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Thought for the day

The Pessimist complains about the wind
The Optimist expects it to change
The Realist adjusts the sails

from Steve Ward

A Message from your Chairman

Dear Members,

Easter has come and gone. What a lovely warm and sunny Bank Holiday; let's hope the next ones will be just as good. Ron and I spent Monday afternoon at Greenway. It was beautiful with the magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons and banks of primroses all in bloom.

I hope everyone who attended our 10th birthday celebration enjoyed the morning with Tony Beard; he mentioned us on his Sunday morning show on Radio Devon. There will be a few photographs on display near the notice boards for you to see. Photographs have been sent to the U3A magazine and they should be in the June issue and to the Herald Express.

If anyone has any photographs or interesting things they have done in their groups, would you please let me have the information as I would like to keep an archive of the past year.

Barbara

Barbara Collins

Trip to see "It runs in the family" at the Palace Avenue Theatre, Thursday 23rd April 2015

This is the last chance to put your name down and PAY for tickets to the above performance by the Bijou Theatre Company. There are at present 16 names for which I have not received payment.

Tickets are £8.50 (a discount from the usual £11.00 cost) and we have the opportunity to meet the cast afterwards.

I will be at the monthly meeting on 14th April and will be able to collect your cheques (made payable to Paignton U3A) or cash, if that is more convenient.

Please meet before the performance, in the foyer, at 7.15 to collect your tickets.

Norma Ellis 01803 405517

Trips & Outings & Events

Twelve members have booked for a 5 day/4 night dinner bed & breakfast coach holiday with Hemmings Holidays to **North Wales**, staying at The Hand Hotel (3*) from Sunday 23rd to Thursday 27th August for a **Canals and Railways holiday** £275. The hotel stands above the River Dee in its own beautiful garden and close to the centre of the pretty market town of Llangollen. The hotel does not have a lift or any ground floor rooms and all single rooms are now taken. Excursions include Portmadog / Ffestiniog Railway; horse-drawn boat ride to see Horseshoe Falls; Shrewsbury/ Welshpool/ Llanfair Light Railway. Details will be on the notice board should any other people wish to join the group. If you are interested, the deposit is £50.00 per person made payable to Hemmings Coaches. Contact Barbara Tel: 01803 669238

On Wednesday 29th April, we again will be hosting the **Link Bridge meeting** where bridge players from various U3A groups in South Devon will meet at the Redcliffe Hotel at 1.30pm. The cost will be £8 per person to include a cream tea. Please register with your partner for an afternoon of friendly playing. Contact Barbara Collins on Tel: 01803 669238 Email: barbara@bes1.co.uk

Messages from your committee

Following a very successful 10th birthday celebration, at our meeting in The Redcliffe Hotel, we would like to thank those who joined us, also those who contributed to its success. Special thanks must go to Barbara, our Chairman, who made such delicious cakes and Dennis Taylor who did such a marvellous job of decorating them. Brenda Russell

Membership renewal is due from 1st May. Those who have not renewed their subscription by 1st June will have their membership revoked. The new 2015 membership card is your proof of receipt of payment.

Forthcoming General Meetings

General Meetings 2nd Tuesday monthly 11.00 a.m. with coffee from 10.15a.m.
Meetings are at the Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Drive, Paignton.

Third Age Trust News

TAT is running a Photographic Competition to be judged by Amateur Photographer magazine. The subject of entries is **Britain's Wildlife** with a closing date of 31st August 2015. Details will be displayed at the monthly meeting or ask Ron Collins.

Groups' News

I have been asked to remind group leaders, members and guests of the Paignton U3A rules **regarding charges for participation in group activities.**

Members and guests attending groups held in other members' homes are to make a donation of 50p towards the cost of coffee/tea and biscuits.

Group meetings held in hired rooms must be self-funded by those attending the group whether members or guests.

Guests (whether members of another U3A or not at all) may attend two members' monthly meetings and/or, with the group leader's agreement, attend two meetings of a group activity session. In each case they will be charged the same as Paignton U3A members.

If members of another U3A wish to attend further meetings, they may become Affiliated Members by paying the current Paignton U3A membership fee less the Third Age Trust capitation fee.

New POETRY FOR FUN & LETTERS GROUP

Would you be interested in a poetry group? If so, there will be a list at the April AGM. We already have some interest. Venue and time to be agreed. Contact Mona Gee on 552055 or email colandmo@btinternet.com.

