



*June 2016*

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***A Message from your Chairman Barbara***

Dear Members,

This is an exciting weekend for Paignton with the Air Show bringing thousands of people in to the town, let's hope the weather is good and everyone has a great time. I know some of you will groan about the inconvenience but it is only for a couple of days. The other great event that is happening this weekend is the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and the Trooping of the Colour, not a good omen for the weather! Let's hope she has some influence with the gods.

Judy Punshon has now resigned from the committee and the committee would like to thank her for the support she has given us within our U3A.

The committee have suggested a Study Day to be held at the end of October at the Little Theatre, there is parking on site and on the surrounding roads. The topic that was suggested is Devon History with some well-known speakers. Would this be of interest to you? Please let the committee know if you like the idea.

At the May monthly meeting the committee asked new and potentially new members to gather in the bar of the Redcliffe at 10.00 am to meet committee members and to find out their interests and to introduce them to the group leaders. This proved a success and we will continue this every month from now on.

See you all on Tuesday

*Barbara*

Barbara Collins

***A Message from your Groups' Co-ordinator Carole***

We will be having group displays at the June meeting.

**POSSIBLE NEW BEGINNERS' UKULELE GROUP**- see inside for more details.

Please will **group leaders ask each member of their group** whether they have renewed their membership of Paignton U3A in May and that the group register is up to date.

If your group is holding a **special event**, please let David Hudson know so he can send a report/pictures to TAM.

If you are unable to attend your group, please let your group leader know you are still interested. That way you will be welcome to return after the break for whatever reason and your place will not be taken by someone else.

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

**JAZZ CRUISE ON THE RIVER DART Sat 25 June**, leaving Steamer Quay, Totnes at 19.30, returning to Totnes 22.30pm. Tickets £25 to include Great Music from High Society plus Supper Box & glass of wine or juice. Local coach transport available or ample parking at Steamer Quay. Covered seating if wet. Contact Barbara on 01803 669238

We will be holding a **BOOKSWAP** at the General meeting in July. Please bring any unwanted books and take away any left afterwards!!

**Holiday to Alvaston Hall in September.** Please note that payment for this holiday is due by the end of June. Contact Cindy Ball on 01803 411046 for details of who and how much to make your cheque payable.

## ***Forthcoming General Meetings***

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

14 June	The Courtney family of Powderham Castle A light-hearted often humorous account of the lives, loves and vicissitudes of the Courtenay dynasty spanning almost 700 years.	Felicity Harper, archivist of Powderham Castle
12 July	I Love Comedy	Tank Sherman
9 August	Music Event	

## ***Groups' News***

### **ART GROUP**

We now have a thriving Art group. At the June general meeting we will be showing images of our members' work. There will be a board of photographic images, depicting the varied subjects they have painted. Some of our members have come back to painting after many years, and some are more experienced. They work with watercolour, watercolour pencils, acrylic and oil paints, so the results show different styles of painting. I hope you will be able to come and see their work. Wendy Leishman

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Another meeting of the club had breakfast at Hyde Park Cafe, Hyde Road, Paignton again, where eleven members enjoyed the idle chatter about the weather (as usual) and holidays. The next Breakfast Club will be held at Hammonds, Winner Street, Paignton (opposite the end of New Street) on Friday 1st July 2016 9-30 for 10am. Love to see you there. If wishing to join us please contact John Ball on 01803 411046.

### **BRIDGE GROUP**

Bridge will be upstairs at the Paignton Club on Thursday 23rd June for the European Election. Same time 2.15pm for 2.30pm. Contact Barbara 01803 669238

### **BUS PASS GROUP**

Meet up at Paignton Bus Station on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June in time to catch the 9.35am Gold Bus to Plymouth and then the X1 to Tavistock. Alternatively if you live en route to Totnes see you on the bus. I will be upstairs. Contact Barbara 01803 669238.

### **GARDENING GROUP**

The Gardening Group is very popular and we have 24 members. We meet in each other's houses and this is becoming a bit of a squeeze as you can imagine if everyone comes. There are some members of our U3A who would like to join us at our meeting. We have decided as a group that when we organise an outing to a nursery, garden centre etc. we would invite these people to join us. The other alternative is to start

another gardening group? If you are interested please contact me either at the monthly meeting or telephone Barbara 669238.

### **GENEALOGY**

There will be no Genealogy Meeting in June. Carole

### **LUNCHEON CLUB**

We met in May 2016 at the Babbacombe Inn, Torquay where fifteen enjoyed an excellent meal and service. Look forward to our next visit there and in June at the Aztec Bistro, Falkland Road, Torquay.

For the 13th July 2016 we have booked tables at The Rockfish, Brixham (Brixham Harbour) 12noon for 12-30pm. You can catch the number 12 bus to Brixham and take a short walk, (through the car park, which is level) to the Harbour. Restaurant is on the first floor with a lift available.

