

Dawlish U3A



Monthly Newsletter – November 2018

From the Chairman, Barrie Hamill

I hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter which keeps you in touch with some of the many groups and activities our members are involved with. I would particularly like to welcome the four new members who joined at our last meeting. The October meeting had the highest attendance we have ever had which is most encouraging. Those who were not there missed a fascinating talk by John Polley on "London's New River" which is strangely misnamed as it is neither a 'river' nor 'new' as it was begun around 400 years ago!

Our November speaker will be our very own Graham Carey. He has a lifetime of experience working with the Salvation Army and will be talking about his time in Moldova. Landlocked between Romania and Ukraine, this little-known but fascinating country is one of the poorest in Europe.

I have a couple of requests. In the past few weeks I have had some feedback following my recent message asking for volunteers to come forward to join the Committee and take on various roles in your organisation. I hope that others will wish to speak to me about these posts, including editor of this newsletter and Webmaster. Without more volunteers our U3A will really struggle to provide the opportunities we all value so please think about this.

If you have any ideas for new interest groups I would be very pleased to hear from you. We are also looking for volunteers to take our Monthly Posters to recently established outlets in Teignmouth.

News from Interest Groups

Lunch Club



Our next outing is on Friday 16th November at *The Lemon Tree* in Teignmouth at 12.15pm. If there is anyone who would like to join us, please email me at luncheon@u3a.dawlish.info

Scrabble



This small group meets in friendly competition but would welcome newcomers to join us. For more details please email scrabble@U3A.dawlish.info

Art Appreciation



After a month's 'holiday' the Group will meet again at 2pm on Monday 12th November at 8 High House Close, Dawlish. Barrie will be leading a discussion on Edward Hopper who is acknowledged as probably the most important realist American painter of the 20th century. In December, Chris Foote will be sharing his enthusiasm for the photographer Cartier Bresson, venue to be confirmed. If you are tempted, there is room for more members. To contact Lynne Vick, email art@u3a.dawlish.info

Bookworms



A small group, at each meeting we select books two months in advance. We have just read the harrowing memoirs of Robert Graves in *Goodbye To All That*. For November we are reading *Three Things About Elsie* by Joanna Cannon. We may not meet in December, so January's novel chosen by George is *The Gospel of Judas* by Simon Mawer. Contact Barbara at bookclub@u3a.dawlish.info

Great Lives



There has never been a shortage of contributors wishing to recommend from an eclectic list of names for our consideration; but we would welcome new members, and new Great Lives, to the group. For more details, please email great_lives@U3A.dawlish.info

Here, There and Everywhere



There are NO outings taking place during November, but a coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 28th November at 10.30-11am at the *Open Daw*. Contact Andy Pluck for more information at hte@u3a.dawlish.info

Badminton



We have a great little group that meets once a week to play badminton. We do it for FUN and not competition. Some had never played badminton before but are enjoying it and never miss a week. You don't have to attend every week; turn up when you can at the Dawlish Leisure Centre, Sandy Lane, Dawlish at 5.00pm on a Monday. You don't have to know how to play, you only need the enthusiasm to learn to play, to get/keep fit and to enjoy yourself. Contact Patricia Badminton@u3a.dawlish.info

History



History continues to happen. In about 50 years, I expect the group will be discussing Trump and Brexit, if it has been settled by then. We are looking forward to re-visiting *The Festival of Britain* at our next meeting and we plan to have a bit of historical fun for Christmas. Plans for next year are in hand. George will be talking about *Shipwrecks in UK Home Waters* in January; and later we hope to look at postcards from an historical point of view. For further details, email Richard at history@u3a.dawlish.info