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May we remind you that anyone attending either a General Meeting or a Group Meeting must be a paid up member of Paignton U3A either as a full member or as an associate member? Please bring your green membership card for 2018-19 with you. The only exception is that prospective members may attend two meetings before committing to join us. The new membership year started on 1st May and if you have not renewed by 1st June, your membership will lapse and this will be your final Newsletter e-mailed to you. If you have mislaid your renewal invitation, please contact Cindy Ball for another.

Thought for the month, contributed by John Battison

"To give someone a diamond is to own them, decorate them, make them richer. But to give them a baked potato is to give them another day of life." A A Gill

Message from your Vice Chair, Carol

I can't believe it's June already, time just seems to fly by. What lovely weather we had for the Torbay Air Show, bringing thousands into the Ba, I think it was the best yet. I personally enjoyed the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight featuring the Lancaster and Dakota. The Dam Buster march playing at the end brought a lump to my throat. Let's hope we are headed for a bumper summer.

We are now into our new membership year and have 320 members. This will be your last newsletter if you have forgotten to renew your membership so make sure you see Cindy or one of her team at the meeting on Tuesday.

Our new committee is settling down to work and have lots of new and fresh ideas, so look out for interesting times ahead.

*Carol Owens
Vice Chair*

MEET and GREET is a vital part of Paignton U3As activities to welcome new members and inform them of any news and events that are taking place and to welcome them to our group. Louise Murray, our committee member who is looking after our publicity would welcome any volunteers to help, not necessarily every month; it could be on a rota basis. Interested???? Find Louise this month and have a chat with her.

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.

Torbay U3A is running a repeat of the **DRIVING SAFER FOR LONGER WORKSHOP on Tuesday 31st July** and has kindly extended an invitation to Paignton U3A members. It is being held at St Matthias Church Hall, Babbacombe Road, Torquay (on the no 22 bus route).

Time 2pm welcome tea/coffee and the presentation by Liz Mitchell starts at 2.30pm. It is free to U3A members. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Linda Nolan by e-mail on Indanolan16@btinternet.com (yes this is correct!)

SUMMER THEATRE SHOW “Starshine” at BABBACOMBE on Wednesday 22nd August at 2.30pm.

We have been generously offered a ‘two for one’ deal again by our good friends at the theatre. There are only a few matinee performances, so the demand will be considerable, so, to make it as fair as possible, at our meeting in JULY, come with your cheques for £11.00 per person, payable to PAIGNTON U3A, and register. At present we have a limited number (30), but, MAYBE able to increase when we know what the demand is. Ring Rodger on 391966 after 17th June for information --- **NOT TO BOOK.**

Another visit to the **BBC PLYMOUTH STUDIOS** has been arranged for Wednesday 12th September. This is limited to 24 persons and you will be able to sign up at the July general meeting.

Forthcoming General Meetings

General Meetings usually 2nd 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 12th 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 10th July

Read all about it!

Jim Parker has worked for our local newspaper the Herald Express for about 40 years becoming its editor in 2012. He has seen it move 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 21st August (Note this is 3rd Tuesday of month)

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

Groups' News

The next **copy deadline for the newsletter** is Wed 4th July 2018 at 5pm as the copy is sent to the printers at 5.30pm.

Group Leaders are invited to a meeting on Monday 23rd July (time and venue to be advised). Your new Groups Co-ordinator Sue Lewton would love to meet you all and she would like your ideas for a festive general meeting on 11th December where interest groups can showcase their activities and attract new members to their group. Seasonal ideas especially welcome.

ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS

Armchair Explorers are going on vacation until September. Hope you all have a great summer of visiting beautiful and interesting places and Armchair Explorers will hopefully hear about them in the Autumn. Contact Barbara Collins 01803 669238 or email barbara@bes1.co.

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

It is really great when we have folks whom can help out in time of need, or, when a group leader is away on their 'hols'. A big thank you to ANN for leading our KNIT and NATTER last month, it great to be able to have willing helpers, just what U3A is all about. Who is coming this month??? Need info, just give me, Janette, on 391966.

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.

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.

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at our new venue, Preston Baptist Church on Thursday 21st June at 10.30am. Subject: Works and Life of Vivaldi (Baroque period) with guest Prof Peter Edwards.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

It seems a pity to spend such a glorious morning indoors, but having missed one meeting this year we have to press ahead. May's competition on the theme of "Curves" gave the group quite a problem in choosing their favourite photograph with 2 shots vying for first place:- Chris Whatley's "Elevated Footpath" and Yvonne Rose's "Staircase" and 3 photos trying for the third shot, Martin Betts managed to get two of his shots in this group, the "Railway Lines" and the "Beach Huts", with Peter Rose's shot of an "Auditorium Ceiling" making up the three. I have attached the PDF file of the winners along with the newsletter.

We finished up with a video showing how to remove unwanted objects from a photograph. June's competition theme is "Then and Now" and July's is "Fauna".

I did mention that for one of the future meetings I would make a studio set up complete with lights for a shot at taking portraits in one of our rooms. It was decided this would be better left until later in the year. If anyone would like to be or know anyone who would like to be a model, please let me know or they will have to do with me and Muffin in front of the lenses.

Keep snapping, **Ron**

QUIZ GROUP

Thanks to Jan Spry for being our guest quiz master in May. I look forward to seeing you all again on Friday June 15th, same time same place. Carol

SOCIAL GROUP

continues to meet each month on the second FRIDAY in the BRIGHT BEAN CAFÉ on Torquay Road in PRESTON. Numbers have been increasing and good discussions and suggestions offered. Come along and share your experiences and ideas. Rodger

SKITTLES

At the Preston Conservative Club on Monday 18th June 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 or just come along.

WALKING GROUP

We had a very pleasant walk in May in Scadson and Occombe woods. We also planned the walks up to January 2019. There will be a list of these displayed on the Notice Board.

Our next walk is: Wednesday 20th June at Totnes. This is the first half of the Franklin Walk and is a fairly easy 3 miles. Meet at 10.30 at the Royal Seven Stars, on The Plains. The Gold bus to Totnes/Plymouth at 10.05 from Paignton Bus station will get you there in time.

Our leader will be Alison Musgrove. Please contact her on 01803 520993 by 9am on the morning of the walk. Norma Ellis

Your Committee for 2018 to 2019

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Various committee members will be sitting on a sub-committee to determine how Paignton U3A should deal with recent government legislation and other legalities. This comes under the banner of “Keep It Legal” and has four main strands covering Insurance, Safeguarding, Diversity, Disability & Inclusion and Data Protection. If you have any concerns, worries or suggestions on any of these “heavy-weight” topics, then let either Rodger or Kate know.

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd July 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

Activity	When	M	T	W	TH	F	Time	Location	Organiser/s	Phone
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		10.30/12.30pm	Preston Baptist Church	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 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)