



CHAIR'S LETTER - MARCH 2025

Hello everyone

As I sit here looking out at trees being blown around in ferocious winds and pouring rain, I just hope that Spring is not too far away. The snowdrops and crocus and even daffodils are doing their best to cheer us all up.

Our meeting in March should be entertaining and also fun. "Life on the canals" by Carol Stephens is a fascinating insight into a different way of life. I look forward to seeing you all there.

If you have any suggestions for other speakers please let me know.

Our tea boys Mal and Jeff will be ready with their smiles to serve teas and coffees and we are really grateful to them giving their time each month.

Don't forget to fill in your nomination papers for our AGM in April and hand them

in to Sue the Secretary. If you want to put your name forward then please ensure the form is completed. You will be very welcome!

June
Chair

MARCH SPEAKER

Carol Stephens will be speaking on 'Life on the Canals'

CANASTA GROUP

The next Canasta Groups will be held at Albany Court on Monday 3 and Monday 24 March at 10.30 am.

Sue Hoggett

MAH JONG

Our next Mah Jong meeting will be on Wednesday 12 March at Janet Hobbs' house in Paignton.

Sue Hoggett

QUIZ GROUP

The Quiz Group is looking for more members. This group is held at Albany Court on the 3rd Friday of the month. Anyone interested please contact Jan Hodges

KNIT & NATTER/CRAFT GROUP.

The next meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month which will be held on 12 March @ 1.30 at Janet Hobbs' house in Paignton.

DINING OUT GROUP

The venue for this month's Dining out will be Berry Head Hotel, Berry Head Road, Brixham, TQ5 9AJ. Menus will be available at the March meeting and as meals have to be pre-booked meal choices will need to be with Simon by 20th March. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Simon Clarke.

**FUTURE DINING OUT
DATES/VENUES:**

24 April
Venue: Local Thai restaurant
Organiser: Sue Lewton and
Anne Adcock

22 May
Venue: Pierres
Organiser: Sue Hoggett

26 June
Venue: The Oriental Touch
Organiser: Janet Hobbs

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

FUN PAGE

February's Quiz

1. (a) Who was the patron God / Goddess of ancient Athens?
(b) What was the name of the Roman equivalent?
2. Jewish Religious Authorities see their God Yahweh as being the supreme creator of the Universe, on par with the God of the Christians and Muslims. What was his status before the time of Moses?
3. What is Spanish for 'beer'?
4. What is 'Kia Ora'?
5. How many petals does the flower of a peach tree have
6. Which country is the city of 'Ulaanbaatar ' the capital of?

Answers to Februarys quiz

1. (a) Athena. (b) Minerva
2. Historical evidence shows that he was just a Storm God, similar to Thor and Zeus. He was one of many Gods and Goddesses worshipped by the Semitic peoples of the Middle East (Phoenicians, Assyrians, Babylonians etc.)
3. Cerveza
4. New Zealand Maori greeting, said after they have rubbed noses with you instead of shaking hands. It translates as 'Have life – be healthy'.
5. Five, as also those of nectarine, cherry, apple and pear trees, and many more.
6. Mongolia

March Quiz

1. What was the real name of the Mongol war-leader known as Genghi
2. Where is 'Aotearoa'?
3. Who was 'Doris von Kappelhof'?
4. What is the Polynesian Name for Easter Island?
5. How thick is the Earth's crust (to the nearest mile please)
6. What is the name of New Zealand's most famous opera singer?

Answers next month

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of Larry Laprise the man who wrote the “Hokey cokey” who died peacefully at the age of 93. The most traumatic part for his family

was getting him in the coffin. They put his left leg in...and then the trouble started!

FACTS ABOUT MARCH

- 1, Aquamarine is the birthstone for March. It is a blue-green gemstone that is typically connected with the ocean and is supposed to represent youth, health....
2. The name March comes from the Roman god "Mars"
3. On March 7th 1876 Alexander Graham Bell patented the first telephone.
4. Its birth flower is the Daffodil.daffodil.
5. March is the month when earth shows it's grace.
6. March 4th is Shrove Tuesday, Pancake day