



*October 2014*

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

Dear Members,

Summer has finally departed with the swallows and Autumn is now well and truly here particularly in the mornings and evenings:- a decided chill in the air, but blessed by still some lovely sunshine. At last I have persuaded Ronnie Scrooge to put the heating on, rather than having to put another jumper on!

There seems to be a general consensus that the move to the Redcliffe Hotel is more conducive to socialising with much more room. It was lovely last month sitting on the terrace having coffee. A real bonus when the sun shines.

The Link Quiz took place at Central Church, Torquay on Monday 13th October, the date should have been the previous Monday. We have really struggled to get a team together as some of our people who usually take part as the official team are on holiday. The team was Marie Handyside, Carol Giffen, Sue Lewton and Diana Holdsworth.

There are a number of notices advertising various U3A events some in London that perhaps could be of interest if anyone happens to be in the capital at that time. The notice boards will be on the balcony so hopefully making it easier for members to view the boards.

*Barbara*

Barbara Collins

### ***A Message from your Newsletter Editor***

Many apologies for not being able to produce the October Newsletter at our usual time. I have had major computer problems so decided it was time to bite the bullet and buy a new one- the first one in 21 years! I enthusiastically went and arranged for one to be built to my specification and I was promised delivery by last Friday. I still haven't got it but I have managed to transfer the data from my broken computer onto another old one as a temporary measure. I have threatened the shop with being reported to Trading Standards and Microsoft for putting illegal software on my new computer. Ho hum.

This is an abridged edition without photos but hopefully normal service will resume next month.

*Kate*

## ***Trips, Outings, Holidays & Events***

Barbara has arranged a **day coach trip to Bath for Christmas shopping on Saturday 6th December with Abbots Coaches**. More information from Barbara.

Barbara has also spoken to the Kingswood and Devorian Hotel on the Esplanade at Sidmouth. They have offered us a very good deal for 2015 with a mini break from the 24th-28th February 2015. The price will be £193.00 per person. There is a single room supplement of £10.00 per person per night and/or a sea view supplement of £5.00 per person per night and a doggy charge of £7.00 per dog per night. Parking is available but Barbara will need to know the car registration. If you are interested there will be a list by the notice board at forthcoming general meetings. Deposit will be £50.00 per person made payable to Kingswood and Devorian by the December meeting. The balance will be payable on day of departure.

Barbara's telephone number is 01803 669238 or see her at the meetings.

### **LIVERMEAD/PRESTON U3A. THREE DAY BREAK to BRISTOL /BATH from Tues -Thurs 2-4 DEC 2014.**

Owing to last minute cancellations we have just 2 rooms available. We also visit Cheddar and Wells as part of the Extravaganza .

Anyone interested in joining this exciting Pre Christmas Trip staying at Leigh Park Country Hotel Bradford on Avon for Dinner Bed and Breakfast 2 Nights, please call Colin Porter 01803 698377 e-mail [colintippy@onetel.com](mailto:colintippy@onetel.com) asap.

#### **Itinerary:**

- **Tuesday 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER** 7.30 am depart Paignton by coach for Cheddar Gorge and onward to Wells also maybe Wookey Hole if enough demand.
- **Wednesday 3<sup>RD</sup>** Morning Tour of **Bristol Television Centre** and opportunity to visit
- **SS GREAT BRITIAN** [optional] Afternoon Free to do anything else you fancy in Bristol including Christmas lights, Markets and Decorations. Return to hotel 4.30pm
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** Depart hotel 9.30am for Trip to Bath for Sightseeing or Christmas Shopping etc. Returning 4.30pm for Torbay. Arrive home approx. 8pm.

We have agreed to stay at the **Best Western LEIGH PARK COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL** at Bradford on Avon for **Dinner Bed and Breakfast** and the cost will be £180 per person sharing DOUBLE/TWIN. This is the same group that run Gleneagles and Livermead House Hotel ,Torquay so should be a high standard.

## ***Forthcoming General Meetings***

### **General Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly 11.00 a.m. with coffee from 10.15a.m.**

Meetings are at the Redcliffe Hotel, Marine Drive, Paignton.

11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dark Deeds in Devon	Janet Downer
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Coffee & Mince Pies	
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	U3A Christmas Lunch at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Seafront, Torquay.	

***The committee would appreciate it if two to three members would agree each month to act as "Meeters & Greeters" at the general meetings to welcome prospective or new members and encourage members, especially those who have come on their own, with a friendly smile.***

## ***Menu for Christmas Lunch, 16 December***

£18.50 pp incl crackers. Please let Barbara know your choices. We are sorry but you cannot mix and match from the two menu choices.

### **Standard Menu**

#### **Starters**

Fan of Melon with mixed berry compote and raspberry coulis

Tomato and Basil Soup with double cream

Chicken Liver Parfait with toasted brioche and red onion marmalade

**Mains** served with seasonal vegetables & potatoes

Roast Devonshire Turkey, bacon & chipolata roll, sage stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy

Grilled Fillet of Salmon with white wine & dill cream sauce

Roast Loin of Pork with crackling, apple & cider sauce

#### **Puddings**

Home-made Christmas Pudding and brandy sauce

Chocolate profiteroles with warm dark chocolate sauce

Lemon cheesecake with fresh raspberries & Chantilly cream

Coffee & mince pies

or

### **Vegetarian Menu**

#### **Starters**

Fan of Melon with mixed berry compote and raspberry coulis

Soup of the Day with double cream

Grilled Goats' Cheese with sun-blushed tomatoes & artichoke salad

**Mains** served with seasonal vegetables & potatoes

Poached potato gnocchi with port & Stilton cream sauce

Pea & Shallot Tortellini with pesto dressing

#### **Puddings**

Home-made Christmas Pudding and brandy sauce

Home-made dessert of the day

Coffee & mince pies

## ***Groups' News***

**MAH JONGG** in October has had to be cancelled due to "work in progress" at Carole & Frank's home in Southfield Road. Sorry about that. Back to normal with the November meeting. *John Battison*

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP**

Another splendid entry for this month's competition on the theme of Cockington. It turned out to be a bit of a two horse race with Rose Robbins pictures of The Smithy and the sign making first and second place, with Steve Benkel's photos of the Manor and Cricket Pavilion tying for third place. After the usual discussion about the pros and cons of the entries, a short video on panning was shown.

After a break for tea and biscuits two of the entries were selected to demonstrate how some work using Photoshop could improve them or not depending on personal tastes.

The October competition is Marine with Night Shots for the November competition.

In August a group of U3A members went on the Heritage Trawler Vigilance for an Afternoon cruise, I took the opportunity to play about with the movie system on my new camera, I have recently posted the end result on YouTube.com. If you would like to see it, copy and paste this link into the search bar <http://youtu.be/0hzOZLI5QCo> or just enter "U3A Vigilance" which should find it, be warned it is nearly 10 minutes long. Ron Collins

## ***U3A***

**Diana Holdsworth** has been nominated as a candidate for the position of South West regional trustee of the Third Age Trust (the umbrella body to which all U3As belong.)

The Third Age Trust is asking members to help create an archive of **high quality photographs** that can be used for publicity materials. You are invited to submit photographs of members engaging in activities that show the essence of U3A – learning, laughing and living. Closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. Entries by e-mail to [photo@u3a.org.uk](mailto:photo@u3a.org.uk) with name of photographer, their U3A and a description. High quality JPEG files with a minimum resolution of 1600 pixels on the shortest edge.