New SKITTLES and DARTS

Skittles will be on Monday 20th April at the Parker Arms on the corner of the road to Stoke Gabriel in Collaton St Mary, meeting in the bar at 5.30pm. The skittle alley is behind the pub. There is no charge for the use of the alley, but they will expect you to buy a tea or coffee or a drink. The pub is also doing two meals for £10.00. I am reliably informed that the food is good. Chris Short who many of you will know through Guides Dogs for the Blind has very kindly said she will be our instructor as I am sure there is far more to skittles than just hurling a ball down the middle of the lane. Do come along, it should be fun. There is a dart board in the bar if you would care to do that after skittles. If interested contact Barbara 01803 669238

New BREAKFAST CLUB

The first meeting of the breakfast club was held at the 'Talk of the Town' with 10 people enjoying the Wetherspoon's hospitality and keen prices, with plenty of conversation. The next breakfast will be on Friday 1st May 2015 at 9-30am at the same venue, 'Talk of the Town, Torbay Road, Paignton', tables will be booked at the quieter park end of the premises. Please let me know if you intend coming so that I can book them. (I will be varying venues once we get the breakfast club established). Hope to see you at the next one. Thanks John Ball 01803 411046

New BUS PASS GROUP

We will meet at Paignton Bus Station at 9.20am to catch the N^o120 to Kingswear at 9.30. Barbara has bought a book of tickets for the ferry which will cost 50p rather than £1.50 each way. There is 25 minutes to get to the bus stop for the N^o93 to take the scenic route through Slapton Sands then on to Kingsbridge. If we should miss it coffee in Dartmouth and a little wander around, then catch the next one which is an hour later. Time in Kingsbridge to eat, shop etc. then back to Paignton via Totnes.

Hope to see everyone who would like to come on Friday 24th April at the Bus Station Paignton. Muffin will be coming. Contact Barbara 01803 669238 if you are interested.

CHEW & CHAT

It is with regret that Sarah Malcolm has decided to stop Chew and Chat and A Listening Ear for personal reasons. Sarah has been the force of both of these activities for a number of years so she is taking a well earned rest. Chew and Chat perhaps could be reformed in a different format at a later date.

I would like to thank Sarah for all her hard work over the years in running the groups and hope she will return in the future. Barbara

DINING OUT GROUP

Eighteen people enjoyed good company at The Babbacombe Inn in March. The next meal will be on Thursday 30th April at the Tally Ho, Littlehempston. Please contact Ann Berrow, 665113 or Ann Bates 529498.

In May, there will be a change of week due to holidays, meeting on 21st May. Venue Whitfield's Bistro, Livermead. Please contact Steve & Mary Ward on 403484. Regards Jeannette.

MUSIC GROUP

The music group will be meeting on Thursday 16th April and will be led by Carole Richard who is giving a talk entitled 'A breath of wind'. An advanced notice for May 21st when Al Marconi will be giving a concert. He is a **Spanish World Fusion Guitarist**, and is well renowned. **All members of the U3A are welcome**. The cost will be £1.50 which will pay for the coffee and biscuits.

I will not be leading the music group after July, so if anyone would like to continue with it let Jo Innes-Lumsden or Barbara know. Thanks in anticipation Jo

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Another fine crop of photographs for our March competition on the theme of "Celebration of Spring". Rose Robbins was voted into first place with the black lambs visiting the milk bar and also voted into third place with her study of Snowdrops, Brian Tucker making it into second with his floral picture.

After the voting took place, the group had a discussion about the entries followed by a break for tea and biscuits. Then one of the photographs entered for this month contest was selected and using some very basic controls in Adobe Elements Software it was shown how the photograph could be improved. If anyone would like a list of the instructions please email me and I will gladly send them to you.

We are hoping to have a field trip on Tuesday 21st April to Coleton Fishacre which will mean postponing the Landscape competition until the May meeting, leaving the June competition for the Coleton Fishacre photographs. If the weather is not kind to us we will meet as usual at our house. Livermead and Preston U3A Photography Group have been invited to the field day to join us. Any Photographic Group members who will be unable to attend the field trip can enter photos from trips on other visits to Coleton Fishacre. The entrance fee is £9.90 standard or £10.90 gift aid, of course National Trust members get in free and also Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust member also get free entry. The plan is to meet in the car park at 10.30.

Keep snapping, Ron

PINS & NEEDLES

We are having to re-group. In future we will be meeting at a member's house on the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday 20th April, 10:30 – 12:30.

We would be delighted to see any of you who are interested in craft work. Ring Jean Turnbull on 403569 for more details.

QUIZ GROUP

Unusual questions were the order of the day at the March meeting resulting in a hilarious afternoon when the grey cells were certainly shaken & stirred!

The next meeting is on Friday April 17th, in Room 12 Paignton Library at 2.00pm.

Is there anyone who would like to take over the running of the Quiz Group or who will have their arm twisted?

