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Thought for the month

The Star Thrower

A man was walking along a beach when he noticed a young boy apparently picking something off the ground and throwing it out into the sea. As the man got closer to the boy he saw the objects were starfish and the boy was surrounded by them. For miles and miles along the shore there seemed to be millions of them.

"Why in the world are you throwing starfish in the water?" he asked the boy.

"If these starfish are on the beach tomorrow morning when the tide goes out they will die", replied the boy, continuing with his work.

"But that's ridiculous!" cried the man. "Look around you. There is thousands of miles of beach and millions of starfish. How can you believe that what you're doing could possibly make a difference?"

The young boy picked up another starfish, paused thoughtfully, and remarked as he tossed it out into the waves, "It makes a difference to this one." Mary Ward

A Message from your Chairman

Dear Members,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the August break even if it was rather chilly and soggy, but hey an Indian Summer to look forward too and getting back to the groups and some interesting speakers at our monthly meetings.

Colin Porter has very kindly agreed to take over the organising of the Day Trips from me. I am really looking forward to his interesting outings.

I am very excited by our Birthday Tea in October. It would be rather fun if we entered into the spirit of a "Posh Tea" and dressed up for the occasion.

The committee has booked the Livermead Cliff Hotel for our Christmas Lunch on the **Thursday** 10th December. I know it is a long way off but Christmas has a habit of creeping up sooner than expected. The details of the lunch will be on the notice board.

See you all on Tuesday

Barbara

Barbara Collins

Trips & Outings & Events

BRITANNIA ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE DARTMOUTH on the 10th September at 2pm for a guided tour of the college and a cream tea. Could I please have your cheques for £15.00 made payable to Paignton U3A? Please would you have photo I.D. with you on the day, driving licence, passport or bus pass? If you have room in your car to give a lift, would you put your name and telephone number on the list and I will be in touch nearer the time? Barbara

BRIDGE WITH DARTMOUTH U3A Dartmouth has invited any bridge players to play bridge at the Flavel Centre on the 29th September at 10.00 a.m. and to have lunch afterwards at the Dartmouth Yacht Club. The cost is £11.50 per person for two courses (Fish & Chips or Beef Lasagne). Please have a partner. List if interested by notice board or contact Barbara Collins 669238.

As a part of our 10th birthday year, **A CONCERT OF MUSIC AND VERSE AND AFTERNOON TEA** will be held at the Redcliffe Hotel with Richard Walsh at the pianoforte. The date of this is Monday 5th October at 1.45pm for a 2.15 start with tables of 8 people. The cost will be £5.00 per person and it will be a Paignton U3A members only event as the U3A is subsidising it. It will be open to all members on a first come, first served basis. Tickets will be available at the General meeting from Barbara. This will be your last chance to get your ticket. Table plan and ticket sales by notice board.

Visit to the **Animals in Distress Rescue** Centre Ipplepen on FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list on the table at the monthly meeting. No charge but donations to the Charity [suggest £2 per person] on the day. Final details next month. Colin 698377

Possibility of Joint Livermead/Preston and Paignton U3A coach trip to the **FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM YEOVILTON** by coach to see the original Concorde, plus the last Delta Wing Bomber, numerous Helicopters, enjoy an Aircraft Carrier Experience, and learn about the future of Naval Power in UK. The trip will be approx. £ 19.50 per person. Please put names on list quickly as it depends on numbers. A deposit of £5 required in October balance November please. Colin on 698377

SHAKESPEARE'S "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" Underground at Kents Cavern 9 - 14 Nov

No seats! This is a promenade performance as theatre-goers are led around the caves by the actors. Show lasts about 70mins. The caves have an ambient temperature of 55 degrees Fahrenheit, so not cold. There will be a list near the notice board if anyone is interested. The cost is £16.00 and is limited to 40 persons per performance. Barbara

ISLE OF MAN HOLIDAY IN 2016 Hemmings Coaches have a holiday to the Isle of Man, sailing from Heysham and staying in Douglas at the Rutland Hotel. It is somewhere that I have always wanted to see. If anyone would like to join Ron and myself on the holiday that would be lovely. The dates are Wednesday 11th-Tuesday 17th May 2016. Cost is £485.00 per person with a single supplement of £65.00 per person. Something for you to think about. I will leave Hemmings brochure on the travel and trips table. **Barbara**

SIDMOUTH FOR 2016 The date will be 23rd-27th February £195 per person half board. At present there is no supplement for single rooms or for sea views. I will put details on the table near the notice board. Barbara

Is anyone interested in a short break with Dunwood Travel in September 2016, staying at Alveston Hall Hotel near **Nantwich, Cheshire** for four nights? This is a Warners Hotel and entertainment and excursions are included. List on the Trips/Excursions table as usual at the monthly meeting or contact Barbara.

Forthcoming General Meetings

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

8th September John Risdon has produced a talk titled 'Visitor from France' to commemorate the bicentenary of Napoleon Bonaparte's visit to the waters of Torbay in 1815. It is a brilliant story to both tell and hear.

