



July/August 2017

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A Message from your Chairman, Rodger

Dear Members,

What a month we have just had!! Full of the unexpected!!

But let us NEVER forget those who have suffered over the last few weeks. Some having lost loved ones to terrorism, others injured and some maimed for life. Others suffered similarly with fire outbreaks, and enforced evacuation. What events are changing our world during these times?

Here in Torbay, we have had a heat wave to say the least. We had the Torbay Air Show with crowds coming to enjoy two days of flying. How many of us finished the half marathon before the roads reopened?? Didn't see many U3A tee shirts on runners!!! But it was a joy to see so many charities being represented.

It is always good to look back and remember, but, also good to look forward and hope. There are various events taking place in the area over the next few weeks. Do get involved and enjoy some of them, as well as our own interest groups. By the time you read this we will have had Veterans Day on Paignton promenade; but what about Rowcroft Sleep Walk (!), what was that you said? After you?? Yes, well we can support if not enter. There is open day at BRNC Dartmouth on the 8th, bird sketching (feathery types men!!) and evening tours at the zoo, a week- long festival in Paignton, even a 1930's laundry day (you can find out where that one is!!). Lastly, Dartington Deer Park is opening and that's free!!

Don't forget our own events here in U3A. Talk about the stars at the observatory – those in the sky; Sunset Cruise – hopefully with the sun shining in September, so put your name down and pay your deposit early. Do remember our 'summer' event next month with Steve, what a write up he has!!! Well done Kate – and thanks for your editing of our newsletter each month.

We are a family in our group – well that is what I am trying to impress as your new chair, so we can think of those not so well, some we don't know about; but, we can also celebrate as well. VALERIE HAMILTON one of our family, is having her 80th birthday later this month. Well done Val, happy birthday and keep going lady!!

Rodger

I have received a suggestion from our members that they would like a monthly social event in the afternoons. Initially this was to be aimed at single people (no-it is not a Dating Forum!) but on reflection, we would like to invite anyone who wishes to meet for tea and a chat on the 2nd Friday afternoon of the month starting 8th September at The Park Hotel, The Esplanade from 2.30 to 4pm. If you are interested, please let Rodger know on 391966 or E: drodgersmith@outlook.com

Events, Trips, Holidays and Outings

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.

Please see Colin Porter (Tel: 01803 698377) or Carol Haggett (Tel: 01803 555304) for availability and details.

Wednesday 12th July 10.30am A few places remain for our visit to the Science Department of Torquay Boys Grammar School to have an **illustrated talk about Astronomy**, by the Head of Science, with a visit to their observatory to see their 14inch giant Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. With so many things going wrong here on earth, perhaps we should look for somewhere else to live. Interested? Please sign up quickly. Colin Porter Tel: 01803 698377 or E-mail: colintippy@onetel.com

ALL ABOARD THE DART PRINCESS on Friday 15th September for a two hour **Sunset Cruise** with commentary on history, houses and happenings along the coast from Thatcher Rock to Brixham concluding with sight of the spectacular lights of Torbay. Return 8pm. Highly recommended. Leaves at 6pm from Paignton Harbour or 6.15 from Living Coasts landing stage Torquay. Tickets £7.50 must be booked and paid by August 20th latest. This is a joint venture with other U3A s in the area. Colin Porter Tel: 01803 698377 or E-mail: colintippy@onetel.com

As 2016 winners, Paignton U3A will be hosting the **ANNUAL INTER-U3A QUIZ** this year on **Monday 2nd October** at 10am at the Redcliffe Hotel. The Quiz group is fielding its team of four but if anyone else wishes to participate, we can have several more teams. If you would like to just watch and learn and encourage your Paignton teams against teams from Exeter, Exmouth, Sidmouth and Torquay that would be appreciated. Contact Carol Owens.

APPRAISAL OF ANTIQUES DAY on Wednesday 1st November followed by lunch at South Devon College Horizons restaurant [cost approx. £7.50 for 2 courses] Experts from Exeter's top firm of auctioneers, Bearnese, Hampton and Littlewood will be available to value and talk about your valuables from 10am in the College Restaurant on the 1st Floor. If you wish to submit items, please register now by signing the list at general meeting. There is no guarantee that all items will be assessed if there are numerous entries. It would be helpful if you can submit pictures in order for some research to be done in advance. Please note all entries are submitted at owners risk and should be insured individually. There will be an opportunity to arrange for items to be auctioned later if so requested. Details can be obtained on the day. Colin Porter 698377 or E-mail: colintippy@onetel.com

WORDS and MUSIC CONCERT. An afternoon of entertainment in the restaurant of the Redcliffe Hotel on **Wednesday 15th November** to start at 2.30pm. We are planning to have several performers on the theme of "All for Love" with love songs, music, verse and amusing readings which will last about one hour followed by tea.

