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***Thought for the month*** *It is not always about knowing the correct answer but asking the right question.*

### ***A Message from your Chairman***

Dear Members

Firstly as your new chairman I would like to thank Sue for the sterling job she has done as your chairman over the last three years, it will be a hard act to follow. I have been chairman for a whole month now and have chaired the U3A's Link Meeting for the South West Region, the outcome of this hopefully will be great co-operation with each other and taking part in each other's special events. There are several ideas for new groups one is Chess/Activities details in this newsletter. A group holiday to Harrogate, in August a Jazz Cruise on the Dart, and an evening sail on the Vigilance, a 12 berth Brixham heritage trawler built in 1926. I would welcome your ideas and feedback as it is your U3A. I feel very honoured to be Chairman of probably the best U3A in the South West.

*Barbara*

### ***Renewal reminder***

Membership Secretary Cindy Ball reminds those members who have yet to renew their subscription that they should do so by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. If anyone has lost their renewal form, they will be available at the general meeting or from Cindy on 01803 411046 or [cindy1945@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cindy1945@hotmail.co.uk).

### ***Premature Baby Unit***

Paignton U3A has agreed to help the Premature Baby Unit at Torbay Hospital. They are desperately in need of tiny clothes made from non-allergy textiles. Knitting patterns for hats and jackets will be available at the monthly meeting.

## ***Trips & Outings***

**50 + Exhibition at Westpoint Exeter on Friday 19th September.** I have arranged a coach to this event, leaving Brixham at 9am with designated pick up points along the main road to Torquay. Would anyone like to join me at £8 per person to cover the coach hire. Entry to the exhibition is free. For more details see the latest U3A magazine (page 37). There will be a list on the information board at the next meeting for names of those interested. Cindy Ball 01803 411046 (Membership Secretary).

Torbay U3A are organising a **Musical Extravaganza** Event on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** at 2pm with a 1914-1918 War Theme uniting the various Devon U3A groups with music and choral presentations. Venue: Babbacombe Theatre. Tickets £5 are available from the box office or via Barbara Collins.

## ***Forthcoming General Meetings***

**General Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> 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?

May	<b>“Life as a Yeoman Warder”</b> John Keohane
June	<b>“My Life Afloat”</b> Carol Stephens
July	<b>“It’s Good to Talk”</b> Paignton U3As memories and commemoration of World War 1

## ***Groups’ News***

### **Book Group**

We discussed two books at our recent meeting and both scored 9/10. The first was “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce. We all enjoyed reading this account of Harold Fry’s walk from Kingsbridge to Berwick-on-Tweed. The Devon setting for the start of his pilgrimage added to our enjoyment of the novel as we could imagine the route north. There are many amusing episodes as Harold journeys on, but the heart of the story is bitter sweet as both Harold and his wife Maureen come to realise that his physical pacing can bring about an emotional change. The second novel we read was “All Quiet on the Western Front”, the classic novel by Erich Maria Remarque. This brought the events of WW1 vividly to mind as the narrator, a young man just out of school and his six fellow school mates, join the horror of life (and death) in the trenches. This language used in this work reaches lyrical heights which contrasts vividly with the grim subject matter and results in reading it becoming an experience which stays in the mind long after the last page has been reached.

We are now reading “A Half Forgotten Song “ by Katherine Webb to discuss at June’s meeting.

### **Bridge Group**

We have opened the membership of the Paignton U3A Bridge Group on a Tuesday evening for proficient members and Thursday afternoon for learners and people with a little knowledge of the game already to build on their skills. Could anyone interested please ring Mary Ward on 01803 403484.

### **Chess Group**

Steve Ward is proposing to start a Chess Group. It will be held twice a month on a Thursday afternoon at Jasmyn House from 2.00pm until 4.30pm. Steve will have a form to be filled in for anyone interested at the next monthly meeting. Contact Steve on 403484.

