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A Message from your Chairman, Barbara

Dear Members,

Autumn really has arrived. It is so much colder in the mornings and evenings and the heating has started to come on first thing. We have just had a smart meter installed; now I just know Ron is never going to stop telling me how much the tumble dryer, washing machine or my hair dryer is costing to run, but I am sure it is a good idea that we have one installed.

This year the committee has decided to have the U3A Christmas Lunch at the Hare and Hounds Kingskerswell on 9th December 12.30 For 1.00 p.m. We have tried most of the hotels in the area with varying degrees of success over the years. The Hare and Hounds is very popular and has very good reputation for food. The limit is 60 persons. More details are in this newsletter.

At the end of May this year I received an email from the Co-op Local stating that someone had put Paignton U3A forward as an applicant to be considered for their Community Fund. I had to fill in an application form stating what we would do with any money if it was forthcoming with very little time for consultation as the deadline was only a couple of days away. I wrote in 150 words why I thought we were a deserving cause and what use we would put the money to if we received any and how it would benefit our members. I suggested musical instruments and music stands and day lights and artist slopes. Surprisingly it was confirmed that we are one of the chosen charities. So please if you use the Co-op would you consider putting the token in our box? There are more details in this newsletter.

Hope to see as many of you as possible on Tuesday.

Barbara

Barbara Collins

LONGLEAT TRIP on Friday 14th October. If anyone who has booked is no longer able to come, please let Barbara (669238) or Colin (698377) know asap.

BOOKSWAP at General meeting on 8th November. Novels, autobiographies, fiction, non-fiction paperback or hardback that you think other members might wish to read. Please no dusty tomes that have been languishing in your garage for fifty years!

2017 U3A diaries will be available at October's General meeting for £2 each.

Co-op Local Community Fund

Paignton U3A has been successful in its application to be sponsored by the Co-op Local Community Fund. On the 21st September, the Co-op re-launched its Co-op Membership and its members will receive their new cards and will be able to choose a cause in their communities to support. Every time members choose Co-op branded products and services in the 7 local Co-op shops and 3 funeral parlours and use their Co-op Membership card, 1% of what they spend will go to their chosen cause until March 2017. We plan to use the money buy musical instruments and arts & crafts items.

Trips & Outings & Events

Longleat House and Safari Park, Friday 14TH OCTOBER. Meet at Garfield Rd Coach Stop at 8.30am. Returning about 6.30pm. As many will probably prefer to sit towards the front of the coach, it might be difficult to please everyone. Please do not get on the coaches before we check names and sort out the seating. Thank you for your cooperation. If anyone who has booked is no longer able to come, please let Barbara (669238) or Colin (698377) know asap.

Royal Albert Hall Musical Spectacular Leaving **Sunday 20TH NOVEMBER** at 8.30am for Bristol and returning Monday 21st November at about 9.30pm. I now have a few unexpected vacancies (1 double room £160 pp and 2 single rooms £190pp). This includes coach travel, Front Row Circle seats for Royal Albert Hall Musical Spectacular; Dinner Bed and Breakfast at Holiday Inn, Heathrow; visit to Houses of Parliament on Monday morning; brief tour of London to see the Sights and Christmas lights. There are options to visit SS Great Britain in Bristol (£9 pp) on Sunday and/or Windsor Castle (£16.50) on Monday. **Please contact Colin asap either if you are interested in the vacancies or if you are already booked but would like to add on either of the optional visits.** Tel 01803 698377 Email: colintippy@onetel.com

Christmas Lunch will be held at the Hare & Hounds, between Torquay and Kingskerswell on **Friday 9th DECEMBER** at 12.30 for 1pm. The cost is £18 for two courses including £1 gratuity. Option to have 3 courses if wanted. Tables will be of eight; make up your own tables. There will be a limit of 60 places so to secure your place, please give Barbara a £5 deposit before the end of October. A free bottle of wine between six if deposits received by the end of October. The menu choices are on page 5 of the newsletter and once deposits are paid then menu choices will be needed. Barbara Tel 01803 669238

A Study Day will be held on **Friday 17th MARCH 2017** at the Redcliffe Hotel with Devon History as the theme. More details later.

Inter U3A Quiz

The Paignton team of Sue Allen, Carole Giffen, Marie Handyside and Val Treeby won the Inter U3A Quiz this year which was held at the Central Church in Torquay, hosted by last year's winners Torbay U3A The team was supported by Carol Owens, the Group Leader of our Quiz Group who also attended the event. This means that we will be holding the event in Autumn 2017 and details will be given later next year.

Well done!

Forthcoming General Meetings

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

11 October Jim Causey Devon Historical & Hysterical (change of speaker)

8 November Jenny Paten Paignton Zoo Now and then

13 December Peter Baffles Magic Show

Groups' News

GROUP LEADERS' LUNCH

The next Group Leaders' Lunch will be held on the morning of Wednesday 25th January 2017 at Jasmyn House. further details will be given nearer the time.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Next meeting will be Friday 4th November, 9.30am at the Grand Central, Torbay Road, Paignton which is on the corner of Garfield Road.

December's meeting will be on Friday 2nd December, 9.30am at the Isaac Merritt, Torquay Road, Paignton, near the main Paignton Post Office.

If you are interested in joining us please give the organiser John Ball a call on 01803 411046.

BUS PASS GROUP

The outing is to Tiverton on Friday 28th October. Meet outside Debenham's The Strand Torquay in time to catch 11am X46 bus to Exeter arriving 12.06 then the Tiverton Bus from bay 4. All welcome for this adventure. Contact Barbara 01803 669238

CREATIVE WRITING

There will be no Creative Writing meeting in October.

