



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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Editor's note

How are you? Hope you are keeping well and are not running out of things to do too quickly.

I don't know what your stories are but we haven't been too successful getting supermarket delivery slots, vulnerable or not. I can get plants over the internet but try to get food and that's another story. Thankfully we have friends who have been able to help us out. Do you have any tips that might be able to help others in the same position as us, if so, please send them in so that I can include them in the newsletter.

Here is a couple of very handy tips I have received. If you fancy a takeaway the Ugly Duckling in The Strand, Dawlish are delivering their carvery meals with a dessert all at a very reasonable price. Their telephone number is: 01626 437343. Oceans Fish Bar in Dawlish Warren are also delivering fish and chip meals to Dawlish and District. Their number is: 01626 863535. Treat yourself, you deserve it. Also Gerald's Store in Dawlish Warren are delivering. Their number is: 01626 862090

Please keep your stories, articles, pictures and puzzles coming in, it is great to be in touch.

Many thanks to all those who have been busy finding puzzles for us all to enjoy.

Best wishes, keep safe - Patricia

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AGM

In normal circumstances I would have been writing to you to give notice of our Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) in May. Due to the coronavirus emergency, this has had to be postponed and given the uncertainty around the timescale for getting back to any normal routines I am not able to give a future date. As soon as matters are clearer I will write to advise of the A.G.M. I don't normally get too excited about A.G.M.s but how nice it will be to see it as part of having got through the current dark times.

All current members of your U3A Committee have agreed to stay on until the new A.G.M. and are meeting via Zoom. Does that make some of us Boomers now Zoomers?

Steve Angove
Dawlish & District U3A Secretary

Nature

One of our members has written to tell me that he has two blackbird nests in his garden, one with chicks and the other, so far, with eggs and has blue tits nesting in his nest box. I can't equal that, can any of you? I do have a frog in my pond though and honey bees in my flowering wisteria.

For those of you who have been waiting patiently for the answers to last week's scrambled words, Helene has sent us the answers, as below:

notveelisi - television

uagrenim - geranium

cetidal - citadel

gneocuarnetem - encouragement

tretnlwese - newsletter

Yinturveis - university

wolrfe - flower

nehlagi - healing

capetien - patience

fropserso - professor

And the Spanish one:

jatracab - Trabajar (spot the deliberate mistake, just to keep you on your toes) - Spanish Group.

Kind regards - Hélène

Ancestors at the Library

During lock down why not get on with tracing your family tree? Many of us said we would if we had time on our hands.

You can now access at home and for free through Devon Libraries the Ancestry Library Edition. This will be available at least until the end of April and is a great opportunity to get started. All you have to do is log in to your library account with your library card number and PIN.

Good searching and if you discover something you are willing to share let me know. Hopefully not too many hidden skeletons! - Steve Angove

Sequence Dancing

Before Margaret became ill, we used to go Sequence Dancing, 3, 4 sometimes 5 times a week.

Sequence Dances are the usual ballroom dances – waltz, quickstep, foxtrot etc. but the steps are scripted, 16 steps to a sequence. Everyone on the floor is doing the same steps, at the same time in a circle, anti-clockwise around the ballroom. There are thousands of scripted dances.

Here is one I hope you enjoy watching. This one is filmed at The America Hall, Pinhoe, Exeter. No one is smiling as everyone is concentrating on getting their steps right. This one is called 'The Sovereign Saunter' - Richard Hinchliffe

Just click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/Lb2QYIgfY>

Editor's note:

Maybe we could get a Sequence Dance Group started in the Dawlish and District U3A once all this is over.

