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IMPORTANT

A Special Resolution was agreed unanimously at our AGM on 10 April 2018 to change the Object Clause of the Constitution of Paignton U3A and Third Age Trust

The updated Paignton U3A Constitution (see separate email attachment or noticeboard) reflecting the change of Object Clause will be put before the members at a short SGM on 8th May, immediately before the General Meeting. Your new committee is recommending that it is agreed.

The day trip to BATH on Friday 15th June has been cancelled as the number of people committing to it made it not viable. Those who have paid a deposit or in full can get a refund at the General Meeting.

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 orange 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. We still have over 100 people who have yet to pay so if you have mislaid your renewal invitation, please contact Cindy Ball for another.

Message from your Chairman, Rodger

After a very changeable month weather wise – we have seen all four seasons in one month!!! We now move onto to another year for our group, with anticipation and hope that we move forward and develop stronger ties together.

We gained a new committee last month at our AGM, and I would like to welcome them, some 'stayers', some 'returnees', and some 'newbies'; together we shall endeavour to enjoy ourselves and create an atmosphere that we are all happy to be involved in, and open

our thinking to new ideas, new groups, new rules and laws (unfortunately – but necessary), some not too severe.

We must say a big thank you to those former committee members who did not seek re-election, and of course, our former treasurer, who was not allowed to seek re-election!!!!
THANK YOU TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP AND HELP.

May sees some of the annual events in our area, the BMAD festival starts on Friday 4th, supporting local charities with the Devon County Show starting on 17th for three days at Westpoint, Exeter. It is a little commercialised these days, but still an interesting event. Early in June we have the Torbay Air Show again – let's hope for some good weather, so we can enjoy another wonderful show. Anyone taking a friend with them???

Anybody going on any day trips????? Would you like someone to join you??? Would you like to go on a day trip, but don't have anyone to go with you??? Let us know what is going on, so others can be involved and enjoy each other's company.

Babbacombe Theatre has reminded us that they have a summer show called Starshine planned for every Tuesday and Wednesday until 24th October, anyone wanting to go????

We are now planning our December General Meeting and thought that it would be a good time to dispense with a speaker and have a more festive slant to the morning with a mince pie and an opportunity to exchange Christmas cards. We are seeing if we can book a choir to lead carol singing too and to use this opportunity for various groups to showcase what they are doing. If anyone has any other ideas to make our time together more memorable, then let me know.

Check the notice board folks at our monthly meetings, they maybe something there of interest to you, and some information that we have to make available to you!!!!

The U3A magazine (Third Age Matters) is sent out by the National Office five times a year. You should receive it automatically; if not, please tell Kate, our secretary, and she will be able to check that you are on the mailing list. The next issue will be mailed out in mid June.

National Office also sends out a monthly newsletter by email. Go to u3a.org.uk and register as a U3A member so you can sign up for the newsletter and access the members' part of the website. Don't forget to click through to South West Region to find out events being held by other U3As in Devon and beyond.

So, folks – let's make it 'friends' – let's move forward with new energy and create an even more friendly group, when we all look forward to gathering together, either in our groups, or at our monthly meeting.

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 held our **DRIVING SAFER FOR LONGER WORKSHOP** on **Monday 30th April** with 40 members attending out of the 55 who had booked!. 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. Torbay U3A is running a repeat of this workshop on Tuesday 31st July. More details in the next newsletter on how to sign up.

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 8th 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 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 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 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 6th June 2018 at 5pm.

ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS

The next meeting is on Saturday 5th May at 10.30 am at Yvonne Rose's house when Yvonne and Wendy will be telling us about their recent holidays in India. Please telephone her on 521240 for the address and to confirm if you are going. Barbara 669238

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in JASMYN HOUSE in Midvale Road. We have recently welcomed some new members, and there is still room for more!!! Come along with those knitting projects and enjoy an afternoon together. Please ring Janette (391966) for any more information.

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 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

April's meeting was cancelled due to Ron's unexpected hospitalisation. April's theme was "Curves" and May's will be "Then and Now." Keep snapping, **Ron**

QUIZ GROUP

The next quiz will be held on Friday 18th May. Look forward to seeing all our regulars and maybe a few new faces. Carol

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.

SKITTLES

At the Preston Conservative Club on Monday 21st May 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.

WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

There was no walk in April as almost everyone was away or otherwise unable to come so I suggest we have the same walk again on 16th May. Meet at the entrance to Scadson Wood at the bottom of Old Paignton Road (parking freely available on Old Paignton Road, just below Preston Primary School).

Walk up to Ocombe Farm for a coffee break, where we will plan the walks for the remainder of the year. Continue across the road to Ocombe Wood and return to our start point. With Spring being rather delayed this year, there may still be bluebells in flower.

Start at 10.30am and, if there has been recent rain, I suggest good boots and a stick. Also please bring maps, books and suggestions for discussion. Each section of the walk takes less than an hour. Anyone wishing to come please contact me by 9am on the morning of the walk.

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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 5th June 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		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 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)