

# Tiverton u3a Newsletter

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Spring Flowers – from the Gardens Group

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# FROM THE COMMITTEE:

## Tiverton u3a welcomes ten new members:

- Carole Eden
- Linda and Keith Grantham
- Beryl Mason
- Helen Halpin
- Gerard Coleridge
- Philip Barlow
- Ros Brew
- Tony Bertram
- Terry Buse

## February Meeting

At the February monthly meeting, Fergus McGilp gave an interesting and informative presentation on the future of the British telephone service. Big changes are afoot...

If you missed the talk, or would like to hear it again, it can be downloaded from this link

[https://youtu.be/hV72tl\\_Ayho](https://youtu.be/hV72tl_Ayho)

## Another Sporting Group

Mike Wragg has made us aware of this opportunity: -

Culm Valley U3A Boule group, invite any Tiverton U3A member who would be interested in a game of Boule to join us from 11 am. to 1 or from 1.30 to 3.30 on Fridays at The Waldrons in Cullompton for a friendly game.

In collaboration with Iain Emmett of The C C A Fields a new 2 lane Petanque Terrain is being built on their grounds by the cricket pitch, that will be available for all to use 24/7. Watch this space for the details of the grand opening.

Contact Mike Wragg - phone 07888472246. email [wraggmichael129@gmail.com](mailto:wraggmichael129@gmail.com)

# **March General Meeting Moorhayes Community Centre**

**Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> March  
10:00 for 10:30 am**

## **Tiverton u3a Annual General Meeting**

**A presentation by Devon Carers**

**This month's meeting will be held in the Restaurant at Moorhayes.  
Access is via the side door on the left-hand side of the building.**

Devon Carers will have a "Pop up" stand at the March meeting to answer any questions you may have about who they are and the Services they offer.

Click here for details [What's On - Tiverton U3A](#)

Tea, Coffee, Biscuits  
Paper copies of the Newsletter  
Membership renewals

**Moorhayes Community Centre Lea Road Tiverton EX16 6SU**

**On Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> April  
"Mercy Ships" - Ruth Cromme**

# GROUP REPORTS

Unless they have specifically requested otherwise, group coordinators contact details have been omitted on the newsletter page of the website, as this is a public document. However, they can be found in the “members only” section of the website, which needs a password, already provided to members. - *Nigel*



**Croquet**  
**Coordinator:**  
**Eric Richardson**

The Croquet Group will commence playing again this season on Tuesday 7th May and we usually continue until the end of September. We play on the outfield of the Heathcoat Cricket Club ground at Knightshayes Estate, Tiverton, usually on Tuesdays from 2.00pm - 4.30pm, however the day and time may vary occasionally to accommodate cricket fixtures.

Anyone who would like to play and have not played with us before is welcome to enter to enter their name on the clipboard on the Croquet Group table at the April Monthly Meeting. Tuition will be available for those new to the game, and we have a pool of equipment for them to use. There is a fee of £4.00 per session that includes refreshments in the pavilion during the tea break.

If you cannot attend the Monthly Meeting but would like to play please contact Eric or Sandra Richardson. Tel. 01884 253402.

Email: [e.richardson5@sky.com](mailto:e.richardson5@sky.com)



**Creative Writing**  
**Coordinator:**  
**Annie Hooper**

Creative writing continues to prosper with some interesting contributions at last months meeting. Topics this month are 1 Family 2 Mistakes. Next meeting 27th March at 2.00p.m you are welcome to join us

Contact Annie [devonian2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:devonian2001@yahoo.co.uk)



**Cryptic Crosswords**  
**Coordinator:**  
**Graeme Cozens**

As always, our latest cryptic crossword is shown at the end of this newsletter. Please have a go at solving it if you can!

We'd be very keen to see some new members in our group, so if you enjoy cryptic crosswords, why not join us and put your expertise to good use? All communication is via email and you'll be given up to 4 words each month for which you have to provide appropriate cryptic clues.

Please get in touch if you'd like to try it

– Graeme.

[cozensg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cozensg@yahoo.co.uk)



**Economics**  
**Coordinator:**  
**Mike Barlow**

Mike Warren lead a discussion on how the Government Revenue & Expenditure is split between different areas. Whilst some commentators state that Revenue is too high at 40% of GDP this turns out to be about average compared to the other OECD countries. The tax burden falls more heavily on the people in the lowest 20% of earners who pay 42% of their

earnings in tax. The top 20% pay only 38% of earnings as tax. Expenditure is increasingly being driven by the demographics of an ageing population. In 1966 only 12.3% of the population were over 65, against 18% in 2016 and a projected 26% in 2066.

