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Thought for the month:

Life without friendship is like the sky without the Sun.

A Message from your Chairman

Happy New Year to everyone.

Unfortunately the year has started with a good soaking for many people. Torbay seems to have missed the worst of the floods so we need to keep our fingers crossed and hope things will improve as the days grow longer.

We have a full programme to look forward to in 2014 and of course the opportunity to elect a new committee in April. The A.G.M. seems a long way off but now is the time for you to think about what you could offer to Paignton U3A. With the new constitution the committee can operate with a minimum of 9 members but can extend to 12. As before, the current committee members all stand down but may put their names forward for re-election. Anyone of you can put your name on the nomination form and then get two other members to propose and second you (it is the same for everyone as current committee members can no longer propose or second each other).

Although we have a new constitution and technically I could stand again as Chairman, I feel it is only right to honour the maximum three year principle so will not be putting my name forward again this year. If you would like to know more about the work of the committee and the Officers' roles please come and talk to me or any other committee member. It is a worthwhile challenge.

The nomination forms will be available at the next meeting. Group Leaders will also have a copy at your meetings and they will be published in a later newsletter. The completed forms need to be handed to Connie Powell our current Secretary. (You do not have to nominate to fill all 12 places).

Already another new group "**Knit and Natter**" has had its first meeting this year. We wish Brenda Russell and her team every success. Details are further on in this newsletter.

Badminton has had a reprieve and will be held on Thursday 23rd January, 2pm at St Andrews Community Hall, Sands Road.

The new **Social Group** will be held on Friday 24th January at 2pm at Jasmine House, Midvale Road (behind the Bus Station off Totnes Road). To start us off again we invite you to bring along a cake or nibbles enough for one person only to put in the pool to share. We will provide tea and coffee. We will discuss the format for the future of the group and its name at this meeting.

However to start us off this time and recognising the importance of 2014 being 100 years since the beginning of World War One maybe we could share some memories, experiences and thoughts of wartime and the effect it had on everyone.

Best wishes for 2014.

Sue

Loss of memory at Paignton U3A!

There seems to be a rash of members losing their memories – it is quite amazing how many people say to me "I had a couple of tins for your Food Bank box, but I forgot to bring them". If you are one of the forgetful ones, please go NOW and put them by your car keys, or your boots, or wherever you'll see them next Tuesday. No excuses this month.

If you are not one the forgetful ones, I would still be very happy to have your contributions dropped in my box.

Regards *John Battison*

Trips & Outings

Vue Cinema's forthcoming programme includes

27 Jan	19.15 Live	Giselle from Royal Opera House
30 Jan	19.00 Live	Coriolanus from National Theatre
6 Feb	19.00	Noel Coward's Private Lives
8 Feb	17.55	Rusalka from The Met Opera
12 Feb	18.45 Live	Don Giovanni from Royal Opera House
27 Feb	19.00 Live	War Horse from National Theatre

Contact Barbara Collins on 01803 669238 or e-mail barbara@bes1.co.uk

Eating Out

I have booked the Livermead Cliff Hotel for Thursday 30th January. They are doing a special two for the price of one at £ 29.50; 4 course meal with coffee & mints. If the numbers for dining are odd, the single person gets half price. Please ring Sheila Wenman 01803 844162 by 24 January to book.

Visit to The Royal Albert Hall For a Spring Musical Spectacular on Sunday 23 March

If you have not been to one of these concerts you have missed out on a very wonderful experience visiting the ROYAL ALBERT HALL for the SPRING SPECTACULAR on Sunday March 23rd including one night in a 3 star hotel, coach travel from Torbay and entry ticket; £125 per person. Not certain of the supplement for singles at this juncture, but will know by the meeting next week. This is the last advert as deposits of £50 pp are required by the end of January and the balance next month. It is being organized by Newmarket Holidays NOT U3A and all payments must be made to them.

We have 12 names so far and if we can get over 20 people we will get upgraded to better seats. Details will be on Paignton U3A Notice Board on Tuesday and anyone interested, please add names to the list. It is a very lavish and thrilling event, similar to the Last Night of the Proms.

Colin Porter Livermead/Preston U3A

Forthcoming General Meetings

General Meetings 2nd Tuesday monthly 11.00 a.m. at the Palace Hotel, Esplanade Road, Paignton TQ4 6BJ. Entrance £1.50 with coffee available prior in the lounge for £1.50.

If any members wish on stay on for lunch, will they please book with the hotel in advance?

The committee is reminding members that as our numbers have increased will they please NOT reserve seats for friends in the Hall by putting coats, scarves etc on them?

