



*June 2015*

[www.paignton-u3a.co.uk](http://www.paignton-u3a.co.uk)

***A Message from your Chairman***

Dear Members,

I can hardly believe that we are half way through the year. The 1st June seemed more like November; it can only improve. I am the eternal optimist.

It is good to see new groups starting up. The new Poetry for Fun will be starting this month. The Skittles and Bus Pass groups will be stopping for the summer after the June's meetings and start again in September.

Carole Giffen who is the Groups' Co-ordinator will be seeing the new group leaders with their start-up packs in the next few weeks and to see if any equipment is needed for the groups. As group leaders, you can put a request to your committee if you need new or to replace equipment for the running of your groups.

Colin Porter will be taking over the Music Group for Jo Innes-Lumsdon in September. I am sure you all wish Jo a happy retirement from running the music group for the past ten years and appreciate the enormous effort, enthusiasm and dedication she has given to the group. I am sure Colin Porter will continue the success of the music group in his own inimitable way.

As from June there will be tables on the balcony near the notice boards for group leaders to sit and take monies or names for events etc. I hope this will make things easier to find the people you want.

Just a reminder that Sue Lewton and Brenda Russell are on hand to welcome new members and introduce them to a friendly face.

Brenda has also asked that if you know of a member who is ill, that you let her know so she can send a card.

I hope you will put your names down for the concert in October.

*Barbara*

Barbara Collins

**Can all members who have booked for the coach holiday to Wales in August, please pay in full by 7<sup>th</sup> July? Contact Barbara.**



## ***Groups' News***

**Some groups will be stopping in July and August and will reconvene in September but other will continue throughout the summer. Please check with the group leader.**

### **New POETRY FOR FUN GROUP**

Would you be interested in a poetry group? Our next meeting is on 19<sup>th</sup> June but we are not sure if it's always going to be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday so still need to wait until we decide. Contact Mona Gee on 552055 or email [colandmo@btinternet.com](mailto:colandmo@btinternet.com).

### **New SKITTLES and DARTS**

This will be at The Parkers Arms on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 5.30pm. This will be the last one until September as everywhere becomes rather busy from the end of June. Do come, it's good fun! Contact Barbara or Ron 01803 669238

### **New BREAKFAST CLUB**

Twelve members enjoyed a good hearty breakfast at Chandlers Restaurant Torbay Road Paignton, last Friday, so we have agreed to meet there again next month, being Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 at 9.30am. If you would like to join us please ring the organiser John Ball on Paignton 01803 411046 so that he can inform the restaurant of the numbers expected. Hope to see you at the next one. Thanks

### **New BUS PASS GROUP**

This will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We will catch the Gold Bus to Plymouth from Paignton Bus Station at 10.00am arriving in Plymouth at 11.30am. From here, you can either do some retail therapy, walk up on the Hoe or have a boat ride to see the naval ships or you could come on an adventure with us by taking a bus to the Cremyll Ferry then across to Mount Edgecombe. Wander around, have a bite to eat, then catch the bus to Kingsand and Cawsand then back to Plymouth via the ferry at Torpoint and eventually back to Paignton on the Gold Bus. The scenery is great. Please contact Barbara or Ron. List will be by the notice board.

This will be the last journey until September as the roads become very busy and rather hot on the buses with all the holiday makers. Our September outing will be to Tavistock on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> as this will be Market Day.

### **BRIDGE GROUP**

If you are unable to attend one of the bridge sessions could you please ring Mary on 403484, Mike on 606053 or John/Chris on 844363 in order to enable us to cater accordingly? Many thanks. Mary Ward, Bridge Coordinator

### **KEEP ON SINGING GROUP**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the next and last singing session as such small numbers no longer make the group viable. My thanks to everyone who turned up over the last two years. Thanks also to Harry Symons who gave of his time to play for us. We all enjoyed the experience. Keep on Singing! Rita Wood

### **MUSIC GROUP**

Colin Porter will be taking over the Music Group from Jo Innes-Lumsdon in September.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

After last month's field trip to Coleton Fishacre, we were back in Barbara and Ron's house for the May meeting. This month's competition theme was Landscapes which proved to be very popular with the group as the entries were of extremely high quality and the quantity was one of the highest we have had.

