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A Message from your Chairman Barbara

Dear Members,

Welcome to my May ramblings. The weather these last few days has been wonderful; let's hope this is a good omen for the summer to come.

The early May Bank Holiday last weekend was the BMAD festival on the Green here in Paignton. The weather was absolutely glorious. I have never seen so many motor bikes of every colour, make and model. Every conceivable space was taken up with the bikes. There was such a good atmosphere with all age groups from three to ninety three enjoying themselves. I even bumped into one or two of our members.

We now have a new committee with three new members, Colin Porter who has taken on the role of Speaker Secretary, David Hudson who will be our Publicity Officer for articles we would like to be put in the local paper or the U3A magazine. Dina Williams will have a roving role helping out when and where she is needed. I would like to welcome them all to the committee. Trips & Travel will be shared amongst committee members so please check who is the contact for any particular event.

As some of you may know Ida Donnelly died in April; she was ninety seven surely one of our oldest members. Her funeral was last Thursday. Ida was a great writer of limericks and poems some very funny. Many of you knew her from creative writing and her contribution to the two creative writing booklets that we published for our members a few years ago. We thought a fitting way to remember her was to have a little display of her writing near the notice board.

As a U3A we are getting more members all the time. We have decided to ask new and potential members to meet near the bar at the Redcliffe Hotel at our monthly meeting at 10.00 am where we can find out what they are interested in joining and introducing them to the group leader or a member of a group.

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. 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.

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.

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 (near to Exeter bus/coach station) at 12.45pm 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

FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM YEOVILTON. Unfortunately owing to lack of numbers it is not viable to hire a coach for the FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM as proposed on 6th June and this has to be cancelled.

However there is an opportunity to visit the **PLYMOUTH NAVAL HERITAGE MUSEUM** on **WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE.** Please add names to the list if you wish to attend this free trip. Leave on the Plymouth GOLD BUS from Torquay at 9.40am or Paignton at 10.05am or meet outside the Museum in Devonport 12.00 noon. You may like to take a picnic Lunc.h. We plan to return on the 15.40 bus which gets back to Torquay 17.30. Enquiries to Colin Porter 698377

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

Forthcoming General Meetings

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

10 May	Penlee Lifeboat Disaster	Mac Maclaren
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

BREAKFAST CLUB

Another meeting of the club had breakfast at The Ship Inn again today, where everyone enjoyed the idle chatter about the weather (as usual) and holidays. The next Breakfast Club will be held at Hyde Park Cafe, Hyde Road, Paignton on Friday 3rd June 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.

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

This month's trip is to Exmouth via Totnes on Friday 27th May. This will be a lovely scenic route and I have ordered good weather. Meet up at Paignton Bus Station in time to catch the 9.35am Gold Bus to Totnes. Alternatively if you live en route to Totnes see you on the bus. I will be upstairs. Contact Barbara 01803 669238.

DINING OUT GROUP

The venue is the Pig and Whistle, Littlehempston. The time has been changed to 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Pauline Riley and Wendy Penning will be at the monthly meeting with menus for anyone else who would like to join the group and haven't booked their place. Richard Walsh is organising this feast so contact him on 01803 520662. If answerphone please leave message.

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 April at The Preston Conservative Club where 22 of us were treated to an excellent meal and service. Look forward to our next visit there.

The next meeting of the Luncheon Club will be on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at the Babbacombe Inn, Babbacombe, Torquay 12noon for 12-30pm. Number 22 bus will take you nearby with a short walk to the front.

On the 8th June 2016 we propose to visit the Aztec Bistro, Falkland Road, Torquay, which is part of the TLH group and situated between the Derwent and Carlton Hotels. Again the number 22 bus will take you there and stops outside the Derwent Hotel, with just a short walk through the complex.

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)

Please make a note that our June meeting will be different to others, in that it will be on the Wednesday of the week before the general meeting, 8th June not the day after as is usual. Do let me know if you are unable to attend. John Battison

MAH JONGG 2 (evening)

I am considering starting an evening group to meet at my home on the 3rd Tuesday in the month 7pm to 9pm. Pam Bushby

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

In April, we were fortunate enough to have a Audio-Visual show from John Battison who had put together a slide show along with some music which those present really enjoyed. Unfortunately we only had 10 entries for the Easter competition so it was decided that there would not be any voting this month but we did we have a look and made some comments on the photos that were entered, and we finished with a short film about layers

May's contest will be on the theme of "Dereliction" ie, old fences, boat wrecks, buildings in need of a bit of TLC, even some broken pottery; in fact anything that has seen better days, so I am looking forward to some splendid shots. The theme for June will be "Texture" ; everything has some form of texture eg tree bark, rocks, leaves, materials,; there will some wonderful inspirational ideas.

The May meeting will be on the 24th, as I will be away on the 3rd Tuesday. We should be back to normal in June. Keep snapping. Ron

QUIZ GROUP

The May Quiz will be held on Friday 20th, 2pm at the library. Carol Owens

SKITTLES

Monday 23rd May at 5.30pm at Parker's Arms, Totnes Road. I will be away on the 3rd Monday when we usually meet. New people have taken over the Parker's Arms and they have said the Skittle Alley is going to get some TLC. Everyone welcome come along and have some fun. Contact Barbara 01803 669238

TRAIN GROUP

Members enjoyed the sunny trip to Minehead in April. Our next meeting is on Thursday 26th May on the Riviera/Avocet Line from Paignton to Exmouth and then the Coastal Cruise to Brixham. The Itinerary has been sent out to group members by email.

N.B. Please note that there will not be a meeting on Friday 20th May. David Hudson 01803 666293

WALKING GROUP

We had a lovely walk at Lupton House in April. Still a bit cold but it was good to be outside.

Our next walk will be on Dartmoor, around Holne. We will meet at 10.00am at Clifton Road near the junction with Colley End Road for car-share to the start of the walk at New Bridge. From there we will walk to Holne for a coffee/loo stop before going up onto the moor. This is not a long walk, about 3 hours including stops but with travelling time from Paignton we will have a picnic lunch on the moor.

Please contact the leader, Chris Merry, by 9am on the morning of Wednesday 18th May on 01803 553765. Norma Ellis

Contributions from our members

Slip: Trip:

Nearly knocked out cold.

Grasp stick and struggle on,

Oh – the joys of being old! John Battison

True story

My colleague had just been awarded his PhD in physics and was, therefore, entitled to add the prefix Dr to his name. He discovered, however, that it was not quite as prestigious as one might suppose when he overheard his wife speaking to a friend on the telephone and saying: "Oh no. He's not the sort who does anybody any good."!!! Ken Faulkner

Thoughts for the month

Ageing Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
Steve Ward

What hath God to offer his little children stumbling in the dark?
A blind understanding Heaven replied. Mona Gee

Common Sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden. Mona Gee

Your Committee for 2016 to 2017

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 7th June 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)