

LUNCHEON CLUB

We meet on every **3rd** Wednesday of the month at venues around the Bay, for a good meal and 'catch up with the times'. If you would like to join us please contact Cindy Ball on 01803 411046 – details of the following venues are shown below, 12 for 12.30pm:

19th February –Beefeater, White Rock, Long Road South, Paignton TQ4 7AZ.

18th March –Railway Inn, Dartmouth Road, Churston TQ5 0LL. (formerly the Weary Ploughman).

15th April – The Royal, Babbacombe Downs Road, Torquay TQ1 3LR.

20th May – Belgrave Sands Hotel, Belgrave Toad, Torquay TQ2 5HF.

17th June– The Wighton, Newton Road, Torquay, TQ2 7JA.

15th July– Brewers Fayre, Tanners Road, Paignton TQ4 6LP.

19th August – Hamiltons, Babbacombe Downs Road, Torquay TQ1 3L

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP meet on Thursday 20th

February at 10.30 for a meeting for all members of Paignton U3A at St Paul's Church Preston when we will be welcoming Stephen Cox BSc M A who will be talking and demonstrating the Piano and Bassoon . Stephen has just moved to Torbay and a very accomplished musician.

This is an invitation to all members of Paignton U3A and it is a free day.

PHOTOGRAHY GROUP

February's competition theme is "Indoors" and March's theme is "Industry".

Keep Snapping, Ron

QUIZ GROUP

On Friday 21st February at 2pm we will be in Room 13.

SOCIAL GROUP

Come along at 2pm on Friday 14th February at the Bright Bean Coffee Lounge, Preston. Meet new members and old friends and come along with ideas for outings, trips, workshops and new ideas for the whole group.
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Next Committee meeting is Tuesday 3rd March

Next Newsletter copy deadline is Wednesday 4th March at 5pm.

We are on the web:

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Charity number: 1115116

Events, Trips, and Outings

Our trip to **TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW** on Saturday 8 August has been confirmed by Bennetts Coaches. **ALL** who are interested ie those whose names are on the list and anyone else who wishes to book, please give me a post-dated cheque (1st June 2020) payable to BENNETTS COACHES for £26 to secure your place. Only 20 places reserved at present. Full details later.

Rodger 363225

BABBACOMBE THEATRE SUMMER SHOW has been booked for WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST at 14.30. This is usually great entertainment with dancing, singing and audience involvement with compere Steve Leister. If you are interested REGISTER your interest, and we will start to collect in monies in JUNE and JULY, with cheques payable to PAIGNTON U3A. Rodger 353225

Next Speakers' Meetings

Meetings usually 2nd Tuesday monthly at 10.50 a.m. Doors open 10a.m.; coffee from 10.30 a.m at the Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Drive, Paignton

11 February: Dartmoor: A wild and wondrous region; Looking at the stories behind the paintings in the recent exhibition from 18th to 21st century. By Peter F Mason

10 March: Being a Store Detective. By Julie Turner

21 April: AGM

Groups' News

ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS

We will meet again on Sat 15th February at 10.30am when we will be visiting Hawaii. Barbara 01803 669238

BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet on the 1st Friday of each month at the Grand Central, Torbay Road, Paignton TQ4 6AJ where we have an excellent meal with plenty of chatter. If you wish to join the group please contact the organiser John Ball on 01803 411046.

NEW! CREATIVE WRITING #2

A new member Sandra Mitchell would like to start a new Creative Writing Group with a difference to the existing group convened by Carole Giffen.

If you are interested, meet Sandra after the February

Speaker meeting on 11th February in the ballroom of the Redcliffe Hotel. Contact Sandra on 01803 491029.

HANDICRAFTS

Come along for an afternoon of social chat whilst being busy with your hands, knitting, card-making, jewellery and soon we hope to have a small loom for learning weaving too. Our next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY from 2pm. **Janette 363225**

LOCAL HISTORY

The first research topic for 2020 was Torbay's GHOSTS. This produced a very lively discussion with contributions from all around the table. According to a Daily Mail 'census,' Torquay is, apparently, the country's hot spot for ghostly sightings, with nearby Berry Pomeroy Castle, perhaps being top of the list.

Finally, did you hear about the ghost in Paignton Hospital? He went in to "have his ghoulish stones removed!"

The research topic for February is Foreign Invasions of Torbay and the surrounding area.

Ken Faulkner 0775 909 3303.



Chairman’s Remarks

It has been nice to see the sun over the past few days. Although still on the chilly side, there are signs of Spring in the air.

Renewal and nomination forms will be available at the next Speaker’s meeting **which will start at 10.50am;** be sure to pick up your envelope with all the relevant information. As you know we have had difficulty filling committee positions this year, leaving some of us to do more than one job in order to keep Paignton U3A going. I am asking you to give serious thought as to whether you or someone you know would be willing to step forward. A successful organization needs support from all its members.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday

Carol Owens
Chair

Membership Renewal Forms (payment due 1st May) and AGM Notices will be available for members to pick up at the February & March Speaker meetings.
Payment by CHEQUE only.

Please consider if YOU are able to offer your time as a Committee member.

National Office has advised that the charge to Paignton U3A for the Third Age Trust magazine is increasing again to £3.10 a year from April. The committee has agreed not to increase your membership fee this year but this will be revisited for 2021.

Also looking for anyone to organise a day trip to somewhere of interest as members have expressed a desire for more of these. No long term commitment involved!

Wed 3rd June is National U3A Day. If anyone

wishes to arrange an event showcasing what we are about, contact Carol or Rodger.

FREE MUSIC WORKSHOP

Thurs 20th Feb at 10.30am
St Paul's Church Preston

“Me and my Bassoon” by Stephen Cox. B.Sc. MA.

This will be in the Church itself where Steven will be able to include playing the piano.

There is free car parking and the No. 12 bus stops nearby.

Please come and support this event which has been organised by Group Convener Colin Porter.