



Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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Editor's Note

Dear fellow members,

I don't know about you, but I feel I am getting used to this lock down. I've done so many things that have been on my 'things to do' list, and found still more to do. I'm even getting a little bit braver now and wondering about how to do things I'd always dismissed before because I knew I would not have the time to pursue them. I've even got myself booked onto an online Zoom tutorial. Of course the garden is coming on nicely but that is ongoing.

How are you doing with the lock down, let me know and we can share stories? Is there anything you are doing that you've never had the time to do before?

I know Graham (our Chair) is busy finding quizzes for us all, I don't think that was something he did very often before the lock down.

Please keep sending in your news, views, stories, ideas and tips.

As it was VE day on Friday, do you have any stories related to that. I have a little one: My elder sister always told the story about when they had the VE day street party on 9th May, she thought the party was for her, as 9th May was her birthday. Our parents being the teasers they were, agreed with her. She felt like a princess that day.

Wine Appreciation Group

Will be holding a Zoom wine tasting evening at 6.00pm on Friday 5th June.

French Conversation Group

Will be holding a zoom group meeting on 21st May at 10.30am. Their subject: 'What I am looking forward to when the lockdown fully ends'.

Zooming Quiz

Last Monday evening 14 members participated in the first zoom quiz evening. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship, mirroring 'living, learning and laughing'. If you would like to take part in the next one please contact Graham gfcarey@outlook.com

Some Smiles for you:

I was telephoned today and offered 8 venison legs for £40. I told them it was too dear.

I rang the Council today and asked for permission to have a skip outside the house. She said, 'go for it, you could do with the exercise.'

Moses had the first tablet that could connect with the cloud.

The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just one byte. And then everything crashed.

Answers to last weeks Quiz

TOP LINE

Lady with a glass of wine (Angove wines) = Steve (Secretary) and Patricia (Badminton, Newsletter) **Angove**

Frank and Pat (former landlords of the Old Vic pub in EastEnders) = John (Vice Chairman) and Lynne (Art appreciation)

Vick

Guitar with the strings being plucked = Andrew **Pluck** (Here, there and everywhere)

MIDDLE LINE

Julia Roberts (actress) = Phil and Barbara **Roberts** (Treasurer and Membership)

Bread = Richard (Group convenor, History) and Barbara (Book worms, Swimming) **Warburton**

(both for the Watercolour painting group)

Lips and Comb = George **Lipscomb** (Great lives, Natural history and Scrabble)

THIRD LINE

Inspector Lynley = Barbara **Lindley** (Discussion group)

Dixon of Dock Green = Jill **Dixon** (French) A wood = Janette **Wood**

(Creative writing) and Ray **Wood** (Spanish)

Thomson and Thompson (Tintin) = Steve **Thomson** (Wine appreciation)

BOTTOM LINE

Mother Carey and her chickens by JG Keulemans = Graham **Carey** (Chairman and Rummikub)

Peter May (English cricketer) = Jan **May** (Gardens and gateaux)

Vulnerable people can access direct line to NHS volunteers

Vulnerable people and their families can call on NHS Volunteer Responders, the NHS and Royal Voluntary Service have announced. The scheme is fully operational with healthcare practitioners, pharmacists and local authority and social care staff calling on volunteers to

carry out tasks, including delivering medicines, shopping and other supplies as well as making calls to check in on those isolating at home.

The NHS and Royal Voluntary Service have taken steps to make the service more personalised for people who need support and increase referrals into the programme, including enabling self-referral for those most at risk and continuing to raise awareness of the programme in GP practices, pharmacies and with local authorities and social care providers.

The huge number of volunteers who have stepped forward means the NHS and Royal Voluntary Service can help not just the estimated 1.5 million people being 'shielded' from the virus, but also other people identified as vulnerable or receiving care in the community with local authorities also able to make referrals.

People who are considered to be at high risk and have been advised to shield can refer themselves to the service by calling **0808 196 3646**

This week's Quiz

LADIES FIRST - Can you name the first women to do the following?

1. Be a celebrity winner of 'Strictly come dancing'
2. Present BBC's Blue Peter
3. Have a UK solo number one hit
4. Ride in the Grand National
5. Be poet laureate in the UK
6. Be consecrated as a Bishop in the Church of England
7. Win X factor in the UK
8. Be Prime Minister of a European sovereign state
9. Marry King Henry VIII
10. Fly solo across the Atlantic ocean

VE Day Quiz

1. Who signed the official surrender on behalf of the Germans?
2. Although VE day marked the end of the war in Europe, the UK still had rationing in force. In what year did food rationing finally end?
3. Why were the flags in the USA flying at half mast during the VE day celebrations?
4. Which Church held ten consecutive services on VE day in 1945 attended by thousands of people?
5. How many appearances did the Royal family make on the balcony of Buckingham Palace on VE day?
6. Which two members of the royal family were allowed to mingle with the crowds incognito?
7. On which day is victory over Japan (VJ Day) celebrated?
8. What were published and broadcast after VE day having been classified as 'Top Secret' during the war?
9. On what date does Russia celebrate Victory Day, their equivalent of VE day?
10. US President Harry S Truman celebrated his birthday on the first VE day. In which year was he born?

U3A National News

We have been offered something to keep you safe and something to keep you interested from the NatWest Social responsibility and charity partnership. They are running sessions on how to stay safe and protected from charity scams and a series of lectures for your interest - starting with the topic of robotics.

Friends Against Scams sessions

Experts from NatWest, Royal Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank will update you on the latest coronavirus scams and how to protect yourself from fraud. The sessions will be hosted by a Community Banker and are open to anyone who would like to know more about how to keep themselves safe from fraud and scams.

How the sessions will work

Sessions will be held by region, using video conferencing and we are asking you to register your interest by region. We will then send you the joining details for a session in your region. We are limited by the number of people who can join each one and so if the session is full up we will hold additional sessions in the following weeks to ensure that everybody is able to take part.

Please note your details will not be passed to NatWest at any time.

Sessions are region specific and will take place at the following times:

12 May 10:30am – 11:30am for members of U3As in the following regions:

- **South East**
- **South West**
- **East Midlands**
- **West Midlands**
- **East of England**
- **London**

Please look on the National U3A website for details on registering and booking.

www.u3a.org.uk



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