

## MOOR NEWS

### MOOR'S EDGE U3A SPRING 2025



### **Meetings**

**The proposed change of meeting time will not take place at present. In view of the continuing roadworks this matter may be revisited in due course.**

### **AGM Date – Friday 9th May 2025.**

A new committee is always elected at our AGM. We need names, a minimum of 28 days before, to be put forward to the members at the AGM. If you are interested, the positions are shown below. None of the positions are arduous and there is always someone there to help and advise. If you would like more information about any of these positions please speak to the current incumbent or any other committee member. Many of the current committee will have completed their allowed time in office next year and their posts will need to be vacated. Please consider joining the committee this year in order to find out how it all works and whether any of these positions would appeal to you.

The current committee is:

Chair	Terry Lane
Vice Chair	Sue Britten
Group Co-Ordinator	Sue Britten
Secretary	Eileen Lane
Treasurer	Ginny Harvey
Web Master	Ginny Harvey
Membership Secretary	Maureen Maskell
Speaker Organiser	Chris Daley
Publicity Officer	Sue Hampson-Ellis
Newsletter Editor	Fran Tromans
Committee Member	Kate Tasker
Committee Member	Carmela Watkins

While most of the committee are happy to stand for re-election this year, the Newsletter Editor will not be standing, so someone is needed to fill this role this year if the newsletter is to continue.

## **Group News**

Map Reading & Navigation has closed along with the Long Walks Group.

- A new board will be out at the next general meeting for Long Walks to see if we can get this group up and running again.
- New Groups Started are Garden Visits 2 and Skittles; both still have vacancies .
- Quiz Group - Although an initial meeting was held, only two people turned up out of the six, so the group has not re opened.

We respectfully ask members who receive a communication from their group leader to acknowledge receipt and respond. Our group leaders are the lifeblood of the u3a and we need to give them every assistance. If you no longer want to receive correspondence from a group leader then please let them know.

If you are interested in any existing groups or in forming a new group then please add your name to the corresponding board at a general meeting, or contact Sue Britten, Group Co-ordinator by email [groups.moors.edge.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:groups.moors.edge.u3a@gmail.com).

## **Day Trips**

### **Full Round Robin 15th May 2025**

Depart Totnes on 11.30 boat cruise to Dartmouth, Free time in Dartmouth.  
Depart Dartmouth on ferry, 1/2 hour before train departure, to Kingswear.  
Depart Kingswear on 16.00 steam train to Paignton. Arriving at Paignton at 16.30 \*  
Depart Paignton on 17.15 bus to Totnes. Arriving in Totnes 17.35.

Group rate (20+) £37.80 pp    Normal rate (Under 20) £ 42.00 pp

\*Note the time waiting for the bus at the bus station in Paignton where there is a cafe and shops.

The bus station is just 2 minutes walk from where you get off the steam train.  
Money will be collected at the March General Meetings in cash or cheque made payable to Moors Edge u3a.

Initially we had offers from 3/4 car drivers, which means we could take 9/12 non driving members. There is parking at Steamer Quay Totnes, £6.50 all day.

In order to ensure we have sufficient numbers (20) to get the discounted price, the day trip is open to friends and or family of Moor's Edge members. Please ensure Sue has their name and money for the trip.

Non members will need to find their own way to Totnes, as I am sure the cars we have available will be full of members of Moor's Edge.

**Plymouth to Liskeard, then onto Looe by train.**

You will need to make your own way to Plymouth station.

Cost £8.10 if there are 10 or more there will be a reduction for a group ticket.



This will be in June, either on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, hoping for good weather.

**Future Possible Social Events**

**SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENTS AT FORD PARK CEMETERY**

**1 SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY AT 1.00 PM ITALIAN LUNCH £15 to be paid at the May General Meeting.**



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**2 SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2.00PM HARVEST FESTIVAL AND AFTERNOON TEA £12.**



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**3 SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1.00PM TRAFLAGAR DAY SOUP AND SWEET LUNCH £12.**



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**Sue will organise the Italian Lunch above but a volunteer organiser will be required for activities 2 and 3.**

**If you are interested in any or all of the above trips, please let Sue Britten know on [groups.moors.edge.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:groups.moors.edge.u3a@gmail.com)**

## **VOLUNTEER ORGANISER REQUIRED**

As a group we need to decide if we want to carry on having both a Summer Afternoon Tea and a New Year lunch. If we are to carry on having these two events then a volunteer organiser is required. Please speak to any member of the committee or contact us by email if you would be willing to organise either of these events.

## **BUSINESS CARDS**

We have printed business cards available if you would like to take a few to pass onto friends or acquaintances, who you think might be interested in joining this u3a. Please ask Eileen for some at the next General Meeting.

## **WOOLWELL CENTRE SUMMER FAIR 19<sup>th</sup> JULY**

We may be having a stand at the Woolwell Summer Fair on 19<sup>th</sup> July. This has yet to be confirmed.

## **RAF HARROWBEER WEEKEND 15TH/16TH AUGUST**

We hope to have a stand at this event to attract new members. Further details will be in the next Newsletter.

## **SPEAKERS**

### **14 Mar 2025 Professor John Spicer.**

John makes a return visit to tell us about Wonders of the Shore around our own coast.

### **11 Apr 2025 Tricia Moore & John Connor – "Silvington".**

This local folk duo will entertain us with an original musical piece "A Song in Every Window" based on the historical scenes depicted in the stained glass windows of the Plymouth Guildhall. Covering topics such as wills, trusts and inheritance tax. The presentation aims to provide valuable information in an engaging and light hearted manner with plenty of opportunity for audience participation.

### **13 June 2025 Mat Cole**

Mat has been a regular contributor over many years to the Plym Links magazine writing about life on Greenwell Farm and the challenges of being a Dartmoor farmer. He will recount some of his many experiences for us in his talk.

### **11 Jul 2025 Mick from Six Bees**

Mick is head Beekeeper at local honey producers, Six Bees, and will bring with him an observational hive so that we can see the inner workings of a bee hive. As well I am sure as having plenty of jars of Six Bees honey for us to purchase.

## WEBSITE

More details of groups and speakers can be found on our web site. Please take a look, there is other interesting information about Moor's Edge u3a on this new site. In particular please look at your group's page. If it needs amending or updating please speak to Ginny.

Useful links:

Moor's Edge u3a website: <https://moorsedge.u3asite.uk/>

Two Moors Network: The next meeting of the Two Moors Network will be hosted by Moor's Edge u3a. The Two Moors Network comprises of 7 local u3as from Cornwall and Devon within the [South West Region](#) who have chosen to work together for support and the mutual benefit of the members of the u3as concerned.

<https://twomoorsnetwork.u3asite.uk/>

Explore a decade's worth of u3a research projects

The u3a Research Database is home to over 1,000 fascinating u3a projects from the last decade, showcasing the power of collaborative learning and discovery within u3a. [Explore the u3a Research Database](#).

If you have any comments or suggestions on any matter in this Newsletter please email us at [moors.edge.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:moors.edge.u3a@gmail.com) or use the suggestion box displayed on the group table during every general meeting.