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A Message from our Chairman

What a glorious Bank Holiday weekend with thousands of people enjoying a successful BMAD festival. We had our own 'Biker' who roared up on his motorbike (a bit of poetic licence there) and talked to the Social Group about the vital service the Devon Freewheelers provide as volunteers in the Bay transporting blood samples, medical notes, organ parts, and blood itself. My thanks go to the members who attended the event and to those who gave up their Bank Holiday to help. It was an experiment to see how many people who say Bank Holidays drag by and would appreciate somewhere to go would support us.

The Art Group has had its second session so it seems established and hopefully we can look forward to an Art Display later in the year. I haven't spoken to them yet and I haven't spoken to Wendy or Dennis Leishman yet so don't worry.

The Wildlife Group had a small number of people at the last meeting, however we will persevere and as the remit has been extended from birds to wildlife we should be able to draw up a varied programme of events at the next meeting on Wednesday 22nd May 2013, 2pm at The Commodore 14 Esplanade Road.

The Badminton Group looks all set to go on Thursday the 23rd May at St. Andrews Community Hall. Please confirm with me if you are still interested as we are about to purchase the equipment.

Unfortunately the singing group was a non-starter at this stage because we are still looking for a pianist or keyboard player. We can arrange a piano and a keyboard but not the person to play them, but members were still interested in Singing for Fun once a month.

The committee decided to suspend the 'Social Group' for the time being but will organise one off special events/meetings as required.

However all is not doom and gloom we have another new group in the offing. This time we have a leader or facilitator as the in word seems to be. Pam McLaughlin has offered to organise a Needles and Pins group. (The name is not fixed so can be changed by those joining up). The group will cover any form of stitchcraft, e.g. knitting, sewing, embroidery etc. all at the same time. If you are interested then please put your name on the board you will find in the room behind the screen.

Please remember that entrance to the General Meetings will be £1.50 starting May's meeting, and coffee will be £1.50 only.

If you are staying on after the meeting for a meal it would be advisable to book your table with the Palace Hotel in advance as we are approaching the main holiday season.

THE MUSICAL EXE-TRAVAGANZA is coming soon on the 12th June 2pm-5pm. It would be great if a party of members from Paignton could support this event as the newly formed Exmouth U3A is the host. Tickets are only £4.00 each and available from myself.

The Pavilion is on the sea front and meals are available there or nearby.

We could arrange car share or why not Take the Train from Paignton to Exmouth and take advantage of buy two get two free. A real day out.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Sue

Come and join me forthis is the opening for any of our members to invite others to link in for a day out, a short break, a longer holiday, a theatre visit, a shopping trip, the sale rooms or anything else you can suggest.

Send your suggestion to me or directly to our Newsletter Editor where we will put your idea to our members.

Last month Six of us went to the Apollo Cinema where they projected the live Opera Nabucco from the Royal Opera House , Covent Garden. Sung in Italian it featured Placido Domingo and we very much enjoyed the performance..

Sue.

DIARY DATES

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

This Tuesday 14th May, John Risdon returns to give us the 2nd instalment of 'The Tidal Dart, a thousand years of the Dart estuary'.

June 11th we welcome Gay White with some of her collection of Light Hearted Poems.

Social Meetings 2.00 pm at St. Andrews Community Centre, Esplanade Road.

See Sue Lewton's message above.

RELIABLE TRADESMEN/WOMEN

Steve Ward is pleased to have received several trade names and is hoping further traders can be suggested before he is able to resurrect the Trade Register of trusted and recommended small tradesmen/women in this area: anything from fixing a tap washer to laying a carpet etc. He would be grateful if you could forward the name of anyone you have found who you could recommend so that the list can be formulated and circulated to U3A members, which we hope people will find useful.

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

GROUPS

QUIZ GROUP

The next Quiz Group meeting is on **Friday May 17th** at 2.00pm in room 12 Paignton Library .

Any queries to Rosemary Roach on 550787.

CHEW & CHAT

Let Sarah cook lunch for you next Sunday 19th May. 12.00 for 12.30 at 19 St. Andrews Road Paignton.

Three course lunch with cheese & coffee for £10.50. Bring your own wine etc. I will be pleased to meet any new members. Please book with Sarah Malcolm.

PLAY READING GROUP

There will not be any Play Reading this month because of the Bank Holiday. Wendy Penning.

DINING OUT GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 30th May at the Quo Vadis Restaurant, 326 Torquay Road Preston. Full details of the menu from either Sheila Wenman or Sue Lewton on 557040.