LUNCHEON CLUB

On Wednesday 19th October (a week later than normal), we will meet at The Premier Inn, Goodrington Sands, Paignton. There is a car park or the number 12 bus stops on the main road, a short walk into the restaurant.

On Wednesday 9th November, we will meet at the Old Manor Inn, Old Torquay Road, Paignton. Again there is a car park with bus services along Torquay Road, Paignton stopping a short walk away.

On Wednesday 14th December, the lunch will be at the Devonshire Hotel, Parkhill Road, Torquay. There is parking and a bus service (No. 62) from the Strand to the Hotel. This event will cost £18 as this is a three course meal, followed by afternoon entertainment, with tea/coffee and mince pies before leaving. Hope you can join us.

If you wish to attend any of these venues please contact Cindy on 01803 411046.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Three weeks into September and the weather is holding up very nicely and some of the trees are beginning to take on their autumn colours just begging for someone to take their pictures.

September's competition theme was "Water" and we had a splendid lot of entries this month. Bob Tame's photo of the Rough Seas was voted into first place, Brian Tucker's Fountains made it into second place, but we had a four-way tie for the third spot, so I had the deciding vote and James Cairns' lovely wide angle Seascape got the spot. The winning photos will be on display at the October meeting and also they will be sent as an attachment to the electronic version of this newsletter for members to look at.

October's theme is "ELEMENTS" with the November theme is "TRANSPORT".

Google have decided to give away their NIK Collection of software free of charge, previously it was charged for; it can be downloaded from <https://www.google.com/nikcollection/> This can be used either as a plug in for Photoshop Elements from version 9 or the full version of Photoshop, it can also be used as a standalone program. To get some idea what can be achieved using this software go to youtube and search for NIK collection where there will be several videos showing various aspects of this software.

With this in mind we had a short video showing one aspect of this program and after a break for coffee and sticky buns we had a practical demonstration of another of its apps. Keep snapping. Ron

QUIZ GROUP

Our next quiz is on Friday 21st, room 12 at Paignton Library, 2pm. Carol Owen

SKITTLES

The next session will be held at the Parkers Arms on the Totnes Road at 5.30pm on Monday 17th October. Everyone welcome; fun and exercise rolled into one. Contact Barbara on 01803 669238

TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

The next meeting of the Train Group will be on Friday 21st October at the Head of Steam Cafe, at Queens Park Station at 10am. This will be to discuss some possible trips for 2017 and the future of the Train Group. If any U3A member would like to join us please contact me for details: David Hudson tel. 666293 or email to: halbutt @ gmail.com

WALKING GROUP

It was a lovely sunny day for the September walk along the Exe Valley Way which started at Powderham Church and was led by Sue Morgan.

On 19th October, Audrey Wilcox will be the leader for our walk from Dartmouth to Little Dartmouth. We will catch the 120 bus to Kingswear which starts at Paignton at 10.30am. The walk is along the road to Dartmouth Castle and then continues uphill on a path. It will be necessary to take a picnic as there no cafes on the path.

Please ring Audrey on 01803 540237 before 9 am on the day if you intend to join the walk.

Norma Ellis

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 1st November 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?

Christmas Lunch 2017 Menu A @ Hare & Hounds

2 courses for £18 or 3 courses for £23 Coffee or tea £2

**French Onion Soup with Gruyere Cheese & Croutons
Chicken liver parfait with date & fig chutney & toast
Mushrooms poached in garlic, apple-cured bacon & cream
Prawn cocktail**

Goats cheese & sun-dried tomato tart

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From the carvery: turkey or beef or pork with all the trimmings

Nut & Lentil loaf with vegetable jus

Asparagus & pea ravioli with pesto & parmesan

Thai green vegetable curry & steamed rice

Beetroot & parmesan risotto

Baked salmon fillet with pea & parmesan risotto

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Christmas plum pudding & brandy sauce

Rich chocolate pot, shortbread biscuit, raspberry couli

Stilton, biscuits & plum chutney

Lemon tart with warm berries

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
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		2-15/4.30pm	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 noon	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 411046
Luncheon Club	2nd			X				Various	John Battison	690592
Mah Jongg (afternoon)	2nd			X			2.30/4.30	Park Hotel, Esplanade	Pam Bushby	550229
Mah Jongg (evening)	3rd		X				7pm/9pm	Members Home	Colin Porter	698377
Music Appreciation	3rd				X		10am/noon	Park Hotel, Esplanade	Norma Cox	525079
Patchwork	4th		X				10am/noon	Members Home	Ron Collins	669238
Photography	3rd		X				10am/noon	Members Home	Jean Turnbull	403569
Pins & Needles	3rd	X					10-30/12-30	Members Home		
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
Skittles	3rd	X					5.30pm	Parkers Arms	Barbara Collins	669238
Table Tennis	1st & 3rd		X				2pm/4pm	Preston Con Club	Eugene Cox	525079
Train Enthusiasts	3rd					X	10am/noon	Various	David Hudson	666293
Ukelele for Beginners	1st & 3rd			X			2pm/3pm	Lupton House	John Morgan	844363
Walking Group	3rd			X			am	Various	Norma Ellis	405517
Wine Tasting 1	1st					X	8-10pm	Various	Marie Handyside	845336
Wine Tasting (WAG)	2nd					X	1pm/3pm	Various	Sue Lewton	557040

(Subject to change -please check with group leader)