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A Message from your Chairman

We are well into summer now. In fact our groups will be closing for August. However there may be some exceptions so check with your Group Leader.

The next General Meeting will be informative with a member of ANODE explaining to us about the work of the desperately needed food banks in Torbay.

This will be followed by a talk from Deborah Kelly the deputy Lead Officer for Safe Guarding Adults in the Torbay and South Devon Health Care Trust. This will give us an insight into the future and link in with 'It's Good to Talk'.

We need to be thinking ahead both as individuals and as an organisation. Where do we go from here? This is an open discussion so please join in.

In September the General Meeting will take on the form of an EXTRA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING as the committee wish to propose that Paignton U3A updates its constitution to bring it in line with the revised edition as agreed between The Third Age Trust and the Charity Commission. An official invitation will be sent to you during August so that you have the required 21 days' notice of the proposal prior to the September meeting. This will include copies of the old constitution and the proposed Constitution. If you do not receive E-mails can you complete an envelope with your name and address at the July meeting and hand it in straight away or post it to the Secretary Connie Powell, 141 Penwill Way Paignton, TQ4 5JN

The ESG may take about 30 minutes and this will be followed by a talk from Jane Brunt a member of Paignton U3A, titled Farming in Saudia Arabia. One woman, a harem and a thousand cows. I bet they weren't bogged down with constitutions. We will be taken into another world.

The latest on the new groups is, Badminton has been suspended until September when the new net will be set up again and ready for the off.

Needles and Pins has really taken off with a lot of enthusiasm from those attending and an exciting programme is already mapped out by Pam McLaughlin both home and away. You can contact Pam on Tel. no. 393898 for more information.

An off shoot from Needles and Pins has also started and Pam Bushby will be hosting a Tailor & Dressmaking Group. Contact Pam Bushby on Tel 550229 for details.

The Wildlife Group met again and have planned a couple of trips out. The first at Stover Country Park on the 7th July 10.30am Stover Car Park.

The second is on the 14th July at Seaton. We plan to visit the nature reserve and travel on the tram. Hopefully the tide will be right to enable us to see the fish coming up the river as well as seeing the wading birds.

Both events will be by car and car sharing can be arranged so that we can travel together. Please contact me if you would like to join us.

The Singing Group will have its initial 'Sing-a-Long on Friday 13th September 2pm. The venue will be announced later. Rita Wood and Hazel Brown are working together to produce a programme for the first meeting.

The Evolution Dog Training session with Ed Meakin went extremely well with Ed demonstrating using our dogs. Some of them had not met before and the hall was new to all of them. Results were immediately evident and both owners and dogs learnt a lot.

I am hoping to see you all on Tuesday in your shorts and sundresses in the expected heat wave.

Sue

DIARY DATES

General Meetings 2nd Tuesday monthly 11.00 am at the Palace Hotel, Esplanade Road.

This Tuesday July 9th we will have a couple of speakers and then an open forum.
There will not be any meeting in August

On 10th September there will be a special meeting followed by a talk given by Jane Brunt, one of our members.
For details of these meetings see our Chairman's message.

RELIABLE TRADESMEN/WOMEN

A reminder. Steve Ward is pleased to have received several trade names and is hoping further traders can be suggested.

At the end of this Newsletter there is a list of Tradespeople that Steve has so far and hopefully by listing them it may prompt other suggestions.

Steve's number is: 01803 403484 email: mands_dolphin@hotmail.com mobile:07798670957:

TRANSPORT

At our last Committee Meeting we agreed a proposal that we should have a list of members who are able and willing to provide a Hospital/Doctor transport service for those who are disabled or without cars.

If anyone feels they can help please contact Sue Lewton so that she may gauge the response.

GROUPS

QUIZ GROUP

The next Quiz Group meeting is on **Friday July 19th** at 2.00pm in room 12 Paignton Library .
Any queries to Sue Allen on 556522.

DINING OUT GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 25 July at The New Walk Restaurant, 1 New Walk, The Plains Totnes. Full details of the menu from Fred and Sue Irvine on 390418

WINE TASTING GROUP

This group is now full and it is suggested that if someone has the inclination towards starting another group this is a good opportunity. Marie Handyside Tel.845336 will be happy to pass on the group's experience for a new group.

