



DAWLISH U3A July 2017

SUMMER MEETINGS

I hope you've all having a good summer and enjoying your group activities. Many U3As stop for August, but some groups may wish to continue. I know not all retired people like to go away in the school holidays and I avoid it like the plague. However, no judgement intended if you like ice cream queues!

As people may be away and groups feeling a little threadbare, perhaps this is a good opportunity for us to sample a group we don't normally attend. Speak with the group convenor and ask if you can drop in without having read the book, researched the topic or knitted the scarf! There is no obligation to "explain yourself" if it's not for you, but you just might find yourself interested in something new.

Editor

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Note from Ed: You may remember that last month we had the good news that George had offered to convene and host the Music Appreciation group. I'd always thought they concentrated on classical pieces, but look at the variety of music they enjoyed....

At our inaugural meeting we listened to music by Eva Cassidy, virtually unknown as a Jazz & Blues singer during her short life but widely acclaimed posthumously.

We then listened to some Trad Jazz, specifically that of Jelly Roll Morton, who is acknowledged as the first great piano player of jazz.

We moved even further back in time to the romantic Siegfried Idyll by Richard Wagner.

Would you like to join us for a session? Our next meeting is 11am to 1pm on Friday 14th July at 6 Town Mills, Church Street, Dawlish, EX7 9QP.

Why don't you join us? New members are very welcome but numbers are limited, so please contact me first.

George Lipscomb

GREAT LIVES GROUP

We take turns to present a 'great life' each month and we've discussed a really wide variety of people, past and present. They may be household names or those you'd never heard of before but who prompts you to find out more.

So far this year we've looked at Mary Seacole, Nostradamus, Brunel and Robert FitzRoy. We now look forward to learning about:

Mary Elizabeth Braddon, a Victorian popular novelist best known for her sensational 1862 novel "Lady Audley's Secret". She herself lived a most unconventional lifestyle

Frida Kahlo, a Mexican painter who mostly painted self-portraits. She had polio as a child and an awful accident as a teenager left her in pain for the rest of her life, but despite this she achieved much.

Amelia Earhart, the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean and who disappeared over the central Pacific Ocean.

Patrick Geddes, a philanthropist and pioneering town planner known for his innovative thinking in the fields of urban planning and sociology.

A fascinating prospect! Do come and join us on 4th Fridays, 2-4 pm. Our venue changes, so I send an email to members in advance of the meeting depending on who will be hosting.

Angela Morgan

FROM THE CHURCH HALL

A purse and a diary were left in the church hall some time ago and we want to reunite them with their owner. Having made enquiries of organisations that use our building we think they belong to a U3A member. If the person who lost them comes to the Open Daw between 10am and 12 noon during the week, Angie the coordinator will return them.

Martin Charlesworth, Dawlish Methodist Church

A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS....

In the May issue of the newsletter we had an item on the Literature group. There's a photograph on the Web of them saying a fond farewell to Elisabeth; it looks like they appreciated her input and will miss her.....

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