



*January 2015*

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***Thought for the day***

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

***A Message from your Chairman***

Dear Members

Now that the excesses of Christmas and the New Year are over and possibly the worst of the Winter we can all look forward to a lovely Spring. Our visitors have now moved into their new home and we now have our house back.

It is amazing the flowers that are still in bloom in the garden everything from geraniums, primroses and the odd daffodil and the weeds are still growing.

I never make New Year's resolutions as I find them impossible to keep. If I tell myself I am going to give up something, it then becomes the thing I most want!

As this year will be our U3A's tenth birthday, it would be excellent to make it very special for us all. Our membership is growing with new people coming into the organisation and bringing with them many diverse interests. The March meeting will be our anniversary month and it would be lovely if Sally and Peter Grafton are able to attend as we have a special speaker Tony Beard "The Wag from Widecombe".

Wishing every one of you a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Barbara*

Barbara Collins

## ***Trips & Outings & Events***

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

Barbara is happy to organise a **short summer holiday** by coach, maybe in August. If anyone is interested in joining her and has ideas of where to go, please contact Barbara.

## ***Messages from your committee***

Please will all members notify the Membership Secretary of any **changes of address, phone number or e-mail?** Cindy Ball Tel: 01803 411046 Email: cindy1945@hotmail.co.uk

**Membership renewal** is due from April and Membership Secretary Cindy Ball will have the forms available for you to collect at the February and March meetings. Any not collected by 10<sup>th</sup> March will be posted to you.

Connie Powell has been on the committee as **Secretary** for three years and is due to relinquish this position in April. If anyone wishes to consider taking this role on, contact Connie or Barbara to find out more. You will need to be available to attend the monthly committee meeting on the first Tuesday morning of the month to take minutes and have access to a computer to send agendas/minutes to committee members.

## ***Forthcoming General Meetings***

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

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| 13 <sup>th</sup> January  | "Smuggling in Devon" Robert Hesketh  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February | "Fun in the 50s with a Recycled Teenager" Brenda Loosemore                                     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March    | Paignton U3A 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebration with<br>"The Wag from Widecombe" Tony Beard |

## ***Groups' News***

The **GROUP LEADERS' MEETING** will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Jasmyn House 10.30am - 12.30pm followed by a working lunch when tea/coffee and sandwiches will be served.

Contact Carole Giffen on 01803 391614 **Note change of date.**

It has been suggested that for the summer it might be nice to have a "**BUS PASS DAYS OUT**" **GROUP**. The idea is for anyone interested to meet at Paignton bus station for trips to Plymouth, Dartmouth, Exeter, Teignmouth etc. If anyone is interested, please contact Barbara.

### **CHEW & CHAT**

Due to circumstances, this group will recommence in the New Year on the third Friday of the month. Four course meal with choices plus coffee will be £15pp, bring your own preferred drink. We will be limiting the numbers to 14. Hope to see you in 2015. Contact Sarah on 01803 698554.

### **DINING OUT GROUP**

The dining group have met to discuss the 2015 new program. The first night out will be the Livermead House Hotel to take advantage of their "Two for One" offer. Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> at 7-00 o'clock. No need to pre-order your choices and the full menu will be available. Please ring Jeannette on 557450 if you wish to join us.

**GENEALOGY** will not take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### **QUIZ GROUP**

Happy New Year to all Quizzers. The next meeting will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, room 12, Paignton Library 2.00pm to 3.45pm. Come along & give the grey cells a New Year wake up!!

For more Info: Sue Allen 01803 556522

### **WALKING GROUP**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, we will have our annual coffee morning meeting to plan our programme of walks for the year. This will be at the Shoreline Restaurant on the sea-front, behind the Vue cinema, at 10.00 am.

Please bring along ideas, maps and books of walks in the local area, including Dartmoor.

I hope we will get a few more members this year so come along and join us to see whether you would like to join us on our walks. Your input would be welcome.

Norma Ellis 01803 405517

## ***Third Age Trust News***

### **U3A Summer Schools**

If anyone is interested in attending either school, Paignton U3A will part-fund your costs. Costs are £285 for full residential board in en-suite accommodation.

**Harper Adams University, Newport, Salop 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Choose from Art History, Creative Writing, France, Film History, Philosophy/Literature, Practical Theatre Project, Recorder Ensemble, Shakespeare and the Supernatural, What is this thing called Mathematics?

### **Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Glos 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August**

Choose from Drama, Garden Design, Golden Age of Rome, La Bella Italia, Literature, Music, Scandinavian Noir, Science, Singing for Pleasure, Writing.

A brochure will be displayed at the general meeting. More details on [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) or 020 8466 6139

### ***Contributions from our members***

Sayings from Ken Faulkner:

1. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
4. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
5. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
6. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
7. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
8. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
9. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
10. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
11. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
12. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
13. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
14. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
15. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
16. You're never too old to learn

## ***Your Committee for 2014 to 2015***

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**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
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
Chew & Chat	3rd					X	7pm	Members Home	Sarah Malcolm	698554
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
<b>GENERAL MEETING</b>	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
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	1st&3rd	X					10-30/12-30	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	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)