We will next meet on Wed 3rd April and include discussions about how the Office of National Statistics collects and uses data - this will be lead by a member with experience of this work. Contact [mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com) if you'd like to join us. ~ *Mike Barlow*



**Gardens**  
**Coordinator:**  
**Margaret Chumbley**

The first meeting of The Gardening Group was held on the 5th March, when 25 members were given a brief description of how the Gardening Group would work, with visits being arranged from members' suggestions. Car sharing would be open to those interested with

meeting points in both Tiverton and Cullompton.

Joy was appointed Treasurer, and when it became evident that members were keen to become a RHS Affiliated Society we quickly raised enough from those present at the meeting to cover the cost of the room hire and apply to become a RHS Affiliated Society. Members were asked to bring plants, to the March monthly/AGM meeting, which will be available for anyone to take home for a donation to the Gardening Group. - *Margaret*

(See picture from the group on page 1)



**German Conversation**  
**Coordinator:**  
**John Smith.**

We have met on two further occasions since my last report sharing, as usual, jokes which Germans, apparently, find amusing, unusual words and German-related facts. Did you know that Berlin has more bridges than Venice? Over 800 million currywursts are eaten each year in Germany!

Do you know why mice do not drink alcohol? Because they are afraid of "der Kater". If you are laughing, you obviously know that "der Kater" means "hangover" but also "tom cat". Oh well.....

We always up-date each other on the latest events which include trips abroad, holidays and moving house and talk about serious matters when recovered from the hilarity stirred by the jokes. - *John*



## Going Places

Coordinators:  
John O'Connor  
Tony Lowe, Chris Steele

### Birdwatching Cruise

Despite a slightly overcast day, our birdwatching cruise on the River Exe was well attended.

Thirty five u3a members enjoyed the trip and managed to see a wide range of wildlife from avocets to oystercatchers.

There was even the occasional glimpse of a seal! Thanks to the expert commentary of a local ornithologist, everyone was kept well informed and able to spot the less obvious species amongst the huge number of birds that visit the estuary during the winter months. It was only fitting that after the exertions of birdwatching, passengers were then able to refresh themselves with one of the excellent pasties that Stuart Line provide! ~ Tony

### Exeter Aerospace

During February, a second group of eleven members visited the Exeter Aerospace facility at Exeter Airport. We were given a comprehensive tour by a very knowledgeable and patient guide who answered every question be it from the balancing of engine turbo blades to how much the weight of the paint adds (over a ton apparently!). At this site they undertake complete overhauls of aircraft which involves removing everything from the aircraft, seats, floors, engines etc. stripping down and checking every single item, a very detailed form of MOT. The attention to detail was amazing with detailed documentation and every single item, bench, tool being carefully labelled. Having seen the expertise and care taken, I for one will feel happy flying in an aircraft I know has been maintained by Exeter Aerospace. ~ Chris



### Coldharbour Mill

This event is scheduled for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. If you'd like to go on the trip but haven't already booked, please get in touch with John ASAP - [jdo.oconnor@btinternet.com](mailto:jdo.oconnor@btinternet.com)

### Future Events

We're hoping to run quite a few more trips later in the year and further details will be sent out shortly. These include:

- Fossil hunting at Lyme Regis
- SS Great Britain
- Lundy Air Day
- The Big Pit
- Norman Lockyer Observatory





## Trad Jazz

**Coordinator:**  
**Mike Barlow**

April plans to be a particularly good month for local jazz with the following entertaining bands on the schedule:

Wed 10th April Spats Langham Hot Fingers at the Jubilee Hall in Langford Budville

Wed 17th April Sunset Café Stompers at Magelake Hall in Uffculme

Now it's Spring and the weather is hopefully better it's time to get out again and enjoy the live music. If you prefer to listen at home, don't forget to contact me at [mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandsue.barlow@gmail.com) if you would like some free CDs. ~ *Mike Barlow*



## Line Dancing

**Coordinator:**  
**Mich Bowers**

We continue with our 'heel tapping and shuffling' regularly, meeting twice monthly. Anyone interested would be more than welcome to join us. Two left feet NOT essential, but if that's all you have, we're willing to give it a go!

Want to find out more???? you can call me on

01884255811.

