

Dawlish U3A



Monthly Newsletter – June 2019

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From the Chairman, Barrie Hamill

Our AGM was held on Monday 20th May. The Committee had indicated that they wished to re-stand (except Steve Thompson, our secretary) and were elected unopposed. Steve Angove was elected as our new Secretary, Steve's contact details are below.

A motion was proposed to give the Committee authority to change the name of our U3A to better reflect the area we cover. This was passed by the AGM.

Patricia informed us of the results of the membership questionnaire, this produced some interesting findings and the Committee will be discussing at future meetings. Some suggestions from the questionnaire for new groups were made and the most popular of these were: Arts and Crafts; Bridge; Family History and Geology. The questionnaire also discovered that the biggest hurdle to joining a U3A group was lack of information and transport to the group. The questionnaire had been very useful and it was felt that another one later this year would be of benefit.

New U3A groups are always welcome so if you have any ideas for a new group, particularly if you are willing to run one, please let us know.

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

To contact our new secretary: steve.angove@btinternet.com or 01626 862486

Our next monthly meeting is being held at 2pm on Monday 17th June, Methodist Church Hall, Brunswick Place, Dawlish. 'The speaker will be Neil Howell from 'The Friends of Teignmouth Cemetery'. His intriguing subject will be 'Tales from the Grave'. Will it be an early taste of Halloween or, more probably, fascinating stories of the people and lives who are buried in the cemetery. It is sure to be fascinating.'

News from Interest Groups

Bookworms



Bookworms meet on the 4th Thursday of the month (**27th June**) at 2 o'clock. Our usual venue is 8 Honeysuckle Drive, Dawlish. Last week we had a lively discussion on "Mister Pip" by Lloyd Jones. A powerful story of the effects of war on childhood and the redeeming role of a teacher, helping children to escape the conditions of war through literature. Our choice for June is 'A Man Called Ove' by Fredrik Backman. New members always welcome.

For more information, contact Barbara at bookworms@u3a.dawlish.info

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Lunch Club



The next lunch is **Friday, June 21st** at Pierre's in Torquay at 12.45am. 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 **Saturday 08 June**: Music on the beach (Babbacombe).
Thursday 20 June: coffee morning at the "Open Daw." There will be three separate groups for lunch at the Exe Café, one in June, one in July and one in August, please contact me for more information and booking.
Contact Andy Pluck for further information on 01626 865765 or hte@u3a.dawlish.info.

Art Appreciation



The next meeting will be on **Monday 10th June** at Lynne's house. Barrie Hammill will be leading a discussion on the Newlyn School of artists. If they wish, members of the group are invited to bring along a copy of a work of art related to the Newlyn School which particularly appeals to them.'

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

Great Lives



The group meets on **Friday, 28th June**, from 2 PM at 6, Town Mills, Church Street, Dawlish to research the life of the Impressionist painter, Berthe Morisot.
If you would like to join us, please contact the convener at great_lives@U3A.dawlish.info

Badminton



The Badminton Group is great fun and is a very pleasant way to keep, get fit. 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. All are welcome. For more information please contact Patricia at badminton@u3a.dawlish.info

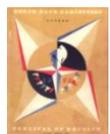
Spanish



Next meeting of the Spanish group is taking place on **Tuesday 4th June 2019** at 10.15am.

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

History



Barrie's latest offering called '1919,' surprised us all with its exposition of the way that so many social changes had their roots in that year. He included prohibition, so we didn't have a drink. He also introduced us to a number of Mafia characters, so we all behaved ourselves as well. Coming up, we have George with "The History of Lebanon," on **June 20th** and on the **23rd July**, Barbara will introduce us to Eleanor of Aquitaine.
For information please contact Richard at history@u3a.dawlish.info

Strollers



Dawlish U3A Strollers next walk is on Thurs **June 13th** when we are catching the number 22 Torquay/Paignton bus leaving Dawlish at 1.17 and Teignmouth at 1.32pm. We plan to get off the bus at St Marychurch then explore Tessier Gardens, Babbacombe Downs and possibly Walls Hill.

New members to our group are always welcome. For further information, contact Jean on 01626 779140 or strollers@u3a.dawlish.info

Discussion



Discussion group will be on **Monday June 10th** 10.30 at Carole's house and we'll discuss the House of Lords.

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

Play Reading



We will meet on **Tuesday June 18th** at 1.30pm at Chris Kirk's in Teignmouth. Contact Chris by email chris-kirk@talktalk.net (Next month we return to our usual venue at Edens Court) 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



The next meeting of the Creative writing group will be **Monday 24th June** 2019 at 10.30am Edens Court in Teignmouth.

At the April meeting we decided to take either –'Chalk and Cheese' --or 'The Last Supper' as inspiration for a piece of writing to be read at the June meeting.

We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am Email creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info

Wine Appreciation



Unfortunately due to low numbers we had to cancel the May meeting. However the German wines planned for that session are still waiting and I hope that we will be sampling them for the June meeting. The date for that meeting is planned for the **14th June** although that is to be confirmed. At present it is difficult to plan dates as members are often away, however I am hopeful that July meeting will take place on the **5th July** when I plan to introduce wines from a little known region of northern Italy.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact me as below

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

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Literature



As already mentioned, our April book was "The Woman who went to Bed for a Year" by Sue Townsend. Overall, most of our members found it disappointing and one or two thought it drive! Basically, it was felt that the story was unbelievable, boring and with hideous characters. Such a shame, as Sue Townsend is, usually, a great storyteller.

This month we've been reading "It Can't Happen Here" by American author Sinclair Lewis. A semi satirical 1935 novel describing the rise of a demagogue who is elected President of the United States. Most found it a hard read, sent some to sleep, but others found it a gripping, rewarding read. The volume of American names was confusing and a glossary would have helped. However, a cautionary tale which, we all felt, relates to our present times. A lively debate ensued about politics, then and now.

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

Psychology



This month (May) we took a tour around the brain visiting from amygdala to Wernicke's area and places in between. Next month (**Wednesday 19th June**) finds little time for snoozing as we will be considering sleep and dreams. All members are welcome to come along.

For further information, contact Steve on psychology@u3a.dawlish.info

Simple Science (formerly known as Gadgets and Gizmos)



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



We enjoyed a visit to Bridge House garden, although not large it was very pleasant with the stream running through towards the sea. There are some very old and unusual trees, plus colourful beds of a variety of well known plants. We had a delicious cream tea in the dining room, it was one of the best cream teas we'd ever eaten!

If anyone missed the visit to Bridge House, it is open again on Friday 5th July with the NGS Garden Scheme from 10.30_2pm.

Abbotskerswell village gardens are now on **Sunday 9th June**. Meeting at 2pm.

This is a change from the previous date Sat 8th June. Because there is a visit to Oddicombe Beach planned on the 8th with the 'Here There & Everywhere Group' and I think several members might want to attend, it sounds fun!

Teignmouth Gardens are open on **Sat 22nd of June**. We can meet at the end of New Road where there is parking, or find our own way around.

There are a few new gardens this year, to keep regular visitors happy.

Please contact me if you need a lift or more information. Janet 01626 867721 or email gardens@u3a.dawlish.info

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