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Being a member of the U3A, gets me out of bed, off the streets and off the bottle!

Anonymous member of another U3A

A Message from your Chairman, Barbara

Dear Members,

This will be my last ramblings as Chairman of Paignton U3A. I have served as "The Queen Bee" for the last three years as one of our members refers to me whenever we meet. It will feel very strange having the first two Tuesdays in the month free.

The nomination papers have been handed in to the committee and it is rather disappointing that more members haven't put their names forward to stand for election.

I thought I would take this last opportunity to update you all on the goings on of my family. My uncle is home and feeling much better after his adventures in inspecting the hospitals of Goa. The second one which was very expensive he recommends, but doesn't want to visit again.

The family have settled in very well and the house no longer looks like a refugee camp but is still a work in progress which will eventually be finished.

I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes for Ron. He really has been very poorly over the last few months. At last there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel as he has been feeling much better in the last few days. Perhaps it has been this glorious weather, Torbay certainly looks lovely in the sunshine.

I took over the Chairmanship with some trepidation after Sue Lewton stood down. I have loved being chairman over the last three years and I would like to thank everyone for their help and support. I wish the new Chairman and committee every success for the future.

Looking forward to seeing you all next Tuesday

Barbara

Barbara Collins

It is always good to have new committee members with fresh ideas to run any club. The ethos of the U3A is very much self-help and a willingness to participate fully. Formal nominations for Paignton U3A committee have now closed. However, we have eight persons willing to stand but need between 9 and 12 so we will be asking at the AGM for nominations from the floor. Please consider if you can help.

Events

As a matter of courtesy, please will anyone who has booked a day trip or holiday let the organiser know if you are unable to come as soon as possible.

On Thursday 16th March a group of U3A members and guests had a '**Social with optional Skittles**' evening held at the Paignton Bowling Club. Just over thirty people attended and enjoyed a game of skittles, a quiz and a game of 'Irish Bingo'. Right at the end of the evening unfortunately one of our members fell (she was not tipsy) and broke her hip. She was attended by another U3A member Rodger Smith who is an ambulance first responder. Rodger made her comfortable then called an ambulance. She had a new hip on Friday morning and is doing well. What a way to beat the waiting list!! (she was not however on it).

The evening was further enhanced by the club having its own bar with drinks at sensible prices. All enjoyed themselves and another similar evening will be arranged for the Autumn.

John and Cindy Ball

Three National Summer Schools will be held as usual in Cirencester, Gloucestershire (14th to 17th August and 11th to 14th September) and Newport, Shropshire (17th to 20th July).

Topics covered will be Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners, France, Globalisation, History of the Workhouse, Literature- Elizabeth Gaskell, Maths, Recorder Ensemble Playing, Sexuality in the Ancient World, Creative Writing- Erotic Genre, Garden History, Latin in Context, Literature- Dickens & Great Expectations, Music before the Microchip, Exploring English Poetry 1900-1920 Shakespeare, Singing for Pleasure La Belle Epoque France 1890-1914, , Creative Writing for Radio, Drama, Exploring English, Law & Order in Anglo-Saxon England Roots of Popular Music, Opera, Spanish, Russian Revolution. Costs are £299 per person, full-board in single en-suite accommodation. More details on the National U3A website. If any Paignton U3A member wishes to attend, the committee has agreed that it is willing to offer a grant to defray some costs.

Trips and Outings

Organiser Colin Porter e-mail colintippy@onetel.com. 1 Brockhurst Park. Marldon TQ3 1LB

VISIT TO BBC South West and BBC Radio Devon Studios, Broadcasting House, Seymour Road, Mannamead, PLYMOUTH PL3 5BD **WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL**. Sorry, this is fully booked. We take the 10.05 Gold Bus to Plymouth and then the local bus no 44 to Thorn Park at about 12.30 [this will leave time to have coffee and quick lunch or picnic in Plymouth). For those driving, you need to let me know please in advance. Drivers have to make their own way to the Studios to arrive by 13.00. The suggested return bus from Plymouth leaves Royal Parade at 15.40. **Colin Porter 698377 or colintippy@onetel.com**

COACH TRIP TO WELLS AND CHEDDAR GORGE FRIDAY 19th MAY . There are only 6 places left for this trip leaving Garfield Road at 09.00am or Sainsbury's Express Torquay Road at 09.05am or Preston Bus Shelter at 09.10am. Please do not be late as we do not know who is joining at which stop and cannot wait around. Cost £16 per person which includes a one hour conducted tour of the Cathedral at mid-day. There will be time to get some lunch before moving on to Cheddar Gorge at 14.30. Returning Torbay about 6.30pm. If you have not already done so, please sign list if you would like to join us and pay Colin by 12th April (cheques payable to Paignton U3A). **IMPORTANT** If you have not yet paid please do so without delay. Any unpaid seats will be sold to others after Easter. You might like to take a packed lunch or there will be plenty of restaurants if preferred. **Colin Porter 698377.**

5 day holiday to Lincolnshire 18th -22nd September 2017 with Majestic Premier Holidays (brochure page 66) £249.99 (no singles now available)

So far 25 people have expressed an interest in a 4 night holiday (Monday to Friday) staying at the 4* Urban Hotel in Grantham. Excellent food and leisure club with indoor pool, sauna, steam room & fitness centre; entertainment on two nights. Note that the hotel does not have a lift & rooms are on both ground and first floors.