A variety of reasons means Rosemary and I need to hand over the responsibility although we will continue to support as much as possible. We will run the quiz in April and if needed May but hope someone will take over. More info:- Sue Allen telephone 556522

TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

Our next meeting will be educational trip N^o29 to The Thomas Newcomen Museum, Dartmouth on Friday 17th April. Members can choose to travel to Kingswear by either the Steam Train from Queens Park Station, or the N^o120 Bus from the bus station, both depart Paignton at 10.30. The Group is to meet up at the Kingswear Pontoon entrance at 11.00, for the 11.10 Ferry. A detailed itinerary has been sent by usual email. Dave Hudson. 666293

WALKING GROUP

We had a lovely day for our walk in March. We took the bus to Dawlish and walked to Dawlish Warren.

Our next walk is through Scadson Wood and Occombe Wood, with a coffee stop at Occombe Farm halfway through. Hopefully the bluebells will be in full flower. We should be back at our cars by lunch time. Meet at the gate at the bottom of Old Paignton Road. Parking is on the road. If using the bus, get off at Thariks Restaurant in Preston and walk up Hollicombe Lane, which is opposite the BP garage.

Linda Nuttall is the walk leader and should be contacted on 664324 by 9am on the day of the walk, which is on 15th April - ie the day after the AGM. Norma Ellis

Contribution from our members

Little Johnny came home from school with a question for his father.

“Dad, what’s VICE?”

So Dad did his best to explain the concept.

When finished, however, little Johnny still looked puzzled.

“Why did you ask?”

“Well, I’ve just been made captain of it.” Ken Faulkner

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 28th April at 10.30am at Jasmyn House, Midvale Rd, Paignton. If members have any issues that they would like brought to the committee’s attention, please can they let Barbara know?

PAIGNTON U3A DETAILS OF GROUPS

Activity	When	M	T	W	TH	F	Time	Location	Organiser/s	Phone
Art	2nd				X		2pm/4pm	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	Wendy Leishman	522407
Ballet	Weekly					X	10am/11am	Torbay School of Dance, Totnes Road	Sarah Hope	556928
Book Club	1st				X		10-30/noon		Marion Whiter	403323
NEW Breakfast Club	1st	X					9.30am	Various	John Ball	411046
Bridge -Beginners & Improvers	Weekly				X		2-30/4pm	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	Mary Ward & Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
Bridge -Intermediate	Weekly		X				7-30/9-30	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	Mary Ward & Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
Coffee Morning	4th	X					10-30/noon	Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Dr	Judy Punshon	843780
Creative Writing	3rd	X					10am/noon	Members Home	Carole Giffen	391614
Dining Out	Last				X			Various	Jeanette Taylor	557450
Discussion Group 1	4th	X					2pm/4pm	Members Home	Audrey Kibby	666321
Discussion Group 2	4th	X					2-15/4-15pm	Members Home	Colin Porter	698377
Dog Walking	Weekly			X			10am/12-30		Sue Lewton	557040
Dress Making	2nd & 4th			X			7pm/9pm	Members Home	Pam Bushby	550229
Gardening	2nd	X					10-15/12-15	Various	Barbara Collins	669238
Genealogy	1st			X			10am/noon		Carole Giffen	391614
GENERAL MEETING	2nd		X				10-30/noon	Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Dr		
Keep on Singing	1st					X	2/3-30pm	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	Rita Wood	559793
Knit & Natter	4th			X			2pm/4pm	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	Brenda Russell	521544
Local History	1st	X					10-30/noon	Various	Diana Holdsworth	557578
Mah Jongg	3rd		X				7-30/9-30pm	Members Home	John Battison	690592
Music	3rd				X		10am/noon	Park Hotel, Esplanade	Jo Innes-Lumsden	812654
Patchwork	4th		X				10am/noon	Members Home	Norma Cox	525079
Photography	3rd		X				10am/noon	Members Home	Ron Collins	669238
Pins & Needles	3rd	X					10-30/12-30	Members Home	Jean Turnbull	403569
Play Reading	4th					X	2pm/4pm	Members Home	Wendy Penning	267734
Quiz	3rd					X	2pm/4pm	Paignton Library	Sue Allen	556522
Rummicub 1	3rd			X			7pm/9pm	Members Home	Sheila Biggs	524559
Rummicub 2	3rd			X			7pm/9pm	Members Home	Pam Bushby	550229
Rummicub 3 & 4	2nd & 3rd	X					2-00/4pm	Members Home	Gill Bowie	845116
Scrabble	2nd			X			2pm/4-30	Members Home	Elizabeth Mills	557215
Shakespeare	4th				X		10am	Members Home	Diana Holdsworth	557578
Spanish Conversation	Ad Hoc						6-8 wk-crse	Members Home	Carole Giffen	391614
Table Tennis	1st		X				2pm/4pm	Preston Con Club	Eugene Cox	525079
Train Enthusiasts	3rd					X	10am/noon	Various	David Hudson	666293
Walking Group	3rd			X			am	Various	Norma Ellis	405517
Walking with L&P U3A	1st					X			Stan	550740
Wine Tasting	1st					X	8-10pm	Various	Marie Handyside	845336

(Subject to change -please check with group leader)