

Dawlish U3A



Monthly Newsletter – May 2019

From the Chairman, Barrie Hamill

A reminder from me about the AGM which is taking place on Monday 20th May 2019 at 2.00.

This is an opportunity to select your committee to take us through the coming year and to also vote on the proposed name change as mentioned in last month's newsletter from Dawlish U3A to Dawlish and District U3A. The reasons for this proposal will be stated at the AGM and there will be time for discussion. We will also have the results of the member questionnaire which has taken place over the last couple of months. If you haven't had a questionnaire from the convenor of your group or at the general meeting in March, please contact myself or Patricia Angove, Newsletter Co-ordinator.

Below is a Membership Renewal Reminder from Barbara. Please make sure that you have either already renewed your membership by the time of the AGM or that you make sure to renew it at the AGM.

I am really looking forward to seeing you at the AGM and am ready for another great year with the U3A.

To contact me: chairman@u3adawlish.info or 01626 682895

Barrie

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership and a reminder to those of you who have not yet done so that your membership will lapse on 31 May. You would no longer be a member of Dawlish U3A after that date and not entitled to attend any of the interest groups or the monthly general meetings.

There is still time to renew, which you may do at the May monthly meeting, (our AGM), by post to me or by Direct Bank Transfer. Membership remains £15.00 and cheques should be made payable to Dawlish U3A.

Bank details are:

Name of bank: NatWest. Name of Account: Dawlish U3A
Sort code: 52-30-22 Account No: 34078967 Reference: Your name

If this cut-off date will cause you any difficulty please do not hesitate to contact me.

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News from Interest Groups

Bookworms



Meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (**23rd May**). If you would like to join the group or for more information, contact Barbara at bookworms@u3a.dawlish.info

Lunch Club



A very enjoyable lunch at The Ship, Cockwood, in April, lovely choice of fish. The next lunch is on **24th May** at Pierre's Torquay, I need to know numbers so I can make a booking, please let me know when you can. We will get an early bus and have a coffee at Hoopers then take a slow walk along Seafront to the restaurant.

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

Here, There and Everywhere



Our next outing will be on **Thursday 23 May**: 10.30-11am: coffee morning "Open Daw."
Friday 24 May : Luncheon outing to the Exe Cafe. Bookings close on Monday 20 May (U3A meeting). **Saturday 08 June**: Music on the beach (Babbacombe). Bookings close on Monday 17 June (U3A meeting).

Thursday 20 June: coffee morning "Open Daw."

Contact Andy Pluck for further information on 01626 865765 or hte@u3a.dawlish.info.

Art Appreciation



Many thanks to Richard for giving such an interesting presentation on the origins of art, prompting us to consider what we understand the concept of 'art'. We looked at fascinating examples of cave art not only from Europe but also from India, China and South East Asia. At our next meeting at 2pm on **Monday 13th May**, we invite all participants to bring examples of art which exemplify Spring in some way. The venue will be decided closer to the day.

For further information, contact Lynne at art@u3a.dawlish.info

Great Lives



For details, please contact George at great_lives@U3A.dawlish.info

Badminton



The Badminton Group is open to all abilities. We meet every Monday at 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 more information please contact Patricia at badminton@u3a.dawlish.info

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Spanish



Next meeting of the Spanish group is taking place on **Tuesday 7th May**.

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

History



For information please contact Richard at history@u3a.dawlish.info

Strollers



Dawlish U3A Strollers group meet on the afternoon of the second Thursday (**9th May**) 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

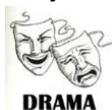
Discussion



The Discussion Group has grown very quickly, and we now have plenty of people discussing a wide range of topics. The next Discussion group is on **Monday May 13th** 10.30 at Kathleen's home in Dawlish where we will be discussing religion.

For venue and any further information contact Barbara on discussion@u3a.dawlish.info

Play Reading



We will meet on **Tuesday May 21st** at 1.30pm at Edens Court in Teignmouth.

In April we read 'The Devil at Midnight' by Brian Clemens. Different from our usual fare, this was a thriller, and 'Googling' the playwright I found that he had been a TV scriptwriter. 'The Avengers' was amongst his prolific output for this medium. No wonder we enjoyed it.

The plays we read are chosen from a selection provided by the Library service, now called 'Libraries Unlimited', from Exeter. We try to choose something with the right number of characters for the group and not too long. Please come along and enjoy a couple of hours of escape from the real world.

Email playreading@u3a.dawlish.info or ask at the monthly meeting for contact details

Creative Writing



There will be no meeting in May since our usual day falls on a Bank Holiday.

The next meeting of the Creative writing group will be **Monday 24th June 2019** at 10.30am Edens Court in Teignmouth. At the March meeting we each picked two objects from a random selection and incorporated them both into a piece of writing to be read at the April meeting. There were as many different ideas as group members. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month.

Email creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info

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Wine Appreciation



If you are interested in wines but think, "I don't know much about wines", then don't worry. None of us is an expert but we do enjoy experimenting and learning about wines. Please feel free to contact me if you need more information.

For further information contact Steve on wine@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

Literature



For further information please see our website literature@u3a.dawlish.info

Psychology



We had to postpone our meeting due to illness. It is now taking place on **Wednesday 1st May** where we will take a look at what science and psychology is now saying about 'Gender'. Any Dawlish U3A member is welcome to come to the group. No prior knowledge is needed; just an open and enquiring mind. We meet on the fourth Wednesday (**26th June**) of each month. For further information, contact Steve on psychology@u3a.dawlish.info

Simple Science (formerly known as Gadgets and Gizmos)



At the last meeting, Miggie Pickton gave an excellent presentation on where to find open source pictures etc. without breaking the copyright laws. It is a complicated subject, but she made it simple to understand and kept it interesting.

Next month we will start a series of presentations / discussions on the International Space Station, that cover both the technical and human aspects of living in space. Barry Hamill will do the first one which looks at the concept and purpose of ISS, and it will be held on: **Thursday 9th May 2019** at 10:00 at 8 Honeysuckle Drive, Dawlish. Any U3A members are welcome.

For further information, please contact Jack Whitehead at simplescience@u3a.dawlish.info or 01626 867001 as it would be helpful to know in advance the number of people attending so we can arrange venues.

Gardens and Gateaux

Our next visit will be to Luscombe Castle open Gardens on **Friday 24th May** 10.30 to 2.30 pm £3 to include hot drink & biscuits

Abbotskerswell Gardens on **Saturday 8th June** 1-5 pm £6 adm. Teas at Church House.

Still in June Teignmouth Gardens on **Saturday 22nd June** £6 adm. Teas at High Tor Cliff Rd

We also plan to visit Bicton if we have enough people interested.

For more information contact Janet gardens@u3a.dawlish.info