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I have received a supply of 2018 U3A pocket diaries and now have only 21 left. I will be selling these before the next monthly meeting for £2.50. When they are gone, they're gone! Kate

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 or Rodger for an informal chat.

We also need someone (maybe a small team of people working together on a rota) to keep the register of attendance at our general meetings and to collect the entrance fee each month. There is no need to become a committee member but you would be welcome to join us. You will need to be able to arrive at the monthly meetings by 9.45am. Contact Rodger or Cindy if you feel you can help.

CAR PARKING at the REDCLIFFE HOTEL.

We have been reminded that there is NO PARKING ON THE GRASS ANYWHERE IN THE HOTEL GROUNDS. I have been seen by the Management, and shown photos of vehicles restricting the use of their small golf pitches. As this is an insurance problem, as well as a 'H&S' problem, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO STOP USING THE GRASS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. At present this is an informal plea, but, I have been advised action may be taken if we continue to break this rule. SO NO PARKING ON THE GRASS only on the main car park, or, on the sea front!!!! Or may be along one of the nearby roads.

A Message from your Chairman, Rodger

BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER, PLEASE REMEMBER THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 7TH!!

Oh well - that's it!!! We have changed the clocks and now we are in 'winter time'!!! But, don't let us drop our spirit, think of the lovely time we can have this time of the year. Rambling through the leaves, brisk walks in the sunshine, wandering into those charity shops, planning holidays for the next two years and even Christmas shopping!!

Let us encourage each other to get out, meet up and do something different this year, something we have not done before. Days out on a coach or bus. Link up for a cuppa and chat. Share a day out shopping. Let's be up and doing this winter.

Our interest groups are still active throughout the winter, link up and meet a new group. But, do ring up the leader before hand to make sure they have space!!!

Our valuation day at South Devon College will have passed by the time you read this. There are a few tickets left for our Word and Music afternoon in November.

Three visits to Babbacombe Theatre for their CHRISTMAS IS MAGICAL show in the offing, some tickets are available for November 29th and December 6th; BUT, full payment of £10.00 per ticket MUST BE PAID AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING. See Rodger if you are interested.

Christmas lunch is soon upon us, when we meet at CHURSTON GOLF CLUB. FULL and FINAL PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING.

With the closure of the Park Hotel, some groups are having to make changes for their venues, so please check the listing with this newsletter, or, ring the group leader to check which groups have changed.

Rodger

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.

WORDS and MUSIC CONCERT. An afternoon of entertainment in the restaurant of the Redcliffe Hotel on **Wednesday 15th November** to start at 2.30pm. Please arrive at 2pm. Tuesday 7th will be your last opportunity to buy tickets. We are planning to have a troupe of 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. The tables will be long with ten people each side. Please sit with your friends and have a lovely time. I would ask you to fill up each table; this table arrangement is to help the hotel as they have functions the day before and the evening after our tea. Cost will be £5 per person to include a cream tea of one scone, clotted cream and jam. Contact **Barbara Collins** on 01803 669238 or E-mail: barbara@bes1.co.uk

ANIMALS IN DISTRESS CENTRE, Ipplepen. Tuesday 21st November. (Please note amended date) Meet 10.30am in the Coffee Shop at Morrisons The Plains, **Totnes** for Car Share (Catch 10am Gold Bus from Paignton and car share from there). Please sign list if you wish to attend. Also if you are willing to pick up passengers from Morrisons please advise. Passengers will share costs with drivers please. Please make certain your name is on the list if you wish to take part. **Colin Porter** 698377 or E-mail: colintippy@onetel.com

Paignton U3A Christmas Lunch at Churston Golf Club on Friday 8th December at 12 for 12.30pm is almost here!! FINAL PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED AT OUR MEETING on 7th November. Those who have reserved/requested places (that's 9 in total), and have not paid any deposit, **PAYMENT IN FULL** is required **NOW**, else, unfortunately, they will be removed from the event. Enquiries to Rodger Smith on 391966 or drodgersmith@outlook.com or sign up at the general meeting.

