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## Chairperson's Remarks

Hello Everyone!

Well, winter has certainly kicked in this week after such a mild October. The committee and I have been working away trying to get things running as smoothly as we did in the past after all the disruption that Covid has inflicted on us. Now is the time to get out and about again after all the jabs we have been given to protect us.

A membership form is attached to those on email so we are hoping that those lapsed members will return to the fold. The subscription is £7 until the end of April 2022 as we are so far into the u3a year of 2021/22. There will also be some forms on the check-in desk at next Tuesday's General Meeting.

We are looking for someone to operate our audio/visual equipment when it is needed at the monthly meeting. If we cannot get anyone, then it will be difficult to invite speakers. If you can help,

then please contact me or anyone else on the committee so we can discuss arrangements.

I look forward to seeing you all at my first meeting as Chairperson next Tuesday.

*Carole Giffen*

## Monthly General Meeting

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am at the Livermead House Hotel. Admission £2 to include coffee/tea.

## Trips, Events & Outings

### THEATRE TRIP

HO! HO! HO! Yes, it's that time of the year again, (already Christmas carols and films on tv!!!). Our trip to **BABBACOMBE THEATRE** on **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** starts at 14.30. (Collect your tickets from me or Rodger at the door from 14.00). Tickets are **HALF PRICE** at £11.00, and monies **MUST BE PAID** at our meeting on **TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November** to reserve your place.

.Come on now, let's 'STEP INTO CHRISTMAS' and support one of our local theatres.

Contact me, or see me at the meeting on Tuesday, Janet (Trips & Events).

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

At our December meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December, there will be tea, coffee and **mince pies** available for the normal price of entry. We are hoping for some singers to also be at the December meeting, but as yet is not confirmed.

The Livermead House Hotel has also advised it is not too late to book a **u3a Christmas Lunch** this year. The Committee discussed this at our meeting, but did not think we would get booked in anywhere as Janet tried several venues and they were unable to accommodate us. Please let me know if you are interested either by email or at next Tuesday's meeting so we can gauge numbers.

## Groups' News

### DINING OUT GROUP

The next meeting of the Dining Out group will be held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the Paignton Club - 7.00 for 7.30pm.**

Menus will be available at the u3a General Meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Following the General Meeting, we will regroup in

order to have a short planning meeting, where we will arrange the programme for 2022. I would be grateful if members of the Dining Out group (and anyone else who may be interested in joining us) would think about a suitable venue and the month (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs) that they could undertake to arrange a meal for us. We will then be able to formulate and circulate a programme for 2022 which we very much hope will be a more "normal" year once again.

### **GARDENING GROUP**

We are back folks, time to reflect and rethink. What can we do at this time of year? So, NEXT MONDAY (8th November at 10.15am) at my place in Hookhills, let's get together again and make up for lost time. Bring your suggestions. Please phone for directions and address. Janet

### **HANDCRAFTS**

#### **CHANGE OF TIMES**

#### **FROM NOVEMBER 2021.**

We need to change the times of our meeting to 13.00 - 15.00, as Tom, owner of BRIGHT BEAN CAFE is closing earlier!! Come along and bring your nimble fingers and get them working with your handcrafts, have a friendly time with friends, and enjoy the hospitality watching the folks go by outside!!!! Give me a call and let me know that you are coming, Janette

### **LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

The 6<sup>th</sup> December meeting of the Local History Group will be held in a member's home, NOT at Paignton Library as currently listed, Please contact me for further details. Ken

### **MAH JONG GROUP**



If on a Wednesday morning you'd like to couple company with learning something new, why not come along to the Paignton Club and join us to play, or learn how to play Mah Jong, an ancient Chinese game.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 17 November at 10.30am. Everyone welcome. If you would like to know more please contact Sue.

**SOCIAL GROUP** As we restart our activities, our SOCIAL GROUP will be meeting, as usual, on the SECOND FRIDAY every month, in **BRIGHT BEAN CAFE** in PRESTON, but from 13.00 till 15.00, as Tom is closing at 15.00 from now on - unless we run out of conversation items!!!! Come along, share your gripes and moans, (NOT too many), and your thoughts for the coming year!!! Trips, events, theatre visits. Contact me if you are planning on coming so we can reserve enough space. Rodger

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