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*April 2018*

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**IMPORTANT**

**Special Resolution to be voted on at AGM on 10 April 2018 to change the Object Clause of the Constitution of Paignton U3A and Third Age Trust**

***Clause 3 (the Object Clause) of the Constitution of Paignton U3A which was adopted in September 2013 shall be amended to read as follows:***

***“The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.”***

***The updated Paignton U3A Constitution reflecting the change of Object Clause will be put before the members at a short SGM on 8<sup>th</sup> May, immediately before the General meeting. This will give your new committee an opportunity to review it at its committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May.***

***Message from your Chairman, Rodger***

Well folks, Summer time has started! When is summer weather going to start? Just heard on the radio whilst driving through wet roads in Paignton, that March was the fourth wettist on record – it seems we have had a lot of water!! Now that April is here, things will spring to life – don’t quote me on that fact. Flowers out – battered daffs still standing, tulips in full colour - grass growing, trees budding, birds returning to their annual nesting spots. It seems summer is on the way.

It is also change time in our group, the current committee will retire at our AGM next week, and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks for their kindness in putting up with me, and for their service to us all over the last year. Who knows, some may even be back before we know it!!!

At the AGM new officers and committee members will be proposed and elected to serve for another twelve months, so I wish them every success in leading us forward, whoever they may be.

Next Sunday is the first day trip out of the year, to the Cornwall Spring Flower Show, followed by a visit to Looe, for the 'usual chippy' before we return; hoping for some 'spring' weather'. Look out for other trips later in the year – hopefully.

Don't forget to attach yourself to one of the interest groups led by our members; try something new, break the mould, and launch into something fresh this year.

Yes, they are booked and confirmed, the MISSIN' TACKLE SHANTY CREW have accepted our invitation for our Summer entertainment in August. So get your singing voice ready, as there WILL be audience participation!!!

As my last contribution to the newsletter for my first year as Chair, I say thanks to you all for your support, and sorry to those who have stated they feel let down. Someone has said – in the past – 'he has done what he could', that has been my hope for the year.

*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.**

We have a few places left on the free **DRIVING SAFER FOR LONGER WORKSHOP** on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April** starting at 2.30pm (coffee at 2.15pm) in the Isadora Duncan Suite, Redcliffe Hotel which is aimed at keeping older drivers on the road safely for as long as possible. Driving is one of the most risky activities we are likely to do in our lives, and yet once we pass our driving test many of us have no further training.

The workshop is free and lasts 1 to 2 hours in duration. The presentation is informal, interactive, fun and very informative. Topics covered include health, eyesight, medical conditions, Highway Code, the challenges facing drivers today, advice on aids to driving and some speed and hazard awareness. If you are interested, please sign the form at the AGM.

Colin Porter has arranged a day trip to **BATH on Friday 15th June** leaving Garfield Road at 8.30am also pick up at Preston bus shelter; returning 8.30pm. Cost £15. A non-refundable deposit of £5 is required to be paid to Carol Haggett (carolhaggett21@gmail.com) when booking with the balance due by the U3A meeting on the 8th May. Great city with plenty to do and see. **We urgently need to know if this is viable as there are plenty of seats still available.**

## ***Forthcoming General Meetings***

General Meetings usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly 11.00 a.m.

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

Unfortunately for reasons beyond our control we have had to amend some dates of speakers listed on the membership cards.

### ***Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April***

**AGM**

including 15 minute talk by Joanna Reed from Torbay Community Development Trust on Opportunities for Volunteering.

### ***Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May***

**Glorious Revolution in Devon**

The story of Prince William of Orange's arrival in Brixham in 1688 with Philip Badcock M.Ed. Philip is a Devonian and has lived his life mostly in Torbay. He is co-ordinator of the Local History section of Torquay Museum Society and enjoys researching and talking about our lovely county. Torquay Museum Society is a charitable organisation with over 200 members dedicated to promoting a wider understanding of the history, natural environment and cultural heritage of Devon. There are five subject sections i.e. Geology, Archaeology and Astronomy; Local History; Zoology and Ornithology; Botany; Literature and the Arts.

### ***Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June***

**My Life as a TOAD**

Alan Tanner has spent almost 60 years with Torquay Operatic and Dramatic Society and has been involved in everything from Stagehand to Chairman, Producer to Director, Actor to Scenery Builder and for many years as Treasurer. He has a wealth of experience and some good tales to tell about our great local am-dram society.