CHRISTMAS THEATRE VISIT to BABBACOMBE THEATRE "CHRISTMAS IS MAGICAL"

"Music, Magic and Mirth in all its guises is what 'Christmas is...Magical' promises this season at the Babbacombe Theatre. The family variety show promises spellbinding Illusions, comedic classics, hits of yesteryear and today, interspersed cleverly to deliver a show that has pace and will leave you full of Christmas cheer."

Our November meeting is the last before ALL three trips to Babbacombe Theatre, to benefit from the kindness of our friend Steve Laister. Those who have RESERVED PLACES – given your names but NOT yet paid – are REQUIRED to pay for their tickets at our meeting on 7th. Receipts for all are / will be available. To check that your name, and for which date, please check with Rodger. Tickets for November 8th will be available at our meeting. Rodger will be at the theatre on November 29th and December 6th, with the lists and tickets. Enquiries to Rodger Smith on 391966 or drodgersmith@outlook.com

Our new **SOCIAL GROUP** are inviting any members from the Paignton U3A to join them for a **NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** at **BABBACOMBE INN** on **FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2018**. A buffet menu is

available to view on the table in the bar area before and after our November general meeting at the Redcliffe. A MAXIMUM number has been set at 70 persons. However, if we can get over 50 to attend the cost will be £8.00 per head. Place your name(s) on the list on the table and FULL PAYMENT up front at December or January meetings. If further details are needed, check with Rodger.

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.

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 and 26 have already been reserved! Tickets will be available from early January for £20 but you can express your interest now. Contact Cindy Ball on Tel: 01803 411046 Email: cindy1945@hotmail.co.uk

Cindy and John Ball are organising another **SKITTLES** evening at Paignton Bowling Club, just before Easter on **Thursday 29 March**. More details later.

Colin Porter is planning to organise a day trip to **BATH** in **early summer**.

Forthcoming General Meetings

General Meetings 2nd Tuesday monthly 11.00 a.m.

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

Tuesday 7th November (one week earlier than normal)

Prof Peter Edwards

Cataclysmic Italy

Peter will talk about Earthquakes & Volcanoes in Italy. He is a member of Totnes U3A and the Totnes Italian Club. He retired as a professor of Engineering Maths Education from Bournemouth University.

Tuesday 12th December

Brian Freeland

A View from the Wings

Brian's theatre career started direct from National Service, in 1959, as Trainee Manager at the London Palladium, and has taken him to forty-three different countries including three residencies in the Middle East; eight tours of the Indian sub-continent and two circumnavigations of the globe. He has worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, Sadler's Wells and London Festival Ballet Companies, Scottish Opera, Nottingham Playhouse and Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop Company.

Groups' News

The next **copy deadline for the newsletter** is Wed 6th December 2017 at 5pm.

Our Devon Link Co-ordinator has been asked to try and put group leaders from different local U3As in touch with each other with a view to mutual support, exchange of ideas and maybe friendship since you will have a mutual interest. If you would like to link up, please let Frances Berry have your name, subject interest, email and say you are Paignton U3A. Contact by email: frances293@btinterest.com

Our publicity officer David Hudson has asked that if any groups having a "special" meeting, could they send him information/pictures and he will submit these to either the Herald Express or Third Age Matters as appropriate, Email: halbutt@gmail.com

Rosemary Shuffell, Groups' Co-ordinator is arranging the next **Group Convenors' meeting** and buffet lunch for Wednesday 31st January at Jasmyn House, Midvale Rd Paignton from 10.30am. Please can you let Rosemary know whether you are able to come.

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 meetings: Friday 3rd November 2017 at Grand Central, Torbay Road, Paignton.

Friday 1st December 2017 at The Isaac Merritt, Torquay Road, Paignton.

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP.

With very full programmes in our diaries, there will be NO Knit and Natter group meetings until January 2018. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all at U3A. I thank all group members for their support and help during the last year. **Janette.**

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 meetings Wednesday 8th November 2017 at Brewers Fayre, Goodrington Sands, Paignton.

Wednesday 13th December 2017 at Churston Golf Club, Churston, Brixham.

All these venues have a bus service nearby with a short level walk.

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP will be meeting at the Park Hotel at 10am on Thursday 16th November and our guest will be Jane Wibberly a professional pianist. Highly recommended.