14th January **The Last Little Ship to Leave Dunkirk by Russell Buckingham** of Lady Cable Trust

11th February **Brixham Sea Watch** A talk about the conservation and care of dolphins and whales in the south coast waters by Lindy Hingley

11th March **Devon Freewheelers** Les May

A meeting for **Group Leaders and Committee** to meet has been arranged for **Tuesday 28 January** at 10am at Jasmine House, Midvale Rd.

A Link Bridge meeting will be held at The Palace Hotel, Paignton on **Wednesday 26th March** from 1.30pm. Cost is £7pp to include a cream tea. Contact Barbara Collins on 01803 669238 or e-mail barbara@bes1.co.uk

The **AGM** will be held at the Redcliffe Hotel on **Tuesday 8th April** at 11am with coffee from 10.30am. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Sue to find out what is involved.

Paignton are hosting an area **Link meeting** on **Tuesday 29th April** at Jasmine House, Midvale Rd. From 10am.

Torbay U3A are organising a **Singing Together** Event on **Wednesday 18th June** with a 1914-1918 War Theme.

Groups' News

The ART Group

The Art group has been running for ten months, and our members have produced some very nice pictures. If you are interested in painting and drawing, you would be very welcome to join us as we have a couple of spaces free. Dennis and I have a lot of experience and can help and guide you through creating simple pictures. We have materials on hand to get you started. If you have some experience you can come along and do your own thing. Painting and drawing can be an absorbing hobby, and very rewarding. We meet at St Andrews Hall, Sands Road, on the 2nd Thursday in the month from 2 – 4 pm. If you need any more information please call me on 522407.

Wendy Leishman.

The new KNIT and NATTER Group meet at the Half Moon Pub in Paignton on the 4th Wednesday from 2.30 to 4.30pm. I hope to see you on 22nd January. Please bring any knitting, crochet or stitchcraft. Brenda Russell on 551544.

PHOTOGRAPHY Group

The theme for the January Meeting to be held as usual at Ron and Barbara's house will be Winter in South Devon. Keep snapping Ron Collins

QUIZ Group

Happy New Year to all Quizzers – come and get the grey cells working again on FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY, 2.00pm -3.45pm but for this month only at JASMINE HOUSE, MIDVALE ROAD, PAIGNTON.

Any problems or more info contact Sue Allen 01803 556522

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The next singing get-together will be on Friday 7th February 2014 at 2pm at St Andrews Community Hall. Until then "Keep on singing!" Rita

TRAIN Group

Our next Group Meeting will be an informal **coffee morning** get-together, on Friday 17th January, at the Shoreline Restaurant on Paignton Esplanade 10.am to 11.30.am. The main agenda will be to discuss the main trips for 2014, and to welcome any new members to the group. Any interesting, amusing or unusual Railway Travel Experiences would be appreciated, for consideration in our next Train Group Newsletter. David H. Tel: 666293 halbutt@gmail.com

WALKING Group

Lin Carus has asked me to let the walking group members know that she will not be available to run the group for the foreseeable future. I am sure that we all send her our best wishes for a healthy 2014.

In view of this I suggest that, as usual, we meet for coffee at the Shoreline Restaurant on Paignton seafront, to discuss what we want to happen with the group.

The date would be Wednesday 15th January at 10.00 a.m. This is, unusually, the day immediately after the monthly meeting.

There is a possibility of us joining the dog walking group as our numbers have dropped so low. Sue Lewton has said that she would be happy about this. Please come along on 15th and have your say.

Norma Ellis

January Humour from Ken Faulkner

My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.

I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.

I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.

Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

Britain's Greatest Generation

Testimony Films are making a new documentary series for BBC2. They wish to hear from people in their 80s, 90s and 100s who have vivid and interesting stories to tell from their past. From childhood to war; romance to retirement.

Contact Pete, Emily or Sara on 0117 925 8589 or e-mail: pete.vance@testimonyfilms.com.

PAIGNTON U3A DETAILS OF GROUPS Days and times are subject to change so please check with Group Leader.