Bob Tame's Sunlit Hillside photograph was voted into first place by the group with Rose Robbins River View making it to the second position, with third place being a tie between Brian Tucker's Cottage and Chris Merry's Bridge.

The winning pictures are attached to the newsletter as a PDF file and they will be displayed on the notice board at the June Meeting and also they are now displayed on the Gallery Section on Paignton's U3A website ( <http://www.paignton-u3a.co.uk/> ).

After the customary break for coffee and sticky buns there was a short masterclass on cropping and cloning as tools to improve the composition of photographs.

The theme for the June meeting will be Coleton Fishacre (the pictures do not have to be taken on the recent field trip as some of the group were not able to make the trip). After a short discussion, the group decided the July theme would be "Animal World".

Keep snapping Ron

### **QUIZ GROUP**

I would like to thank everyone who came to support me for my first month as leader of the Quiz group. There is no meeting in June as most of our regulars are away. We will resume on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>, room 12, 2pm at Paignton Library. I hope to see all the regulars and a few new faces as well. Carol Owens 01803 551237

### **TRAIN GROUP**

Details have just been confirmed for the June Trip on the Tarka Line to Barnstaple, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This includes an optional guided railway-themed tour of the town, by the Town Crier. Other optional visits are, to the Museum, Pannier Market, or Green Lanes Shopping Centre. The train departs Paignton at 09.13. A detailed Itinerary has been sent out to the usual email addresses. David H tel:666293

## ***Contribution from our members***

YES, THIS IS US!! (maybe not all of you... but some of us)

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not try to blame others.

HOWEVER, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT senior citizens who took:

The **melody** out of music,

The **pride** out of appearance,

The **courtesy** out of driving,

The **romance** out of love,

The **commitment** out of marriage,

The **responsibility** out of parenthood,

The **togetherness** out of the family,

The **learning** out of education,

The **service** out of patriotism,

The **Golden Rule** from rulers,

The **nativity scene** out of cities,

The **civility** out of behaviour,

The **refinement** out of language,

The **dedication** out of employment,

The **prudence** out of spending,

The **ambition** out of achievement or

**God** out of government and school.

And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!!

And, we DO understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our country.

Just look at the Seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts, as they stand at attention , as our Flag passes by in a parade!

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN! Norma Ellis

## ***Your Committee for 2015 to 2016***

President – **Sally Grafton**

Tel: 01752 893503

Chairman– **Barbara Collins**

Tel: 01803 669238

Email: barbara@bes1.co.uk

Vice Chair & Groups Co-ordinator – **Carole Giffen**

Tel: 01803 391614

Email: carolegif@yahoo.co.uk

Treasurer – **Colin Gee**

Tel: 01803 552055

Email: colandmo@btinternet.com

Secretary – **Jackie Martin**

Tel: 01803 607314

Email: 1martin@talktalk.net

Membership Secretary – **Cindy Ball**

Tel: 01803 411046

Email: cindy1945@hotmail.co.uk

Programme Secretary- **Judy Punshon**

Tel: 01803 843780

E-mail: j.punshon@tiscali.co.uk

Audio Visual – **Steve Ward**

Tel: 01803 403484

E-mail: mands\_dolphin@hotmail.com

Committee member – **Brenda Russell**

Tel: 01803 521544

Newsletter Editor – **Kate Parsons**

Tel: 01803 267527

Email: kate@computerhotline.co.uk

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 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
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
Bus Pass Group	4th					X	Various	Various	Barbara Collins	669238
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
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		
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
<b>NEW!</b> Poetry for Fun	TBA							Members Home	Mona Gee	552055
Quiz	3rd					X	2pm/4pm	Paignton Library	Carol Owens	551237
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
Skittles	3rd	X					5.30pm	Parkers Arms	Barbara Collins	669238
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
Textiles/Art	4th				X		2pm/4pm	Members home, Torquay	Jackie Martin	607314
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)