

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

Chairperson's Remarks

Hello Everyone!

Well, here we are in March but the weather doesn't seem to realise it is Spring! Let us hope that it picks up soon, and we see the sun again.

Some good news is that we are getting more and more members returning, plus some new faces. We would like some more members coming forward to run new Groups. If you have a hobby, or interest, why not give it a go? It isn't hard work as everyone contributes together and there is always help from your Committee.

Lastly, I am sure you are seeing the newsfeeds coming out of Ukraine, and our wishes go with them.

I hope to see many of you at our next monthly meeting.

Carole Giffen

Monthly General Meetings

We are grateful to Colin Porter for arranging the following speaker, so, let's try and make an effort to support them by attending.

On Tuesday 8th March, the speaker will be **PROFESSOR PETER EDWARDS**. He has degrees in Mathematics, Aeronautics and Industrial Robotics and is a Fellow of the UK's Higher Education Academy. He was at Bournemouth University until retirement in 2007. His talk will be entitled, '**Cataclysmic Italy, including Earthquakes and Volcanos**'. What with events around the world these days, should be very interesting indeed.

Annual General Meeting & Renewals

This year our AGM, will be held on **Tues 12th April**, as usual, but the membership paperwork involved will be different to previous years.

Let's try and explain!! Those who paid their membership fees, early in 2020, for the year 2020 – 2021, will receive their membership card for the coming year 2022-23, but NO membership application form, as your monies have been carried over to this year

Those whose membership monies were NOT cashed at the bank, or, had not been processed before the closure in March 2020 will receive a membership application form, and will need to submit and pay for the coming year 2022-23.

Everyone's nomination papers will have to be submitted as per the details on the form.

Groups' News

ATTENDING GROUP'S ACTIVITIES !!!!

It is a good idea to advise your group leader if you are attending your group, do this each month, as sometimes the leader has to make a booking 'in advance' of the gathering, and it is sometimes difficult, and could be impossible even, to change the format / layout, once you have arrived. So, please, if you are going to attend, let the leader know, AND arrive in good time. Thanks.

DINING OUT

The venue and menu are organised by different members each month, so after an enjoyable evening in February at the Smokey House in Marldon, the next meeting is on Thursday March 24th at the Hare and Hounds, Torquay Road, Kingskerswell, 7 for 7.30.

The menu will be available at the March u3a meeting, or by email. Please book by TUESDAY MARCH 15th with your choice. Sue and John

MAH JONG

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 9th March** at 10.30am. Everybody welcome. If you would like to know more please contact Sue via the website.

BREAKFAST CLUB

For personal reasons there will not be any meeting of the Breakfast Club in March or April. John Ball

LUNCH CLUB

Weds 16th Mar.
We have had cancel this meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

Weds 20th April.
BABBACOMBE INN, Torquay
TQ1 3LP

Wednesday 18th May
WATERSIDE INN, Brixham
Road Paignton TQ4 6ND. This is a new venue for us all, hopefully we will enjoy their menu.

Wednesday 15th JUNE will be at THE WIGHTON, TORQUAY TQ2 7JA.

All meet at venue 12 noon for 12.30 meal.

Looking forward to seeing our regulars and members who wish to join this happy monthly gathering.
Cindy.

SOCIAL GROUP

has moved to Paignton town centre to URBAN EDGE CAFE, Victoria St., near the station and opposite Poundland. Each 2nd

Friday in the month from 14.00 - 16.00,
Fancy a little time sharing your thoughts and views of the running of the group??? What about subjects for speakers, recommend a speaker to contact and see if they will come and support us in our ongoing relaunch. What about theatre trips? What about days out? We already have had some suggestions, so, come long and share your thoughts, after all, our group is run by its members!!

Rodger.

HANDICRAFTS

Now meeting in URBAN EDGE CAFE Victoria St on 4th WEDNESDAYS each month from 14.00 - 16.00.

Let's get those nimble fingers working, have a chat, and cake even, and share your experiences with others who have the similar interests. How about sharing some of your patterns?? Come along and get involved.

Janette.

SCRABBLE

Those of you who are interested in Scrabble, it is hoped to restart the group in the very near future. Why not contact Janet via the website (corrected email now!) and let her know of your interest?

NEWSLETTER EDITOR and NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

After nine years of loyal and much appreciated service, **KATE PARSONS**, has decided to hand over the editorial leadership of the monthly newsletter. So, before we seek someone to replace her, let us put on official record the sincere thanks of all members, both past and present, for the wonderful service she has given to our group. Kate, whatever you find to do with your 'spare time' we all hope, along with your family, you have peace and enjoyment. THANKS.

NOW, that means we are looking for a **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**, to start IMMEDIATELY, from MAY 2022. So if you are willing, or know someone you can suggest for the role, please have a chat with **CAROLE GIFFIN** or **RODGER SMITH**, and have an informal chat.

Also, it has been thought necessary to have someone, to act an assistant / deputy to Brenda, our secretary, with suitable skills and willingness, to help with the **E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION** of the monthly newsletter. Around 250+ have been sent out each month in the past, with numbers lower at present, but hopefully will increase again as the months go by. Is this a role for you or anyone else you would like to nominate?? See Rodger for an informal chat.

