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*Message from your Chair, Rodger*

*“You don’t stop having fun when you are old; you get old when you stop having fun”.*

Well folks, after that summer – H O T, drought, rain, floods etc., what have we in store for the coming months??

Still looking back for a while, we have had some interesting speakers at our meetings, some groups, during the summer months, have been low on attendance numbers, and many of us have been away for various kinds of breaks. A number of members expressed appreciation for the MISSIN’ TACKLE SEA SHANTY singers who came in August, ‘quite a change’ was one comment!!!! BUT, let’s not forget those who have been ill – some in hospital – many at home!! Some have had bereavements in the family, some very close and difficult to understand the reasons – if there are any. Find out who they are, by talking with each other and make contact with them to encourage them during difficult times.

Someone has placed on Facebook that there only XXX days till Christmas!!!! Some are still having their ‘summer holidays!!!! What are they doing??? But, as a group we do have a number of events being planned for this winter, so, make sure you get your copy of the monthly newsletter each month, as there will be deadline for us to follow with certain bookings.

The Friday Social Group has a ‘fish and chip supper’ on THURSDAY 20th September at Scoffs in Torbay Road, starting at 18.30.

Have you seen the leaflets informing everybody of ‘ENGLAND’S SEAFOOD FEAST’??? Running from 22nd September till 7th October, in many venues in Torbay. Get a leaflet, get involved, get going with some friends!!!

September is also the month when MacMillan Cancer support have their annual coffee morning. Is there one near you? Are you running one??? Do let me know if you are BEFORE our general meeting.

A trip to the BBC Studios in Plymouth has been arranged for this month, so, if you have booked, then keep in touch with Colin Porter, who has organised this for us.

Then in December, look out!!!! Our December monthly meeting will be different!!!! Plans are in hand for a CHRISTMAS SPECIAL, (that could cover a lot of things!!), so, keep you diaries clear for that morning, as a number of our groups are being invited to be involved.

BUT, Christmas would not be Christmas without a show or pantomime, so, we have booked some tickets already!!!! Only just available to the general public, we have seats booked for

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> and WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> . Other dates could be available IF we fill our quota on these two dates.

Have you any suggestions that you would like the Committee to consider??? Then, let us know!! Having problems with your newsletter not coming by email???? Have another word with me, or Cindy, our membership secretary, or, any committee member and we will do our best; but, sometimes these problems are out of our control – sorry folks.

**Rodger**

***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.**

A **Fish and Chip supper at Scoffs**, on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September** needs more to come along. A list will be at the door this month, and then the bookings closed. So, come with your cheque payable to Paignton U3A for £5.00, as your deposit, and then you can choose from their full menu. Many thanks for Carol at Scoffs for allowing this event. **NO BOOKINGS AFTER THIS MONTH'S MEETING.**

**Rodger Smith**

Bookings for both dates at **BABBACOMBE THEATRE – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.30pm, are being taken at the door. Limited number of seats available. To reserve your seat, a FULL payment of £11.00, by cheque, payable to PAIGNTON U3A, is required. No cheque = no seat!!!! Cheques will be held and banked at the end of each month. Bookings **ONLY** confirmed when payment has been made. **Rodger Smith**

Expressions of Interest to attend a **Workshop on Powers of Attorney** are sought. Venue and date to be decided if there is enough interest. **Kate Parsons**

Expressions of Interest to attend a **Workshop on Dementia** are sought. Venue and date to be decided if there is enough interest. **Sue Lewton**

## ***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

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> GULF WAR**

Revd Canon John Herve, former army chaplain

John Herve grew up in Selly Oak. A graduate of Birmingham and Wolverhampton universities, he was ordained as a priest in 1973 in York. He served as chaplain in the Army between 1976 and 1981, including tours of duty in Northern Ireland, Gibraltar and with the UN in Cyprus and was awarded the UN medal in 1979.

Returning to Birmingham in 1981, he was parish priest of St Andrew's, Handsworth, during the riots in 1981 and 1985. In 1986 Fr. Hervé left to become Director of Theological Studies at the Anglo-Catholic theological college at St. Stephen's House, Oxford, one of six religious Permanent Private Halls of the University of Oxford.

He was appointed Priest-in-charge of St Agatha's Church, Sparbrook, Birmingham 1990-2014. While at St Agatha's, he spearheaded the restoration of the church following a grant of £672,000 of lottery money and celebrated the Centenary of St Agatha's in 2003. The restoration work was given the Royal blessing by the Earl and Countess of Wessex.

