



# TAW THIRD AGE GROUP Newsletter 410 1st May 2026

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## Welcome to our May 2026 Newsletter

### COFFEE MORNINGS



**There will not be a Coffee Morning on Monday 4th May as it is a Bank Holiday.**

The next Coffee Morning will be **Monday 1st June** when we will have our AGM which will be hosted by the Trustees. **Doors will be open at 10:00am for a prompt 10:30am start in the Roundswell Community Hall.** Admission £1 to include coffee/tea, biscuits and a raffle ticket.

There will be a Celebration Cream Tea on **Wednesday 6th May** at the **Barnstaple Hotel** from **2:00pm to 4:00pm.**

### Please Welcome our New Members

Mr John Beardsley  
Mr Eoin and Mrs Paula Hanley  
Ms Gwen Pearson  
Mr Alan and Mrs Mary Wild



**Members are reminded that if you are interested in joining a group, to please contact the Group Leader/s in the first instance as there may be a waiting list.**

~Trustees

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**SEE PAGE 6 FOR INFORMATION ON OUR ANNUAL TRIP**

### NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



Due to being 'time served' Veronica McLaughlin has now stood down as Membership Secretary. We are pleased to welcome **Wendy Evans** in her place. (please see the Contacts List for her contact details). Many thanks to Veronica for all her hard work and dedication.

~Trustees

### PRINTING OF THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Unfortunately, due to refurbishment, Wollens are unable to print this month's newsletter for us. Our Membership Secretary will print out the copies for those members who have pre-paid to receive them by post. Hopefully, normal service will be resumed for the June issue.

~Trustees



### Chair's Report

This newsletter finds me prepping for our AGM in June which includes our current Trustees nominations in place to present to you for re-election for the coming year. This leads me into a request I have to put to you all; we find ourselves once again requiring a Secretary. If anyone wishes to come forward for this position, or would like to be put forward as a Trustee, then please contact me accordingly.

In March we had our first evening talk, a rather entertaining talk by Charles Hanson, although he did make my heart miss a few beats by turning up slightly late. He was taken aback from your feedback on the night, especially about evaluation requirements, that he has now made arrangements for an evaluation afternoon at Roundswell Community Centre for Tuesday 12th May from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. No booking is required, just turn up with the items you require evaluated and/or sent to auction.

Our next event will be Afternoon Cream Tea at the Barnstaple Hotel, Wednesday 6th May from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, entry by ticket only. Doors will open at 2:00pm with tea and scones served from 2:30pm to 3:15pm. Thereafter Gary Reed will be giving a talk about his time as a Head Teacher at a local Primary School. There will be a check made to make sure it's Cream First!!!

Then Wednesday 17th June we have our next evening talk, "An Evening with Sue Pengelly" giving a talk on Social History in Barnstaple, at The Roundswell Community Centre between 7:30pm and 9:30pm. There are still tickets available at £2 each. Please contact me if you wish to come along.

Lastly just a reminder that our "Early Holiday" is to Northumberland between Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May. Please contact Kim Conibear for further details.

See you all at the Barnstaple Hotel for our Afternoon Cream Tea.

~ Martin, Chair

# INVITATIONS

**BRAUNTON U3A CROQUET GROUP:** Braunton U3A run a Croquet Group during the summer and invite members from the surrounding U3A's to join the group. The U3A Croquet Group will be starting on **Tuesday 21st April 2026**. The group meets weekly at **Barnstaple Croquet club, Raleigh Meadow, off St. Georges Road, Barnstaple, EX31 4UX, Tuesdays**, weather permitting, during the summer from **2:00pm to 4:00pm**. No experience is necessary and all equipment and coaching is provided. Wear comfortable clothes and flat shoes. You may need a waterproof coat and a drink. The cost is £4 to join or rejoin the group and £4 for every session you attend. Contact **Anne Young on 01271 813255 or email rayvyoung2000@yahoo.co.uk** for more information and to book your place. Come along to meet friendly people for a fun afternoon.



