



**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 27th May 2025**

**1:30 p.m. at The Methodist Church, Scalwell Lane, Seaton**



This month we have something very different:

**Antiques Roadshow**

With Philip Atkins of Atkins Auctions in Axminster



This is your opportunity to bring SMALL items for valuation and if possible share any back stories attached to them. Philip will also be telling us about his experiences over the last year at his Auction House

**COMMITTEE**

**From the Chair**

First – a big thank you to everyone who responded with your opinions about where future monthly meetings should be held. We had about 48 replies, with a range of arguments in favour of the two venues. About 80% were in favour of returning to the Gateway.

The committee considered the various issues, but of overriding concern was the fact that the Methodist Church Hall is too small for us to meet comfortably or safely, especially if the membership continues to increase. Accordingly, we decided that we will resume meeting at the Gateway from our September meeting.

At our last meeting, which was the AGM of course, nearly 80 members attended and we had a presentation from ageUK about avoiding online scams. If you would like to more information you can call your local AGE UK Devon contact on 0333 241 2340 or visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/scams](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scams)



The committee also considered how we present our offering to people who might benefit from belonging to u3a. It was interesting to hear how each committee member had come to u3a, and I would like to ask you to let us know how you came to be a member; personal recommendation, leaflet in a public place, poster... other?

Why do we want to know? Well, if we are to get the word out to more people it's worth looking at the ways in which people have found us in the past, and focuss resources on those routes. And your stories might inspire other people too! So please drop me a line with the answer to "how I came to be a u3a member". Thank you.

The committee has also begun the process of reviewing our policies, which will then be available on our website. We'll let you know when that happens.

All best wishes

Geoffrey

### A note for the diary:

The League of Friends will be celebrating their 40th anniversary at the Methodist Church in Scalwell Lane from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 28th June.

Seaton u3a will have an outside table at the event where we can tell people about the u3a and show them what we do. We are looking forward to a good attendance (but volunteers will be needed).

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## GROUPS

New to U3A Seaton!



Steve Thompson, former Head of Science at two secondary schools, is keen to get people together to learn about and discuss some science topics, say once a month.

If you are interested can you let him know via email, [slthomp65@btinternet.com](mailto:slthomp65@btinternet.com)

What days would suit, morning, afternoon or evening ?

Proposed start August

### WINE APPRECIATION

The Wine Appreciation group is a popular and thriving one.

However, we do have room for more members and you would be very welcome to join us.

If interested please contact Graham and Liz Burgin on 07919-204958.



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## OTHER ITEMS



For those members who may be interested, the Van Gogh immersive experience is coming to Westpoint Exeter from 16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October. It's an internationally acclaimed exhibition that includes his most famous paintings, bringing them to life. Details can be found online at [www.beyondvangogh.co.uk/Exeter](http://www.beyondvangogh.co.uk/Exeter)

**Our Seaton u3a website** contains information about all our groups and who to contact if you have any queries. You can also see the programme of talks for the coming months as well as the News Bulletins from previous months. Here is the link: [https:// seaton.u3asite.uk](https://seaton.u3asite.uk)