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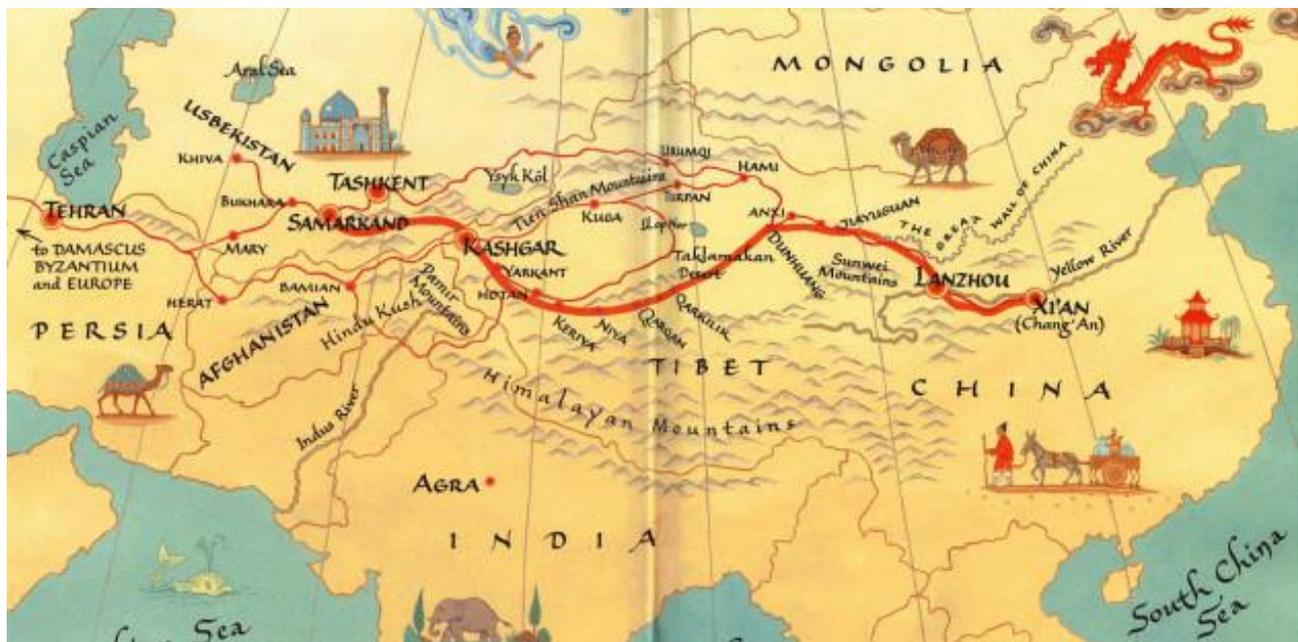
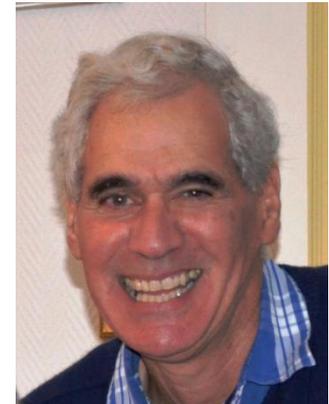
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This month's meeting:

Thursday 18th

Ian Gasper

The Silk Roads



Diary Dates

Opera Group 1 meets next at Mary Logan's: 9.30am on 9th November.

Singing Group will meet in the Parish Rooms at 2pm on Friday 2nd and 16th November and on Friday 7th December.

The theme for the **Art Appreciation** Group's meeting in November will be "Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year 2018" and the host will be Jane Whitehead: 10am Tuesday 13th November.



Would you like to receive the Third Age Matters and Sources Magazines quarterly? It's a very interesting magazine, full of ideas and information. If you would like to continue to receive this publication, or be added to the distribution list, please add your name to the Register at the meeting or contact Jane Whitehead. Cost is £2.50pa.

The Newsletter is produced 3 days in advance of each monthly meeting.

If you have any stories or contributions for the next edition, please contact the editor by the second Thursday of the month: newsletter@westdartmooru3a.org.uk

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Malaga – Art Sally & John Morgan

Three members of the Art Group (and one husband) made an art-themed visit to Malaga, the main attractions being the Picasso museum, the Carmen Thyssen museum of Spanish art and the Museum of Malaga. Unexpectedly, we were also able to visit a temporary exhibition of work by Andy Warhol portraying his fantastic use of different media.

Included in a visit to the Cathedral was an exhibition of ecclesiastical sculptures from medieval to modern times, held in the Bishop's Palace – a beautiful building with an interesting tiled patio – an absolute haven of peace.

As well as this wide range of art treasures, we enjoyed the warm weather and good food eaten outdoors – all in all a great trip.

Our umbrella body, the **Third Age Trust**, has a new chairman: Ian McCannah. He writes in *Third Age Matters* about the **half-dozen strategic aims** which will guide his stewardship.

You may be interested to know them:

- * Creating a relevant online presence by further adoption of digital technology.
- * The "U3A" name.
- * Raising the Trust's profile with the print and social media.
- * Raising the Trust's profile externally with national institutions that have a third age interest.
- * The future national and regional growth of the movement.
- * How the plan can be implemented and funded.

A working group is preparing recommendations in relation to these aims.

(What will they say about the name U3A, I wonder?)

Implementation is expected from early 2019.

Watch this space!

Book review (RB): David Lemon, *The Poacher* (2016).

July's talk on *The African Elephant* by David Lemon gripped us all. His novella *The Poacher* is just as good. The story focuses on one event – the downing of a light aircraft skillfully ditched by its female pilot on the edge of a mighty Central African river. Heavy rain renders the access tracks near-impassable. The crash-scene now becomes the magnet for five threads of action: a wiry native poacher rushing furtively home; a posse of soldiers tracking him intent on execution; and three separate rescue-parties seeking the stranded pilot. If rapidly developing sepsis did not sufficiently threaten her life, she is further endangered by a very hungry lion and a great bull elephant. Does she survive? Of course. Is there a love interest? Yes. Does anyone die? Yes. And it's not the bull elephant. The book's title signals a profound moral issue underlying the drama: can there be such a thing as an innocent wild-life poacher? This feel-good tale is perfect for a rainy afternoon.

Winter Warmer
ideas welcome!

Cornish place-name riddle:
The Reptile – where is it?

Next month's meeting: Tom Soby "Curious Cornwall", 15 November

Answer: The Lizard