Next sessions March 25th, April 8th & 29th (Note:Change of date). - *Mich*



## Local Theatre

**Coordinator:**  
**Betty Thrall**

The SPRING VARIETY SHOW In aid of Devon Air Ambulance is Saturday 11 th May 7 30 pm at The New Hall Tiverton. Tickets are £12, which I need payment for by the AGM on Thursday March 28th. This is an annual show, organised by Rose Chanin , and comprises of the best local talent in the area

,Song, Dance ,Comedy Instrumentalists ,Specialist Acts. This is always a sell out so well worth getting your tickets in advance .

The Tiverton Dramatic Society next production is "SWEENEY TODD the DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET". Our block booking is Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 30 pm in the New Hall. Tickets £10 each. Again, I need payment by The AGM March 28<sup>th</sup> please

In 19teenth century London Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber returns home after 15 years in prison. He seeks vengeance against a lecherous Judge and his spineless beadle who framed him resulting in bloody consequence -----

Tiverton Local Theatre is well worth supporting, so do join us for two very good evening's entertainment .

*Betty* 01884 242998 07972271524



## Philosophy

Coordinator:

**Ian Kimber**

At our March meeting a rather small turnout had a very lively reading and discussion on Descartes fifth meditation On the essence of material things and the existence of God Remember when he wrote these, to deny the existence of God could result in a death sentence.

As always New members will be welcome but contact me by email or phone so that I confirm

numbers to them before the meeting.

As we will be reading and discussing the text as we go there is no need for any previous knowledge or homework but it is available via this website.

The April meeting will be back at my house and to will be on Wednesday 17th April starting at 10:30

There are currently two options because our member who is currently leading the discussions may not be available if he is available we will be moving on to Descartes sixth and final meditation on the existence of material things and the real distinction between the mind and the body this available via this link.

[https://www.earlymoderntexts.com/assets/pdfs/descartes1641\\_3.pdf](https://www.earlymoderntexts.com/assets/pdfs/descartes1641_3.pdf)

If he is not available we will postpone this for a month and will have a general discussion about what the group will do after we have completed the work ointment Descartes meditations.

Ian Kimber [ianksoulsurfer@gmail.com](mailto:ianksoulsurfer@gmail.com). 01884 252460 07966159240



## Photography

Coordinator:

**Roger Gunn**

The theme for March was to make a video.

There were six of us in attendance at Roger's place. Roger started by talking briefly about 'soft proofing' before printing to get better quality printed photos.

Ben presented an entertaining video titled 'All the Kings Horses and All the Kings Men'. Filmed on a recent trip to London he saw the practise for Trooping the Colour. Amusing dialogue and some interesting editing techniques kept us entertained. Ben followed this with a slide show of archive photos titled 'Old Friends and Good Times'.

Unfortunately, Tim's AVI video from 2007 couldn't be played.

Phil S had short archive video titled 'Right Place, Wrong Time'. A steam engine from West Somerset Railway engulfing the platform and everyone on it when steam was released from the engine. Not quite what the moviemaker intended to preserve on film.

John had recently returned from the north island of New Zealand. We were treated to idyllic images of Papamoa Beach, The Mount and other great photos of the area near to where his son lives. The town sits on the Bay of Plenty, is very low lying and could suffer badly in the event of a tsunami.



Roger was inspired by the comedian Jethro and wrote, produced, directed, edited and starred in (Bob) his own short movie, set in The One Horse Shoe and aided by Ben (Ted) and Phil A (Dick). It had them rolling in the aisles! (Really??) Roger also edited footage he took on the recent birdwatching trip on the Exe estuary. Very good it was too. And from the archive (2016) he showed interesting footage of a visit to the Pannier Market in S Molton.

Weather permitting the next meeting will be at Dawlish Warren for a field trip on 11<sup>th</sup> April. More details to follow nearer the time. In case this doesn't go ahead, try and get out in the rain before the 11th and take some photos 'Making Use of the Rain' to show instead. - Phil A



## Railway Group

Coordinator:  
Jose Kimber

Our last meeting was on 23 February. There were 8 of us this time, which was just enough to cover the cost of the room and the refreshments.

We watched two of the British Steam series DVDs, No 7 which was about King George V, plus a film about women

working during WW2, and then another film about the King class from the 1930's to the preservation era. The second DVD was one brought by Pete Chowings, who has the whole set of 90 DVDs, this one was No 2 and was about the Bulleid Light Pacifics, the West Country Class and the Battle of Britain Class, which were essentially the same. It also had a short film about preparing a locomotive for service and putting it to bed at the end of the day. It is a very interesting series, each DVD contains 3 separate films on various topics, usually a class of locomotives and then another article about operations. As Pete has all 90 of the DVDs, we will be kept busy for a long time if we watch them all!