**BARNSTAPLE U3A POETRY GROUP:** Barnstaple U3A has run a poetry discussion group for 27 years – with members having attended since it first started! We're now inviting additional members to join our friendly and informal group that meets on the **2nd Saturday afternoon of each month**. Each month we select a theme, idea or poet and then members choose appropriate poems to share with the group. In April, for example, the theme was American Poetry. Remember, 'Dust if you Must' by Rose Milligan tells us what's important in life:

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
Music to hear and poems to read,  
Friends to cherish and life to lead!



In other words, join the Barnstaple U3A Poetry Group and do the dusting later! For more information please contact **Margaret Ryan on 01271 321089 and crystal22ryan@outlook.com**.



**REMINDER:** If you **move house** or your **email** or **telephone number changes** *please* let **Wendy Evans**, the **Membership Secretary**, know so that we can continue to keep in contact. It will also ensure you continue to receive the Newsletter by email.

**ILLNESSES and BEREAVEMENTS:** **Annabelle Marriott** is responsible for keeping in touch with members who become ill or are taken into hospital. If you become aware of any such cases please contact her. **See Contacts List for her contact details.** Would Group Leaders please take responsibility for informing Annabelle of illnesses of their group members. Would the family, Group Leader or any other member please inform Annabelle of the details of names and dates of deaths. **A single line announcement will be included in the Newsletter unless the family do not want any acknowledgment. It is for the Group Leader to notify Annabelle who will notify the Newsletter Editor.**

## Our Groups

**Members are encouraged to contact the Group Leaders of groups they are interested in joining and have their names added to any waiting lists.**

**ALLOTMENT 21** - Patrick Byrne. This is a friendly, relaxed group of leisure gardeners who enjoy being out in the fresh air - with the added bonus of (largely) free fruit, veg and flowers. With Spring on the horizon it's time to plan and prepare for this year's crop. Here's looking forward to that elusive sunshine! For more information please contact the Group Leader. ~Patrick

**AMBLERS** - Diane Wild. The Amblers will meet at **Velator Quay Car Park, Braunton** at **11:00am** for a short walk and coffee. This walk will be led by Diana. ~Diane

**ART** - **TEMPORARY CONTACT** - Martin Allison. The Art Group meets on the **1st and 3rd Thursday each month** from **9:30am to 12:00 noon** at the **Rhododendron Methodist Church Hall**. We have 3 vacancies in the group. We are also seeking a new Group Leader as Derek is retiring in April after many years doing the job. Hopefully it might appeal to someone looking to run a very friendly group. With your

help the Art Group can continue to flourish. Please contact Martin if you are interested (see Contacts List for contact details). ~Martin

**BADMINTON** - Jim Smith. **Tarka Leisure Centre, 9:30am to 10:30am** on **Tuesday** and/or **2:00pm to 3:00pm** on **Thursday**. We invite you to get in touch if you are interested in playing and (ideally) have some racquet skills. You are welcome to come along for a free session. ~Jim

**BOOK CLUB** - Barbara Vercoe. We now meet on the **4th Monday of each month** at **10:30am** at the **Bike Shed in Barnstaple**. At present this group is fully subscribed. ~Barbara

**BOOKWORMS** - Linda Tyrrell. We meet at the **Library** on the **last Tuesday of each month** at **10:00am**. The group is now fully subscribed, but if anyone is interested in joining us, do please feel free to contact me. ~Linda

**BREAKFAST CLUB** - Wendy Walmsley. This group is held on the **1st Wednesday of the month** at **9:30am** (please note new time). The next breakfast is on **6th May** at **Tea by the *Taw***. If you are UNABLE to attend please let Wendy know. If you would like to join this friendly group for a chat over breakfast, please contact me. ~Wendy

**CANASTA** - Linda Lee, Yvonne Geary. The next meeting of the Canasta Group will be on the **18th May** at **2:00pm** in the **Beechfield Centre in Fremington**. We now have room for new players so if you would like to join us do get in touch. ~Linda & Yvonne

**COFFEE MUGS AND TEAPOTS** - Jackie Ward. We meet every **3rd Wednesday of the month**. Come along and join us, this happy group will welcome you. We meet **10:30am to 12:00 noon** in **Arti's Too Café, 20 Cross Street, Barnstaple**. We look forward to meeting you. Contact Jackie. ~Jackie

