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A Message from your Chairman, Barbara

Dear Members,

Christmas is over, the decorations dusted off and put away for another year. Hopefully everyone has used up the left overs and eaten all the lovely chocolates and Christmas cake and are now enjoying poached egg on toast or something similar.

I would like to thank the Ukulele group for performing and entertaining us so very professionally at our December meeting. I appreciate how difficult it can be standing up before lots of people. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

With the start of the New Year it is time to think about members coming forward to stand for the committee. It is good to have new people with different ideas of how to take Paignton U3A forward. I will be standing down as Chairman in April as I have served my three years and I have been on the committee for the last nine years. I will still be around, I will not disappear.

An update on my house "the building site"; work starts properly on the 12th January, walls down, plasterers and electricians coming to do their bit. New windows and doors by the end of February and most importantly the central heating, then just the decorating to be done.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Kind regards

Barbara

Barbara Collins

A long way off yet, but please note in your diary that the November 2017 monthly meeting will be held a week earlier than usual on 7th November due to a large conference being held at the Redcliffe Hotel.

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. Several committee members wish to relinquish their responsibilities in April after several years sterling work so we are looking for new members of the committee to take on the general running of your U3A or to volunteer to take on more specific roles eg as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Audio-Visual, Groups Co-ordinator, Trips & Holidays Organiser etc. If anyone can assist, please contact Barbara on 669238 or the appropriate committee member to find out what is involved.

Trips & Outings & 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.

OLIVER! performed by students of Torquay Boys and Girls Grammar Schools on 1st, 2nd and 3rd March. I suggest we try to book for Friday 3rd. Their previous performances have been most impressive. Please sign the list at January's general meeting to reserve a seat and bring payment to the February meeting. Colin Porter.

A Study Morning starting at 10.15am will be held on Friday 17th MARCH 2017 at the Redcliffe Hotel with talks on "Brunel in Torbay" by Ian Handford and "Name Calling in Elizabethan Devon" by Todd Gray.

Ian is Chairman of Torbay Civic Society who are responsible for erecting and siting the blue plaques in our area, however they do much more than this. The plaques may be the physical evidence of their work, but the Society was set up to promote and stimulate public consciousness and appreciation of the beauty, history and character of Torbay and its surroundings. There are several blue plaques at locations associated with Brunel including the Hookhills Viaduct.

Born in New England, USA, Dr Todd Gray is a historian based at Exeter University. He famously claimed that the Cornish Pasty was in fact invented in Devon in about 1460 which not only caused consternation in Cornwall, but was remarked upon as far away as China! Todd was been awarded an MBE in the 2014 Queen's New Year's Honours list as retiring Chairman of the Friends of Devon's Archives and for services to Devon's heritage. His talk will be based on his recent book "Strumpets and Ninnycocks - Name Calling in Devon, 1540 -1640".

Details on tickets will be available later.

HOLIDAY SPRING BREAK

4 day Cornwall Tour with Bennett Coach Travel £230pp

Leaving **Friday 31st March 2017** for 3 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at the 3* Queens Hotel, Penzance, sea view rooms guaranteed.

Four members have booked for this trip and will be contacted directly by Bennett's.

5 day holiday to Lincolnshire 18th -22nd September 2017 with Majestic Premier Holidays £249.99 (£60 single supplement).

So far ten 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.

Contact Colin on 698377 or sign the list at the general meeting.

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 January 2017 Glassblowing by Lee James from 'OurGlass', a glassblowing studio formed in 1995, now situated in Cockington Village.

14 February 2017 Oliver Heaviside (a self-taught English electrical engineer, mathematician, and physicist who changed the face of telecommunications who died in 1925 and is buried in Paignton). By our own member Ken Faulkner

14 March 2017 Ladies of Laughter Brenda Loosemore

Groups' News

GROUP LEADERS' LUNCH

The Group Leaders' Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th January at Jasmyn House, Midvale Road, Paignton, 10am for coffee, 10.30 start. Please bring your Registers with you. I will be sending out the Agenda in the next few days. Carole Giffen.

NEW GROUP – Armchair Explorers

Several people have said they would like to join the proposed pop-up Armchairs Explorers Group. I suggest we have our initial meeting as a "planning meeting" to decide venue, day and topic for our first voyage. Meet at The Shoreline Restaurant, Eastern Esplanade (behind the VUE cinema) on Friday 27th January at 10am. I am happy to lead "India" at my home but it is in Torquay on the no 12 bus route. Other suggestions welcome. If you are interested or could even lead a mini series of meetings, please contact Kate on kate@computerhotline.co.uk or Tel 01803 267527.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Friday 3rd February 2017 we will be meeting at The Grand Central, Torbay Road, Paignton.

Friday 3rd March 2017 we will meet at the Waterside Inn, Dartmouth Road, Paignton.

So that those attending can use buses if required, the meeting will commence at 10am.

If interested in joining us please contact the organiser John Ball on 01803 411046 so that the venues can be advised about numbers. Thanks.

LUNCHEON CLUB

Wednesday 18th January 2017 we will be meeting at The Palace Hotel, Esplanade, Paignton.

Wednesday 8th February 2017 we will be meeting at the Belgrave Sands Hotel, Belgrave Road, Torquay.

Wednesday 15th March 2017 we will be meeting at the Harvester, Esplanade, Paignton.

Please note the dates as two are not on the usual day of the month.

If interested in joining us please contact the organiser Cindy Ball on 01803 411046 so that the venues can be advised about numbers and where appropriate menu choices obtained. Thanks.

MUSIC GROUP

Thursday 19th January Park Hotel 10am will be a New Year DIY Party with several top quality entertainers.

It will be followed by an optional two course roast lunch and coffee at an amazing price £7.50 per person.

Anyone wishing to book lunch please contact Colin Porter 01803 698377 e-mail colintippy@onetel.com by Tues 17th.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The January contest theme will be your best photos taken in 2016, and the February theme will be "RED".

Keep snapping, Ron

SKITTLES

There is a new venue for the skittles group. We shall meet at Preston Conservative Club on Monday 18th January at 5.30 p.m. until 7.30p.m.

The cost will be £2.00. per person. This will be much warmer, looking forward to seeing everyone. All are welcome. I be there at 5.15p.m. after Nina has gone home. Contact Barbara on 01803 669238.

TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

The next meeting of the Train Group will be on Friday 20th January, at The Shoreline Restaurant, Eastern Esplanade (behind the VUE cinema) from 10a.m. to 12 noon. I received no interest for a follow-on, group anniversary lunch, so it will now just be a normal group meeting at the Shoreline. David tel. 666293.

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group will be holding the annual planning meeting in Paignton on the morning of

Wednesday, 18th January, 2017 at the Shoreline Cafe on Paignton seafront starting prompt at 10 30 am.

Everyone is invited to come along and help put together an interesting schedule of walks for the year ahead....2017. Regards Jim Cairns

Contributions from our members

A SOBERING THOUGHT AFTER XMAS

The horse and mule live 30 years
With nothing known of wines and beers.

The goat and sheep at 20 die
And never taste of Scotch or Rye.

The cow drinks water by the ton
And at 18 is mostly done.

The dog at 15 cashes in
Without the aid of rum and gin.

The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in 12 short years it croaks.

The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for nogs, then dies at 10.

All animals are strictly 'dry':
They sinless live and swiftly die;

But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten.

And some of them, but very few,
Stay pickled till they're 92.

John Battison

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 7th February 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
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
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	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
Wine Tasting 1	1st					X	8-10pm	Various	Marie Handyside	845336

(Subject to change -please check with group leader)