for all at 'The Hayloft' Mole Avon Country Store from 10:30am.

February 18th Coffee morning for all at 'The Hayloft' Mole Avon Country Store from 10:30am.

February 19th Open meeting at the Boniface Centre: Brian Short - "Rome: Foundation to Empire"