Please note: As from December 21st the Music Group will be meeting at 2.30-4.30pm at the Palace Hotel. New Winter time programme will be available at November meeting. **Colin Porter**

POETRY GROUP has started off by researching Poets Laureate. In the first session we talked about how the post came into being, and looked at the life of the first Poet Laureate, John Dryden, and discussed a couple of his poems. We also read some of the poems of the current Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, and talked about her life too. In the second session we studied John Masefield and read some of his poems, and then moved on to considering the life and poems of John Betjeman. Next time we will have Robert Southey and C Day Lewis as our topics.

We have room for a few more people if members would be interested in joining us, and from November onwards we will be meeting on the 4th Friday morning at 10.30 instead of the afternoon.

Marie Handyside

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Once again we are at Barbara and Ron's house for our October monthly meeting. This month's competitions theme is "Black and White". Members keep complaining that it is getting more difficult to decide which photos to vote for but a decision was made and Brian Tucker's study of a Kookaburra was

voted into first place; Jim Cairns' shot of a viaduct made second place with Yvonne's Mule making it to the third slot; the winning shots can be seen on my web site "ronaldcollins.co.uk". The entries for the November competition on a food and drink theme will be put onto the site when they are sent in. There will not be a meeting in December so the theme for January 2018 will be Village Life. After the usual discussion on this month's entries we had a very quick master class on a technique call High Dynamic Range, HDR for short which combines three or more photographs taken of the same subject but with differing exposures to get detail in the dark and light parts of the photograph.

Keep snapping, **Ron**

SOCIAL AFTERNOON

We had our first get together in September when 22 friends joined together for a 'chat and cuppa' at the Park Hotel. We met again on Friday 13th October. No agenda, time together and many have suggested some events so come along and see what develops!! The next Social Group meeting is on FRIDAY 17th November, for this month only at PRESTON CONSERVATIVE CLUB on Torbay Road from 14.30 – 16.00. Teas, coffees and a bar are available!!!! A discussion will be had, and a decision made, as to where future gatherings will be from February onwards. **Rodger 391966 or drodgersmith @outlook.com**

SKITTLES

Skittles will be on Monday 20th November at Preston Conservative Club at 5.30 p.m. All welcome. Come along and have some fun. If you are non-members of the Conservative Club there is a fee of £1.00 per person. Contact **Barbara Collins** on 01803 669238 or email barbara@bes1.co.uk

WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

It was a rather misty morning for the quite challenging walk in October along the lanes from Churston Station down to Kingswear. We got the bus back!

On Wednesday, 15th November 2017, Norma Ellis will be leading the scenic, level walk along the Exeter canal from Starcross. We will be meeting at Colley End Road/Clifton Road in Paignton at 10.15 am to sort out car sharing as the drive to Starcross will take about 45 mins. Alternatively, we will all meet at the car park at Powderham Church at 11 00am for those travelling direct.

Please ring Norma on 01803 405517 or 07453 396538 before 9 00 am on the day if you intend to join the walk. Hoping this fine weather continues for us. **Jim Cairns**

Your Committee for 2017 to 2018

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 5th December at 10.30am. Venue TBA. 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	Saturdays						10.30/12.30	Variable	Kate Parsons	267527
Art	3rd				X		10am/noon	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	Wendy Leishman	522407
Book Club	1st				X		10-30/noon		Marian 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	TBA	John Battison	690592
Mah Jongg (evening)	3rd		X				7pm/9pm	Members Home	Pam Bushby	550229
Music Appreciation	3rd				X		10am/noon	TBA	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	4th					X	10.30/12.00	Members home	Marie Handyside	845336
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	TBA	Rodger Smith	391966
Table Tennis	1st & 3rd		X				2pm/4pm	Preston Con Club	Eugene Cox	525079
Walking Group (Wed)	3rd			X			am	Various	Norma Ellis	405517
Walking Group (Fri)	1st					X	am	Various	'Stan' Stanislaus	07732015457
Writing My Life story	3rd			X			10.30/12.30	Bright Bean Coffee Lounge	'Stan' Stanislaus	07732015457
Wine Tasting 1	1st					X	8-10pm	Various	Marie Handyside	845336

(Subject to change -please check with group leader)