**CREATIVE CRAFT** - Valerie Fama. We meet the **1st Tuesday of the month** at the **Fremington Methodist Church Hall, Old School Lane**, from **10:00am to 12:00 noon**. The next meetings are **Tuesday 5th May** and **2nd June**. This group is now full. ~Valerie

**CREATIVE WRITING** - Sue Boyd. No report this month. ~Bob

**CRIBBAGE** - Richard Taylor. We now meet at the **New Inn, Fremington** on the **2nd and 4th Fridays**, from **3:00pm 'til 5:00pm**. The aim is to enjoy playing crib. Help is available for those wishing to learn how to play. Free parking on site. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us. ~Richard

**CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION 1** - Alison Clayton. We will be meeting on the **1st Thursday of the month** at **Barnstaple Library Room 3D** at **10:15am**. We discuss interesting topics that are currently in the news over a cup of tea or coffee. The group is full at the moment but if you would like to be added to the reserve list then please contact the group leader. ~Alison

**CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION 2** - Chris Daly. This small group meets on the **4th Thursday of the month** at the **Roundswell Community Centre** from **10:00am to 11.30am**. We discuss interesting topics that are currently in the news. Tea and coffee are available. We are currently fully subscribed but please contact me if you are interested in going on a waiting list. ~Chris

**DANCERSIZE** - Hilary Newing, Marilyn White. We do still have a couple of vacancies, so if you think it appeals to you, please get in touch and we can give you more information. **May 5th, 12th, and 19th. No class on 26th.** ~Hilary & Marilyn

**DAY TRIPS BY COACH 1** - Wendy Walmsley, Jean Newcombe. Our trip to Dartmouth is currently full. Our next trip is to **St Ives** on **18th June**. There will be a regular shuttle bus to and from the main car park to St Ives town square for those who require it (£2). Things to do - Tate Gallery; Barbara Hepworth Museum; local artists art gallery;

harbour; cafes and independent shops. Please email Jean Newcombe if you wish to book a seat (see Contacts List for contact details). £17 cheque made payable to **TAW U3A**. Please have separate cheques for each trip. First-come-first-served. As there is no Coffee Morning in May, we will be at the the Cream Tea afternoon on 6th May at The Barnstaple Hotel and can collect names and cheques there if you are attending. ~Wendy & Jean

**DAY TRIPS BY COACH 2** - Wendy Warmesley, Jean Newcombe. Our trip to Lanhydrock is currently full. Our next trip is to **Barrington Court and Montacute House NT** on **27th May**. Whilst Court House remains closed for repair, the ground floor of Strode House is open, and there are glorious garden rooms, avenues, and orchards to explore, including a cafe. It was also a film location for Wolf Hall. Montacute House NT - the upper storey of the house is currently closed for staircase renovation. The long gallery, wibbly wobbly hedge, courtyard cafe and shop. Please email Jean Newcombe to book a place on the coach. £17 cheque made out to **TAW U3A**, with trip name and pick up point on reverse. Please have separate cheques for each trip. First-come-first-served. As there is no Coffee Morning in May, we will be at the the Cream Tea afternoon on 6th May at The Barnstaple Hotel and can collect names and cheques there if you are attending. ~Wendy & Jean

**DESIGN & MAKE I & II** - Jim Pinn. No report this month. ~Jim

**DEVON HISTORY** - Paul Bate, Janice Hurdle. We meet on the **1st Thursday of the month** at **2:30pm** in the **Castle Centre** until May. Field trips are organised over the summer. This group is now full. To be added to a short waiting list, please contact Janice, and regarding speakers, please contact Paul. The May speaker is Bob Godfrey on 'William Watts, a 19th Century Parracombe man of many parts'. ~Paul & Janice

**DINING EXPERIENCE** - Lynden Davies. No report this month. ~Lynden

**HOLIDAYS** - Kim Conibear. **Northumberland** on **Monday 11th to Friday 15th May**. ~Kim

**MUSCLES MATTER** - Gail Lucas Brumby. **St Peter's Church Hall, Fremington, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, 1st Wednesday each month**. Ideal for members who are interested in improving muscle movements and mobility through a variety of simple, gentle, and effective massage techniques and stretches. Including foot and hand soaks, inhalations, face massage for sinus, jaw and neck pain etc. A fun couple of hours, often working in pairs, to release muscle tension and improve your quality of movement. Contact Gail for more details. ~Gail

**PRACTICAL GARDENING** - Diana Betham, Veronica McLaughlin. Our group will be meeting at **North Devon Hospice, Deer Park** on **Thursday 14th May** at **10:30am** for a tour of their gardens. We will be holding our Plant Sales and Magazine Swap after our tour. Admission is free but we hope we will all be enjoying their hospitality in the café.