He has been the padre to 202 (Midlands) Field Hospital, based in Kings Heath and was appointed Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral in April 2005.

He now lives in Torquay.

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

### **BEHIND THE BADGE**

Alex Leger, former producer of Blue Peter

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

### **STRICTLY THE GOLDEN YEARS**

Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

### **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

at Redcliffe Hotel

## ***Groups' News***

The next **copy deadline for the newsletter** is Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 5pm as the copy is sent to the printers at 5.30pm.

### **A Message from Groups Co-ordinator Sue Lewton.**

I would like to thank all of the Group Convenors and the Committee Members who attended a meeting in July. It gave us the opportunity to get to know one another a little better and to share our responsibilities as active members of Paignton U3A.

At the December general meeting we will be promoting the activities of our groups in an informal setting and with a festive air. The groups have been encouraged to work together wherever possible to set up displays/activities. They will need your ideas and help to make the event successful as it is not a one man show. At the meeting it would be great if you could take a turn being near your display so that the convenors can also mix with members and their friends. We are looking forward to everyone's support.

Groups wax and wane for all sorts of reasons and recently the numbers have dwindled at the Knit and Natter group which meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 2pm to 4pm at Jasmyn House. I met with the remaining members and we talked through how we could bring some new life into the group and to encourage new members with the result that we would cut out the natter and introduce new crafts. This widens the remit of the group and allows anyone who has a craft they would like to share with others to join in. This could be beadwork, card making, quilling, marquetry... the list goes on. Unfortunately we can't have weaving looms or turning lathes as the room is not big enough but any crafts that can be carried are welcome. This group is not restricted to women only so come on men and get creative.

I have had a request for a German speaking group. Is anyone else out there interested? If so, please contact me and I will arrange the initial meeting.

Sue Lewton

### **New Group CANASTA**

How about adding a bit of Latin American colour and excitement to your life no not dancing but Canasta. Avril Leitch is offering to convene a Canasta Group in her own home at Broadsands and she is prepared to offer tuition for members wishing to try their hand for the first time at this card game. This would probably be held before members with some knowledge/experience of the game arrive.

The starting date would be Wednesday 26th September 2pm-4pm. Why not give Avril a call on 01803 842889.

Please note there are five steps to Avril's front door but there is a handrail.

## **ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS**

Armchair Explorers are on vacation. 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.uk](mailto:barbara@bes1.co.uk).

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

We meet on the first Friday of the month and have been visiting Grand Central, Torbay Road, Paignton as they always give us an excellent breakfast and value for money. Those who regularly attend wish to continue at this venue, so we will be keeping our monthly meeting there until further notice. Should you wish to join us please contact John Ball on 01803 411046 to let him know the numbers as he always books tables/seating.

## **HANDICRAFT GROUP**

KNIT AND NATTER group are about to change their name to HANDICRAFT GROUP.

This is to reflect the wider scope of activities they wish to be involved in, as there are some members who would like to be busy doing CRAFT as well as KNIT.

We will be meeting in JASMYN HOUSE on the fourth Wednesday each month again from September, starting at 14.00, why not come along and join in a friendly afternoon of knitting or crafts. Further details from Janette Smith 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.

12 September	Smokey Inn, Marldon
10 October	Ship Inn, Manor Road, Paignton
14 November	Brewers Fayre, Goodrington
12 December	Hare & Hounds, Kingskerswell

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

## **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

The July competition was a close fought this month with Bob Tame's rather startled looking big bird getting the first spot, Jim Cairns' Lizard following behind in second spot, with Chris Whatley's squirrel just making it into the third place, please see attached file.

We then had a look a newcomer to the photographic software scene "Affinity Photo" from Serif, with has a very competitive price to it, at the time of writing the cost is under £40.00, but at the moment they have discounted it to about £35.00, which is quite a bargain if you are looking for this type of program. It works very much like Photoshop, but as I downloaded their 10 day trial version I have not had time to really explore its capabilities, but I will be staying with Photoshop myself.

September's competition will be on the theme of "Water" and October's will be "Movement".

Keep snapping, **Ron**

## **SOCIAL GROUP**

continues to meet each month on the second FRIDAY at 2.30pm 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**

## **WALKING GROUP**

Our next walk will be on Wednesday 19th September. We will do the second half of the Franklin Walk at Totnes. There are facilities in the town but not en route.

