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**Thought for the month:** *There are thousands of ways to make a mistake but few ways to get it right.*

**A Message from your Chairman**

Hello Everyone

Well as usual the weather is still the main topic of conversation and certainly the repercussions of the recent storms are still causing havoc.

Having spent a very pleasant week at Sidmouth with 29 other U3A members it made one realise how lucky we have been in Paignton; in fact I think we have gained the sand missing from the beach at Exmouth. The Hotel was covered by 60ft of spray which put some bedrooms out of action, but it made no difference to the warm welcome we received from the staff and the scales gave the game away of the excellent food provided for us. Thank you Barbara for co-ordinating everything so that all ran smoothly.

Now down to the nitty gritty. Where is Paignton U3A going in 2014? We are still looking for new committee members and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March is the last day for nomination forms to be given to Connie Powell our secretary. Paignton U3A committee **NEEDS YOU** to help maintain and to continue to develop. Every one of you has something to offer and the strength of the committee is in the variety of shared experience amongst our membership.

Unfortunately the newly formed Social Group has been put on hold and so has the Badminton Group as neither has proved cost effective. I am sorry for those of you who were interested but maybe they will take off in the future.

Don't forget this month it's motorbikes and leathers with Les May telling us all about the valuable work of the very committed volunteers biking around the county on our behalf, I am sure you will enjoy the talk of Devon Freewheelers.

Best wishes

*Sue*

**Note the accounts for the past year are being sent out with the newsletter. Any queries to be directed to the Treasurer Colin Gee on 01803 552055 Email: colandmo@btinternet.com.**



## *Groups' News*

### **Ballet Group**

The Group is now well under way and into mid-term of the class. We are being taught by a super professional ballet teacher, Alison, who puts us through our paces each Friday morning. We are learning all the classical ballet movements and, progressing from a few gentle leg and arm movements, we are now in the process of putting these together to create a dance. Everyone is enjoying it immensely and we are keeping up a steady attendance, even on days when it has been pouring with rain. The first of these two photos has appeared on the Ballet School's Facebook page. Although the class is fairly full, Alison has said that she is willing to take two or three more if anyone is interested.

Jo Hall



## Book Group

At today's meeting we discussed "The Age of Miracles" by Karen Thompson Walker. There was a very mixed response to the book which meant a very good discussion about its merits and its failings. Some of us thoroughly enjoyed the way in which it was written from the point of view of an eleven year old telling the story of the slowing of the earth and the ensuing response to a changed world. Others thought the style and content disappointing and failed to be engaged by the narrative. It scored 6/10

Our next book is "My Life in France" by Julia Child. Marie Handyside

## Photography

This month's competition theme of Glass produced some really excellent photographs, with Mary Ward's study of a star shaped bottle stopper taken end on was voted into first place with Stephen Benkel's Glasses just behind voted into second position followed by the bottom lit medical hippocratic oath symbol by David Hudson coming in at third place, The meeting then had a discussion about the merits of the photographs submitted for the competition and one of the pictures was converted from colour to to a black and white to demonstrate how removing the colour from a photograph can produce a totally different aspect to the picture. After a short break for refreshments there was a short presentation regarding the various camera controls that are available on modern digital cameras and how they affected the final result of the photograph.

1<sup>st</sup> by Mary Ward



2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Benkel



3<sup>rd</sup> by David Hudson



Next month's competition theme is pre-20<sup>th</sup> century architecture and April's theme will be Nature. We meet at Ron and Barbara's house on the third Tuesday at 10.30 am.  
Ron Collins.

### **Quiz Group**

The next meeting will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March in room 12, Paignton Library 2.00pm - 3.45pm. All Welcome. Contact Sue Allen 01803 556522 for information

### **Walking Group**

Unfortunately the February walk did not take place due to lack of numbers. It was the school half-term week and wonky knees also took their toll.

The next walk will be on Wednesday 19th March. Meeting at and walking from the free car park opposite The Church House Inn at Marldon at 10.30 a.m. If you need a lift, let me know and hopefully I can find a driver who lives near you. For those using the bus, the number 67 leaves Paignton bus station at 10 minutes past the hour and stops at Marldon Primary School. We will walk from Marldon to Berry Pomeroy Castle and back. At the moment the castle opens only at the weekend so the cafe will be closed. Please bring a picnic and good walking boots. A stick would also be useful for the steep path through the wood. Apart from the wood, most of the walk is fairly flat. I hope several of you will be able to come. Norma Ellis tel. 01803 405517

## Faulkner's Funnies

At my age anything I buy comes with a lifetime guarantee.

The shortest sentence is "I am"; the longest is "I do"

With age comes wisdom – and discounts.

I was always taught to respect my elders. Now I don't have anyone to respect.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.

The grim Reaper called yesterday. I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. I was Dyson with death.

If you get an email telling you that you can catch swine 'flu from tins of ham then delete it. It's spam.

