

## CHAIRPERSONS' WELCOME LETTER DECEMBER 2022.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Another year nearly over and we are looking forward to the new year, which we hope will not be as difficult as appears today. I noticed that the Christmas decorations are up in most of the houses in the Bay, so people are making the most of it, and I am hoping to take a trip along the trail of lights.

This month at our meeting we have some Christmas festivities, so wear your glitter or Christmas jumper. Two days later we have our Christmas Lunch with forty members dining this year, double the number last year, an opportunity to meet and celebrate together. I hope you all have an enjoyable time over the holiday, and I look forward to seeing you in January 2023,

Carole

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE !!**

There is NO DIRECT LINK BETWEEN PAIGNTON AND TORQUAY ON THE DAY OF OUR DECEMBER MEETING!! The road is closed from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. IF you usually travel by bus, then you will have to make different arrangements. IF you travel by car Wheatridge Road remains open in BOTH DIRECTIONS. Take care folks!!!

# CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNE PIERCE.

At a recent civic event JUNE PIERCE was presented with a certificate and medal with bar, to honour her 55 years

continuous service for St John ambulance from the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, DAVID FURSDON. We all extend our warm congratulations to June.

## THANKS TO ANN BERROW.

Earlier this year, Ann made it known to the group that she would be retiring as coordinator for the group. So, at the November meal, those present thanked Ann for her leadership and gave her a card of appreciation. Thank you Ann for your years of leadership.

### DINING OUT GROUP.

There is a 'vacancy' for the role of coordinator of the dining out group, which meets on the fourth Thursday each month. A member of the group selects the month they would like to 'lead', and also choose the venue for that month, so folks another chance to support your friends and members. The venue for January will be announced in our January newsletter, June Pierce and Janette Smith have offered to lead the February event. Further details from Janette Smith, via the dove from above.

#### HANDICRAFTS GROUP.

There will be no meeting in December, as it is 'twix Christmas and New Year, so, let's all get together again in January, Happy New Year folks.

Janette

#### LUNCH CLUB

I would be interested in a lunch club for Paignton U3A jointly with my Torquay group commencing 2nd Thursday, 9th February 2023. I have a list of possible venues, but with the present climate won't publish any until I confirm who will actually be open in the new year.

Therefore, will any members interested please send me your details on email, in order that I can contact you when the first venue has been secured. Cindy Ball

## DECEMBER SPEAKER MEETING

'Santa is coming to town!!', how many carols have you heard in November, even October??!! Now in December we have our own Christmas celebration, at our usual meeting, but!!, this one has a couple of interesting participants. We are welcoming THERESA MOORIN and her 'friends', so, come along in good voice for some singing, and let's enjoy a different kind of Christmas presentation.

#### MAH JONG

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 December at the Paignton Club starting at 10.30a.m. Everybody welcome.

The January meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to know more please contact Sue Hoggett via the dove from above.

#### **CANASTA GROUP**

The next Canasta Group will be held on 23 January at 11.00am at the Palace Theatre cafe and bar.

Contact Sue Hoggett via the dove from above.

#### TABLE TENNIS

There will only be one meeting this month on on Tuesday 13 December.

Jan Spry