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A Message from your Chairman Barbara

Dear Members

Now that Easter is behind us, perhaps we can hope for a warm April and May which should raise everyone's spirits.

Next week will be our 11th AGM. This year we are going to have a speaker after the AGM has been closed. Hopefully the AGM will be short and sweet and I will try not to throw my notes everywhere. In the past there has always been a bit of a hiatus with members not quite knowing what to do afterwards. This year the committee decided to have a speaker. Robbie Robinson of The Brixham Heritage Battery talking about Exercise Tiger which happened at Slapton Sands during WWII.

Another change from the past is that we are going to have a monthly meeting at the Redcliffe on 9th August. This will be a social morning with a local jazz band High Society playing great music. If the sun is shining it would be lovely to sit outside on the terrace with a coffee or a glass of wine if not too early in the day for the latter.

See you all on Tuesday

Barbara

Barbara Collins

A Message from your Membership Secretary Cindy

Thank you to all those members who have paid their membership subscription early. If you enclosed a stamped addressed envelope then your membership card would have been posted to you. If however you did not enclose one, I have assumed that you will be collecting your membership card at the next meeting, where it will be waiting for you. Once again thank you Cindy Ball, Membership Secretary.

A Message from your Groups Co-ordinator Carole

We will be having group displays on this meeting. Will those groups who wish to display any of their research or creations on this day, please contact Carole Giffen at the AGM or on 01803 391614 so I can make the necessary arrangements.

Thought of the month: Some people aren't loyal to **you**. They are loyal to **their need** of you. Once their need changes, so does their loyalty. Brenda Russell.

Trips & Outings & Events

If you have put your name down for an event/outing and change your mind for any reason, please let the organiser know as soon as possible. We have had two trips recently where attendance was less than expected. This meant that members on the waiting list were unable to go and that the reputation of Paignton U3A was compromised.

THURSDAY 28th April Visit to DARTMOOR PRISON MUSEUM followed by a talk by the Prison Governor with a question and answer opportunity. Please meet at Preston Bus Shelter [Free Car Parking places nearby] at 10am to Car Share or at Museum 11am. If you have spare car seats available please let me know. Passengers are invited to make a voluntary donation to driver towards fuel [suggest £3pp] Admission to museum is around £5. The Guv'nor has agreed to meet us and answer any questions Please sign list if you wish to attend to give some indication of numbers to expect. Colin Porter Enquiries 01803 698377 or e-mail colintippy@onetel.com

WEDNESDAY 18th May Visit to EXETER MOSQUE. We are welcome as guests, but please observe a modest dress code, no photography and remove shoes as you enter. Observe quiet in the Prayer Hall. Try not to walk in front of worshippers as this would be impolite. The Imam will give a short talk and answer questions towards a better understanding of Islam.

There is no fee but an opportunity to make a donation towards tea and biscuits invited. Meet outside John Lewis at 12.50pm and we will walk from there (about a quarter of a mile) or meet outside the Mosque in York Street 1.10pm There may be limited parking on site, or use the public car park opposite. Please sign list if you wish to come with us. Colin Porter Enquiries 01803 698377 or e-mail colintippy@onetel.com

MONDAY 6th June FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM YEOVILTON. We tried to organize this last year but were eight names short to make a coach viable. Hopefully there will be sufficient interest to visit this year as it is a most interesting trip. The price should be between £20/£25 max [depending on numbers,] and please sign up without delay in order for me to make a firm reservation. Last date for booking May 10th when a £10 deposit is required. Colin Porter Enquiries 01803 698377 or e-mail colintippy@onetel.com

Forthcoming General Meetings

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

12 April AGM followed by speaker Robbie Robinson on Exercise Tiger

Devon Hills Leisure, Totnes Rd, Paignton

Devon Hills Leisure has suggested that we might like a special free U3A Open Day to try their facilities eg an aqua class or the gym or a Pure Stretch class maybe. This will be both beneficial and fun on the day and could lead to a better life-style if members took up cost-effective off peak membership. Contact Barbara on 01803 669238 if you are interested and a date can be arranged.

Groups' News

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club met at a new venue, namely The Ship Inn, Paignton, where an enjoyable meal was had; full English Breakfast for £2.99 plus £1 for unlimited tea or coffee. Those that attended agreed to hold May's meeting at the same venue, so Friday 6th May 2016 at 10am. Meet at The Ship Inn, Manor Road, Paignton. The following meetings will be on Friday 3rd June at Hyde Park Cafe, Hyde Road, Paignton and Friday 1st July at Chandlers, Torbay Road, Paignton. If you would like to join us give the organiser a call, John Ball on 01803 411046.

BRIDGE GROUP

Bridge will be upstairs at the Paignton Club Thursday 5th May for council elections and on Thursday 23rd June for the European Election. Same time 2.15pm for 2.30pm.