Meet at the Royal Seven Stars at Totnes at 10.30. The Gold bus from Paignton at 10.00 will get you there in time. The walk is hilly in parts. Alison and Tina will be the leaders. Please contact Alison on 01803 520993 between 08.30 and 09.00 on the day if you will be joining the walk. **Norma Ellis**

**Citizens Advice Torbay** is currently recruiting for volunteers who want to give something back to the local community. We are based in Paignton, at the rear of Palace Avenue and offer a service each working day. Most of our wonderful volunteers are retired people and I hope that you may have some people among you who might be interested in finding out more.

We offer a nationally accredited training, but it is not onerous. We are holding a Volunteer Taster Afternoon on Wednesday, 12th September at 2.30pm in our Paignton office, where current volunteers will be on hand to chat about what they do.

If anyone is interested, please pass them my contact details, or look at the 'volunteer with us' page on our website [www.citizensadvicetorbay.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicetorbay.org.uk). Dolores Unwin 01803 558728

## ***Committee News***

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30am. Venue: The 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?

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### PAIGNTON U3A DETAILS OF GROUPS

Activity	When	M	T	W	TH	F	Time	Location	Organiser/s
Armchair Explorers	Saturdays						10.30/12.30	Variable	Barbara Collins
Art	3rd				X		10am/noon	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	Wendy Leishman
Book Club	1st				X		10-30/noon		Marian Whiter
Breakfast Club	1st					X	9.30am	Various	John Ball
Bridge -Beginners & Improvers	Weekly				X		2-15/4.30pm	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	Barbara Collins & Mike Jeffs
Bridge -Intermediate	Weekly		X				7-15/9-30	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	Barbara Collins & Mike Jeffs
Coffee Morning	4th	X					10-30/noon	Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Dr	Judy Punshon
Creative Writing	3rd	X					10am/noon	Members Home	Carole Giffen
Dining Out	Last				X			Various	Jeanette Taylor
Discussion Group 1	4th	X					2pm/4pm	Members Home	Audrey Kibby
Discussion Group 2	4th	X					2-15/4-15pm	Members Home	Colin Porter
Gardening	2nd	X					10.15/12noon	Various	Kate Parsons
Genealogy	1st			X			10am/noon		Carole Giffen
Handicraft	4th			X			2pm/4pm	Jasmyn House, Midvale Road	Janette Smith
Local History	1st	X					10-30/noon	Paignton Library	Chris Blake
Luncheon Club	2nd			X				Various	Cindy Ball
Mah Jongg (afternoon)	2nd			X			2.30/4.30	Paignton Club	John Battison
Mah Jongg (evening)	3rd		X				7pm/9pm	Members Home	Pam Bushby
Music Appreciation	3rd				X		10.30/12.30pm	Preston Baptist Church	Colin Porter
Patchwork	4th		X				10am/noon	Members Home	Norma Cox
Photography	3rd		X				10am/noon	Members Home	Ron Collins
Pins & Needles	3rd	X					10-30/12-30	Members Home	Pat Cossey
Poetry	4th					X	10.30/12.00	Members home	Marie Handyside
Quiz	3rd					X	2pm/4pm	Paignton Library	Carol Owens
Rummicub 1	3rd			X			7pm/9pm	Members Home	Sheila Biggs
Rummicub 2	3rd			X			7pm/9pm	Members Home	Pam Bushby
Rummicub 3 & 4	2nd & 3rd	X					2-00/4pm	Members Home	Gill Bowie
Scrabble	2nd			X			2pm/4-30	Members Home	Elizabeth Mills
Skittles	3rd	X					5.30pm	Preston Conservative Club	Barbara Collins
Social afternoon	2 <sup>nd</sup>					X	2.30pm/4pm	TBA	Rodger Smith
Table Tennis	1st & 3rd		X				2pm/4pm	Preston Con Club	Eugene Cox
Walking Group (Wed)	3rd			X			am	Various	Norma Ellis
Walking Group (Fri)	1st					X	am	Various	'Stan' Stanislaus
Writing My Life story	3rd			X			10.30/12.30	Bright Bean Coffee Lounge	'Stan' Stanislaus
Wine Tasting 1	1st					X	8-10pm	Various	Marie Handyside

(Subject to change -please check with group leader)