



CHAIR'S LETTER - JULY 2023

As I am writing this, it is raining, which I am sure those of you who have parched gardens will be hearing them sighing with relief!

As we come up to our summer break, it is time to start planning for the rest of the year to come, with the focus on recruiting new members, and starting new groups. Look for articles in the Newsletter which will give you the information you need. I am now acting Group Leader Co-Ordinator until we can find someone to take over the role, but I wanted to arrange a GL meeting, as we have

not had one for a while.

The results of the survey we held last month regarding the transport mode members used to get to the monthly meetings were 25 by car and 5 by bus. With that information Sue Hoggett and myself have been looking at alternative venues in the area. There were some who couldn't accommodate us at all. Most had weekly meetings and events, so our monthly meeting was not viable for them. Therefore, I will book the Livermead House Hotel until January to ensure our monthly meetings will carry on.

I hope you have a lovely August with family and friends, just lazing in the garden or down by the beach. I am hoping to

spend sunny days down at my beach hut.

Happy Summer Holidays!

Carole Giffen

GROUPS

We still need Group Leaders for the Gardening Group, Art and Dining Out Groups.

GROUP LEADERS MEETING

A Group Leaders Meeting will be held at the Paignton Club on Tuesday 31 October from 10am to 12 noon. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served. Please let Carole Giffen know whether you can attend or not. This is to prepare for the Open Group Display at our meeting on 14 November.

meeting. Please feel free to invite friends to come and see what social groups we have to offer.

Please contact Sue Hoggett via the dove from above.

NEW GROUPS

Suggestions are:

Art Appreciation

Computing & Technology (including ipads and mobile phones)

Exploring with a bus pass

Zoom Coffee and Chat

Walking Group

Let me know if you are interested in attending or running a group, or have any suggestions or ideas of your own.

OPEN AND GROUP DISPLAY EVENT

This will be held on 14 November at our monthly meeting. I will give you more information at the GL

DINING OUT GROUP

Thursday 27 July at the Passage House Inn at 6.30pm. Menus will be available at the monthly meeting next Tuesday 11 July.

Menu choices to Jan by Friday 21 July.

Contact Jan via the dove from above for the Dining Out group

REGIONAL QUIZ

The Regional Quiz will be held in Exmouth on Thursday 5 October venue to be announced.

MAH JONG

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 July at the Paignton Club, Paignton, starting at 10.30a.m.

CANASTA GROUP

Canasta Group dates for July and August are as follows:

Monday 24 July

Monday 7 & 28 August

These will be held at the Palace Theatre cafe and bar at 11am. Contact Sue Hoggett via the dove from above.

JULY SPEAKER

Janet Downer speaking on the 'Dark Deeds in Devon'

UNFILLED POSITIONS

We are still looking for a Health & Safety Officer to serve on the Committee. It could be

shared by two people if that would be easier.

We also need a Speaker Finder - again. Two people could share the role.

FILM CLUB

Paula Smith is a member of the Torbay U3A and she runs a Film Club Group. The Group meet once a month at the Blue Walnut cafe in Walnut Road, Chelston.

The film for July is Portrait of a Lady starring Nicole Kidman, John Malckovich and Barbara Hershey. Admission is £5, the cafe is open for refreshments at 6pm, which may be enjoyed in the garden, weather permitting, the film starts at 7pm. The venue has a small private cinema with 23

seats. Paula would be delighted if any of the Paignton members would like to join them.

PLEASE NOTE.....

There will be **NO GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST**. See you all in September.