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## 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 <sup>st</sup> Monday	LOCAL HISTORY	Various	10.30am to 12 noon	Diana Holdsworth	557578
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	NEEDLES & PINS	Jasmyn Ho, Midvale Rd.	10.30am to 12 noon	Pam McLaughlin	393898
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	TABLE TENNIS	Preston Cons Club	2.00 to 4.00pm	Eugene Cox	525079
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Intermediate BRIDGE	Paignton Club	7.30 to 9.30pm	Mary Ward Jeanette Taylor	403484 557450
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	GENEALOGY		10am to 12noon	Carole Giffen	391614
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	BOOK CLUB		10.30am to 12 noon	Marion Whiter	403323
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Beginners & Improvers BRIDGE	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	2.30 to 4.pm	Mary Ward Jeanette Taylor	403484 557450
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	BALLET	Torbay School of Dance Totnes Rd	10am to 11am	Jo Hall	843197
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	KEEP ON SINGING	St Andrews Centre, Sands Rd	2.00pm to 3.30pm	Rita Wood	559793
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	WINE TASTING	Various	8 to 10pm	Marie Handyside	845336
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	GARDENING	Various	10.15am to 12.15pm	Barbara Collins	669238
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	RUMMICUB 3		2.00 to 4.00pm	Gill Bowie	845116
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	GENERAL MEETING	Palace Hotel	11am		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Intermediate BRIDGE	Paignton Club,	7.30 to 9.30pm	Mary Ward Jeanette Taylor	403484 557450
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	SCRABBLE		2.00 to 4.30pm	Elizabeth Mills	557215

2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	DRESSMAKING	Member's home Preston	7.00 to 9pm	Pam Bushby	550229
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	ART	Jasmyn Ho, Midvale Rd	2.00 to 4.00pm	Wendy Leishman	522407
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Beginners & Improvers BRIDGE	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	2.30 to 4.30pm	Mary Ward Jeanette Taylor	403484 557450
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	BALLET	Torbay School of Dance Totnes Rd	10am to 11am	Jo Hall	843197
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	CREATIVE WRITING		10am to 12 noon	Carole Giffen	391614
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	NEEDLES & PINS	Jasmyn Ho, Midvale Rd	10.30am to 12.30pm	Pam McLaughlin	393898
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	RUMMICUB 4		2.00 to 4.00pm	Gill Bowie	845116
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	PHOTOGRAPHY	Member's home Paignton	10.am to 12 noon	Ron Collins	669238
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Intermediate BRIDGE	Paignton Club,	7.30 to 9.30pm	Mary Ward Jeanette Taylor	403484 557450
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	MAH JONGG	Member's home Preston	7.30 to 9.30pm	John Battison	690592
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	WALKING GROUP	Various	am	Norma Ellis	405517
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	RUMMICUB 1		7.00 to 9.00pm	Sheila Biggs	524559
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	RUMMICUB 2	Member's home Preston	7 to 9pm	Pam Bushby	550229
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	MUSIC	Park Hotel, The Esplanade	10am to 12 noon	Jo Innes-Lumsden	812654
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Beginners & Improvers BRIDGE	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	2.30 to 4.30pm	Mary Ward Jeanette Taylor	403484 557450
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	CARDS & BOARD GAMES	Pebble Court, off Penwill Way	7.00 to 9.00pm	Judy Punshon	843780
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	BALLET	Torbay School of Dance Totnes Rd	10am to 11am	Jo Hall	843197
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS	Various	10am to 12 noon	David Hudson	666293
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	QUIZ	Paignton Library	2.00 to 4.00pm	Sue Allen	556522
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	SIGNING GROUP		10am to 12 noon	Martyn Powell	551369
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	COFFEE MORNING	Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Drive	10.30 to 12 noon	Judy Punshon	843780
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	DISCUSSION GROUP 1	Member's home	2pm to 4pm	Audrey Kibby	666321
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	DISCUSSION GROUP 2		2.15 to 4.15pm	Colin Porter	698377
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	CYCLING	Various		Connie Powell	551369
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	PATCHWORK		10am to 12 noon	Norma Cox	525079
4 <sup>th</sup> & (5 <sup>th</sup> ) Tuesday	Intermediate BRIDGE	Paignton Club,	7.30 to 9.30pm	Mary Ward Jeanette Taylor	403484 557450
4 <sup>th</sup> (&5 <sup>th</sup> ) Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	557040
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	KNIT & NATTER	Jasmyn Ho, Midvale Rd	2.00 to 4.00pm	Brenda Russell	521544
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	DRESSMAKING	Member's home Preston	7.00 to 9pm	Pam Bushby	550229
4 <sup>th</sup> (& 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Thursday	Beginners & Improvers BRIDGE	Paignton Club, The Esplanade	2.30 to 4.30pm	Mary Ward Jeanette Taylor	403484 557450
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	SHAKESPEARE	Member's home	11am	Diana Holdsworth	557578
Last Thursday	DINING OUT GROUP	Various		Jeanette Taylor	557450
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	PLAYREADING <b>NEW!</b>		2 to 4pm	Wendy Penning	267734
4 <sup>th</sup> (& 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Friday	BALLET	Torbay School of Dance Totnes Rd	10am to 11am	Jo Hall	843197
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	CHEW & CHAT	Member's home	7pm	Sarah Malcolm	698554
Ad hoc	SPANISH CONVERSATION	6/8 WEEK COURSE		Carole Giffen	391614

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