

Dawlish & District U3A



Monthly Newsletter – October 2019

Chairman's Chatter

Dear friends,

At our September meeting we were very much enlightened by Sue Errington, the lead for Fairtrade in Devon. It was good to listen to her talk, especially about the tea plantations. I think those gathered learnt something new.

That is what our U3A is all about. It is a unique and exciting organisation which provides life-enhancing opportunities. Whether we come together in our interest groups or attend the monthly meeting, one thing is certain; that we are learning together. Not for qualifications but for the sheer joy of discovery.

Recently my wife and I watched an old film called Hidden(Buried) Treasurer. John Thaw played a widower and ruthlessly successful businessman enjoying the fruits of his labours when a knock at the door turns his world upside down and he finds himself custodian of an eight-year-old grand-daughter he never knew he had. Shame-faced, he is no match for the youngster and frustrated by the authorities, sets out to find her father - only to make a discovery about himself. The film is worth watching but what I liked was to see how the grandfather did indeed make a discovery about himself.

As we learn and laugh together as members of the Dawlish and District U3A, may we continue to discover new information, make new friendships and continue to thoroughly enjoy ourselves.

Here's to this month's meeting , when we welcome Stephen Mosely from the Met Office.

With kind regards, Graham Carey

Contact our Secretary steve.angove@btinternet.com or 01626 862486

*Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday 21st October 2019** at 2.00pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Brunswick Place, Dawlish. The talk this month is by Stephen Moseley of the Met Office and is entitled 'From Sea to Satellites'*

Devon and Cornwall Police

This summer staff from the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner's Office will be attending over 100 community events across Devon and Cornwall asking people what areas of policing they think should receive the most investment.

We thought we would make the same offer to those unable to visit any of the events we are attending.

Anyone with internet access can take part now by completing this short survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JFTMJ2V> Thanks in advance for your input.

Quiz call

The Devon Link U3A is holding its annual Quiz, hosted by Paignton U3A, on Thursday 10th October at 1pm. We registered one team from Dawlish & District U3A but since registering two of our team have had to drop out. If you would like to take their place, then let me know by emailing or giving me a ring.

Steve Angove; Secretary steve.angove@btinternet.com or 01626 862486

News from Interest Groups

Bookworms



Bookworms meet again on **Thursday, 24th October** at 2 o'clock. We looked at books inspired by Shakespeare's plays and selected Hag-Seed (the Tempest retold) by Margaret Atwood. Margaret Atwood is a prolific writer. Her works include The Handmaid's Tale, recently featured on Channel Four. We are a rapidly growing group but can always find a place for new members, you will be very welcome.

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

Lunch Club



I've chosen The Orangery at Powderham on **November 1st**. I will need to know numbers so I can book a table, please let me know.

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

Here, There and Everywhere



THURSDAY 05 SEPTEMBER = Coffee morning 10.30-11am "Open Daw".

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER = Coffee morning 10.30-11am "Open Daw".

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER = Dartmoor / Princetown via Bovey Tracey and

Widdicombe-in-the-moor. *NB:* This outing will only take place if a minimum of twelve (12) attendees pay £15.00 each to cover transport.

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER = Railway excursion to Exeter Central and visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum.

For more information contact Andy on 01626 865765 or hte@u3a.dawlish.info.

Great Lives



To cut a long story short, next month's Great Life will be H.G.Wells by Barbara Roberts, as advertised on the web site.

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

Art Appreciation



Unfortunately, the September meeting has had to be postponed but the good news is that Chris will now be giving his presentation on 'Art of the Weimar Republic 1918-33' at 2pm on **Monday 14th October** at 8 High House Close. This is also a return to our 'normal' meeting date of the second Monday in the month.

For further information, contact Lynne at john_lynne@outlook.com

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. Our group is getting larger and sometimes we have two courts to play on. Everyone agrees we are feeling fitter for it.

Come and join us. We welcome anyone willing to have a go. For further information, contact Patricia at badminton@u3a.dawlish.info

Spanish



For beginners year 2.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th October** at 10.15am.

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

History



'Beards and Lipstick' took us right back to the very beginning of Human History, this month, because we had to realise that our ancestors were very hairy. That means that they had beards, so facial hair is the default position. Shaving is a choice. We then looked at the history of beards and there was much to be found out. Lipstick was a shorter history and begins in the early civilizations. Bringing everything to the modern day, we decided against buying H. Couture Beauty Diamond Lip rouge.... A mere \$14,000,000. The diamond encrusted case looked rather common. Cheaper items ranged between 300,000 and 62,000 dollars. Much better bargains, don't you think. At our next meeting on **Thursday 17th October** we will be finding out about 'Queen Anne', the talk at our meeting in November will be 'Peterloo'.

