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***A Message from your Chairman***

Dear Members

Let's hope Spring is really in the air. Everywhere the lovely flowers that we expect this time of year are putting on a magnificent show.

Our early Spring holiday to the Kingswood and Devorian Hotel in Sidmouth was another great success. The accommodation and the tasty food was second to none. Even the weather played ball with some lovely sunshine. It has been suggested that we have a change next Spring. Oxford and the Cotswolds, Cambridge or possibly Penzance have been suggested. If anyone has any knowledge of these places by coach I would be very interested in the details.

Last year Bernie Haggett attended the Summer School at Harper Adams University in Shropshire. The course was on Film History. Bernie wrote a little article describing the joys of attending the course and his full account is on the notice board. The details of this year's courses are also on the notice boards. If anyone is interested in attending there is a small bursary to help with expenses. Please speak to me if you would like any more details.

The Paignton U3A AGM will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> April at the Redcliffe Hotel. If any of our members would like to come on the committee please fill in your nomination forms with appropriate signatures and hand them to Jackie Martin our secretary.

As a change this year after the AGM is closed we will be having a speaker, Robbie Robinson on Exercise Tiger so the meeting will continue until 12.30 ish.

Please remember to pick up your renewal forms from Cindy Ball. The more people who can collect their forms the better as this will save postage.

See you all on Tuesday

*Barbara*

Barbara Collins

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

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** Visit **KENT'S CAVERN TORQUAY** Special Price £9.50 for conducted tour and Cream Tea Meet at Cavern 2pm. Please add your name to list. N.B. It is important to advise if you wish to cancel. Final places have to be booked and paid for in advance. Please pay at 8<sup>th</sup> March monthly meeting. Contact Colin.

**Theatre Royal Plymouth** is staging **Billy Elliot** from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February-2<sup>nd</sup> April. It has been suggested that a group might be interested in going to the matinee which is on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March or on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March** going on the Gold Bus. There are tickets available but they are spread over the entire theatre a few here and there. I suggest you look on line to see where the seats are available. The ticket prices range mid-week from £25.00 which are most probably up in the gods to £58.00 in the stalls. Barbara Collins 669238.

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> 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 9.30am to Car Share. [It would be kind that each passenger pays the driver £3 towards fuel costs]. Admission to museum is around £5. Please sign list if you wish to attend to give some indication of numbers to expect.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April** Visit to the **MET OFFICE , EXETER** for the 3pm tour. This is 'Sold Out.' If you have booked, please remember to take some photographic ID with you. Contact Colin.

**ISLE OF MAN HOLIDAY May 2016.** The balance is payable by the 30<sup>th</sup> March. I will let everyone who is going on the holiday how much they need to pay in the next few days. The cheques should be made out to Hemmings Coaches. The luggage labels and time of the pick-up will be notified two weeks before departure. Barbara

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May** Visit to **EXETER MOSQUE**. This could help a better understanding of the Muslim religion. There will be a talk by the Imam, a question and answer opportunity, and a chance to sit quietly in the prayer temple and watch. Please dress discreetly. Meet outside John Lewis at 12.45pm and we will walk from there (about a quarter of a mile) or meet outside the Mosque in York Street 1.15 pm There may be limited parking on site, or use public car park opposite. Please sign list if you wish to come with us. Colin

**ANYONE FOR HORSE RACING?** If you would like to join a party and book a place in the Paddock Enclosure at Newton Abbot Race Meeting on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June or Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** at HALF PRICE £9 [instead of £18] Phone Sarah Malcolm 01803 698544 for details.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10am Morning of Jazz** in lieu of monthly meeting. More details to follow.

**SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY: Alvaston Hall, Cheshire** (Warners Leisure Hotel) Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. Yes the holiday is definitely going with U3A members and guests. Join us at this beautiful Victorian country house near Nantwich, Cheshire. Travel by coach with Dunwood Travel, with local pick up points, comfort stops on the way to have four nights in excellent accommodation, with bed, breakfast and evening meal. Entertainment each evening and two day time excursions to Liverpool and Chester. All for £325 incl. (Insurance £15.95 pp). Upgraded rooms available. Sorry no singles left, just a twin and several doubles left. Deposits due with booking with cheques being made payable to Dunwood Travel. **For further details contact Cindy Ball on 01803 411046.**

**CLASSICAL SPECTACULAR at the ROYAL ALBERT HALL. SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November** We have just 14 seats still available to enable us to organize our own coach. Please sign up NOW and collect a booking form quickly so that the coach can be confirmed. This is a really splendid occasion not to be missed, and we have negotiated a very special price of just £150 [SINGLES +£30] which will include Coach Travel from Paignton. Ticket for the Royal Albert Hall, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at a quality hotel in London. An opportunity to shop or do as you please on the Monday morning, Sightseeing tour by coach after lunch, and maybe stopping at a place of interest on the journey. Returning to Devon Monday 21<sup>st</sup> evening. Non U3A members welcome as guests. This is being organized via an independent travel company OMEGA who has passenger insurance cover, and therefore not an exclusive U3A trip **IMPORTANT.** Please return your Booking Form quickly before **Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> March** Thank you. Further Enquiries Colin Porter colintippy@onetel.com

## ***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

8 March            Ralph Jerram            The Pun is Mightier than the Sword  
In describing the History of the Pun, Ralph Jerram offers 40 minutes of excruciating Puns, shamelessly and outrageously taking liberties with the English language, leaving you helpless with laughter or perhaps wishing the invitation to talk on the subject had never been offered.