The March meeting will be on Friday 23 March, 10.30am at Willand Methodist Church, which is probably before this newsletter is published. Our April meeting is on **Friday 26 April, 10.30am at Willand Methodist Church.**

Our visit to **Leaky Finders** is confirmed for the morning of **Friday 10 May**, final details to be confirmed nearer the time. If you have already told me you would like to join the visit, you do not need to reconfirm it, but please let me know if you are now unable to come so I can give the place to someone else. The visit is open to all but with priority to group members. If you would like to join us, please e-mail me and I will add you to the list. If I have too many names there will be a waiting list.

We welcome new members to the group. The more members we have, the less the monthly cost will be!  
- Jose



## Ramblers

Coordinator:  
Jenny Bedford

Ten of us assembled outside the Drewe Arms and made our way through Broadhembury village to a stile leading to sloping fields up to the ridge. From here we had excellent views. Following the ridge we climbed up to the glider field where we had a very civilised coffee stop, utilising the tables at the clubhouse. Refreshed, we made our way out of the airfield and turned onto a bridleway which we followed, with sloping fields to the

left and woodland to the right, finally arriving at North Hill, down which we trudged back to the village where some of our number dived into the pub.-  
Jenny

The next ramble will be led by Jan Proud at **Clatworthy Reservoir**, postcode TA4 2EJ, GR: ST 0393 3095, OS OL9. Nearest What Three Words: - rankings. gateway. eyeliner. 10 am start.

It is a tranquil 5 mile walk on good undulating paths which take us around the perimeter with views of the surrounding West Somerset hills. Plenty of parking with toilet facilities and lots of benches en route for banana breaks.



Directions: Take the B3190 north past Haddon Hill and Upton. RH turn towards Clatworthy. **IMPORTANT Keep** on the road towards the hamlet of Clatworthy rather than branching left where it is usually flooded. At the T junction where Clatworthy is signed to the right, turn left and the entrance to the reservoir car park is on the right. *Jan*



## Skittles

**Coordinators:**  
**John Carr**  
**Janet Loader**

We are nearing the end of another winter season for the Skittles group - hopefully, longer, brighter days and more outdoor activities. We do still have 4 more sessions to take us up to the end of April and give members a chance to give Skittles a go. We meet at Tiverton Town Football Club in the Sports Bar for a 7pm start on Monday evenings but there will not be a session on Easter Monday. The last session will be on 29<sup>th</sup> April and we would like to see all members, old

and new, for a fun evening.

- *John Carr.* (01404 841367). *Janet Loader.* (01884 252116)



## Snooker

**Coordinator:**  
**John Anderson**

A small, social group catering for all levels of Snooker ability (up to "average!").

Our normal meeting dates at Halberton Village Hall are the 1st and 3rd Friday each month. Our start time is 3.30pm.

Conveniently, buses from Tiverton stop at

the door, so you can use your bus-pass to get there. I am a keyholder for opening up, so give me a ring beforehand if you would like to join in and have a game or two.

*John.* Tel: 07947 000757



**WALK and  
TALK**

## Strollers and Twalkers

**Coordinator:  
Chris Mumford**

**TWALKERS** - These walks are out in the countryside, generally within 10 miles of Tiverton. The maximum distance is no more than 3.6 miles and take no more than 90 minutes. The venue changes weekly.

**STROLLERS** - Venue changes monthly for a gentle walk lasting no more than 60 minutes

around the streets of Tiverton.

For more details and a programme, please contact Chris Mumford:

[chris.mumford21@gmail.com](mailto:chris.mumford21@gmail.com)



## Short Trek

**Coordinator:  
Nigel Blandford**

On a cold-ish 22 March, 11 of us gathered in the carpark in **Dulverton**. After some struggles with parking payment, we set off, immediately steeply uphill. The steep climb was over reasonably quickly, and we settled down to a tramp through beautiful countryside to the west of Dulverton, much of it with no manmade structures in sight.

We descended to the River Barle, with our photographer coming to grief, crossing a stream (but, apart from wet legs, no great ill-effects), to continue along the river all the way back to Dulverton. The temperature went up as the sun came out, and we were accompanied through the fairy-glen surroundings by four paddleboarders descending the river, occasionally enlivening the situation by falling off. At the Bridge Inn debrief (conveniently next-door to the carpark), we were able to sit outside in the sunshine, for the first time for some months. Many thanks to Dawn for leading this very pleasant 6.5 mile walk.

