



CHAIR'S LETTER - OCTOBER 2024

Well summer has gone and autumn arrived with a vengeance! Soon be time for the heating to go on and curtains drawn for the long evenings ahead. However, don't just think "it is a long time before I can get out to see friends". There are lots of events within our U3A where you can meet up and have an enjoyable couple of hours complete with tea and biscuits, or something stronger if you belong to the Wine Tasting Group! At our next monthly meeting the groups are putting on displays to show you what they cover, where and when they meet. There must be something that interests you rather more than some of the terrible television which seems to be nothing but repeats. The number of groups has dropped due to lack of

leaders or loss of support. Is there anything you would like to get involved in or maybe even set up a new group? Talk to Janet, our Group Co-ordinator. She will be happy to guide you. Don't forget that any new members can come and join us for half price now. What an opportunity to bring along a friend (or two) and introduce them to the joys of U3A. Nothing to be paid for their first two visits as long as they sign in. We welcome all newcomers. See you at the meeting June

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

John Risdon will be our guest speaker talking on The Singers of Oldway - a family of opulence.

CANASTA GROUP

The next Canasta Groups will be held at Albany Court on Monday 7 and Monday 28 October at 10.30am.

Sue Hoggett

MAH JONG

Our next Mah Jong meeting will be on Wednesday 09 October at Janet Hobbs home in Paignton.

Sue Hoggett

DINING OUT

We have two meals left in 2024!

On the 24 October we will be going to Amicis in Torquay. Menus will be available at the October meeting/group display. If you are interested in coming along please let Penny Avery know by 20 October.

On 28 October our last meet of the year will be at the Paignton Vista, Paignton Club. Menu choices to Joan Cooper by 21 November. The menu choices will be at the October meeting so if you are interested please let Joan Cooper know.

Janet

AMBLING GROUP

We are looking for more members to join the Ambling Group.
If you are interested please contact Janet Wright or Betty Goodchild

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The next gathering will be on Monday 7 October at my place as usual at 10.30 am.
Ken

RUMMIKUB

This group will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month between 2 and 4pm at Albany Court, Polsham Park, TQ3 2BB

Barry Hodges

QUIZ GROUP

The Quiz Group took a break over the summer and hopefully will be up and running again from September. If anyone is interested in attending the Quiz Group could you please contact Jan Spry

LISTENING EAR

If you need an ear

“It’s good to talk”

All conversations are confidential, call Sarah anytime.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please Note:

Doors open at 10am
Teas/Coffees can be ordered from 10.30am
Talks starts at 11am

It’s that time of year again! A date for your diary.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year we are holding our Christmas Lunch at the Paignton Vista Club on **Thursday 12 December.**

If you are interested you can put your names forward, and the menu will be available at October’s meeting. Two courses will be £27 and 3 courses will be £30.

Menu choices along with full payment for the meal will be due on 3/12/24. There will be no refunds after this date. As we have NO meeting in December those wishing to come along will need to pay in full at the November meeting please.

Thank you.

Janet

FUN PAGE

Answers to Septembers Quiz

Questions:

- 1 'Greece' is the old Roman name for the Country around the Aegean. What do the Greeks call their own Country?
- 2 With the end of the Ottoman Empire a new Republic was set up in Turkey, with Kemal Ataturk as its first President. What was Ataturk's real name?
- 3 What are the German equivalents to the English 'Count' and 'Countess'?
- 4 In the New Testament Christ said that I am the Alpha and Omega. (a) What does this mean?
Where do the words come from ?

Answers

- 1 'HELLAS'. The 'H' is silent.
- 2 Mustapha Kemal. 'Ataturk' was an honorific

bestowed upon him that meant 'Father of the Turks'.

3 Graf and Gräfin, (not Count or Countess).

4 (a) The beginning and the end. (b) They are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet.

Interestingly, the first and second letters are Alpha and Beta = Alphabet!

OCTOBERS QUIZ

- 1 There are many rivers in England called 'River Avon'. What does the word 'Avon' mean?
- 2 The word 'Saxon' (The early English who occupied Southern England) had a meaning. What was it?
- 3 What was the name of the city before it was renamed Istanbul by the Ottoman Turks? Greek name please, not the English translation.
- 4 Where is 'Mariupol'?

5 How far is the Earth from the Sun (to the nearest million mile)?

6 "Six of one and half-a-dozen of the other." Who did this saying come from and what was it originally referring to?

Answers in Novembers newsletter

DEAR NEIGHBOUR

Hi George, this is Richaerd, next door. Ive been riddled with guilt for a few months and have been trying to pluck up the courage to tell you face-to-face. When you're not around, I've been sharing your wife, day and night, probably much more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently. I know there's no excuse. I can't live with the guilt and hope you'll accept my sincere apology and forgive me. Plese suggest a fee for usage and I'll pay you.
Richard

George feeling enraged and betrayed, grabbed his gun, went next door and shot Richard dead. He returned home, shot his wife, poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. George then looked at his phone and discovered a second text from Richard.

SECOND TEXT MESSAGE.

Hi George Richard here again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I assume you figured it out and noticed that the darned spell-check had changed "Wi-fi" to "wife" technology huh? It'll be the death of us all.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"Every day is a chance to begin again. Don't focus on the failures of yesterday, start today with positive thoughts and expectations".

"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you don't stop"

Andy Warhol

"Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th".

Julie Andrews