For the 8th August 2016, 12 noon for 12-30pm we have re-booked at the Preston Conservative Club to once again enjoy their hospitality.

Should you wish to attend either Lunch meeting please contact the organiser Cindy Ball on 01893 411046 to reserve your place.

### **MAH JONGG 1 (afternoon)**

Mah Jongg members please note: Meetings are now cancelled until September. Our next meeting will be 2.30pm on Wednesday September 14th at the Park Hotel. John Battison

### **MAH JONGG 2 (evening)**

An evening Mah Jongg group has started on the 3rd Tuesday in the month 7pm to 9pm. Tel Pam Bushby on 01803 550229

### **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

Fewer people at the May's meeting, perhaps as we were meeting a week later than usual, and it clashed with other commitments. We had quite a few entries for the competition on the theme of Dereliction, with Bob Tame's photograph of a rather run down petrol station voted into first place; he also took one of the joint second places with a picture of an abandoned winch and James Cairns getting the other joint second place with his monochrome shot of an old Land Rover parked under a bridge arch.

After a short break for some coffee and sticky buns there was a demonstration on how to manipulate a photograph in Photoshop using diffraction files to give the appearance of water where there wasn't any in the original picture.

June's competition theme will be "Texture" with the theme for July being "Movement".  
Keep snapping. Ron

### **QUIZ GROUP**

After a couple of months of high attendance our numbers have dropped a little. Please mark the date in your diaries and join us and a guest quizmaster this month. June 17th, 2pm at Paignton Library. Carol Owens

### **SKITTLES**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm at Parker's Arms, Totnes Road. Everyone welcome come along and have some fun and exercise. Contact Barbara 01803 669238

## **TRAIN GROUP**

A ride on the Avocet line, followed by the coastal trip from Exmouth to Brixham was a great day out with glorious sunny weather. We finished up with a relaxing meal in a quiet pub in Brixham.

Our next four scheduled trips start and finish at Paignton station and are as follows:

June 30th Thursday, Kingswear Castle, Steam Train and paddle steamer, river cruise to Totnes

July 15th Friday, St.Ives via St.Erth, and along the scenic St.Ives Bay Line

August 19th Friday, the Tamar Valley Line to Gunnislake and Calstock Viaduct

September 4th Sunday, the Dartmoor Railway, Okehampton to Meldon Quarry Viaduct, and lunch.

If any Paignton U3A member would like to join us on any of the above trips please contact me for details: David Hudson tel. 666293 or email to: halbutt@gmail.com

## **POSSIBLE NEW BEGINNERS' UKULELE GROUP**

Come and learn to play a very easy and fun little musical instrument. You can be playing within a short time just using three simple chords. It has been shown that learning something new and fun can keep you young- so bring out the ukulele within you.

Contact John Morgan on Tuesday 14th June at the monthly meeting or if you cannot wait e- mail- john@johnhere.plus.com.

If you have got an interest but not yet got a Ukulele, the U3A may be able to provide. John Morgan.

## **WALKING GROUP**

Last month we finally managed to do our Holne walk, delayed for a week because of the atrocious weather. We had a good day for it. This walk was new to all of us except the leader, Chris Morris, and will be worth repeating next year as it was lovely.

Our next walk..."around Churston".. will take place on Wednesday, 15th June. We will meet in the car park at the Churston Court Inn at 10 30 am where we have permission to park any cars. This 3 mile circular walk will take us across the golf course, through the woods and down to Elberry Cove, then along the coastal path to Broadsands for a tea/loo break. We will continue back up a footpath to Churston Green and along the road back to the Inn.

For those wanting to use the bus, the no. 12 will take you to the Churston Ferrers stop opposite Lupton House and then walk through the village to the Inn.

Please contact the Walk Leader, Jim Cairns, on 01803 293754 or mobile 07711 130978. Fine weather has been arranged! Norma Ellis

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

A fellow was persuaded by his wife to go and buy her a bra. Armed with the appropriate information and vital statistics he approached the young sales assistant with some trepidation.

Having stated his mission, she explained that there were three models in stock:

“The Totalitarian” - for the suppression of the masses

“The Salvation Army” - for the uplift of the fallen, and

“The Political Agitator” - designed to make mountains out of molehills.

**Ken Faulkner**

## ***Your Committee for 2016 to 2017***

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 5<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 or another committee member 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					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
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 Cindy Ball	557578
New Luncheon Club	2nd			X				Various		411046
Mah Jongg (afternoon)	2nd			X			2.30/4.30	Park Hotel, Esplanade	John Battison	690592
Mah Jongg (evening)	3rd		X				7pm/9pm	Members Home	Pam Bushby	550229
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)