Day	Activity	Venue	Time	Contact	Tel
1 st Monday	LOCAL HISTORY	Various	10.30am to 12 noon	Diane Holdsworth	557578
1 st Monday	PINS & NEEDLES		10.30am to 12.30pm	Pam McLaughlin	393898
1 st Tuesday	TABLE TENNIS	Preston Cons Club	2.00 to 4.00pm	Eugene Cox	525079
1 st Tuesday	Intermediate BRIDGE	Paignton Club	7.30 to 9.30pm	Jeanette Taylor	557450
1 st Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
1 st Wednesday	GENEALOGY		10am to 12noon	Carole Giffen	391614
1 st Thursday	BOOK CLUB		10.30am to 12 noon	Marion Whiter	403323
1 st Thursday	Beginners & Improvers BRIDGE	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	2.30 to 4.30pm	Jeanette Taylor	557450
TBA	BALLET NEW!!	Torbay School of Dance Totnes Rd	10am to 11am	Jo Hall	843197
1 st Friday	SINGING FOR PLEASURE	St Andrews Centre, Sands Rd	2.00pm to 3.30pm	Rita Wood	559793
1 st Friday	WINE TASTING		8 to 10pm	Marie Handyside	845336
2 nd Monday	GARDENING	Various	10.15am to 12.15pm	Barbara Collins	669238
2 nd Monday	RUMMICUB 3		2.00 to 4.00pm	Gill Bowie	845116
2 nd Tuesday	GENERAL MEETING	Palace Hotel	11am		
2 nd Tuesday	Intermediate BRIDGE	Paignton Club,	7.30 to 9.30pm	Jeanette Taylor	557450
2 nd Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
2 nd Wednesday	SCRABBLE		2.00 to 4.30pm	Elizabeth Mills	557215
2 nd Thursday	ART	St Andrews Centre, Sands Rd	2.00 to 4.00pm	Wendy Leishman	522407
2 nd Thursday	Beginners & Improvers BRIDGE	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	2.30 to 4.30pm	Jeanette Taylor	557450
2 nd Thursday	WORLD HISTORY		6.15pm	Diane Holdsworth	557578
3 rd Monday	CREATIVE WRITING		10am to 12 noon	Carole Giffen	391614
3 rd Monday	PINS & NEEDLES		10.30am to 12.30pm	Pam McLaughlin	393898
3 rd Monday	RUMMICUB 4		2.00 to 4.00pm	Gill Bowie	845116
3 rd Tuesday	PHOTOGRAPHY		10.30am to 12 noon	Ron Collins	669238
3 rd Tuesday	Intermediate BRIDGE	Paignton Club,	7.30 to 9.30pm	Jeanette Taylor	557450
3 rd Tuesday	MAH JONGG	Member's home Preston	7.30 to 9.30pm	John Battison	690592
3 rd Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
3 rd Wednesday	WALKING		10.30am	Lin Carus	554080
3 rd Wednesday	RUMMICUB 2	Member's home Preston	7.00 to 9.00pm	Pam Bushby	550229
3 rd Thursday	MUSIC	Park Hotel, The Esplanade	10am to 12 noon	Jo Innes-Lumsden Keith Thompson	812654 214291
3 rd Thursday	Beginners & Improvers BRIDGE	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	2.30 to 4.30pm	Jeanette Taylor	557450
3 rd Thursday	CARDS & BOARD GAMES	Pebble Court, off Penwill Way	7.00 to 9.00pm	Judy Punshon	843780
3 rd Friday	TRAINS	Various	10am to 12 noon	David Hudson	666293
3 rd Friday	QUIZ	Paignton Library	2.00 to 4.00pm	Sue Allen	556522
4 th Monday	COFFEE MORNING	Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Drive	10.30 to 12 noon	Judy Punshon	843780
4 th Monday	DISCUSSION GROUP 1	Member's home	2pm to 4pm	Audrey Kibby	666321
4 th Monday	DISCUSSION GROUP 2		2.15 to 4.15pm	Colin Porter	698377
4 th Tuesday	PATCHWORK		10am to 12 noon	Norma Cox	525079
4 th Tuesday	Intermediate BRIDGE	Paignton Club,	7.30 to 9.30pm	Jeanette Taylor	557450
4 th Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
4 th Wednesday	KNIT & NATTER NEW!	Half Moon Pub	2.30 to 4.30pm	Brenda Russell	521544
4 th Thursday	BADMINTON	St Andrews Centre, Sands Rd	2.00 to 3.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
4 th Thursday	Beginners & Improvers BRIDGE	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	2.30 to 4.30pm	Jeanette Taylor	557450
Last Thursday	DINING OUT			Jeanette Taylor	557450
4 th Friday	SOCIAL GROUP NEW!	Jasmine House, Midvale Rd	2pm	Sue Lewton	557040
4 th Friday	CHEW & CHAT	Member's home	7pm	Sarah Malcolm	698554
Ad hoc	THEATRE GROUP			Barbara Collins	669238

If you are a member of a group and cannot attend, will you please let the group leader know?