



Dawlish U3A

November 2017

Here There and Everywhere group

At the October meeting Andrew Pluck and Margaret Carter, the convenors of this group, gave us information about forthcoming events. There is already an exciting list of events to sign up for and more information will be available at the November meeting.

Many thanks to Andrew and Margaret for stepping up to facilitate the continuation of this travel and trips group, and thanks to Linda Studley for her sterling efforts with the previous Don't Forget Your Toothbrush group. It takes a lot of organising and we hope the group goes from strength to strength.

Good news from our Link representative

A regional contact list for Group Convenors is being produced, to enable Convenors of similar groups in our region to exchange ideas. For example, I have been paired with a contact from Teign U3A for French Conversation. This could enable convenors to introduce new ideas to their groups and share information on what can enhance group activity. If you are interested in establishing a link, please let me know.

Steve Thomson

U3A Music Makers.

Music Makers started in January this year and has eight regular members - others come as they can. We have a core "backing band" of guitar, keyboard and bass. Others play accordion, ukulele, 12 string, mandolin or banjo. In addition to this storehouse of instrumental talent, we have four keen singers, all female, and so there's space for male voices too.

Our aim is to make some recognisable music in a relaxed atmosphere. We have speakers and an amp / mixer unit to connect microphones through a PA system if required. We cover a wide range of musical tastes from traditional to pop and from jazz to folk. We have built up two sets of 10 songs each, with some additional instrumental pieces, and are aiming to entertain the U3A troops at the December meeting..

We now meet every week (unless otherwise advised) in the back room at The Brunswick Arms, Brunswick Place, courtesy of the Landlord, from 1-30 til 4 p.m. All are welcome. Come along and join in the musical fun...

Howard Lunn

Coffee and Chat Group

It was rumoured that a regular informal opportunity to get together to chat over coffee would be welcomed, and so it has come to pass. We'll meet on Thursday 23 November 2017 at 10.30 til about midday at Sea Lights, 28 The Strand, Dawlish. Just look for the U3A sign inside the cafe. We'll arrive a bit early so no-one is left sitting on their own.

Barbara Lindley and Anne Harris

POTENTIAL NEW GROUPS

We've been looking at the possibility of more groups being set up and below are ideas that have been put forward so far.

Craft Group

Would you be interested in joining a craft group? It has been pointed out that the area has several regular craft groups and that they are very popular. 'Crafts' encompasses a wide range of activities, including jewellery making, knitting, sewing, crochet, card making and many more activities. All these can be accommodated within the group and there's a possibility of skills swapping if you're able to teach / help the less experienced.

Badminton

Anyone for badminton?? This would involve booking a slot at the Leisure Centre (unless there are other ideas for a venue) and could be a relatively painless way to get fitter. Leave Mt Kilimanjaro for your old age.

Choir

This has been suggested, but before we get too far into envisaging the workings, it would be helpful to have an indication of interest and whether anyone has the skills to set it up.

Games

We have a Scrabble group, but there are other games that can help keep our brains active in a sociable environment which also involves tea and biscuits. What's not to like?

If you have any questions, views or other ideas for new groups, could you please email me or speak to me after the November meeting.

Anne Harris.

Tea Rota

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to make the tea after the monthly meetings. If anyone else wants to be loved and appreciated, just sign up.

Reminder - don't forget to come to the special December Christmas meeting.