The interest from our members is very good. There is a waiting list to join this group. ~Diana

**RAMBLING** - Pauline Newbound, Barbara Hewis. No report this month. ~Pauline & Barbara

**READING SHAKESPEARE ALLOWED** - Bob Godfrey. An ALERT! If you are reading this and are interested please don't hesitate to contact me any time. Reading together is a most rewarding and supportive activity. No special knowledge of Shakespeare is necessary. All necessary reading material is fully provided. We meet on the **3rd Wednesday of the month 2:00pm to 3:30pm** at **Fremington Methodist Church, Old School Lane, Fremington**. ~Bob

**ROAMERS** - Sue Taylor. Barbara will be leading this walk, on her birthday. Please meet at **Dartington Glassworks in Torrington at 10:30am**. We will walk approximately 4 miles around the common and back. Please BYOFAD. New members always welcome. ~Sue

**RUMMIKUB** - Paul Boden. The next Rummikub session will be **Friday 15th May** at the **New Inn, Fremington**. Meeting at **12:00 noon** with play commencing at 12:15pm. Meals are available to order after the session should you want to stay for lunch. It is advisable to pre-order your meal at the bar for serving at 2:00pm. Due to demand, I will be looking at opening a **second Rummikub group** on the **3rd Friday of each month at 3:00pm** (same day as the existing group). This will mean having two sessions, one at 12:00 noon to 2:00pm and a second group from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. If you are interested in playing, please let me know, and I will add you to the new session. Expected start date of the two sessions will be from the **19th of June**. If current members want to change to the 3:00pm session, please let me know. ~Paul

**SEQUENCE 1 AND 2** - Paul Boden. The Sequence group still has places for anyone that would like to Join. If you are interested in joining, please let me know, and I will place you on our group list. Once we reach our membership threshold, you will be placed on the waiting list. The next Sequence session is **Friday 1st May** at the **New Inn, Fremington**. There are two group sessions. **Group 1 at 12:00 noon** and **Group 2 at 3:00pm**. Existing members have been allocated their group times. Check with me if unsure. I will contact each group by WhatsApp prior to the date. Meals are available to order after the session should you want to stay for lunch. ~Paul

**SHORT MAT BOWLING** - Richard Taylor. We meet at **Christ Church Hall in Braunton once or twice a month**, on **Tuesdays from 10:00am to 12:00 midday**. All the bowling equipment, tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. Parking is free on site. The cost will be £3 or £4 per person, depending on numbers. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us for some bowling and a chat. We have space for some new members, so come and give it a try. ~Richard

**SHORT TENNIS** - Marjorie Sargent, Sue Morley. We play on **Wednesday mornings** at the **Tarka Tennis Centre** from

**11:00am until 12:00 noon**. We have no vacancies at the moment, but please get in touch if you have had any experience of tennis and would be interested in coming along to see how we play short tennis. We can then put you on our waiting list. ~Marge & Sue

**SKITTLES** - Doug Saunders, Patrick Kift. Due to the sudden closure of the Agricultural Inn, our monthly Skittles events have now been relocated to the **Muddiford Inn, Muddiford**. The next event is scheduled for **Friday 15th May (7:00pm start)**. At the March event, Mick Conibear top scored in the men's competition. The ladies event was won by Brenda Stanley, and the killer event was won by Doug Saunders. We are almost at the maximum number of members for this group so new applicants may need to go onto a waiting list. If you are interested in participating, please contact Doug Saunders or Patrick Kift. ~Doug & Patrick

**STROLLERS** - Kim Conibear. The next Strollers walk will be on **Tuesday 5th of May**. We will meet at **11:45am** in the **car park of St John's Garden Centre, Ashford** for a short walk, returning to the garden centre for lunch. The walk will be led by Wendy. ~Kim