*Tony*



The April Short Trek will be led by Andrea. The walk will start on Varle Hill and walk to Caractacus Stone, then left at Spire Cross and down Watery Lane. Turning right we walk to the foot bridge over the River Barle and turn left to Tarr Steps. Crossing over this ancient clapper bridge we return to our cars by way of a moderately steep climb up Ashway Side. On a clear day there will be excellent views.

Varle Hill is reached by taking the Tarr Steps B3223 road, signposted after Dulverton. After about 4 miles go over a cattle grid and shortly after that take a small road on the left marked with a brown sign "Tarr Farm Inn". Parking is about 100yds down this road. There is a cattle grid and parking for about 9 cars either side of it. There is also room on the road for parking.

The walk is approx 6.5 miles. The first mile is very muddy at the time of writing. Picnic lunch. Further refreshments are available at The Bridge Inn Dulverton. Please let me know if you would like to eat there. -- *Nigel*



## Table Tennis

**Coordinators:**  
**Katherine Green**  
**Lorne Loxterkamp**

joining the group should contact one of us.

The group meets every Monday from 10 am to 12 noon at Sunningmead Community Centre. We have four tables and generally play doubles to ensure that everyone gets as many games as possible during the session. There is a weekly charge of £3.00, which includes coffee or tea. Newcomers are welcome, and we endeavour to help those with less experience of the game. Anyone interested in finding out about

- *Katherine and Lorne*



## Thursday Lunch

**Coordinator:**  
**Angie Cheshire**

The menu contained most of the expected Pub Lunch regular offerings and one or two slightly different courses. Not every Pub Lunch offers a large portion of tender beef ribs! Everyone appeared to appreciate the quality and quantity of the food offered, and the prices were sensible too! The dog made an appearance as well, having a quick scout around for any spare morsels. - *Tony and Liz*

Our next lunch will be at The Keepers Cottage, Kentisbeare, arranged by Jackie and Angie. If you have not already signed up, please get in touch soonest. There is no need for pre-order. We are hoping the landlord may be able to give us a little chat about the pub.

Thursday, 14th March, saw an intrepid group of 15 lunch regulars make the trip to The Catherine Wheel in Hemyock. The Catherine Wheel is rightly well known for its Sunday Carvery and we were not disappointed with our Mid Week lunch.



Contact Angie, [angelacheshire@hotmail.com](mailto:angelacheshire@hotmail.com)



## Trekking

**Coordinator:**  
**Gordon Cleaver**

### The March Trek

12 hardy souls met at Sidbury Village car park on a very windy and not very warm Thursday for our long trek of 10.5 miles. Tony Kidd, our very experienced leader, took us on a delightful walk which can only be described as UP ! However, it's the only way to experience the fabulous views looking across to the

Sidmouth Gap to the sea sparkling in the distance. There was lots of mud and quite a lot of standing water to wade through but that's the nature of winter walks, so none of us complained. We stopped for a very civilised lunch break at Sidford Church which had enough proper seats for us all, which made quite a change from wet grass, before continuing our journey. More UP which only meant one thing.... DOWN which, for this writer, proved to be a bit scary although everyone else seemed to navigate it like mountain goats. Still we all reached the bottom unscathed to join our cars ready for the debrief at a local hostelry. - *Jan P.*



### April Long Trek – Thursday 4th April 24

The April Trek is a return to Dartmoor and will be led by Gordon. It starts at 10am from the Prewley Moor car parking area, SX545910.

From Prewley we will start with an ascent of Sourton Tor then drop down to Nodder Gate, then up Great Links Tor before returning to the cars via Kitty Tor and Branscombe's Loaf. The trek is mainly on well trodden and surfaced tracks but in the current monsoon weather some soggy areas can be expected!

The walk is just under 11 miles, with 1900 feet of ascent.

**Please let me know if you are planning to come on this Trek or you are interested in joining the Trekking Group.**

**Gordon- 01884 242563 [grcleaver54@gmail.com](mailto:grcleaver54@gmail.com)**



## Wednesday Pub Lunch

**Coordinator:  
Trevor Ellmore**

Our visit to the Devonshire Dumpling at Morchard. Rd on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March revealed itself once again to be a truly good place to eat. I know I have mentioned this before, but you know when the plates go back empty, we have found

the right place again. I think its true to say when a restaurant is controlled by the owner the quality of food and up-front service really stand out, as we have witnessed in many other venues.

