



## **Dawlish U3A**

**September 2018**

Hello everyone, hope you've had a good summer and are looking forward to an interesting and eventful calendar to take you through to Christmas. September often feels like the beginning of term, and there are several new groups as well as the more established ones to keep us busy.

### **Badminton**

U3A badminton is taking place every Monday, beginning 3rd September from 5.00pm till 6.00pm at the Dawlish Leisure Centre, Sandy Lane, Dawlish. Why not come and join us - you don't have to be an expert, you might never have played before, but you will get plenty of encouragement and it is surprising how quickly you can pick it up. It is a really fun way to fitness/keeping fit.

**Patricia Angove**

### **History**

We are a friendly, happy group and good humour has a definite place in our activities, although we do take our studies seriously. There's a lot of History about, so we only do little bits at a time. Coming up...Explorers and Exploring, (how we found out where we are!)...Festival of Britain...Were you there? Watch this space for more enticing ' historical bits.'

**Richard Warburton**

### **Proposed Spanish Group**

The proposed Spanish Group is for beginners. There will be a meeting at 48 Oakland Drive, Dawlish on Tuesday 4th September 2018 between 11am and noon to discuss the timing and the course books.

It is suggested that the Group commences on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 10.15am until noon, thereafter meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Additional 3rd Tuesdays may be possible.

**Ray Wood**

### **Here, There and Everywhere**

The group meets to discuss and organise potential trips at 10.30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Open Daw, which is in the foyer of the Methodist Church. We'd be delighted to see you there.

**Margaret Carter and Andrew Pluck**

## **Poetry Appreciation Group**

The August meeting was really good and we thoroughly enjoyed sharing well-loved poems. The two most recent members turned up again so we can't be too scary. The next meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday 12 September and we'll be looking at American poets. Ring 01626 867 001 if you want to discuss.

**Anne Harris**

## **Singing for Fun**

A reminder that the group will be taking a break until 19 October 2018, meeting at 2pm. Please ring me on 01626 776 325 for venue and further details of songs we will be singing. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Barbara Lindley**

## **Coffee and Chat Group**

The August meet -up didn't happen as Sea Light was unexpectedly closed. We're currently looking for a different venue, and we may also be moving the Group to the third Thursday of the month. If you have any ideas for venues please contact us.

**Barbara Lindley and Anne Harris**

## **Psychology Group**

The next meeting will be looking at eco-psychology, and as I don't even know what that is I'm determined to find out. The meeting will be led by Steve Angove, who will reveal all (about eco-psychology).

**Anne Harris (group member)**

Before we go, our glorious Chairman was sent the following snippet from a Northumberland paper , to share with us all:

### ***THE DAWLISH GORILLA***

*Northumberland could not be further away from Devon, so it was a surprise on my last morning at the hotel to hear that Dawlish was in the national news. There was I, blissfully reminiscing about the magic carpet ride of drives around the fabulous moors in the August sunshine, and reflecting on the fascinating insights into Romano-British life on Hadrian's Wall 2000 years ago, when I learnt that a large fibre-glass gorilla on the crazy golf course in the middle of Dawlish had caused offence to nearby residents with its grim face peering in their windows; and when it was then turned around, its shapely bottom caused equal complaint!*

So this year we've made the national news for the above AND a car parked on top of bollards..... whatever next??

**Editor**