**SUNDAY LUNCH** - Carol Smith. The Sunday Lunch Group meets on the **2nd Sunday in the month** for lunch and a chat at various venues in and around Barnstaple. If interested in joining please contact Carol. ~Carol

**TABLE TENNIS** - Janice and Bob Godfrey. We meet **every Thursday morning, 9:30am to 11:30am** (NOTE new finish time) at the **Tarka Centre**. We now have a couple of places available. If there's anyone out there wishing to join the group you would be very welcome. Do please contact us first. Some experience of playing (however long ago!) is desirable. ~Janice & Bob

**TEN PIN BOWLING** - Brian Tilbury, Doug Sanders. We meet during school term times, **every Wednesday at 1:15pm** inside **Let's Go Bowling, on the Braunton Road, Barnstaple**. We are very keen to see new members and are happy to allow the lane bumpers to be in play for new players wanting to give it a go. At £9.00 for two games, it's very good value for money. We also have a once a month social gathering after playing in the comfortable cafeteria/bar area. The Easter holidays meant there was only one session since the last report and Doug Saunders top scored with 297. ~Brian & Doug

**TUESDAY LUNCHEON GROUP** - Trish Lilley. Our next lunch at **The Williams Arms** will be on the **19th May**. For those who have not already booked please contact me by email or telephone by the **16th May**. ~Trish

**WANDERERS** - Sue Taylor, Wendy Walmsley. Lynden is leading this walk. Meet at the **Park and Ride behind Park School at 11:00am**. We will walk over the old railway bridge, along the river, back across Barnstaple long bridge, through Rock Park then back to the car park. Then lunch at St. John's Garden Centre. New members always welcome. ~Sue & Wendy

**WINE APPRECIATION** - David Rowe. The Wine Appreciation Group continues to meet on the **1st Friday of each month**, in **Room 3B** of the **Barnstaple Library**. ~David

**WOODCARVING** - Fred Barrow. **Weekly, Wednesday mornings 10:00am to 12:00 noon**. I have 2 or 3 spaces so please contact me if you are interested in joining us (see Contacts List for contact details) ~Fred

### CALENDAR - May/June 2026

**Coffee Mornings:**

Monday 4th May - **NO COFFEE MORNING AS IT IS A BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 1st June (AGM - hosted by the Trustees)

- 10:30am - Roundswell Community Hall

**June Newsletter Deadline:** Deadline for entry of events occurring **after Monday 1st June - THURSDAY 14th May**.

Group	Day	Date		Time	Venue/Information
		May	June (Subject to Change)		
Allotment 21	Monday	TBN	TBN	10:30am	Barnstaple Coffee Shop
Amblers	Tuesday	12		11:00am	Velator Quay Car Park, Braunton TBN
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Art	Thursday	7; 21	4; 18	9:30am	Methodist Church Hall, Rhododendron Avenue
Badminton	Tuesday	5; 12; 19	2; 9; 16; 23; 30	9:30am	Tarka Leisure Centre
	Thursday	7; 14; 21	4; 11; 18; 25	2:00pm	
Book Club	Monday	25	22	10:30am	The Bike Shed, Barnstaple
Bookworms	Tuesday	26	23	10:00am	Barnstaple Library
Breakfast Club	Wednesday	6		9:30am	Tea By The Taw TBN
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Canasta	Monday	18	15	2:00pm	Beechfield Centre, Fremington
Coffee Mugs and Teapots	Wednesday	20	17	10:30am	Arti's Too! Cafe, 20 Cross Street
Creative Craft	Tuesday	5	2	10:00am	Fremington Methodist Church Hall, Old School Lane
Creative Writing	Thursday	14	11	10:30am	TBN
Cribbage	Friday	8; 22	TBN	3:00pm	The New Inn, Fremington
Current Affairs Discussion 1	Thursday	7	4	10:15am	Barnstaple Library, Room 3D
Current Affairs Discussion 2	Thursday	28	25	10:00am	Roundswell Community Centre
Dancersize	Tuesday	5; 12; 19	TBN	10:00am	Church Hall, Fremington
Day Trips By Coach 1	Thursday	21		TBN	Dartmouth St Ives
			18		
Day Trips By Coach 2	Wednesday	27	No Trip	TBN	Barrington Court and Montacute House NT
Design & Make I - Ladies	Friday	29	26	9:30am	Group members know venue
Design & Make II - Gents				2:00pm	
Devon History	Thursday	7		2:30pm	Castle Centre, Barnstaple
			4	TBN	TBN
Dining Experience	TBN	TBN	TBN	TBN	TBN
Holidays	Monday	11		TBN	Northumberland
Muscles Matter	Wednesday	6	3	2:00pm	St Peter's Church Hall, Fremington
Practical Gardening	Thursday	14		10:30am	North Devon Hospice
			11	10:15am	Beechfield Centre, Fremington
Rambling	Monday	11	8	TBN	TBN
Reading Shakespeare Allowed	Wednesday	20	17	2:00pm	Fremington Methodist Church, Old School Lane
Roamers	Monday	25		10:30am	Dartington Glassworks, Torrington
			22	TBN	TBN
Rummikub	Friday	15	19	12:00nn	New Inn, Fremington
Sequence 1	Friday	1	5	12:00nn	The New Inn, Fremington
Sequence 2				3:00pm	
Short Mat Bowling	Tuesday	19	TBN	10:00am	Christ Church Hall, Braunton, EX33 2EA