Included are all coach travel, dinner, bed & breakfast, en-suite rooms, excursions to Burghley House (Tudor mansion with gardens laid out by Capability Brown, guided walking tour of Stamford (considered England's finest town with 600 listed buildings, museum & Steam Brewery) & the Marsh villages, Lincoln City & Canal cruise (castle, Magna Carta, cathedral, cobbled streets), Boston, Spalding & Springfields Festival Gardens with outlet shopping.

This has been booked and places must be confirmed with a £50 deposit cheque payable to Majestic Holidays to me by April 12th at the latest please. There is room for a few more if you sign the list quickly. The coach company will then send full details of the balance due and pick up points etc. directly to each passenger.

Please note: This is NOT a U3A exclusive holiday and bookings are as individuals via the travel company. Contact Colin on 698377 or sign the list at the general meeting.

Free Event by Ageing Well, Torbay

Symposium of Ideas at Central Church, Tor Hill Road Torquay TQ2 5RF

Saturday 6th May from 10a.m. to 5p.m.

Join together for a free day of talks, workshops, stories, dancing, advice, arts & crafts

The no 12 bus stops right outside. Tel 01803 212638 or www.ageingwellfestival.com

Art & Poetry Competition by Ageing Well, Torbay

Theme is "Ageing Well in Torbay". Submit a drawing or painting or even a poem to Artizan Gallery, 7 Lucius St, Torquay TQ2 5UW contact juliebrandon@artizangallery.co.uk by 21st April. For full Ts & Cs visit www.ageingwelltorbay.com

Forthcoming General Meetings

General Meetings 2nd Tuesday monthly 11.00 a.m.

Coffee from 10.15a.m at the Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Drive, Paignton

- 11 April AGM followed by talk by High Sheriff of Devon Mrs AM Gilbert.
Afterwards, there will be a short presentation on the Ageing Well Program.
- 9th May Norman Maudsley Trekking the Great Wall of China & Terracotta Warriors
- 13th June Dr Richard Rawlings Doctor at Sea
- 11th July Colin Vosper Maritime Shortcuts
- 8th August Summertime Entertainment T B A

Groups' News

ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS

We have now completed our quick tour of India and Sri Lanka. Our next journey will possibly take us to Italy in May and on to Tobago in July. If anyone else wishes to tell us of their travels then please get in touch. Contact Kate on kate@computerhotline.co.uk or Tel 01803 267527.

CREATIVE WRITING

The April Creative Writing meeting will be cancelled as it is Easter Monday. Carole Giffen

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

A very good number of entries in this month's competition on the theme of "Perspective" with Brian Tucker's latticework passageway voted into first place, James Cairns' rows of seats in the Sydney Opera House making the second spot with Yvonne's Rose's very clinical passageway voted into third place.

After a short break for some refreshments we had a discussion on how we wanted the group to develop, which we decided not to make any radical changes, but the occasional extra field trip tied in with a future competition would be beneficial; a provisional date of 23rd of May with a visit to Oldway Mansion would be a good first trip.

The April competition is on the theme of "Circles" and May's theme is "Close Up Nature"
Keep snapping Ron Collins

QUIZ GROUP

Friday 21st April at 2pm is the quiz date this month and we are back in room 12 at Paignton Library. Hope to see you all then. Carol

SKITTLES

Skittles is on Monday 17th April at the Preston Conservative Club at 5.30.p.m. Everyone welcome. Contact Barbara on 01803 669238 or just come along

TRAIN GROUP

Due to my health, I would like to hear from any Paignton U3A member (gentleman or lady) who may be interested in details of possibly taking over as leader of the group, even if it was only for this year. You don't need to be a railway buff interested in every rivet, just willing to attend our outings and ensure the group enjoys trips out.

The next meeting of the train group will be 10.15 on Friday 21st April at the Head of Steam Buffet, at Queens Park Station, when we will have to decide on the future of the group.

If you are unable to join us on 21st April, it would be appreciated if you could send me some suggestions for consideration at the meeting. David tel. 666293

email: halbutt@gmail.com

Wednesday WALKING GROUP

The Group enjoyed a fine morning for last month's walk around Cockington Village and Country Park where we saw the landscape improvements being carried out around the Lakes. Well worth a visit.

On Wednesday 19th April 2017 Norma Ellis will be leading the Group for our "Bluebell Walk" which will take us up through Scadson Woods and on to Occombe . We will meet by the gate/stile at the bottom of the hill in Old Paignton Road, Preston at 10 30 am. Parking is allowed on the roadside.

Please ring Norma on 01803 405517 before 9 00 am on the day if you intend to join the walk. Jim Cairns

Your Committee for 2016 to 2017

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd 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 a committee member know?

PAIGNTON U3A DETAILS OF GROUPS

Activity	When	M	T	W	TH	F	Time	Location	Organiser/s	Phone
Armchair Explorers	Variable							Variable	Kate Parsons	267527
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				7-15/9-30	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	Barbara Collins & Mike Jeffs	669238 606053
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
Gardening	2nd	X					10-15/12 noon	Various	Kate Parsons	267527
Genealogy	1st			X			10am/noon		Carole Giffen	391614
Knit & Natter	4th			X			2pm/4pm	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	Janette Smith	391966
Local History	1st	X					10-30/noon	Paignton Library	Diana Holdsworth	557578
Luncheon Club	2nd			X				Various	Cindy Ball	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
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	Preston Conservative Club	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
Walking Group	3rd			X			am	Various	Norma Ellis	405517
Walking Group	1st					X	am	Various	'Stan' Stanislaus	07732015457
Wine Tasting 1	1st					X	8-10pm	Various	Marie Handyside	845336

(Subject to change -please check with group leader)