



## Chairman's Remarks

### FROM KATE PARSONS.

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful bouquet of flowers I received at the AGM. As some of you know, over the last 9 years I have been a member of Paignton u3a. I have taken on several roles. I first started editing and putting together the monthly newsletter in 2013 when I moved to Torbay. Since then I have been Secretary and Acting Membership Secretary at various times too when volunteers were thin on the ground. I had been a member of Dart Valley u3a and Kingsbridge Estuary u3a since 1998 so have a long association with the u3a movement. When you read this newsletter, all being well I should be enjoying a holiday on a houseboat on the Norfolk Broads but

will look forward to seeing you in June. If anyone would like to find out more about the role of Newsletter Editor which is not at all onerous, then please contact me to discuss. You will need a computer and email and to be around to compile the newsletter on first Wednesday of the month. It takes about 1 hour in total. Kate Parsons.

### CHANGE OF POLICY AT SPEAKERS' MEETINGS

*Your committee, after a lot of thought, and bearing in mind the financial situation of our group, have decided that from MAY 2022, there will still be a 'door fee' of £2.00, BUT, each member will then have to buy their own drinks, teas/coffees or from the bar.*

### **AUGUST MEETING**

We are hoping to have some kind of entertainment – singers, tea dance, comedian (??)

at our AUGUST meeting!! NOW here is your chance to get involved, know anyone suitable for our group? Great, then let Carole know as soon as possible, and you never know what may happen!!

### **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH CLUB**

John and I regret to inform members of both the above clubs that we are no longer able to organise either in the foreseeable future. We both Thank You all for your support. Take care, John and Cindy Ball.

### **SPEAKERS COMING..**

This month we are expecting MARION BISHOP to come and talk about RASPUTIN, the mad monk. Then in June, PHILIP BADCOTT, is expected to speak on 'Sir Walter Raleigh, favourite Devonian of Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **SOCIAL GROUP SPECIAL.**

All members and interested friends are

invited to our AFTERNOON CREAM TEA on FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> June at 16.00 in URBAN EDGE CAFÉ in Paignton. We have SOLE use of the café for this event. A variety of foods, as well as diabetic and vegan are available. All for £10.00 each, enter your name on the sheet on the table, but, payment to Rodger by 1<sup>st</sup> June AT THE LATEST.

#### **THEATRE TRIP.**

We have secured some seats at the Babbacombe Theatre for their afternoon summer show on WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST at 14.30. Again they have given us a '2 4 1' offer, £12.00 per seat So names on the sheet on the table, and money no later than our August meeting..

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP**

David Ayres is hoping to form a photography group again, starting later in the year, (after his move to a new home), if

you are interested please contact David.

#### **BOARD GAMES GROUP**

David Lamb is starting a new group for board games to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday each month, at his home, starting at 14.00. Anyone interested in joining, please contact David to let him know of your interest.

#### **MAH JONG**

Come and join us at Paignton Club to play, or learn to play, Mah Jong, an ancient Chinese game. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30. Everybody is welcome. If you would like to know more please contact Sue Hoggett.

#### **CANASTA**

The next Canasta group will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10.00. It will take place in the bar/café at the Palace Theatre in

Paignton. If anybody is interested in attending this group and would like more information could you please contact Sue Hoggett.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

New forms are now issued by National Office to cover the change in rules about Covid-19. ONE for 'day of issue', to be completed EVERYTIME you have a group, and ONE for 'venue checklist' to be completed ONLY ONCE, and when venue is changed.

**AGEING WELL FESTIVAL,** is booked for SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER in the RIVERIA CENTRE in TORQUAY. From 10.30 till 16.00 various acts, displays, talks, activities for all tastes. U3a has booked at table for promoting our activities, if you would like to help for a couple of hours, then please let Rodger know.

#### **'ASSOCIATE MEMBERS'**

Following misunderstandings concerning 'associate members', your committee has contacted National Office for advice, and then following discussions, it has been decided that 'associate members', who are 'full members' in another u3a group, can lead interest groups, and still be covered by u3a insurance.