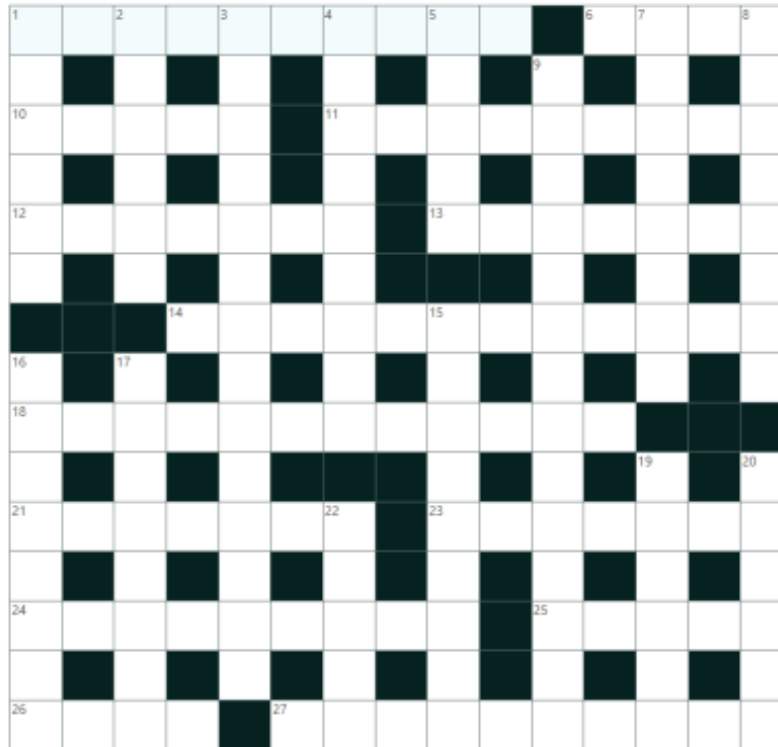
Our next outing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April is to the Mount Pleasant Inn, Nomansland which we last visited in February 2023. Margaret & I did not attend on that occasion as we were on vacation, but I understand that the venue did us proud. If you did not put your name down on the sheet when at the March location and wish to attend, please contact me ASAP



Directions :- From Tiverton take Long drag Hill B3137 for 7.7mls and The Mount Pleasant will be on your right. EX16 8NN 01884 860271

## Cryptic Crossword #33: April 2024

*You can find the solution at the end of this newsletter*



### Across

- 1 Short tight trousers for an Italian holiday? (5,5)
- 6 A contribution? Just knocking back the gin (4)
- 10 Within a gentleman there is a representative (5)
- 11 Skinny above the summit and Relatively hairless (4,2,3)
- 12 Scottish ape up tree. Make progress in there (5,2)
- 13 Seeing's believing the beginning (7)
- 14 Frenzy following religious rite leads to mob behaviour (4,8)
- 18 They merge, packed solid, o'er a plethora of passing floats (12)
- 21 Dad looked amazed! (3-4)
- 23 Missile favoured by Neptune (7)
- 24 Span modified angle for a celestial messenger (9)
- 25 Vagrant takes part of an extra MP (5)
- 26 Kitchen stove prefixes this holy man (4)
- 27 The agile unwanted visitor who purrs (3-7)

### Down

- 1 Perched on a stool and carp, sounding rough .... what, fishing? (6)
- 2 Off the rack for the classroom (6)
- 3 Why famine in Italy resulted in happy news (2,3,6,3)
- 4 Attain sop to make a Florentine starter (9)
- 5 Hours of darkness changed – object! (5)
- 7 Stewart is trying to show creative skill (8)
- 8 Nudge a Spaniard in front of his pub then find food there (5,3)
- 9 Spot a helpful suggestion and jump over the obstacles (5-2-7)
- 15 Catch bully, carelessly losing a pound at sporting venue (5,4)
- 16 Omit salt and fish (8)
- 17 Chronic crown exposure (8)
- 19 Bring it back to mind (6)
- 20 Insensible saint with French for muddled (6)
- 22 Canine mother has strong views (5)



Solution to Cryptic Crossword #33 April 2024

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As usual, I include a list of groups and contacts who are not reporting this month. Co-ordinators contact details can be found on the “members only” page of our website.



## **Folk Dancing**

*Coordinators:  
John & Hazel Ridd*



## **Industrial Heritage**

**Coordinator:  
Phil Stone**



## **Psychology**

**Coordinator:  
To be appointed**



## **PHOTOGRAPHY 2**

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