

Dawlish & District U3A



Monthly Newsletter –November 2019

Chairman's Chatter

Dear Friends,

On the 24th October our newly formed Marketing sub-committee met to discuss how to develop our U3A. Amongst other things we focused on our raison d'être and that all we do as a U3A should lead to us becoming an even more vibrant group. We also touched on the U3A's national strapline and I'll return to that later on.

We are aware that a strapline can serve a number of purposes – some of them all at the same time. It can help audiences understand what an organisation does. In large, complex organisations, they can articulate an ethos that unites all its various activities. They convey personality. The really good ones are memorable, helping people to distinguish one brand from another. Let's have a quiz and see which ones you can remember. What is the product that commences the strapline? Answers will be given at our meeting on 18th November.

1.? makes the going easy 2.? real bread but lighter 3.? man's natural breakfast 4.? cuts cleaning time in half 5.? the make up of make up artists 6.? because you're worth it 7.? the perfect gift 8.? jungle fresh 9.? gives a meal more man appeal 10.? just fresh 11.? connecting people 12.? little tasty drinks 13.? the sunshine breakfast 14.? grow on you 15.? as good as it's always been 16.? brings your mouth fresh alive 17.? cleans a big big carpet 18.?all because a lady loves 19.? works wonders 20.....? the rich one.

Through experience we realise that the U3A is a wonderful organisation that has much to offer retired and semi-retired people. Our interest groups and events include leisure, social and learning opportunities and these are all summed up in our U3A strapline 'Learn, laugh and live'(or 'Learning-laughing-living'). Let's mirror our strapline to the full through our membership of the Dawlish and District U3A.

With kind regards and hoping to see you at our monthly meeting on the 18th November if not before.

Graham Carey

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

*Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday 18th November 2019** at 2.00pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Brunswick Place, Dawlish. The talk this month should be of interest to many of us 'Driving Safer for Longer'*

U3A Day - Save the Date

U3A is delighted to be holding the very first national U3A Day – which will take place on **June 3rd 2020**.

Regional Trustee, Sue Stokes, a member of the Communications and External Affairs Committee said, "We are so excited that from now on, every year there will be a day dedicated to learning, staying active and having fun in your third age.

"U3As across the country are being invited to mark the day by celebrating and showcasing what happens in their U3A.

"A resource pack is being developed with exciting ideas and guidelines and will be available before the end of December but for now, please put Wednesday 3rd June in your 2020 diaries and let's make our first National U3A Day a great success".

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*Five suggested interest groups might be starting up soon, two already have. The five groups are: Swimming; Chess; Rummikub; Beer & Skittles and Nature/Wildlife. An opportunity to sign up for any of these groups will be given at the meeting on **Monday 18th November**.*

News from Interest Groups

Bookworms



This month we read "Hag-Seed" by Margaret Atwood. It was written as part of the Hogarth Shakespeare Project. A potentially exciting re-telling of The Tempest, we found it rather contrived.

Our book for November is "The Kitchen House" Kathleen Grissom. Our November meeting will take place on **Thursday 28th November**. Bookworms are not meeting in December.

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

Lunch Club



November's Lunch took place today as mentioned in October's Newsletter. The next one will be on **Friday December 6th**. I'm hoping to book The Ship at Cockwood.

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

Art Appreciation



The next meeting of Art App is on **Monday 4th November** at 2pm (a change from our normal slot of second Monday in the month). David will be hosting at 9 Priory Park, Dawlish. He will be giving a talk on the subject of the art of Velasquez.

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

French Conversation

The next French Conversation meeting will be hosted by Beverley at Bay Tree House, The Drive, Dawlish at **10.30am on Thursday 7th November**. Our subject will be 'A Recommended Read'.

Please Contact Lynne at art@u3a.dawlish.info

Here, There and Everywhere



Thursday November 21st Coffee/tea morning "Open Daw" 10.30-11am.

Friday 22nd November Outing to Exeter Museum 10 am from Dawlish Station. Free Time afterwards.

DECEMBER: NO OUTINGS PLANNED

Thursday 19th December Coffee/Tea morning "Open Daw" 10.30-11am.

Brain game: Lost : U3a object. Found: U3a object in between covers of a Dean Koontz novel borrowed from Dawlish Library.

Questions: 1) What is the object? 2) The title of the novel (3, 4) 3) Does the loser want it back?

Answers will be given / received at the November meeting.

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

Great Lives



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

Badminton



Numbers are growing in the badminton group and we often have to book an extra court, which gives us loads of opportunity to play lots of games with lots of different partners. We meet **every Monday 5pm** at the Dawlish Leisure Centre where we play for an hour, with rests between games. We welcome anyone willing to have a go.

For further information, contact Patricia at badminton@u3a.dawlish.info

History



Following our tradition of giving our members the truth about historical characters and happenings, as portrayed in the world of cinema, John tackled 'The Favourite,' and gave us a few home truths about Queen Anne.

Chris is going to do the same with the Peterloo Massacre at our next meeting which will be at John's house as we will be away: **2.00pm Thursday 21st November**.

Contact Richard, email history@u3a.dawlish.info

Creative Writing



The Creative Writing group will meet on **Monday November 25th at 10.30am** at Edens Court in Teignmouth. We are writing a piece about a journey for this session. Open interpretation not only allowed but expected!

Contact Janette on creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info

Spanish



For beginners year 2.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th November** at 10.15am.

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

Art – Watercolour

This month we have been exploring the use of the colour grey and finding exciting colour mixes. In November we will continue this theme, aiming to produce winter pictures suitable for Christmas cards.

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

Strollers



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

Psychology



Our next topic is parapsychology. What does psychology say about telepathy; near death experiences, ghosts and many other paranormal experiences?

Join us (in body preferably) on **Wednesday 27 November at 2pm**. We are happy for people to come to one off sessions so if new to the Group please let me know so that we can organise space (sorry, but I am not psychic!)

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

Literature

For more information email literature@u3a.dawlish.info

Wine Appreciation



Next Wine Group will take place on **Friday 6th December**

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

Discussion



The Discussion group will meet on **Monday November 11th at 10.30** at my house to discuss 'Transport'.

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

Beer and Skittles

Tuesday 10th December is our first evening. If you want to join us, please contact:

Richard at history@u3a.dawlish.info (temporary email address)

Coffee and Chat

Next Coffee & Chat is on **November 7th** at 10.30am at Le Cygne, Dawlish

Contact Tracey at coffeeandchat@dawlish.u3a.info

Scrabble



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

Nature/Wildlife

Our inaugural meeting will be held at George's house at **2.00 Thursday 14th November**.

For more information contact George at Scrabble@u3a.dawlish.info (temporary email address)

Simple Science



Please contact Jack Whitehead at simplescience@dawlish.u3a.info

Swimming

Work is in hand to form a U3A swimming group. It will begin in the new year. More information at a later date.

For more information contact Barbara at history@u3a.dawlish.info (temporary email address)