Cost will be £5 per person to include a cream tea and tickets will be available at the July general meeting. The ticket price has been subsidised using funds from the Paignton U3A Social Account which is separate from the U3A Charity Account and initially will be available to Paignton U3A members only. Contact Barbara Collins on 01803 669238 or E-mail: barbara@bes1.co.uk

Coach trip to THE CORNWALL GARDEN SOCIETY SPRING FLOWER SHOW at BOCONNOC and LOOE. Sunday 8th April 2018. We will have approximately 3 hours at the flower show, where *“at the heart of the show will be the exuberant display of the competitive classes, with the camellias, daffodils, rhododendrons and ornamental shrubs and trees guaranteeing a brilliantly colourful spectacle of the highest quality. With over 100 trade stands, show gardens and gardening experts on hand there is plenty for visitors to see, do and buy.”* Following this visit we will travel the short distance to Looe for a meal (good location for ‘Fish & Chips’ – not included). Price includes admission to Boconnoc Gardens, Lostwithiel and coach for members of Paignton U3A as the coach only has 48 seats! Tickets will be available from early January for £20. Contact Cindy Ball on Tel: 01803 411046 Email: cindy1945@hotmail.co.uk

Forthcoming General Meetings

General Meetings 2nd Tuesday monthly 11.00 a.m.

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

11th July Colin Vosper **Maritime Shortcuts**

A history of canals in the West Country, telling of the amazing endeavours of engineers to dig canals including the Grand Western Canal and the Bude Canal. Colin will also be telling us a little about the Suez and the Panama, which have recently celebrated the opening of extensive improvements of the widening and deepening of these world famous waterways.

The Art group will be putting on a display of photographic images of their work. Our members are of all abilities, and work in various media: watercolour, acrylic, oil, watercolour pencils and pastels. It is the fourth year we have put on the display. Please come and have a look at their work on the 11th.

8th August **Summertime Entertainment with Steve Laister**, a multi award winning comedian. Steve’s mind is a dictionary of comedy as there is no subject he doesn’t know a joke about. No two shows are the same with Steve as he adapts his show to suit his audience and has performed across the country, in major hotels, theatres and corporate events plus some of the major cruise lines. Industry professionals have likened facets of his style to Bob Monkhouse, Peter Sellers and Ronnie Barker with his ability to perform a selection of characters within his show. He is talented, versatile and an all-round performer.

Groups' News

The next **copy deadline for the newsletter** is Wed 6th September 2017 as there will not be a newsletter sent in August.

Rosemary Shuffell, Groups' Co-ordinator is arranging a **Group Convenors meeting** on Monday 25th September so please save this date. More details in the September newsletter.

The Independent Cinema Office in collaboration with the British Film Institute has a brand new series of **archive film programmes** on DVD or Blu-Ray. These include unseen stories from as early as 1897 opening up local and regional histories. U3A groups can hire them for £24 (normal price £120). Contact Kate Parsons for more details.

Any **groups meeting at Jasmyn House**, please note that a new entry system has been fitted and you will need an entry code.

Elaine at **Jasmyn House** has approached our U3A about a **joint project** with some of her groups. One idea is that our Photography group puts photographs into envelopes which are given to each member of our Creative Writing group who will produce a poem or short piece of prose inspired by the photograph. This is then passed to our Art group who will produce a drawing/painting based on the writing. Contact **Carole Giffen**

ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS

Barbara has kindly agreed to host/lead the next Armchair Explorers adventure on Italy at her home at 12 Logan Road Paignton TQ3 2AZ. The last meeting will be on Saturday 29th July at 10.30am when we will be studying Italian food and drink including a pasta lunch. Please let **Barbara** know whether you will be there on 01803 669238 barbara@bes1.co.uk or contact Kate on kate@computerhotline.co.uk or Tel 01803 267527.

ART GROUP

The art group will be putting on a display of photographic images of their work at the July meeting at the Redcliffe. Our members are of all abilities, and work in various media: watercolour, acrylic, oil, watercolour pencils and pastels. It is the fourth year we have put on the display; please come and have a look at our work on the 11th. **Wendy Leishman**

BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet, normally on the first Friday of the month about 10am to enjoy a local 'breakfast' and have plenty of chat. If you would like to join us please contact the organiser **John Ball** on 01803 411046, as places have to be reserved at the venues, which are normally located in Paignton town centre area.

Next meeting: Friday 4th August at Grand Central, Torbay Road, Paignton.

GARDENING

Please note in your diary that the July meeting will be on Monday 31 July at 2.00pm when we will be visiting 'Squirrels', a private garden in Barton Road, Torquay. There will be a charge of £6 per person to include a cream tea. This is a delightful garden and well worth a visit. If you intend to be there, will you please let me have your £6, by 11th July, as I will need to let them know the numbers attending. NB There will be no Gardening Group Meeting on Monday, 10 July. **Kate Parsons**

LUNCHEON CLUB We meet normally on the second Wednesday of the month at various venues in the Bay, about 12 noon for 12-30pm where we enjoy the hospitality of the venue and good meals. Should you wish

to join us please contact the organiser **Cindy Ball** on 01803 411046, as places (and sometimes menu choices) have to be pre-booked.