WALKING GROUP

The walk this month will be along the Exeter Canal on 15th May. All other detail for this walk will be on the info sheet or from myself, Lin Carus or Linda Nuttall.

June 19th Ocombe
July 17th Haytor
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!!)

ART GROUP(new group)

After the first two successful meetings of the new art group we will be meeting again on Thursday 13th June at St Andrew's Hall, Sands Road, from 2 - 4pm. We will then meet on the second Thursday afternoon in each month. Anyone who was unable to attend the first two meetings and would like to join us can contact me after the next general meeting at the Palace Hotel on the 14th May for details of materials you will need to bring.
Wendy Leishman

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Next meeting on Monday May 20th.

GENEALOGY GROUP

Next meeting on Wednesday June 5th..
Carole Giffin

WILDLIFE GROUP(new group)

Every 4th Wednesday.
Next meeting 22 May 2pm at The Commodore Hotel. See Sue Lewton's message above.

BADMINTON GROUP(new group)

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

CYCLING GROUP

For details of the next ride contact Connie Powell.

TRAINS GROUP

Every 3rd Friday at different venues.

17th May. Visit to the garden model railway of Brian Pinches. Meet 10.30 at 59 Lower Polsham Road.
Brian & Pam if you have any queries.

21st June. We are going to do the 'Round Robin' of the Paignton & Dartmouth Steam Railway. Leaving Paignton at 10.30am the train gets to Kingswear at 11.00. We then take the ferry across to Dartmouth. At Dartmouth the boat for Totnes leaves at 11.30 arriving at Totnes at 13.00 or if spending time in Dartmouth the next boat to Totnes is at 13.00 arriving Totnes at 14.30. The 100 bus service to Paignton takes 35mins. leaving at 13.20, 14.20, 15.20 or 15.50. If the weather is kind this should be a good day out for photographs and could be a good day for friends and family to join us.

Steve Ward is the leader for the day so check all final arrangements with him.

The inclusive cost of all transport is for a Concession £20.50 or Adult £23.00.

To guarantee a ticket these must be booked in advance. Cash only to Brian Tucker by 12th June with travel time preferences.

19th July. Day out to Beer to visit the Pecorama Model Trains layouts and have a ride on the Beer Heights Light Railway.

Any queries to Brian Tucker

CARDS/BOARD GAMES

Next session is on 16th May 7.00 – 9.00 pm at Pebble Court.

COFFEE MORNING

At the Redcliffe Hotel on 27th May 10.30 to noon. Judy Punshon arranges both of these meetings.

MUSIC GROUP

The next meeting of this Group at the Park Hotel will be on 23rd May 10.00 to 12.00 when Jo will present her selection of beautiful quartets. Queries to Jo Innes-Lumsden.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

For one reason or another our April meeting was only attended by a gallant few and it was felt that to judge photographs it would be unreasonable to try. It was decided to carry forward the 'Liquid' theme and judge it with the 'Transport' theme on 21st May.

The theme for June is a 'Potpourri' where the subject is unrestricted but the photograph must be taken between 6th May and 16th June.

When we meet on 21st I would like you to tell me whether you would like some field trips. If so suggestions for these and whether they take the place of our normal meeting or are extra sessions.

We meet at Barbara and Ron's house 12A Logan Road at 10.30 am on the third Tuesday of the month.

Ron Collins

MAH JONGG GROUP

We have had a couple of members drop out of the group so anyone interested in learning a new game would be very welcome. We meet on the third Tuesday in the month at 7.30 at 21 Southfield Avenue, Preston.

If you would like to know more, contact me, John Battison, at a meeting or john.battison@googlemail.com

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Monday May 20th. *Inside the Museum of Torbay.*

Guided visit to the store rooms. Meet at Museum at 10.30 am Cost £4.00. I need to know who is coming to the Museum by Wednesday 15th May please.

Tuesday June 4th. Local archives at **TORQUAY** Library. Meet at the library 2.00 to 4.00 pm

Wednesday July 3rd. Local history at **TORQUAY** Library 2.00 to 4.00 pm. **Note Changes of Venue to Torquay.**

Any queries to Diana Holdsworth

ANODE FOOD BANK

If you listen to local radio you will have heard that in Devon & Cornwall there are now many thousands of local people who are in poverty and reliant upon Charity food banks.

Please remember to bring along your tins and packets to the meeting on Tuesday.

Let's keep up the good work.

John Battison.

TRIPS and OUTINGS

Details of a Day Trip to Weston Super Mare and 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 email barbara@bes1.co.uk