### **Photography Group**

This month’s competition theme of Nature produced a selection of very good photographs, Brian Tucker’s picture of a moth which he took in Switzerland was voted into first place, with Chris Merry’s sunflower and Steve Benkel’s

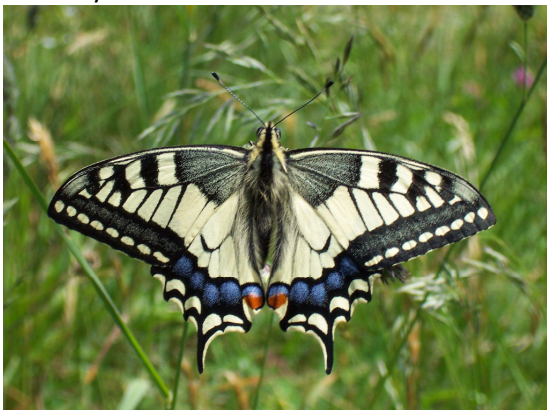
Swan and Cygnets studies making joint second spot. After a short discussion about the entries the group saw a short presentation showing some examples of post 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture photographs which will be the theme of the June competition. May's theme is composure.

Before we had a break for some of Barbara's home-made cakes and scones we had a short video showing how to improve a photograph by inserting a new sky into a picture with a complicated sky line.

Next month's meeting will be held as usual at Ron and Barbara's house on the third Tuesday of the month.

Don't forget Murphy's Law you will always see a good photograph when you have left you camera behind.  
Keep snapping Ron

Moth by Brian Tucker



Sunflowers by Chris Merry



New Arrivals by Steve Benkel



## Play Reading

The play reading group will be meeting on Friday 23rd May. Please contact Wendy Penning on 267734 for further information.

## Quiz Group

The next meeting will be on Friday May 16th at Paignton Library starting at 2.00pm ending 3.45pm. Making her debut as Quizmaster will be Carol Owens so come along & support her. We might persuade her to do it again!!! For more information ring Sue Allen on 01803 556522 or Rosemary Roach on 01803 550787.

## Train Group

Our next trip is on Friday 16th May to the Exmouth Model Railway Exhibition, this being its last year of operation. We will meet up at Paignton railway station to catch the 09.34 train to Starcross, photograph the Brunel pumping station, then catch the Ferry across to Exmouth, visiting the model railway around 12 noon for a snack etc., then an optional visit to the Lifeboat Station to see their new Shannon lifeboat. David 666293

## Walking Group

Our walk on 16th April was at Burrator Reservoir. There were 11 of us this time, including two members of the Livermead and Preston U3A and a couple of grandsons, it being the Easter holidays. The day was lovely and sunny and the walk virtually level. We had our picnics on the grassy banks by the water and were tempted to stop for longer. There had been some tree felling towards the end of our walk and so part of the lower path was closed off and we had to use the road.

Our next walk will be on 21st May. We will meet at 10.30 at the stile in Old Paignton Road (at the bottom of the hill below Preston Primary School), and walk through Scadson and Ocombe Woods. Hopefully the bluebells will still be in flower. We can stop at Ocombe Farm for coffee and there should be no need to bring a picnic. Contact me on the morning of the walk at about 9am. 01803 405517

Stan has not yet decided on a walk for the Livermead and Preston U3A. Anyone interested in joining their walk on Friday 6th June, can contact Stan on 550740, email [ewartbs@hotmail.com](mailto:ewartbs@hotmail.com) or home address: 16 Cecil Avenue, Preston, Paignton TQ3 1LW.

Norma Ellis

## *Third Age Trust News*

**U3A AGM and one-day Conference 2014** at Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. If any members wish to attend, please contact Barbara Collins on 669238.

**U3A Photography Competition** on the Theme of "Architectural Britain-old and new". To be judged by Amateur Photography. Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014. Send your entries to The Third Age Trust, 19 East Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1QE. Contact Kate on 267527 for more details.

## *Other items*

### TV Holiday Show

I'm working for a TV production company called TwoFour Broadcast, who make shows such as Educating Yorkshire, The Hotel Inspector and ITV1's Splash!

At the moment we are producing a brand new, exciting show called 'The Holiday Villa' (working title).

The idea of this show is to celebrate the Great British family in all its forms against the backdrop of an amazing holiday abroad.

We are looking for families of all sizes and all ages, so it would be great if you could pass on this information to your U3A group.

If interested, contact **VANESSA SINGH** Assistant Producer [Vanessa.singh@twofour.com](mailto:Vanessa.singh@twofour.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 <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		
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 Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
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 Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	WALKING with L&P U3A			Stan	550740
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 Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
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 Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
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		
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 Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
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 Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	CARDS & BOARD GAMES	Temporarily halted			
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 Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
4 <sup>th</sup> (& 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Wednesday	DOG WALKING		10am to 12.30pm	Sue Lewton	57040
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 Mike Jeffs	403484 606053
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		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?**

## **Your Committee for 2014 to 2015**

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