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Chairperson's Remarks

HAPPY NEW YEAR
EVERYBODY!

Welcome to 2022 which we hope will be much better than the last two years. It was nice to get together with the family again after not being able to go last Christmas. Downside is I caught the annual family cold (Tried and tested negative!).

Twenty people attended the U3A Christmas Lunch at the Livermead House and what a delicious meal it was. The Hotel staff were so efficient and friendly, and to see the Christmas pudding flamed in front of the room set the mood.

At next Tuesday's Monthly Meeting, we will have a Quiz, and a talk on William of Orange by Ken Faulkner. The Committee have decided to keep the practice of having speakers where we can. We have had no-one to do this, but Colin Porter has agreed to step in until the AGM, but after that, we will be looking for another volunteer.

I am sure most of you know about the road closure on the main coast road between Wheatridge Lane and the Grand Hotel, while the council replace the railway bridge. Bus services and all transport will be re routed

through Livermead, Cockington (although there have been problems with buses on this route), or the Ring Road.

Let us hope that 2022 will bring us back to normal with new freedoms and the pandemic is permanently behind us!

Carole Giffen

Monthly General Meeting

Tuesday 11th January at the Livermead House Hotel. 10.30am for 11am.

A couple of Paignton u3a members will help to get the New Year off to a lovely start. Come and see what is on offer.

Trips, Events & Outings

If a trip, event, or outing is not announced in the Newsletter, then it is not a Paignton u3a event.

This means that they are NOT covered by the u3a Insurance Policy and Paignton u3a is not responsible for any financial loss.

Please ensure that the event is an official one when you book.

Groups' News

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch club will be on Wednesday 19th January 2022 12 noon for 12.30pm at The Old

Smokey, Marlton TQ3 1NN. If you would like to join us for an excellent meal and chatter, then please let me know by Sunday 16th Jan 2022, so that I can book sufficient places. If you can, also let me know whether you would require the Carvery or something else from the menu. Look forward to seeing everyone on the 19th. Keep safe and well.
Cindy Ball.

MAHJONG

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 12 January at 10.30am. Everybody welcome. If you would like to know more please contact Sue Hoggett.

SOCIAL GROUP

has moved to Paignton town centre to URBAN EDGE CAFE near the station and opposite Poundland. Each 2nd Friday in the month from 14.00 - 16.00, come along and share your ideas, thoughts and suggestions for the group, where to have trips, what you would like as topics for talks and workshops. It's a great place to bring interested friends who are not yet members and promote our group. Rodger Smith.

HANDICRAFTS

Now meeting in URBAN
EDGE CAFE in VICTORIA
STREET on 4th
WEDNESDAYS each month
from 14.00 - 16.00; bring
along all your handicrafts and
share your skills with other
members. We only need to
buy one drink and then we can
use the cafe for free!!!!
Janette Smith.

GROUP LEADERS

GROUP LEADERS are
having their six-monthly
meeting on FRIDAY
21stJANUARY from 10.00 till
13.00 in JASMYN HOUSE,
followed by refreshments.
We still have a number of
interest groups that have not
re-opened, and maybe other
new interest groups could be
started. If you are interested in
helping with groups, please
contact Janette Smith, Groups
Co-ordinator and discuss your
interest.

POINTS TO PONDER

Sometimes, the person who
has been there for everyone
else needs someone to be there
for them.

Friends are the 'fruit cake' of
our life, some are nutty, some
are soaked in alcohol, some are
firm, some are sweet, BUT,
altogether they are great to
have in our lives.