



Chairman's Remarks

As I sit here writing this the sun is streaming through the window which gives me high hopes for the month to come (fingers crossed).

After much discussion at our committee meeting and following Government and U3A National Office guidance on the Covid-19 coronavirus we have decided NOT to cancel our March speaker meeting next week and leave it up to individual members to decide for themselves if it the right thing for them to attend. Please remember to keep up with all the latest information provided, most importantly to wash hands well and frequently.

You should by now have received your membership renewal information. Don't forget to fill in the nomination form if there is someone you think would make a good committee member. Nominations close Monday 23rd March. Everyone currently on the committee has to be voted in again for next year so don't think we automatically stay on in our current position.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday. Stay well.

Carol Owens

Chair

U3A National Office advice is as follows:

If a member has returned from one of the areas identified by the government and has any of the symptoms identified on the government website they should not hold interest groups in their own homes, or attend interest groups or attend monthly meetings until they have followed the NHS

advice provided after calling 111

If a U3A finds that a member has contracted coronavirus, please let the Trust know immediately

The members of interest groups that any member with coronavirus has attended should all call 111 to ask for advice

The monthly meeting should be cancelled for that month (and possibly longer) until the spread of the virus has been assessed.

Membership Renewal Forms (payment due 1st May) and AGM Notices will be available for members to pick up at the March Speaker meeting.

Payment by CHEQUE only.

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

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.

The National Office has now settled in to its temporary accommodation and expects to be there for the next couple of months.

The phone system has been up and running for over a week and other functions are now becoming available. The resource centre DVDs and the shop should be available very soon.

SOCIAL GROUP /new members

Come along at 2pm on Friday 13th March 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.

Rodger 01803 363225

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 363225**

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

10 March: Being a Store Detective. By Julie Turner

Julie spent time working as a store detective and will share many of the ups and downs, funny stories and experiences she encountered along the way.

21 April: AGM

Groups' News

ARMCHAIR EXPLORERS

We will meet again on Sat 28th March at 10.30am when we will be visiting Borneo. 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.

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 25th March from 2pm. **Janette 363225**

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:

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 Road, 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

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

March's theme is "Industry".

Keep Snapping, Ron

QUIZ GROUP

On Friday 20th March at 2pm we will be in Room 13. Don't forget your coffee cup. Jan Spry will be our guest Quizmaster. Carol

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Next Committee meeting is
Tuesday 7th April

Next Newsletter copy deadline
is Wednesday 8th April at 5pm.

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