Next meet Wednesday 12th July at Churston Golf Club, Brixham Road, Churston.
 Wednesday 9th August at The Hare and Hounds, Newton Road, Kingskerswell.
 Wednesday 13th Sept at Pier Point, Torbay Road, TORQUAY, (near Princess Theatre).
All these venues have a bus service nearby with a short level walk.

POETRY GROUP

Jean Benskin and I are interested in leading a NEW poetry group and would like to know how many members would like to join it. We would choose topics or poets for each session in turn. We would start the group in September if there is sufficient interest. If you would like more details please contact Jean, jeanbenskin@outlook.com 550239, or me, mhandyside@talktalk.net 845336. We would have a meeting to discuss the best time to hold the meetings in the month and also the venue. We would be very pleased to get a good response. **Marie Handyside**

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

It's a real scorcher of a day and we are indoors having our June Meeting, but I'm sitting here in the cool of the evening enjoying a glass of cider writing this ode on our meeting.

We started as usual voting for the winners of this month photographic competition on the theme of "Street Photography" with Yvonne Rose's night shot making it to the first spot, with Brian Tucker's Ice Cream Vendor and James Cairns' group of angelic looking children tying for the second spot. I will be putting them on my website for you all to see and also on the Paignton U3A website.

This was followed by a short video on a perspective tool, which was to my mind a bit complicated so after a break for coffee and Barbara's sticky buns we explored a couple of alternative methods which were far easier and gave equal if not better final results. We also had a go at moving an object within a photo to a different position; the success of this tool does depend very much on the content of the photograph and to finish we had a short session on the spot healing brush and content aware fill tool.

July's competition theme is "Oldway Mansion" as there will not be a meeting in August the theme for the September meeting will be "Reflections".

Keep snapping **Ron Collins**

QUIZ

July's quiz will be on the 21st. I am away but Penny Avery has kindly agreed to be quizmaster and oversee the proceedings. Help would be appreciated during the tea break and with clearing up afterwards.

Carol Owens

SKITTLES

Skittles will be on both Monday 17th July and on Monday 21st August at 5.30.p.m. at Preston Conservative Club. Do come along; its good fun. Contact **Barbara Collins** on 01803 669238 or just come along.

Wednesday WALKING GROUP

It was a warm, sunny day for our most enjoyable walk down to Brixham last month. See photo.

On Wednesday, 19th July 2017, Norma Ellis will be leading the walk from Marldon to Berry Pomeroy. We are planning to meet in the car park at Marldon at 11 00am. Please ring Norma on 01803 405517 before 9 00 am on the day if you intend to join the walk.

Hope to see you all then. **Jim Cairns**

Your Committee for 2017 to 2018

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 5th September at 10.30am at the Park Hotel Paignton. If members have any issues that they would like brought to the committee’s attention, please can they let a committee member know?

The committee is still looking to co-opt someone who will be able to take over the Treasurer’s role in April 2018 when Colin Gee must retire as he has been Treasurer for the maximum term of six years. Ideally this person should “shadow” Colin prior to taking over and start their own system of book-keeping etc from February 2018. If you feel able to help please contact Colin for an informal chat.

Sarah Malcolm has kindly agreed to provide a “Listening Ear” for members of Paignton U3A. If anyone needs to talk in confidence about their problems, Sarah is only a phone call away and she will try to signpost you to sources of help. Contact Sarah on 01803 698554.

We are becoming victims of our success with the numbers attending our general meeting having increased from 100 to 150 in the space of a year. We used to print 60 newsletters for those who were not on e-mail which was sufficient and have increased this to 100 more recently which still is not enough as married couples are each taking one as are members who are on e-mail. There are in fact only 70 not on e-mail out of 312 members. This means that later arrivals are not getting a copy. The committee has decided it will charge 25p for a printed copy from September whether you are on e-mail or not; the actual cost to us being 50p each. Of course you can still receive your copy well before the monthly meeting by e-mail for free. Other U3As overcome the problem by increasing their annual subscriptions to significantly more than ours. If you can think of a better way to be fair to all our members, please let a committee member know in writing and we will gladly reconsider at the September committee meeting.

The committee has agreed that some of the Co-op funds will be used to host education/lecture days over the coming years and to purchase a laptop for speakers to make PowerPoint presentations. If any groups wish to be considered for funding then the committee will be sympathetic to requests for equipment which will be the property of Paignton U3A. Any outings that groups would like funding for should be open to all members of Paignton U3A and be full costed. Applications in writing/email please to Rodger.

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
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
Social afternoon	2 nd					X	2.30pm/4pm	Park Hotel, Esplanade	Rodger Smith	391966
Table Tennis	1st & 3rd		X				2pm/4pm	Preston Con Club	Eugene Cox	525079
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)