



## **CHAIR'S LETTER - SEPTEMBER 2023**

Summer really has been a mixed bag hasn't it? July was the wettest on record, with Carnival week being particularly wet, I know because we had family down! August wasn't much better, but I hope some of you at least managed to get out and about.

September has started with a heat wave, so we are having some sunshine. Groups are starting again and we can look forward to all getting together again. We hope to start more groups, have some interesting speakers

and a group display in November.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Carole Giffen

## **GROUP LEADERS MEETING**

This will be held on 31 October 2023. Please bring your registers with you if you have them. We will discuss the display in November, and ideas on how to attract more members.

## **BOOK GROUP**

Jean Benskin has had to sadly give up running the Book group due to ill health. I am running it for the next couple of months until we can find someone to take it over.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month, but we may have to change it next year.

Carole Giffen

## **DINING OUT GROUP**

Thursday 25 September at the Barn Owl, Kingskerswell 6.30pm for 7pm limited to 15 diners. Menus will be available at the monthly meeting on Tuesday 12 September. Menu choices to be with Joan Cooper by the 24 September please. Puds can be chosen on the night.

Contact Joan Cooper.

## **REGIONAL QUIZ**

The Regional Quiz will be held on Thursday 5 October at Withycombe Rugby and Football Club in Exmouth.

### **MAH JONG**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 September at the Paignton Club, Paignton, starting at 10.30a.m. Contact Sue Hoggett.

### **CANASTA GROUP**

Canasta Group will be held at the Palace Theatre cafe and bar at 11am on Monday 25 September. Contact Sue Hoggett.

### **QUIZ GROUP**

The Quiz Group is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday between 2pm and 4pm at the Preston Conservative Club. The next group will be on Friday 15 September.

### **TABLE TENNIS**

Table Tennis is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Baptist Church Hall, Winner Street between 2 and 4pm. The next group will be held on Tuesday 12 September.

### **SOCIAL GROUP**

The Social Group will still be meeting each month, on the usual day and time in Paignton library, but will have to be 'self-run'!!!! Select someone to lead and have a great natter!!!! Rodger is away for September, then from October to December can make NO plans for ANYTHING, depending on treatment and reaction!!!

### **HANDICRAFT GROUP**

As only three members were present for June and July, it has been decided to close the group.

Jan Smith

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Christmas Lunch this year will be held on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm for 1pm. It will be instead of the normal monthly December meeting and held at the Redcliffe Hotel. It has been sold to a hotel group and under new management. Their menu looks very good, and after speaking to people who have eaten there over the summer, the food is

very good. A copy menu will be at Tuesday's meeting, as will a form to sign if you are interested. It will be the normal £10 deposit which is non refundable.

### **SEPTEMBER SPEAKER**

A crew member of the Torbay Lifeboat, Mr Ian "Barney" Barnaby will be talking about the Torbay Lifeboat Kilimanjaro Challenge 2023.