For further details contact Richard at history@u3a.dawlish.info

Discussion



The Discussion Group will next meet on **Monday 14th October** 10.30 when we will be discussing 'The Health Service'.

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

Strollers

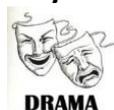


October 10th 2019 From Dawlish catch 22 Paignton bus at 1.17pm Meet up at Sea View Diner stop in Teignmouth at 1.30pm-walk via town to Teign St and on via pavements and paths-on over Shaldon Bridge to Clipper café-22 bus back opp Shaldon School at 10 past each hour

November 14th 2019 From Teignmouth 2 Exeter bus from WH Smiths at 1.10pm or catch same bus from Dawlish at 1.25pm. Alight by hospital, explore Dawlish Countryside park- walk on to Cockwood pub - buses back 10 past or 20 to each hour.

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

Play Reading



The Playreading group have changed the day and time that it will meet in future. The group will meet on the **SECOND FRIDAY** of the month at **10am -12**. The venue is still at Edens Court in Teignmouth. Our next meeting therefore will be on **FRIDAY 11th October**, when we hope to read 'Outside Edge'

Contact Janette on playreading@u3a.dawlish.info

Scrabble



Scrabble is a social activity and is just a game, which at our level involves a lot of chance. No previous experience is necessary. Last Monday, 4 of us had two cracking games each; and the nominal 4 PM finishing time ended at 5.30. We are in need of new players in order to keep our Scrabble group going. Our next afternoon of fun is **Monday 7th October** and one after, **Monday 28th October**.

For more details please contact George at scrabble@U3A.dawlish.info

Creative Writing



The next meeting of the Creative writing group will be **Monday 23rd September 2019** at 10.30am Edens Court in Teignmouth.

At the August meeting we decided to do a 'What happened next' continuation –to something previously written—your choice –or even something fresh to the group. We look forward to hearing your pieces

Contact Janette on creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info

Wine Appreciation



The next wine appreciation group will be held on the **4th October** at 6.30pm. We will be reviewing wines from Austria a country which has moved away from its "anti freeze" image and is receiving favourable reviews from the wine critics. If you are interested in joining the group please contact me as below and I will provide details of the venue.

For further information contact Steve on 01626 866439 or email wine@u3a.dawlish.info

Psychology



In September we looked at the psychology of photographs. We looked at how photos are read as the photo image can carry a large number of different messages and be substantially affected by the caption and text. This month we will be looking at 'The Art of Being' which was an important work from Erich Fromm, a modern psychologist, social scientist and philosopher who died in 1980. We will consider the power of materialism and what is the goal of life. I hope this will be an enlightening two hours! No prior knowledge required, just a willingness to learn and question. The sessions seem from the description dry but this is such a stimulating group. Please come along. Next meeting **Wednesday 23rd October**.

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

Literature

This month we read "The 100 year old man who climbed out of a window and disappeared" which produced a lively discussion. Our next book is "To the Lighthouse" by Virginia Woolf which is considered to be the most autobiographical of her novels and we meet again on the **18th October**.

For more information email literature@dawlishu3a.info

French Conversation

Because very few people could attend our meeting in September, our next meeting will be at 10.30am on **Thursday 3rd October** at Beverley's house, Bay Tree House, The Drive, Dawlish. We will be discussing 'Art'. Does it interest us? Do we participate in it? We hope that everyone will bring with them a picture which interests them to describe and discuss with the group.

Please Contact Lynne at john_lynne@outlook.com

Coffee and Chat

The next Coffee & Chat is on **Thursday 10th October** at No 1 Cafe at 10.30am. All are welcome for this friendly get together.

Contact Tracey at coffeeandchat@dawlishu3a.info

Simple Science



The next meeting of 'Simple Science' is at 10:00 am Thursday 10 October at: 13 Coryton Close, Dawlish, EX7 9DT



The topic is the International Space Station research - past and present, with a focus on the spinoffs for the Earth.

Please contact Jack Whitehead at simple simplescience@dawlishu3a.info

Art – Watercolour

Meetings have been a bit difficult this month, but we are back on course for **Tuesdays 8th and 15th October** at 11.00 at 1, Kestrel Way, Dawlish when we are going to be a bit more ambitious in our work.

For further details contact Richard at history@u3a.dawlish.info (temporary email address)