## ***Groups' News***

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

March's meeting took place at Chandlers Torbay Road, Paignton, with members enjoying another freshly cooked breakfast, with some fine chatter, especially by the ladies. April's meeting is on the 1st (yes I know it's April Fools Day but don't, everything will be okay), yes 1st April at 10am to be held at the Ship Inn, Lower Manor Road, Paignton, who are offering a low priced breakfast. Tea or coffee is a £1 with as many refills as you can drink. If you would like to join us please contact John Ball on 01803 411046. See you there.

### **BUS PASS GROUP**

There will be no Bus Pass Group until April. Barbara and Ron.

### **New BEGINNERS' COOKERY**

We are thinking of starting a beginners' cookery class which will be held at Jasmyn House, Midvale Road. We will try and keep classes to 4 or 5 people at a time and run for 6 weeks. If you are interested in cooking or helping, please contact: Barbara Collins: 01803 669239 or Carole Giffen: 01803 391614

### **DINING OUT GROUP**

Our next meeting is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at The Palm Tree, 41 Hyde Rd., Paignton TQ4 5BP. Parking in Hyde Road. Please ask for a menu from Sheila Wenman on 844162 or Sue Lewton on 557040 and give them your choices by 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### **LUNCH CLUB**

The Lunch Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at various venues around the Bay. Last month we visited the Palace Hotel, Paignton and on Wednesday 9th March we will be meeting at the Harvester, Torquay Harbour, Torquay at 12 noon. April's meeting on Wednesday 13th April is at the Preston Conservative Club, Torquay Road, Preston, Paignton again at 12 noon (you do not need to be a member to join us!). Should you be interested please contact Cindy Ball on 01803 411046 so that tables can be reserved.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

It seems a pity to be indoors on a bright sunny day especially as we were concentrating on indoor photography. After the judging of this month's competition on the theme of "Best Photo", James Cairns took first and second place with his pictures of a rather splendid bull and an atmospheric shot of the Sydney Opera House, with Bob Tame's Tiger taking the third spot. After a quick break for coffee and some of Barbara's home-made cakes and scones we had a practical session for some ideas for indoor photography which will be the theme of the March competition with "Easter" for the April one. The winning photographs can be seen on my website on [ronaldcollins.co.uk](http://ronaldcollins.co.uk) and also on Paignton U3A web page. Keep snapping, Ron

### **QUIZ GROUP**

We were so pleased to welcome several new players again this month; membership is now at about 25. Our next meeting will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm at Paignton Library. Carol Owens

## **SKITTLES**

21<sup>st</sup> March at 5.30pm at Parker's Arms, Totnes Road. Everyone welcome come along and have some fun.  
Contact Barbara 01803 669238

## **WALKING GROUP**

The Group have now finalised a varied and interesting Programme of Walks for 2016. Please see the Notice Board or speak to the Group Leader, Norma Ellis, if you would like a copy of the Programme.

This month's walk will take place on Wednesday 16th March. We will meet at the bottom of Old Paignton Road (between Preston and Livermead, below the school) at 10.30am. Parking is on the road.

If using the bus (12, 22, Gold etc to Torquay) get off at Tarroway Road and walk up to Cockington Lane, turn right at the traffic bollard and walk about 100 yards.

We will go up through Scadson Woods and stop for coffee etc at Occombe Farm, before crossing the road and continuing down through Occombe Woods and back to the start. The walk will take about 3 hours and is not difficult but, given that it may well be muddy, good boots and a stick are advisable

Please ring me by 9am on the day if you are joining us. Norma Ellis. 01803 405517, 07758 859 061.

## **WINE APPRECIATION GROUP**

The group has six regular members who meet at different venues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 1pm. We have changed the idea of bringing our own lunch and are now going to try nibbles of cheese and biscuits/bread provided by the host of the day. As we are in the early stages of developing the group, we are open to ideas. We all contribute to the cost of the wine (currently £3 a head but this may be reduced if more people join). Our aim is to study the grape and the region that the wine comes from and to discuss the taste and flavour. Thankfully there is no exam at the end of it, just an enjoyable session. Please contact Sue Lewton on 01803 557040 for more information.

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

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Cokey" who died peacefully at the age of 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him in the coffin. They put his left leg in ..... and then the trouble started .....

## ***Reminder from your Committee***

To save embarrassment for either party, the committee is encouraging members who car share on visits etc for passengers to contribute to costs either in cash or by paying for parking or entrance as appropriate.

Membership renewal packs are available at the March General meeting together with AGM papers.

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

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 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
New Spanish 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)