



Chairman's Remarks

I must start this message with an acknowledgement to the late Queen, who selflessly devoted her life to this country for 70 years. I was 5 years old when the old King died, and like many of you, have not known living under another monarch. Rest In Peace Elizabeth the Great, as she is going to be known.

It is exactly a year ago that I stepped in to be Chairperson of Paignton U3A, when we were within a minute of being non-existent. I would like to thank you all for your support during the past year, especially the Committee and Group Leaders who have worked hard to keep Paignton U3A going. I apologise for any shortcomings you may feel that I had, but I have learnt much since a year ago and will continue to do my best to keep the branch running.

I look forward to see some of you at the Ageing Well Festival on the 17th September at the Riviera Centre.

I am open to any ideas some of you may have of new groups, or anything else that you think will enable us to grow our branch of the U3A.

Kind Regards

Carole Giffen

The Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 15th December 2022 at Livermead House Hotel. A non-refundable deposit of £10 per person will be required to ensure a table. I will put a menu on the table at Tuesday's and subsequent meeting's and a form for names. Thank you.

LISTENING EAR

I met a very long standing member the other day who mentioned she will not be renewing her membership with the U3A as she felt very let down as nobody had contacted her during lockdown. This is not an isolated remark and I feel that more contact from group leaders could have been made. One lesson learned!

As the 'Listening Ear' I did get, and give, many calls from people living alone. I recently had contact from an ex-member who had suffered a stroke and moved to a different area and they had

found my number and now we keep in touch.

Surely this should be part of our organisation, looking out for each other.

Sarah, Listening Ear

SPEAKERS COMING..

SEPTEMBER: The Devon Free Wheelers/ Blood Bikes

OCTOBER: Devon Air Ambulance

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting at Paignton Library will be on Monday 3rd October at 10.30 am.

At the September meeting Martyn Powell gave a most interesting talk on the history of Bradley Manor. Having been a Room Guide there he also recounted the rather "frightening" experience of having a somewhat exuberant WI party descend on him! Unfortunately, attendance has been rather low recently and not sufficient to cover the room hire. If you wish the group to

continue please make a big effort to attend next month and make your interests known. If you can add a few comments on any topics you have investigated recently we should be delighted to hear them.
Look forward to seeing you all.

Ken Faulkner

GARDENING GROUP

The gardening group has been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

QUIZ GROUP

The quiz group run by Eric Hawken will now be taken over by Jan Spry for the foreseeable future.

MAH JONG, a date for your diary

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 September at the Paignton Club starting at 10.30a.m. Everybody's welcome. If you would like to know more please contact group

leader Sue Hoggett via the Dove From Above on the website.

CANASTA

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME.

The next Canasta group will be held on Monday 26 September 11.00am. 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 group leader Sue Hoggett via the Dove From Above on the website.