There will be no bridge the week of 9th-13th June on the Tuesday and Thursday as the seafront road will be closed and no parking at the Paignton Club because of the Air Show. Things back to normal the following week. Contact Barbara 01803 669238

BUS PASS GROUP

The weather now getting a bit warmer and we are restarting the bus pass group for a visit to Royal William Yard Harbour, Plymouth. The Grade 1 former Royal Naval victualling buildings are coming alive with cafes, bars, restaurants, museum, art galleries, offices and residential spaces.

On Friday 22nd April, catch the 10.00 Gold Bus to Plymouth from Paignton Bus Depot (leaves Torquay at 9.40am). This is usually a popular bus so early arrival is recommended; the journey to Plymouth takes about an hour and a half. Then catch N^o. 34 bus from stop A2 on Royal Parade, Plymouth for the Royal William Yard; they run every 15 minutes. The trip takes about 10 to 15 minutes.

Return Trip. Catch N^o. 34 bus to Plymouth, get off at Royal Parade. Cross over to the other side of the road and catch the Gold bus for Paignton/Torquay at bus stop A13; (they leave on ten and 40 minutes past the hour). Contact Barbara 01803 669238.

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

After a member in our group saw an advert in a magazine for twiddle-muffs, (these are for people with dementia or Alzheimer's disease who have cold and restless hands), we decided as a group to knit some for our local community. After the group knitted well over a hundred twiddle-muffs we held a presentation in March to which we invited Miss Wendi Bennett, who runs some Memory Cafes in the Torbay area specifically for people with Alzheimer's and memory loss where these will be distributed. She gave us a short talk on the work she does after which we all had a lovely afternoon with tea, cakes, sandwiches and a good old chat. All in all a very successful afternoon. Mrs Brenda Russell

LUNCH CLUB

We meet every second Wednesday, the next meeting being on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at The Preston Conservative Club, Torquay Road, Paignton 12 for 12-30. Menu choices required so please ring Cindy on 01803 411046. (no need to be a member of the Conservative Club). The lunch for May will be held at the Babbacombe Inn, Babbacombe, Torquay, on Wednesday 11th May, 2016. Please contact Cindy if you would like join us on 01803 411046.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

We welcomed Jane Brunt to her first visit to the group. We only had 10 entries to this month's competition on the theme of "Indoor Photography". Bob Tame's photograph of a group of knitted hedgehogs was voted into first place with Martin Betts' shots of a crystal ball and a seagull took second and third place. After a

short break for coffee and a sticky bun we had a short demonstration of mounting photographs ready for framing. April's theme is "Easter" and May's theme is "Dereliction".

Keep snapping. Ron

SKITTLES

Monday 18th March at 5.30pm at Parker's Arms, Totnes Road. Everyone welcome come along and have some fun. Contact Barbara 01803 669238

SPANISH CONVERSATION

I will try and start the Spanish Conversation again later this month. Please let me know if you are still interested and which day would be the most convenient. I used to run the course on a Wednesday afternoon 4-6pm, but I know that some of you found that difficult. I will choose the most popular day. If you can't come to put your name down at the AGM, then please call Carole Giffen on 01803 391614.

WALKING GROUP

We had a bright day for a very enjoyable walk through the local woods in March - too early for bluebells but plenty of catkins on the trees.

Our next walk will be on Wednesday 20th April through the grounds of Lupton House and maybe further afield. Meet at 10.30am at the entrance to Lupton House. There is parking there but be aware that the long drive is full of pot-holes. Buses to Brixham stop opposite the house entrance. Linda Nuttall will be leading this walk. Please contact her on 01803 664324 or mobile 07981950615 by 9am on the morning of the walk. There is a small café at the house but we should have finished the walk by lunchtime.

Norma Ellis

Contributions from our members

“Mr. Clark, I have reviewed your case very carefully,” the divorce court judge said, “And I’ve decided to give your wife £575 a week.”

“That’s very fair, m’lud,” the husband said. “And every now and then I’ll try to send her a few pounds myself.”

Mary had a little lamb
Her father shot it dead.
Now it goes to school with her
Between two chunks of bread.

Ken Faulkner

Your Committee for 2015 to 2016

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd May 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	3rd				X		10am/noon	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	Barbara Collins & Mike Jeffs	669238 606053
Bridge -Intermediate	Weekly		X				7-30/9-30	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	Barbara Collins & Mike Jeffs	669238 606053
Bus Pass Group	4th	Restart in Spring				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	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	Brenda Russell	521544
Local History	1st	X					10-30/noon	Various	Diana Holdsworth	557578
New Luncheon Club	2nd			X				Various	Cindy Ball	411046
Mah Jongg	2nd			X			2.30/4.30	Park Hotel, Esplanade	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								Temporarily suspended		
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
NewSpanish Conversation	Ad Hoc						6-8 wk-crse	Members Home	Carole Giffen	391614
Table Tennis	1st & 3rd		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 1	1st					X	8-10pm	Various	Marie Handyside	845336
New Wine Tasting (WAG)	2nd					X	1pm/3pm	Various	Sue Lewton	557040

(Subject to change -please check with group leader)