WALKING GROUP

- July 17th Haytor Led by Peter Ellis on 405517.
- August No walk
- Sept 18th Cider Press Centre/Totnes
- Oct 16th Stover/Sampsons farm
- Nov 20th To be investigated!
- Dec 18th Cockington (to have Christmas lunch(ette) if desired!!)

CHEW & CHAT

On Friday 26th July Sarah Malcolm is putting on a 'Summer High Tea' for £10.50 pp bring your own bottle. It is important that you book a place in advance with Sarah and equally to advise her as soon as possible if you are not able to attend.
New members will be most welcome at 18, St. Andrews Road Tel. 698554.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP



1st Stunt Rider



2nd Donkeys



3rd Steam Train

This month's competition theme is Transport, an excellent selection of photographs were entered and Mary Wards Motorbike just piped Rose Robbins donkeys by one point with Bob Tames picture of a steam train in full flight coming third.

July's theme is Potpourri. There will not be meeting in August so our next meeting will be the third Tuesday in September (17th) at Ron and Barbara's house at 10.30 am.

Don't forget to send me your entries for the Potpourri theme in July, some group members have already sent some in and the standards are looking very good, see you at 10.30 on July 16th.
Don't forget you always see a great picture when you have left your camera at home!

WILDLIFE GROUP(new group)

See Sue Lewton's message above.

BADMINTON GROUP(new group)

Every 4th Thursday at St. Andrews Community Centre. See Sue Lewton's message above.

CARDS/BOARD GAMES

There will not be any cards sessions in July & August. Next session is on 19th September 7.00 – 9.00 pm at Pebble Court.

COFFEE MORNING

At the Redcliffe Hotel on 22nd July 10.30 to noon. There will not be an organised coffee morning in August but members may decide to go along on 26th August. Judy Punshon 843780 arranges both of these meetings.

MUSIC GROUP

For the meeting on Thursday 18th July from 10.00 to 12.00 the group has a **Coffee Morning at the Ritz** (Park Hotel). There will be live piano music from the 20's and 30's and this occasion is for all music group members but by ticket only because of a limitation on the numbers that can be catered for. Tickets are on sale from Jo at £3.50 which includes the coffee and petit fours. There will be a few tickets for U3A members not in the music group but on a first come first served basis. If you can why not dress to reflect that period and particularly hats for the ladies!! Queries to Jo Innes-Lumsden on 812654.

TRAINS GROUP

Every 3rd Friday at different venues.

19th July. Day out to Beer to visit the Pecorama Model Trains layouts, the gardens and have a ride on the Beer Heights Light Railway. Entry bargain Adult ticket £8.50, Concession £7.50 and Free for over 80's. Car share where possible. Please let me know if you are going and whether you have any spare seats by 14th July so that we can get organised. Cars meet in the small Morrisons car park (by the clothes bins) at 9.45 leaving Morrisons car park at 10.00.

Any queries to David Hudson Tel. 666293 who has taken over the leadership of this Group.

The Round Robin Trip 21st June 2013

The train group went on the Round Robin trip on Friday, 21st June which started at Paignton steam station at 10.30.am being pulled by Goliath No.5239 the GWR class 2-8-0T Heavy duty Prairie locomotive designed by C.B. Collett, built in August 1924 at Swindon and withdrawn by British Railways in 1963. This class of locomotive was



designed for use on heavy coal trains in the Welsh valleys, although two of the class were allocated to St Blazey in Cornwall for china clay traffic. 5239 was based at Neath for all of its working life, being withdrawn from there in 1963 and sent to Barry scrap yard. Rescued by the Dart Valley Railway, it arrived at Newton Abbot in June 1973 where most of the restoration work was carried out. In June 1976 it was transferred to Paignton for completion, entering traffic in 1978.

On arrival at Kingswear, we located the grave of JIM the famous Kingswear station Collie dog. Jim was found abandoned at Kingswear station in 1902. He was recruited to collect contributions from passengers for the G.W.R. Widows and



Orphans Fund by means of a box attached to his collar. Jim became a favourite with everyone but sadly he was killed by a motor car in 1909.

We then took the ferry across to Dartmouth Station, unusual in the fact that no train ever reached there, due to the technical difficulties of crossing the river by rail. Around lunchtime, someone seriously considered an Affogato, plus a visit to the ice cream parlour, but remembered he was still on a diet. Later we took a stroll around Dartmouth's Historical Market where we encountered the town crier in his colourful regalia: "Oyez, oyez, oyez!"





