



CHAIR'S LETTER - NOVEMBER 2024

Autumn has arrived and the amazing colours of the trees before they shed their leaves bring back so many memories to me of cruising from New York to Quebec to see New England in the Fall. What an experience. Impossible to describe the depth of colour but fabulous. Nature is amazing. Hopefully you have all signed up to the various groups and will enjoy perhaps learning a new skill, or brushing up on old hobby. It's not too late to join. There are so many choices open to us all at very little cost, so make the most of the opportunities. As our financial situation is not very healthy at present, your officers are currently discussing the best way forward and we will bring

our suggestions to you before any decisions are taken. Watch this space! An interesting speaker at our next meeting so I look forward to seeing you all then.
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 4 and Monday 25 November at 10.30am.

Sue Hoggett

MAH JONG

Our next Mah Jong meeting will be on Wednesday 13 November at Janet Hobbs' home in Paignton TQ4.

DINING OUT

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

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

LISTENING EAR

If you need an ear
"It's good to talk"
All conversations are confidential, call Sarah anytime.

KNIT & NATTER/CRAFT GROUP.

The inaugural meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month.

13th November

11th December

Time from 1.30

At Janet Hobbs' home in Paignton

Looking forward to seeing you

Janet

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

12pm for 12.30pm.

If you are interested you can put your names forward, and the menu will be available at the November meeting. Two courses will be £25.95 and 3 courses will be £28.95.

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.

We're holding a raffle at the Christmas lunch and looking for raffle prizes. If anyone has any unwanted gifts in their cupboards or wardrobes that are no longer wanted and would be suitable for a raffle prize, please bring them along to the November meeting or to the Christmas lunch. All gifts will be gratefully received

Thank you.

Janet

FUN PAGE

Answers to October's Quiz

OCTOBER'S 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:

1. The word Avon is a linguistic corruption of the Welsh 'Affon', which means 'river'. River Avon is therefore a linguistic pleonasm.
- 2 A type of knife, a 'saexe', carried on the belt of early Saxons before some of them left their homeland in Northern Germany to invade Southern England. It was probably the neighbouring tribe of Franks who called the Saxons to their north 'the Saexe'.
- 3 Kōnstantinoupolis, usually translated as 'Constinople' in English.
- 4 On the south coast of Ukraine, at the head of the Sea of Azov.
- 5 93 million miles.
- 6 Frederick Marryat (1792-1848). The original saying was...."I never knows the

children. Its just six of one and half-a-dozen of the other."

NOVEMBER'S QUIZ

- 1 Which famous person made the following address in 1863? " (Democracy etc.) Of the people; for the people; by the people"
- 2 In Nature, what is a Quercus Robur?
- 3 Why was a 'Jack Boot' so called?
- 4 Where did the Maoris of New Zealand originally come from in 800 CE ?
- 5 Salted, fermented cabbage. What is the (a) Dutch name, and (b) German name for this?
- 6 Where does the name of the day 'Wednesday' come from?

Answers in December's Newsletter.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

“Let from this month
onwards your days become
more happier, fulfilling,
purposeful, satisfying and
joyful”

“Though no one can go back
and make a brand new start,
anyone can start from now
and make a brand new
ending”

FAMOUS INSULTS

“His mother should have
thrown him away and kept
the stork”

Mae West

“Some cause happiness
wherever they go; others,
whenever they go”

Oscar Wilde