



DAWLISH U3A

September 2017

Summertime blends into Autumn....

September can feel like the beginning of a new year, with the start of another academic term, summer holidays often over and people regrouping to swap notes and share stories. In the last Newsletter you were invited to visit groups you don't ordinarily attend as a taster session. Did anyone do this? Please write to us at newsletter@u3a.dawlish.info as it would be great to hear of activities being tried.

New Discussion Group starts 13 November 2017

Do you enjoy discussing a meaty subject, looking at the issues and exploring all the angles? If so, our new group needs you! Barbara Lindley is the convenor, and meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10.30.

The topic at the first meeting on November 13th will be "Assisted Dying, Welcome Choice or Slippery Slope?" (*Talk about getting things off with a bang - Ed*) Please note that the emphasis is on discussion, NOT argument, so no baseball bats allowed. There are no right or wrong answers, just the opportunity to share a stimulating conversation over coffee at Barbara's home in Teignmouth.

If you are interested please contact Barbara on spindlewithy@gmail.com Do remember that you can attend meetings without ongoing commitment, and also that by attending you can help shape the direction of a group. Barbara would appreciate a speedy reply so that the level of interest can be gauged.

New Informal Coffee and Chat Group

A new group to meet for coffee and informal chat has been suggested. We need a convenor to stay in touch with members and inform them of venue, time of meeting and any other information needed. If you are interested in helping form this group please contact Anne at creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info.

Don't Forget Your Toothbrush Group

Unfortunately Linda Studley is unable to continue as convenor of this group. If anyone would like to come forward as convenor to enable the group to carry on, please contact Anne at creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info

Psychology Group

The group is temporarily suspended due to a number of organisations clamouring for visits from Dr Cripps, the current convenor. Barry is going to be extremely busy for the foreseeable future, but the group may start again if the demand is there.

Speakers for 2018

15 January Diane Flavin The Work of Dawlish Library

A library is more than just books. Dawlish Library offers a range of services and facilities to the community and Diane Flavin, the Library Supervisor, is pleased to come along to tell us about the facilities and events held at the Library.

19 February Chris Marsh The Life of Rabindranath Tagor

Chris is an active participant of our Great Lives Group. She has written a very interesting book about this remarkable man and has also presented fascinating information about him at the Great Lives Group. She has volunteered to reach out to a wider audience and I am sure you will enjoy her talk.

19 March Charlie Palmer Dowsing

Dowsing is an activity that involves searching for underground water streams and identifying ley lines, a form of magnetic energy. Charlie will demonstrate how it works and the value it has.

No speaker is planned for the AGM in April, but talks are planned for 21 May and 18 June and information will be given about these later. We welcome suggestions for speakers and would be interested in hearing from you if you wish to do a presentation yourself. It's not that scary and members will always be interested in what you have to say.

Steve Thomson

Note from Ed: A lot of work goes into planning this programme and we'd like to thank Steve for his ongoing efforts in ensuring we are informed and entertained.

Wine Appreciation Group

Following the article in the last newsletter, a few members have expressed interest in forming a wine appreciation group. We need more members however if the group is to become viable, and I am aiming for a minimum of eight. If there is sufficient interest I would like to hold an open meeting around the end of October to discuss how such a group might function. I have lots of ideas but I need your input as well. Can you please let me know by email or phone if you are interested in this group.: 01626 866 439 stevethomson3@talktalk.net

Steve Thomson

Poetry Appreciation Group

This has moved to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you would like further information please contact Anne Harris on creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info