### ***Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July***

**Read all about it!**

Jim Parkes has edited our local newspaper the Herald Express for about 40 years from a broadsheet to the modern format; from a Daily to Weekly publication. It has kept local residents up to date with happenings in our area. Its future is regrettably rather precarious.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August** (Note this is 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month)

A morning of Sea Shanties with MISSIN' TACKLE SHANTY CREW.

## ***Groups' News***

The next **copy deadline for the newsletter** is Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 5pm.

### **ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS**

The next armchair adventure will be to Sweden with Barbara on Saturday 21st April, time 10.30.a.m. 12 Logan Road Paignton, telephone 01803 669238.

In May we will be travelling to India with Yvonne and Wendy. Date and time to be arranged.

### **KNIT AND NATTER GROUP**

meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in JASMYN HOUSE in Midvale Road. It was good to welcome new members last month, so join them for some knitting, sharing patterns and ideas, and enjoy an afternoon together. Contact Janette on 391966 for details.

### **LUNCHEON CLUB**

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at venues throughout the area, so do join us for a relaxed gathering of friends and a nice meal of your selection.

Tuesday 10th April **AMENDMENT** now to be held at Oldway Indoor Bowling Club, Bowlers Way. This is on the right as you go up to Oldway Mansions. Parking is either in the road or free by the Mansion. (We will not be holding another lunch at The Belgrave Sands as this is not a very popular venue with our group of diners).

Wednesday 9th May 2018 at Babbacombe Inn, Babbacombe Downs, Torquay.

Wednesday 13th June 2018 at Aztec Leisure Centre, Torquay Leisure Hotels, Belgrave Road, Torquay.

Should you wish to join our friendly lunch group please contact the organiser Cindy Ball on 01803 411046.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

Climate Warming! We have just had two "ten year events" in Torbay within a fortnight with school closures and roads blocked but a group of intrepid photographers fought their way through to the monthly Paignton U3A Photographic Group meeting in March. The judging on this month's competition on the theme of "Rocks" put Richard Havery's shot into first place with Chris Whatley's photograph getting the second spot and Yvonne Rose's Rock Arch making the third spot. April's theme will be "Curves" and May's will be "Then and Now."

Keep snapping, **Ron**

### **POETRY GROUP**

At our last meeting we discussed the life of Ted Hughes and looked in detail at several of his poems including "The Thought Fox", "Pike" "Otter" "Snowdrop" "Six Young Men" and "View of a Pig".

We found plenty to talk about when discussing his poetry and his life. We hope to visit the Poetry Trail at Stover Park in the summer.

In April our topic will be the life and works of Andrew Motion.

New members would be welcome. Please contact me (431398) or Jean Benskin (550139)

**Marie Handyside.**

### **SOCIAL GROUP**

meets on the second Friday each month and has found a new 'home' for most of this year, so till November, the group will be meeting at the BRIGHT BEAN CAFÉ on Torquay Road in Preston – by kind permission of TONY, who only opened in the Autumn – so go along and check it out for yourself.

If you are hoping to go this month CHRISSY KENNEDY is kindly leading for us, so please let her know if you are going by calling 414114.

## SKITTLES

At the Preston Conservative Club on Monday 16th April 5.30 - 7.30 p.m. Great fun and a little exercise. Everyone welcome.

If you are not 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](mailto:barbara@bes1.co.uk) or just come along.

## WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Unfortunately, last month's walk was called off because of bad weather.

Our next walk will be on Wednesday 18th April. We will meet at 10.30am at the entrance to Scadson Woods, parking on Old Paignton Road below Preston Primary School, with a coffee stop at Occombe Farm, and then continuing through Occombe Woods back to the start.

Because Jim and I were away for the first few weeks of the year, the monthly walks have not been planned. It would be useful if we could agree on these during the stop at Occombe Farm so please bring your suggestions and books for us to discuss.

It might be helpful to bring walking boots and a stick especially if there has been a lot of rain.

Please contact me by 9am on the morning of the walk if you intend to come.

**Norma Ellis** 01803 405517 / 07453 396538

## *Your Committee for 2017 to 2018*

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The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30am. Venue: The Morning Room, Redcliffe Hotel. 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**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Organiser/s</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Armchair Explorers	Saturdays						10.30/12.30	Variable	Barbara Collins	669238
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					10.15/12noon	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	Chris Blake	07835 192228
Luncheon Club	2nd			X				Various	Cindy Ball	411046
Mah Jongg (afternoon)	2nd			X			2.30/4.30	Paignton Club	John Battison	690592
Mah Jongg (evening)	3rd		X				7pm/9pm	Members Home	Pam Bushby	550229
Music Appreciation	3rd				X		2.30/4.30pm	Palace Hotel	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	431398
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 <sup>nd</sup>					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)