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CHAIR'S LETTER - SEPTEMBER 2025

Hello everyone

It seems the weather is becoming more unsettled with some welcome (for some) rain arriving. I do hope you have all enjoyed the summer, spending quality time with family and friends and even braving the crowded beaches !!

Our public gardens and floral displays have been superb this year and give us inspiration for planting up for next year. In the meantime let's look forward to a busy autumn period.

Our monthly meetings have some interesting and informative speakers planned plus more quiz sessions!

Our groups are starting again, although some of course have met throughout

the summer. I am sure there is something new that would interest you. If you don't try it, you will never know! Janet Hobbs is our Group Co-ordinator and she can help you with any information regarding groups and their meeting days, times and locations. A bit early for a New Year's resolution but make it an autumnal one and try one challenge.

Our dining out evenings continue and dare I say the "c" word(?) but the date is set for our Christmas lunch. Full details at our meeting on Thursday 11 September when John Risdon will be our speaker. I Look forward to welcoming you all then.

June
Chair.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

"Please find attached the menu and booking details for our annual event. There will be paper copies at the Monthly meeting. The

committee look forward to seeing you."

Janet Hobbs

CANASTA GROUP

Canasta this month will be held on Monday 1st and 22nd September at Members House

Sue Hoggett

MAH JONG

Our next Mah Jong meeting will be on Wednesday 10 September, 10.30am at Member House

Sue Hoggett

KNIT & NATTER/CRAFT GROUP.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 September @ 1.30 at Members House Janet Hobbs

DINING OUT GROUP

The venue for this month's Dining Out will be the Paignton Club, Paignton, TQ4 6ED on Thursday 25 September, 6.30 for 7pm. Anyone interested in joining

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the group at the Paignton Club please contact Joan Cooper. Menus will be available at the next General meeting on Thursday 11 September.

CRIB/BACKGAMMON GROUP

The Crib/ Backgammon group this month will be held on Tuesday 2 September, 2pm at Member House
Janet Hobbs

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.

FUTURE DINING OUT DATES/VENUES:

23 October
Venue: Cattlemans@ Parkers Arms
Organiser: Cindy & John Ball

27 November
Venue: The Linney
Organiser: Janet Hobbs

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our guest speaker, John Risdon, will be talking on the History of Galmpton Creek.

GENERAL MEETING

The next General meeting will be held on Thursday 11 September at the Palace Avenue Methodist Church Hall, Paignton. Tea, coffee and biscuits served from 10.30 at the bargain price of £1!

BRIDGE EXPERIENCE

I'm a member of u3a Ivybridge and have just completed the U3A national online Beginners Bridge Course. Can you help the national bridge group please by sharing the following information with u3a members?

A new online u3a course is starting soon and is ideal for anyone interested in taking

up bridge. Not only is it taught by experienced teachers, it uses the excellent No Fear Bridge teaching resources and the Real Bridge platform for supervised coaching and playing ses
As well as learning bridge to a level that enables me to join my own u3a group and another bridge club, I also had an enjoyable time on the course and friendships formed enable me to continue to play bridge online with fellow course members. I'd certainly recommend the u3a course to anyone wanting to learn bridge.

Please can you draw the course details - which are on the national u3a bridge group website www.bridgewebs.com/u3abridgegroup - to your members, asking them to highlight the opportunity to learn Bridge or to anyone they know who might be interested.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS FYI

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CHAIR: June Pierce

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:
Jan Hodges

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COMMITTEE MEMBER:
Lee Hayward

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FUN PAGE

1 Which British seaside attraction is 158 meters tall?

2 At 1.34 miles where is the longest pleasure pier in the UK?

3 Which group has a top 10 hit with Summer Sunshine in 2004?

4 What was the name of the ITV holiday show fronted by Judith Chalmers which ran from 1994 – 2003?

5 Thunderstorms are most likely to hit South East England? True or False

6 When does summer official start?

7 The month of July is named after which famous historical person?

8 Which British TV show starts every year in August in ends just before Christmas?

9 Which month are most babies born in Britain in Summer?

10 The First Day of Summer is an annual public holiday celebrated in which European country in April?

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH

A poem for you to read if you are living with loved ones suffering with Dementia through their eyes.

DO NOT ASK ME TO REMEMBER

Do not ask me to remember

Do not try to make me understand

Let me rest and know that you're with me.

Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept

I'm sad and sick and lost,

All I know is that I need you,

To be with me at all cost.

Do not lose your patience with me

Do not scold or curse my cry

I can't help the way I'm acting

Can't be different if I try.

Just remember that I need you

That the best of me has gone

Please don't fail to stand beside me

Love me till my life is done.

FUN FACTS ON SEPTEMBER

The name

"September" comes from an old Roman word "septem" which actually means 7

This September "Harvest Moon" is the fullest moon of the year.

Septembers birthstone is the Sapphire they are linked to wisdom, loyalty and nobility.

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September has 2 birth
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