



MONTHLY MEETING
2pm TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER
at The Gateway, Seaton



SABINE BARING-GOULD and
THE TRADITIONAL MUSIC OF DEVON
A talk by Jim Causley



The Victorian Devon rector, polymath and composer of '*Onward Christian Soldiers*' Sabine Baring-Gould led a fascinating life and was a pioneering collector of traditional folk-songs in Devon and paved the way for future collectors such as Cecil Sharp and Vaughan Williams.

A proud Devonian, award-winning folk singer and musician Jim Causley has dedicated much of his career to researching and reviving the forgotten gems of his native county. Jim also touches on Devonshire dialect pieces and the Music Hall period, as well as modern songs from the thriving folk scene in Devon. Jim gives a presentation jam-packed with Devonshire delights that richly bring to life the distinct flavour of music-making from this unique corner of the British Isles. From Arscott of Tetcott to Widecombe Fair and everything in between, this talk is a thoroughly enjoyable introduction to Devon's rich musical culture.

COMMITTEE

From the Chair

I am looking forward to joining you at my first monthly meeting, Tuesday 22nd September, since taking over the Chair of Seaton U3A.

Over the last three months I have been visiting our groups and introducing myself. Back in May I made fleeting visits to Fran's Arts, Derek's Photography, Sandy's People in History and Chris's (now Lynn's) Scrabble and Rummikub groups. Then in June, July and August I sat in on Mary's Current Affairs, Clive's Jazz Appreciation, Denis's Music Appreciation and David's Philosophy groups and, just last week, went out with Jean's Amblers.

I regularly join in with Marie's Quiz group and am back in Graham's Wine Tasting group and have been leading the newly formed Understanding Science group. All our groups have between 10 and 20 people attending and they are all very welcoming and friendly. I send huge thankyou's to all group leaders who keep us entertained and provide pleasant company.

Since I took on the position of Chair, we have had three committee meetings with our committee members Claire, Brian, Sandy, Kathryn, Jan and Derek. We organise the monthly meetings, manage the finances and co-ordinate the groups. We could still do with a volunteer to act as membership Secretary and would welcome anyone else who felt they could join the committee and contribute to its role.

We have decided that our Christmas Lunch this year will be at the Gateway on Monday 7th December and hope that many of you will come and celebrate a successful 2026. Tickets can be purchased at next week's meeting.

Steve Thompson



Christmas is coming!

A Xmas buffet lunch is offered to Seaton u3a members at the Gateway on Monday 7 December 1pm - 3pm. Guests can be non-members.



Tickets will cost £20. If you want to buy tickets, please contact Claire Ross on 07919-820910 to confirm a place and state any dietary requirements. Payment is preferred as direct bank transfer (reference "Xmas") but cash can be taken at the Sept or Oct monthly meetings.

SEATON MARKET

We will have a u3a stall at Seaton Market in Windsor Gardens on Saturday 26th September. The event will take place between 10am and 4pm and we hope many of you will come along and support us. Group Leaders might wish to join our stall for a short time and promote your groups.