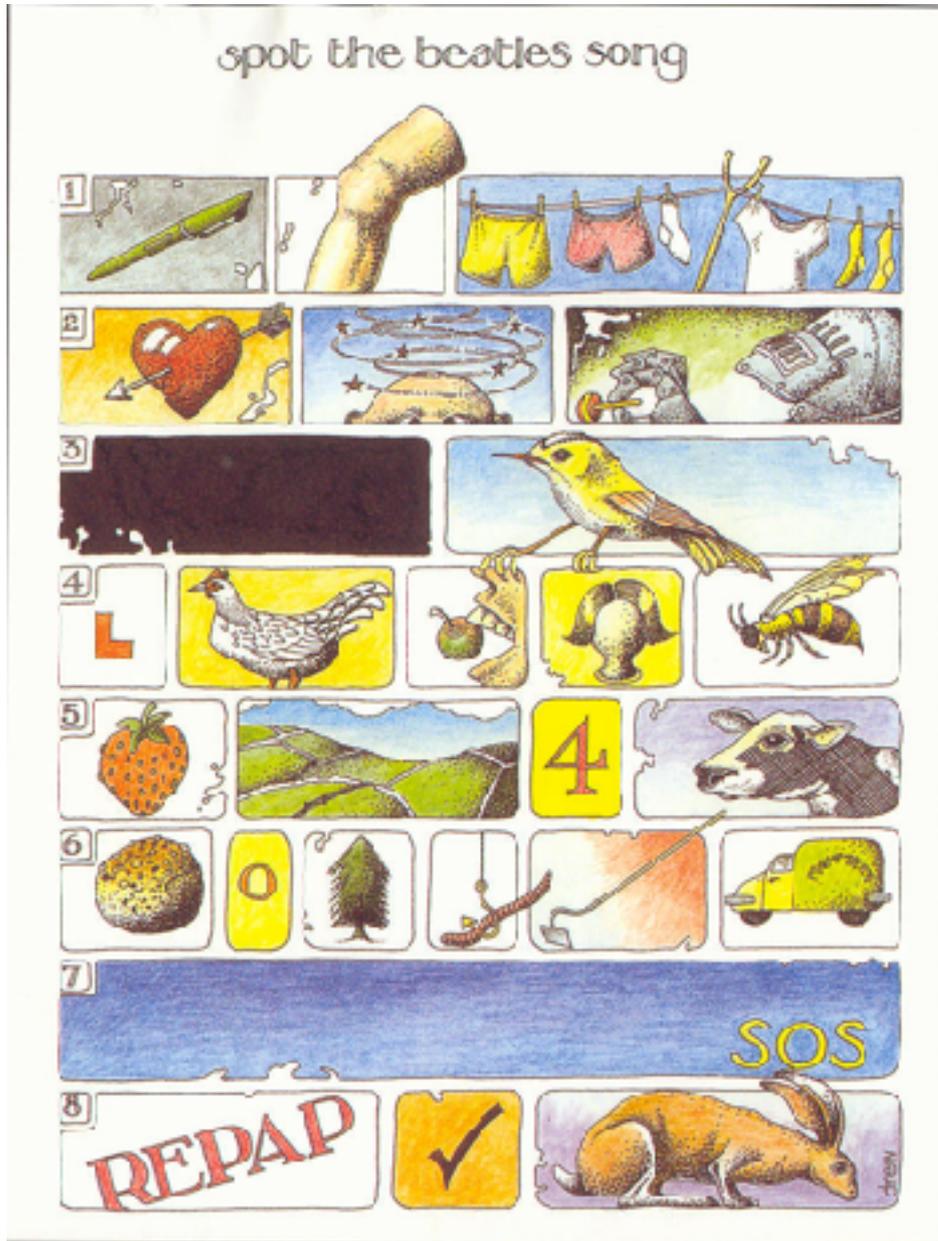
French Conversation

The first Zoom meeting of the French Conversation Group is taking place Thursday 16th.

If you wish to join, please contact Jill Dixon through enquiries@u3a.dawlish.info

(You can download Zoom onto your computer for free)

Puzzle Time



Answers and another puzzle next week.

Graham Carey

“My Right Shoe In Self Isolation”

We have many talented artists in the U3A and they will probably find much to criticise, but the point is, anyone can have a go. I have used a sketch pad, but the back of an envelope and any pencil will do. Choose your subject and LOOK and LOOK again. Then, just have a go. You may just surprise yourself.

Barbara Warburton. Watercolour Painting Co-ordinator



And Lastly

Richard Warburton spotted this when out for his exercise walk the other day

