



CHAIR'S LETTER - JUNE 2025

Hello everyone.
Although we have now got some unsettled weather, I keep being told the rain is desperately needed for the gardens! Well, I personally enjoyed the long spell of dry weather, although I did miss most of it in Norway and Lourdes where it was much more changeable! Yes I did see the northern lights although it was necessary to view through a camera lens to see all the colours but it was an amazing experience and watching satellites pass overhead was surreal. Lourdes was its usual incredible experience albeit very tiring. Think I need a buggy to get around. This got me thinking that perhaps we could have one of our meetings when our members could give a short talk on their recent holiday travels. I know many of you have had some great experiences both on sea and

land. Let me know how you feel.

The Airshow will hopefully have given us a weekend of inspiring flying by amazing aircraft as well as a vast variety of activities on Paignton green followed by fireworks. We are lucky to have such events in the Bay. Looking ahead, we are busy planning the autumn schedule of speakers and our Christmas (yes I've said the 'C' word in May!) lunch in December. In the meantime, our monthly Dining Out evenings are really enjoyable. Don't forget to provide contacts of anybody you think may be willing to give a talk at our monthly meetings and a reminder of our many and varied groups operating all year round. Try something different. You may find it's just what you were looking for!
Full details of forthcoming events are included in the newsletter.

June
Chair.

CANASTA GROUP

Our Canasta group will be held on Monday 2nd and 23rd of June at 10.30 am at Albany Court, Paignton. Sue Hoggett

MAH JONG

Our next Mah Jong meeting will be on Wednesday 11 June at 10.30am at Janet Hobbs' home in Paignton. Sue Hoggett

KNIT & NATTER/CRAFT GROUP.

The next meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month which will be 11 June @ 1.30 at Janet Hobbs' home in Paignton. Janet Hobbs

DINING OUT GROUP

The venue for this month's Dining Out will be held at the Oriental Touch, 21 St Marychurch Road, TQ 1 3JF on Thursday 26 June, meet 6.30 for 7pm. If anyone is interested in joining the group at The Oriental Touch please contact Janet Hobbs

CRIB/BACKGAMMON GROUP

The Crib/ Backgammon group this month will be held on Tuesday 3 June at 2pm at Janet Hobbs' home in Paignton.

QUIZ GROUP

There will be **NO** quiz Groups until September.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

When attending any Group you will need to show the group leader your u3a membership card as this shows you are a current member and therefore covered by the u3a insurance in case of accidents.

JUNE MEETING

Jan will be doing a Quiz for us so please bring a pen and some paper with you so that you can join in. We will be having a few tabletop games like Mah Jong, Canasta and Rummikub if anyone would like to have a game. We are also running a raffle, if anyone has any 'unwanted gifts' that they could donate to our future raffles please pass to Janet

Hobbs; all donations will be gratefully received. Don't forget to humour our Tea boys and purchase your tea, coffee and biscuits for just a £1, bargain!

FUTURE DINING OUT DATES/VENUES:

24 July

Venue: The Kent

Organiser: Jan & Barry Hodges

25 September

Venue: The Paignton Club

Organiser: Joan Cooper

23 October

Venue: Cattlemans@

Parkers Arms

Organiser: Cindy & John Ball

27 November

Venue: The Linney

Organiser: Janet Hobbs

SAVE THE DATE

11 December

Venue: The Paignton Club

Organiser: Janet Hobbs

GENERAL MEETING

The next General meeting will be held on Thursday 12 June at the Palace Avenue Methodist Church Hall, Paignton.

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MAYS QUIZ

1. What were Barbary Pirates?
2. In the constellation of Orion in the night sky if you look at Orion's 'belt', a line of three stars, then look up and to the left, you will see a red star called 'Betelgeuse'. It is a massive red star. What are astronomers predicting for it?
3. The German city of Cologne – Köln was established by the Romans. What did the name come from?
4. Who was Rosa Parks?
5. If you have watched the film 'Sense and Sensibility' you would have heard a romantic music

background. Who was the composer?

6. What were the colour of Alexander The Great's hair and eyes?

ANSWERS TO MAYS QUIZ.

Corsair slave traders from North Africa. In the 17th. And 18th. Centuries they often attacked small coastal villages in South-West Ireland and England where they captured many young men and women and took them back to North Africa to be sold in slave markets.

- 2 It is nearing the end of its life and could already have gone through a super-nova. But as light from Betelgeuse takes an enormous amount of time to reach us we might see this supernova later this year.

3 Colonia. The Romans established a number of settlements called colonia along the West Bank of the River Rhine to contain the German tribes that were crossing the Rhine from the Germanic heartland in the East.

4 A Black Civil Rights activist in the Southern States of the USA. A supporter of Martin Luther King she sat on a seat reserved for white people in a local bus.

5 Scottish composer PATRICK DOYLE.

6 Hair yellow-blond (that the ancient Greeks called golden), Eyes blue. We know this as Greek authors writing at that time would have seen him in person. Don't be misled by Hollywood 'Sword and Sandals'

Epics as the actors chosen for lead roles did not always look like the true historical characters.

JUNE QUIZ

1. There is an area in the historic heart of Berlin called the 'Francosicshe Vierta(French Quarter). Why was it so-called?
2. Who was Edith Cavell?
- 3.How many petals does the flower of peach blossom have?
4. What Language Family does New Zealand Maori belong to?
5. In human DNA how many chromosomes are there?
6. What was the old Roman name for London?

FACTS ON JUNE

Birth flowers of June are the Rose. Symbol of love, and the Honeysuckle, a symbol of love and affection.

June has 3 birthstones associated with it the Pearl, Alexandrite and Moonstones.

June bird of the month is the Baltimore Oriole.

June is the start of summer, it has the longest day, summer solstice. June is a month of celebrations and events including Pride Month, Global day of Parents, world Environment day and World Oceans Day, oh! and Fathers day!

Juno is the Ancient Roman Goddess of marriage and childbirth.

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH