

Note Paignton u3a new website is <https://u3asites.org.uk/Paignton>

Chairperson's Remarks

Merry Christmas
Everybody!

Another year gone by, full of vaccines, lockdowns and masks, but we made it! I hope you are all looking forward to meeting up with friends and family this year, especially, if like me you were unable to, last year. I remember Ashley and I sitting on our own in the dining room eating our Christmas Lunch, with the family all on FB video, then having to send the presents in February.

For this December Meeting, it would be nice to wear your glitter, party frocks/jumpers etc. Let's make it a celebration as we have a group of singers coming to entertain us, as we drink our coffees and eat our mince pies.

We have our Christmas Meal two days later on the 16th, 12 noon for 12.30 sit down. Please will you bring your cheques to the December Meeting please,

so Rodger can pay the Hotel on the day. £25 payable to Paignton u3a.

If you are unable to attend next Tuesday, then will you please send/deliver your cheques to me at: 6

TQ3 1HS.

I will ensure that Rodger gets the money on time.

So here is wishing you all a very Happy New Year! 2022!

Carole Giffen

Monthly General Meeting

At our December meeting on 14th December, there will be tea, coffee and mince pies available for the normal price of entry of £2. We will also welcome singers.

Tuesday 14th December from 10.30am at the Livermead House Hotel.

Torquay Road Closure

As we are now all aware there will be NO direct road link between Paignton and Torquay along the 'normal coastal route' in the New Year.

THERE WILL BE NO DIRECT BUS SERVICE FROM 3rd JANUARY UNTIL 8th

MARCH. That means many of our members will find it difficult to attend the monthly meetings until the road re-opens. So, folks, here is our time to 'help a friend in need' and CAR SHARE.

The usual 'holiday route', (signposted with orange signs) will be open from Wheatridge Lane to the Grand Hotel. Please ask yourself who you can help and get them to the meetings.

Trips, Events & Outings

Christmas Lunch 16th

Please will you bring your cheques payable to Paignton u3a for £25 pp. to the 14th December General Meeting.

Groups' News

SOCIAL GROUP.

Now that Bright Bean cafe is closing earlier, we have decided to have our group in URBAN EDGE CAFE in VICTORIA AVUENE from 14.00 to 16.00 on the second Friday each month, starting in the New Year. Come along and share your ideas for functions your committee might consider running, what

about leading one of the closed groups. You must try one of those cakes!!!!
Rodger

HANDICRAFTS.

There will not be a group this month, as it falls between Christmas and New Year, so we shall be meeting from January onwards in URBAN EDGE CAFE in VICTORIA STREET from 14.00 till 16.00, on our usual day, the 4th Wednesday of each month. Janette

GROUP LEADERS

The newly issued COVID 19 risk assessment forms are to be collected at our monthly meeting (TWO for each group to cover December and January groups), then you will be able to collect more forms at our GROUP LEADERS' MEETING on FRIDAY 21st JANUARY from 10.00 till 13.00 in JASMYN HOUSE, followed by refreshments.
Janette

Hi, I'm Sarah Malcolm, currently Paignton u3a's 'listening ear' – confidential chat anytime. As a trained, experienced carer, we currently share our home with older people needing some daily help. I am passionate about animals, plants, antiques and classic cars.

Hi, I'm Brenda Scaysbrook, Paignton u3a Secretary. Until I retired nearly five years ago, I spent thirty plus years caring for adults with learning difficulties. I took my job very seriously, gaining NVQ Level 4 in Caring and I would still be doing it today if health issues hadn't forced retirement. I enjoy reading, patchwork, quilting and knitting. I used to enjoy walking a great deal, usually with one of the many dogs I have been fortunate to have.