



## MONTHLY MEETING

**2pm TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**at The Gateway, Seaton**



### **Nightmares and Dreams - the Rise of Artificial Intelligence**

**A talk by Tony Warren**

It's all around us, on our screens, controlling social media, in the air, on the battlefields but what is it, where's it going and how can we all use it.

Tony answers these questions with videos, pictures and some really extraordinary facts. Some of the presentation will shock, some will enchant, some will concern and some will surprise.

Tony Warren has had 30 years of working in computer development, programming and security management for major companies. He is now retired but his major focus is on monitoring and researching the development of AI. His presentation aims to help us to understand it, be aware of the dangers, and above all, use it to enhance our lives.

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## COMMITTEE

### **From the chair:**

A small sub-committee has been beavering away during the summer revising our policies and documentation. These will appear on the website in due course. We extend our gratitude for their time and devotion!

As you know our monthly meetings return to the Gateway this month. It will be good to be back and we are very grateful to the Methodist Church for the use of their hall in the intervening period.

Recently I asked people to let me know how they came to be members of the u3a. Although the response was not massive, it was unanimous! All those who responded said they came to know of the u3a through a personal recommendation. May I encourage you therefore to arm yourselves with a couple of our tri-fold leaflets so that if you feel you know someone who could benefit from joining, you can reinforce your recommendation with a handy leaflet.

We are also looking at providing membership gift vouchers that relatives or friends could give to someone they know who might benefit from the company and share interests that u3a provides. An ideal birthday or Christmas present! More about this next month.

Wishing you a comforting Autumn!

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## GROUPS



### SEATON u3a UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE From Hydrogen to Uranium

**NO NOT BOMBS!** But rather an appraisal of the atomic structure of the naturally occurring elements moving from the simplest to the most complex structures. That is from Element Number 1 Hydrogen to to Element Number 92 Uranium. This was a logical place to begin for the recent inaugural meeting of the **Understanding Science Group** at the Eyre Court Hotel. Then moving to an appreciation of the basic atomic structure involving a positive charged nucleus surrounded by negatively charged electrons operating in particular orbits around this nucleus. Then, progressing from the basic structure of atoms to specific structures for vital elements like hydrogen, oxygen and carbon - all essential to life and found throughout the Universe.

**At or next meeting** we will be looking at how atoms react and combine to form compounds which essentially is the stuff that makes up the human body, all nature and the universe.

**If you are interested in this sort of thing then why not join us at our next meeting on Friday 14th November, 2pm, in the back room of Eyre Court.**

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**Time and Venue** Every two months on the second Friday at the 2.00pm at the Eyre Court Hotel.

#### **Understanding Science**

An initial meeting took place on 13 August and produced a healthy turnout which strongly suggests that the group has a definite future.

Alas the contact details shown were wrong so apologies for the confusion. Please note amended version.

If interested in finding out more please contact Steve Thompson at [slthomp65@btinternet.com](mailto:slthomp65@btinternet.com)

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Some sad news:

Margaret Bagge, a long-time member of Seaton u3a died peacefully at the weekend. Our condolences go to all her friends and family, no doubt she will be missed.