At 13.00 the group boarded the Dartmouth Castle for our boat trip along the river Dart up to Totnes, passing the Cardiff Castle en-route. It was cloudy, bright, even breezy at times. This could almost have been a wildlife trip, for along the way we were able to view some Buzzards, Cormorants, an Egret, some Canada Geese and some Swans, but unfortunately there was no sign of a Seal on this occasion.

The group finally made their way back to Paignton by bus. Fortunately, the weather was much better than predicted as it did not rain for us, and the sun did come out later, on the longest day of the year. Overall, this was an enjoyable and informative trip for the group.



TRIPS and OUTINGS

The trip to Weston-super-Mare and Sanders Garden World will be on the Friday 6th September, the price will be £15.00. As there were not enough people to fill a small coach, I thought it would be a good idea to combine the outing with one that Cindy Ball is organising for Devon Air Ambulance; there are about 20 spare places on her trip. The trip starts at Brixham at 8.00 am working through Paignton picking up at various bus stops. Big tree will be at about 8.20 am. Full arrangements when all the people going are known. More information from Cindy Ball 411046. I will be going so if anyone else would care to join me that would be great. Ron will not be coming as he will be Muffin sitting.

Details of a trip to the Gower Coast are on the notice board. I have no other suggestions from our members but I am open to any ideas for trips or outings.

Barbara Collins 669238 or email barbara@bes1.co.uk

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE

I expect you all know that Devon has a new Helicopter which is shortly entering service on 1st September. As part of the 'thank you' to everyone who has helped in the fund raising the Air Ambulance will be touring around the county to show itself off. It will be on the Queens Park Rugby Ground on 13th August from 2.30 to 4.30 for anyone who would like to see it.

EDITORS NOTE

I will be giving up my role as Editor at Christmas together with my interest in our Audio and Visual equipment. However, I would be happy for anyone who is interested to take over these positions at an earlier date. I have prepared activity notes for both of these roles. Please contact me if you are interested.

As Editor I welcome articles by Group Leaders or Members about Members/Groups/Interests or Happenings from 20 to 400 words in length. Also photographs.

Please send all contributions to:

Brian Tucker, Maadi, 8 Galmpton Farm Close, Galmpton, TQ5 0NP or email to btucker64@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone on 01803 845933. Copy should reach me by the Thursday before the next General Meeting. Email is a very effective way of communication. If you have an email address and up to now you have not been getting the Newsletters on line then please send me a note so that you can be added to the mailing list.

PAIGNTON U3A LIST OF RECOMMENDED TRADES PEOPLE

CAR MAINTENANCE:

1. Peter: Oak Tree Garage: 553607
2. Andy: Oldway Garage 550660

CARPENTER:

1. Geoff HOLLAND: 07927409134
 - i. Decking/fencing/gates/fascias, gutters doors UPVC windows
2. Alan NOBLE: 07980970340
 - i. Exterior doors, UPVC, double glazing and all carpentry work

COMPUTER:

1. Ian TOMLINSON 07824531651
2. Steve BONIT 07832303609

CURTAINS/BLINDS:

Mr & Mrs KITOWSKI: 857401 (Will make and hang)
Tony SRDINKO: 01803 320070 Mob: 07816019738

DRESS ALTERATIONS:

Gwen: 842259

DRIVEWAYS/PATIOS:

Scott: 07971101975

ELECTRICIANS:

1. Pete CROOK: 07706967352
2. Alan WARD: 01803 550715 (washing machines/ovens)
3. Peter CRAWLEY: 527403 Electrician also plumber
4. Colin: 07974100390

GARDENER:

Gerald BROOKS: 07714921954 391964 (highly recommended)

GENERAL BUILDER:

John NEAL: 07815628119

GENERAL CLEANER: Windows, patios, decking, carpets and gutters

Mike BLYTHE 01803 520662 Mob: 07835417653

PAINTER:

David WEBSTER: 01803 521576

PLUMBERS:

1. JP Services: 528508 Boilers/Central Heating
2. Peter CRAWLEY: 527403 Gas servicing, sales, repairs
3. Greenway Plumbing: 07977427722
4. Chaps Plumbing and Central Heating 01803 528508
5. Lloyd Brown: 07961038326

PLASTERING:

Gordon 01803 315307

TILER:

1. Mark WOOD: 528640
2. Western Tiling: 401705

WINDOW CLEANING:

Mike JEFFS: 606053 Cleans windows, gutters, fascias