13th October Humorous Verse Gloria Thorne

10th November The Sequel David Snelling

8th December Coffee and Mince Pies and special guest!

10th December 1 for 1.30pm Christmas Lunch At The Livermead Cliff Hotel £19.50pp

U3A diaries

These have arrived. Carole will bring them to the monthly meeting. If you have ordered one please collect and pay her £2. She has a few spare for those who would like one.

Groups' News

New POETRY FOR FUN GROUP

Would you be interested in a poetry group? We meet on the 3rd Friday from 2.30pm. September's theme is Humorous Poetry. Contact Mona Gee on 552055 or email colandmo@btinternet.com.

BOOK CLUB

Book Group will meet on October 1st at Wendy Penning's house - 1 Bosun's Point, Roundham, Paignton. New members are very welcome to join us. Marie Handiside

BREAKFAST CLUB

August and September Breakfast Club seem to have slipped by very quickly, where we all enjoyed a meal at Hyde Park Cafe, Hyde Road, Paignton with a good attendance from our members. The next Breakfast Club will be held on Friday 2nd October 2015 from 9-30am at Chandlers Restaurant, Torbay Road, Paignton. Please let me know if you are wishing to attend so that we can advise the Restaurant. Thanks John Ball on 01803 411046. Any suggestions for other venues would be welcome.

BRIDGE

Barbara has kindly offered to run the Bridge Groups on Tuesday and Thursday for the month of September to give Mary a break. Would you therefore please ring Barbara on 669238 if you are unable to make a session so that we can cater accordingly?

BUS PASS GROUP

Our September outing will be on Friday 23rd September to Mount Edgecombe. A number of people have said they would like to do this again, as last time the weather was awful in the afternoon. Meet at Paignton Bus Station at 9.50 a.m. Contact Barbara or Ron Collins 669238

CREATIVE WRITING

This group will not meet in October. Carole

GENEALOGY

This group will not meet in October. Carole

KEEP ON SINGINGnow defunct. A final note. My sincere thanks to the happy few of regular singers, who clubbed together to buy me a farewell gift. Sing on! Rita

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

On Thursday 16th July members of the Music Appreciation Group met to enjoy Jo Innes Lumsden's presentation of "Desert Island Discs" with Colin Porter taking the place of Roy Plumley.

Sadly, Jo is stepping down as leader after many years. Together with our great friend, the late Keith Thompson, the group has enjoyed many wonderful presentations on diverse musical subjects over the years and Jo has set a standard which will be hard to maintain.

After we had heard Jo's choice of music for the Desert Island, Colin Porter had arranged a "BAFTA" style award ceremony where Jo was nominated for a variety of achievements and presented with a medal for each. Jo valiantly received her medals very graciously and was weighed down by them on their ribbons.

Jo was also presented with some gifts, to which the members had subscribed, as mementos and to show our appreciation for being a wonderful leader (see photograph). Carole

Future Music Group meetings will be under the guidance of members taking turns to choose and present a topic of their choice. The first of these will be 10am THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER at the PARK HOTEL PAIGNTON when the theme will be 'PROMS AT THE PARK'. Hosted by Colin Porter who is now overseeing the Music Appreciation Group Tel 01803 698377 colintippy@onetel.com
New members welcome and for only £2 coffee and biscuits are included.



PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Well we are back to it after the summer break. The theme for the July meeting was Animal World and as usual a great crop of photographs were entered. Voted into first place was Steve Benkel's Ducklings with Mary Ward's Bee and Chris Merry's Ape making joint second.

The theme for the Tuesday 15th competition will be Summer Shows, and October's will be photos taken within a ½ mile of the contestant's home. Keep snapping Ron

QUIZ GROUP

Just a reminder that the next quiz afternoon will be on Friday 18 September at Paignton Library, 1400 hrs. Penny Avery will be our guest quiz master so please come along to support her if you can. Carol Owens

WALKING GROUP

Our next walk will be on Wednesday 16th September. We will meet at 10.00am on Clifton Road at the junction with Colley End Road for car share. We will park at New Bridge, Dartmoor, where there is a WC and snack van. The walk is a moderate walk of about 4 miles, via Holne, where we will stop for coffee etc. at the pub or cafe. Please bring a picnic for lunch. PLEASE NOTE that the leader/contact details have been changed. Chris Merry will be leading the walk. Please contact him on 01803 553765 by 9am on the day. Norma Ellis 405517 07758 859 061

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October 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	Jasmy 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
Knit & Natter	4th			X			2pm/4pm	Jasmy House, Midvale Road	Brenda Russell	521544
Local History	1st	X					10-30/noon	Various	Diana Holdsworth	557578
Mah Jongg									John Battison	690592
Music Appreciation	3rd				X		10am/noon	Park Hotel, Esplanade	Colin Porter	698377
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
NEW! Poetry for Fun	3rd					X	2-30/4-30pm	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
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)