

Dawlish U3A



Monthly Newsletter – January 2019

From the Chairman, Barrie Hamill

I hope you all experienced a good Christmas, not too many arguments, and that you managed to eat as much as you wanted so that you could feel justified into making a new year's resolution!

Our family welcomed a new member into the Hamill clan, Amelia Lucy, born on 27th December. Weighing in at 7lb 14oz, dark hair and a bit jaundiced, she kept her parents up for the first few nights, but she is filling out nicely.

So, from myself and the committee, we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Barrie

Monthly Meeting, Monday 21st January – Cyber Security

Our next monthly meeting is at 2pm on Monday 21st January in the Methodist Church Hall. The topic is one which concerns most of us: Cyber Security. The speaker is Laura Cowie, the Cyber Protect Officer of Devon and Cornwall Police. I hope you will all wish to come to the meeting to learn more.

News from Interest Groups

Bookworms



Bookworms meet at 2pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 Honeysuckle Drive, Dawlish. This month we will meet on Thursday 24th when our book is Simon Mawer's *The Gospel of Judas*, selected by George. We are a lively group, and always welcome new members. For more information, contact Barbara at bookclub@u3a.dawlish.info

Lunch Club



For further information, contact Tracey at luncheon@u3a.dawlish.info

Art Appreciation



January's meeting was held on 7th January, a week earlier than the normal schedule when we meet on the second Monday of each month. This month, David gave an outstanding presentation on James McNeil Whistler. The February meeting will be on the topic of Futurism. For further information, contact Lynne at art@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 contact George at great_lives@U3A.dawlish.info

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John Vick, Editor Dawlish U3A Newsletter

Here, There and Everywhere



Our first outing of 2019 will be a train journey to Barnstaple on Friday 25th January, leaving Dawlish station at 10.15am. Andy has been contacted by Dawlish Community Transport regarding the Plymouth Dockyard trip: they have confirmed transport for Monday 25th February at 10am for 15 passengers at a cost of £ 8.00 per person. Unless there is a minimum of 12 people @ £10.00 per person, it will be uneconomic for the trip to take place. Andy will begin collecting money at the January meeting. For more information contact Andy on 01626 865765 or hte@u3a.dawlish.info.

Badminton



The badminton group goes from strength to strength. We meet every Monday 5pm at the Dawlish Leisure Centre where we play for an hour, with rests between games. Come and join us. We welcome anyone willing to have a go. For further information, contact Patricia at badminton@u3a.dawlish.info

Spanish



For further information contact Ray on spanish@u3a.dawlish.info

History



We enjoyed Barbara's mulled wine just before Christmas and learnt about the origins of some nursery rhymes. Our attempt to sing 'Three Blind Mice' as a two-part round was sadly unsuccessful! The next meeting is on Thursday, 17th January at 2pm at George's house, (6 Town Mills, Church Street, Dawlish, EX7 9QP.) He will be describing and explaining some shipwrecks in British waters. Let's hope he is flying his Ensign when everyone arrives. For further details, contact Richard at history@u3a.dawlish.info

Strollers



Dawlish U3A Strollers group meet on the afternoon of the second Thursday of each month for a gentle social stroll. We generally explore the Teignmouth/Shaldon area one month, and the Dawlish/Cockwood/Powderham area the following month. New members to our group are always welcome. For further information, contact Jean on 01626 779140 or strollers@u3a.dawlish.info

Discussion



The Discussion Group has grown very quickly, and we now have plenty of people discussing such topics as the state of our high streets, body art and assisted dying. Our next meeting is at 10.30am on Monday 14th 10.30am Democracy at Anne's house. For further information contact Barbara on discussion@u3a.dawlish.info

Wine Appreciation



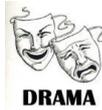
Our first meeting of 2019 will be at Steve's house on Friday 11th January. Our enthusiastic group will share various wines which members have enjoyed over the festive season. This should include sparkling wine, red, white and perhaps a dessert wine. 'Dry January' has not been discussed. For further information contact Steve on wine@u3a.dawlish.info

Singing for Fun



The membership of this group is growing. Singing for Fun is at Phil & Barbara's on Friday 18th 2pm and we are singing the groups' choices with a sea theme. For further information, contact Barbara on singingforfun@u3a.dawlish.info

Play Reading



The play reading group will meet at 1.30pm on Tuesday January 15th at Edens Court. The play is not certain yet until I am notified by Exeter Library. New members welcome. Contact Janette on playreading@u3a.dawlish.info

Scrabble



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

Creative Writing



We exercise our little grey cells putting thoughts to paper over many subjects with as many different interpretations as members. The next meeting will be at 10.30am on Monday 28th at Edens Court in Teignmouth. We are writing a piece about 'New Beginnings'. New members welcome. Contact Janette on creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info

Psychology



We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month. There is room for more people to come along. No prior knowledge is needed; just an open and enquiring mind. Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday 23rd January. For further information, contact Steve on psychology@u3a.dawlish.info

Gadgets and Gizmos



The next Gadgets and Gizmos meeting will be on Thursday 10th January at 13 Coryton Close, Dawlish. The presentation by Andrew Pluck will be on 'The Hubble Telescope'. If anyone outside the group would like to come along, please contact Jack Whitehead at gadgetsandgizmos@u3a.dawlish.info

Poetry



We are a small social group that meets on the second Wednesday of the month, from 2pm, at 6 Town Mills, Church Street, Dawlish EX7 9QP, to study the works of established poets; and we would welcome new members. Come and see if it suits you; and if you don't wish to contribute a poem or two, that's OK too. Over the past year we have looked at: Authors: American, W.B Yeats, and the Pre Raphaelites. We have dabbled in different genres: Gardens and Nature; even presented "Our Best Loved Poems". In the future we hope to look at 'bad' poetry! Our next session on 9th January is our second dabbling in the spooky world of the Supernatural. Expect a darkened, candle lit room. Dress appropriately and enter, if you dare. For further information contact: poetry@u3a.dawlish.info