



Chairman's Remarks

I would first like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. Christmas was quiet but pleasant for us. My brother and sister-in-law were here for a couple of days; my grandson came from Germany for 3 weeks and my son and his family who now live in Hawaii kept me up to date on Christmas and New Year at the beach, complete with a pineapple drop and hula dancers.

I have been asked by the committee to give a special thank you to Sarah Malcolm. You will most probably recognize her as the person who welcomes you when you sign in at our Speaker meetings. However for several years now she has been our 'Listening Ear' working quietly behind the scenes, lending an ear or shoulder when needed and sending

cards for various occasions, happy and sad.

Looking forward to seeing many of you next week,

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

Events, Trips, and Outings

TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW.
Saturday 8 August 2020 with Bennetts Coaches. price later!!

NEW! BABBACOMBE THEATRE SUMMER SHOW has been booked for WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST AT 14.30. This is the ONLY afternoon performance in the whole summer, so, 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

An Autumn break in **THE WYE VALLEY** from Monday 26 October till Friday 30 October 2020, staying at the PENYARD HOUSE HOTEL near Ross on Wye is now being booked. Already 15 U3A members have paid their deposits. If any more members wish to join this trip we will have to contact the coach company, to check IF there is space, BEFORE accepting payments. £295.00 per person with a £40.00 single supplement. Run by Hemmings Coaches.

Next Speakers' Meetings

Meetings usually 2nd Tuesday monthly at 11.00 a.m. Doors open 10a.m.; coffee from 10.30 a.m at the Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Drive, Paignton

14 January: Ukulele music and sing-a-long

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

11 March: Being a Store Detective. By Julie Turner

21 April: AGM

Groups' News

The next Group Convenors' meeting is at 10.30am on Wed 29th January at Jasmyn House, Midvale Rd. Main discussion will be how the December Groups' Fayre went and how to further promote our groups in the future plus any updates from the committee.

ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS

We will meet again on Sat 18th January at 10.30am when we will be visiting Madagascar. 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.

CANASTA & GENERAL CARD GAMES

Paignton U3A will no longer be running these Friday afternoon groups at Hookhills.

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.

An exploratory meeting will be held at the Shoreline Café at 2pm on Friday 17th January. Sandra will lead the discussion on the way forward. If you are interested, please come along or contact Sandra 01803 459965

DINING OUT

A planning meeting will be held immediately after the next Speaker meeting on 14th January. Coffee and sandwiches or a light lunch can be purchased from the bar whilst decisions are made.

Meanwhile, the next meal has been organised by Sheila Wenman at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Livermead at 7pm. The cost will be £17 per person for 4 courses.

HANDICRAFTS

As our venue - BRIGHT BEAN CAFE - is having major alterations to their café, our next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY. Janette 363225

LOCAL HISTORY

We welcome Ken Faulkner as the new convenor of this group. He can be contacted on 0775 909 3303.

LUNCHEON CLUB

We meet now 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 noon for 12.30pm:-

15th January - The Ship Inn, 26 Manor Road, Paignton TQ3 2HR.

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

will be holding a workshop on Thursday 20th February at 10.30am at St Pauls Church, Preston, open to ALL U3A members.

It has been sponsored by Paignton U3A and has been organised by the Music Group.

Steven Cox B Sc. MA, a very talented musician who recently moved to Torbay has agreed to do a talk and demonstration entitled 'Me and My Bassoon'. Steven will be bringing his Bassoon and Keyboard with him and Colin is trying to arrange the use of a piano in the Church.

This free session is open to all Paignton U3A members; coffee/tea will be available £1.00 per person.

Please come and support this event. There is plenty of free car parking and buses stop nearby.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

January's theme is "Photos using Flash" and for February "Indoor Photographs".

Keep Snapping, Ron

PINS AND NEEDLES & PATCHWORK

These groups have amalgamated and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 2pm. Contact

Janet Hobbs on 01803 414221.

QUIZ GROUP

On Friday 17th January at 2pm we will be in Room 11, so don't forget to bring your coffee cup. This month we have a guest quiz master with a difference!

SOCIAL GROUP

will not have its usual meeting in January.

Rodger 01803 363225

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis has temporarily moved to Paignton Bowling Club. Contact Group Convenor Eugene Cox on 01803 525079.

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Next Committee meeting is

Tuesday 4th February

Next Newsletter copy deadline

is Wednesday 5th February at 5pm.

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