



CHAIR'S LETTER - MARCH 2024

Welcome to March everyone

After such a soggy February, let us hope March is more like Spring. At least the daffodils are out. Some of our outdoor groups will hopefully be able to get out and about. There is news about another Walking Group in this Newsletter.

Next month will be our AGM, where we will be looking for some more Committee Members, and also a new Chairperson, as my three years are up. If no-one comes forward, then Paignton U3A will cease to exist! I can speak to other nearby branches to see if we can amalgamate, or I countdown as Rodger did three years ago. So let us be optimistic and hope

that after nearly 20 years, Paignton U3A will carry on.

Carole Giffen

NEW GROUPS

BOARD GAMES

David Lamb is starting up his Board games Group. David will hold these every Monday at 2pm. On the first and third Monday they will be held at Davids home address and on the second and fourth Monday they will be held at the Chelston Manor.

SUNDAY STROLLERS

David Lamb is also going to start a new group for people who want to do slightly more strenuous walks than the Ambling Group. Each walk will be 3-6 miles in length, and may include some hills. They will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month. The first one will coincide with Easter Sunday, but if interested, then meet up at the car park of The Olde Smokey

House, Vicarage Road, TQ3 1NN. If using the car park then you will have to buy a drink or meal in the pub. Walk will be weather dependent. The link to a map of the route is: <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2533204>.

Please contact David Lamb via the website. To check that the walk will be taking place as it is Easter Sunday, and have not had confirmation.

DINING OUT:

Janet Hobbs is now the Group Co-Ordinator, taking over from Ann Berrow

Please note that the March meal is on 21st March. This is a week early as the 28th is Maundy Thursday. The printed menu can be collected from the monthly U3A meeting or it can be found on the Wighton web page. Menu choices to me by 13th March Janet Hobbs

I am delighted to announce that the 25th April meal will be at The OrientalTouch. Thank you Barry and Jan for offering to organise this.

Janet

CANASTA GROUP

The next Canasta Group will be held at Albany Court on Monday 25 March at 11.00m.

Sue Hoggett.

MAH JONG

Our next Mah Jong meeting will be on Wednesday 13 March at the Paignton Club.

Sue Hoggett

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

In order to avoid clashing with all the Bank Holidays at this time of year the Local History Group's next two meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month i.e 8th April and 13th May. Usual

venue, usual time 10.30 am. See you all then.

Ken Faulkner

RUMMICUB

Sheila Biggs is looking for people to join her Rummicub Group which is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2pm. Please contact Sheila via the website if you are interested.

SOCIAL GROUP

We are not sure if this Group is still meeting in the Library Café on an ad hoc basis, or if someone has taken it over as a group leader. Please will you let Carole Giffen know, so that it can be put on the Group List.

TRIPS AND OUTINGS

We've had enquiries from members both old and new, whether we would start doing day trips, outings and holidays again. Please let any member of the Committee know if you

are interested and also if you could run the group.

GROUP MEETING FEE

It was put forward at Committee that 50p does not cover the expenses of heating, tea/coffee and biscuits, so we decided that at the Group Leaders, discretion, up to £1 can be charged. This will be discussed between the GL and members of the Group.

MARCH SPEAKER

Dr Peter Moore will be speaking on "A Police Surgeons lot".