

DAWLISH U3A

April 2017



NEW MEMBERS

As always, we welcome any new members and hope you have a sociable and interesting time with your U3A groups. If you feel a bit lost when you arrive for the monthly meeting please let the people at the desk know you're still new (these will be the people taking your tea money!) and we will ensure you're scooped up and introduced to people.

WANT TO JOIN A GROUP?

Please get in touch with the relevant convener. Contact details are given on the Website, or Listings sheet.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

These are held in the Hall at the rear of the Methodist Church, Brunswick Place, Dawlish, commencing at 2.00 pm. A charge of £1.00 is made to include refreshments.

EDITORIAL

At the March monthly meeting a new poetry group was suggested, to be convened by John Moorhouse. This will be different from other poetry groups in the town, so there is no overlap or competition. Four people indicated an interest in joining, but John feels this may be too small a number and has suggested that there might be more interest in a Shakespeare Studies Group. If you are interested in either of these topics please contact John through the Contacts page of the website: philosophers@u3a.dawlish.info

THE NEWSLETTER

We hope you like the new Monthly Newsletter, and if there is there anything we can change or improve please let us know. Also, if you have suggestions for regular content relating to U3A we'd like to hear them. We will on a regular basis have contributions from each of the interest groups and are seeking willing volunteers to write and let us know what their group is doing. Please send contributions for inclusion to Barrie Hamill, Newsletter Editor *email address* or Anne Harris *email address*

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Subscriptions are due on 1st April; and should be paid within one month. If you are unable to attend the AGM on 10th April in order to renew your subscription, you are invited to make use of the Tear-off slip at the bottom of this Newsletter.

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I enclose my subscription renewal of £15 (Full Member), or £10 (Associate Member) *

Print name

Signature

Email or other contact details

* If Associate please state other Full U3A Membership

Please return to Dawlish U3A Treasurer by hand or post to:

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NEWS FROM THE HISTORY GROUP

The History Group was the first of several new groups to form after the April 2016 AGM. Initially it struggled to survive but now it has developed into a lively group with no shortage of subjects that individual members are keen to lead on. We have looked at: Battleships & Battlecruisers, the Suffragettes, the rise and decline of lidos, the Glorious Revolution, and the Marquesses of Lansdowne. Whenever possible we try to integrate the topics with anniversaries, such as:

Trafalgar Day – The character of Lord Nelson exposed!

Martin Luther – 500 years since the posting of his 95 theses.

American Thanksgiving Day – we had a traditional meal: clam chowder, turkey, pumpkin pie.

Note from Ed: are you appealing to the membership's stomachs, George?

In October we propose to mark 100 years since the Russian Revolution in spectacular style. Other wide ranging topics scheduled for later this year are the History of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, the Austro Hungarian Empire, the Levellers, and the Industrial Revolution.

If you have any historical artefacts to show us, either recent or past and however seemingly mundane, you'd be especially welcome. Come and join us. We'd be very pleased to have more ladies attend to introduce a different perspective into the topics and discussion!

GEORGE LIPSCOMB

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BOOK WORMS BOOK CLUB

Everyone in the group is encouraged to suggest titles and we all love the fact that we get to read books we wouldn't have dreamed of reading until it was suggested. Each member in turn suggests 3 novels and the group selects one. We read everything from Detective Fiction, Comedy, Tragedy, Biography, Socially Concerned Novels, Modern Best Sellers and the Classics.

Those who chose the book put forward suitable questions on for discussion, which leads to a lively meeting. All are welcome to chip in with their comments and it's a very friendly and democratic way of sharing our ideas. Overall, I'd recommend our monthly get together to anyone who enjoys reading- a lovely, sharing activity!

BARRIE HAMILL

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