## CALENDAR - May/June 2026 (Continued)

Group	Day	Date		Time	Venue/Information
		May	June (Subject to Change)		
Short Tennis	Wednesday	6; 13; 20	3; 10; 17; 24	11:00am	Tarka Leisure Centre
Skittles	Friday	15	19	7:00pm	Muddiford Inn, Muddiford
Strollers	Tuesday	5		11:45am	Car Park, St John's Garden Centre, Ashford
			2	TBN	TBN
Sunday Lunch	Sunday	10	14	TBN	TBN
Table Tennis	Thursday	7; 14; 21; 28	4; 11; 18; 25	9:30am	Tarka Centre, Barnstaple
Ten Pin Bowling	Wednesday	6; 13; 20	3; 10; 17; 24	1:15pm	Bowling Alley, Braunton Road, Barnstaple
Tuesday Luncheon	Tuesday	19	16	12:00nn	The Williams Arms, Wrafton
Wanderers	Tuesday	12		11:00am	Park & Ride, behind Park School
			9	TBN	
Wine Appreciation	Friday	1	5	2:00pm	Room 3B, Barnstaple Library
Woodcarving	Wednesday	6; 13; 20; 27	3; 10; 17; 24	10:00am	Woodville, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

## ANNUAL TRIP - SIDMOUTH and SEATON WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE

Dear Members

I'm now in a position to announce to you this year's Annual Coach Trip will be to **Seaton and Sidmouth** on **Wednesday 3rd June**.

Firstly though, I totally understand the short notice I'm putting forward to you is not ideal, which I can only apologise for. I do hope that your diaries are free and you are able to come and join us. A lot of preparation work has already been undertaken which I'm truly grateful for. Using this information I can now give you an itinerary for the trip which is as follows:

Coaches will leave Barnstaple taking you to Seaton Tramway Station, tickets have been reserved for the 11:40am tram from the Seaton Tramway Station, taking you to the Colyton Station arriving at 12:10pm. Colyton is an old Victorian station which you can walk around, with a shop and café facilities available. The return tram leaves Colyton Station at 1:20pm, arriving back at Seaton Station at 1:50pm.

The coach will then leave Seaton taking you to Sidmouth arriving around 2:30pm, where you will have free time to look around Sidmouth. The coach will leave Sidmouth around 4:30pm arriving back to Barnstaple for 6:00pm.

**The costs:** Coach cost £4.50; Seaton Tramway cost £12.90; **Total cost £17.40.**

To reserve a place please comeback to me by **Friday 1st May**. Coach pick up points are yet to be sorted. Places at the moment are limited to two coaches.

Once again I apologise to you for the timescale I'm giving you.

Kind regards  
Martin Allison  
Chair

## DINNER AT GRANDMA'S

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating straight away.

"Johnny, wait until we've said our prayer" his mother reminded him.

"I don't have to" the little boy replied.

"Of course you do" his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house" Johnny explained. "But this is granny's house and she knows how to cook."