



# Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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## Mid month Chair's Chatter

An easing of the lockdown came into force on Wednesday but I realise that many of you are still having to self isolate. I do trust that you are all keeping well and following the slogan to 'Stay Alert – Control the Virus and Save lives'. Others have made up their own slogan. Here are a few:

'Wash your Hands – Everything is Meaningless – Do the Conga'

'Protect the NHS – Shout at the Virus – Protect the Economy'

'Don't question us – Common sense – Wash your Hands'

Now there's an idea. How about sending your own slogan into Patricia for her to put in next week's newsletter?

So we are advised that we might have to cancel our overseas holidays this year; no Here, There and Everywhere to the Caribbean!'. Realising that an overseas holiday might not be for this year a guy bought a world map and told his wife: "throw this dart and wherever it lands I'm taking you for a long holiday when this pandemic is over". Turns out they will be spending two weeks behind the fridge!

So what do we do now?

**"Better to be busy than to be busy worrying,"** actress Angela Lansbury is quoted to have said. Because, author Vivian Greene explained, **"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain."** Or as Sting sings, **"When the world is running down, you make the best of what's still around."** **"You can't always get what you want. But if you**

**try sometime you'll find you get what you need,"** sang the Rolling Stones. Baloo in 'The jungle book' sings **"The simple bare necessities. Forget about your worries and your strife... The bare necessities of life will come to you."**

Graham



## Jigsaw Puzzle Swop

**Still in Isolation?** George Lipscomb has 4 x 1000 piece jigsaws, as new; and willing to swap with similar — by doorstep exchange?

**Eastern Bird Migration** - Recommended

**Reverie** by Alphonse Mucha - Recommended

**Swans Reflecting Elephants** by Salvador Dali - Recommended

**The Great Wave off Kanagawa** by Hokusai - Really Challenging

Please text 07759593164 or email [lipscomb@gmx.co.uk](mailto:lipscomb@gmx.co.uk) if interested

## Scrabble Group

The convener is now playing Scrabble Go Online under the username George III. Come and join me - George Lipscome

### Answers to 'Ladies First' Quiz

1. Be a celebrity winner of 'Strictly come dancing' - **Natasha Kaplinsky**
2. Present BBC's Blue Peter - **Leila Williams**
3. Have a UK solo number one hit - **Jo Stafford**
4. Ride in the Grand National - **Charlotte Brew**
5. Be poet laureate in the UK - **Carol Ann Duffy**
6. Be consecrated as a Bishop in the Church of England - **Libby Lane**
7. Win X factor in the UK - **Leona Lewis**
8. Be Prime Minister of a European sovereign state - **Margaret Thatcher**
9. Marry King Henry VIII - **Catherine of Aragon**
10. Fly solo across the Atlantic ocean - **Amelia Earhart**

### Answers to 'VE Day' Quiz

1. Who signed the official surrender on behalf of the Germans? - **General Alfred Jodl**
2. Although VE day marked the end of the war in Europe, the UK still had rationing in force. In what did food rationing finally end? - **1954**
3. Why were the flags in the USA flying at half mast during the VE day celebrations? - **Former President Roosevelt had died in April**

4. Which Church held ten consecutive services on VE day in 1945 attended by thousands of people? - **St. Paul's Cathedral**
5. How many appearances did the Royal family make on the balcony of Buckingham Palace on VE day? - **8**
6. Which two members of the royal family were allowed to mingle with the crowds incognito? - **Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret**
7. On which day is victory over Japan (VJ Day) celebrated? - **15<sup>th</sup> August**
8. What were published and broadcast after VE day having been classified as 'Top Secret' during the war? - **Weather forecasts**
9. On what date does Russia celebrate Victory Day, their equivalent of VE day? - **9<sup>th</sup> May**
10. US President Harry S Truman celebrated his birthday on the first VE day. In which year was he born? - **1884**

### FAMOUS NICKNAMES

Can you name the people to which these nicknames refer?

1. Maid of Orleans
2. The Desert Fox
3. The lady with the lamp
4. Slow hand
5. La Stupenda
6. Stormin' Norman
7. Satchmo
8. Bard of Avon
9. Tricky Dicky
10. The professional virgin

## Dawlish and District U3A Zooming Quiz



You can see how the quizzers enjoyed last Monday evening's quiz. However, were the smiles on the faces before or after the results were given out?

For the first quiz there were 14 participants and last Monday 17. So how is it run?

There are 6 rounds of 10 questions each and the quiz starts at 7pm for 40 minutes (zoom time allowed) with 3 rounds and a break of 15 minutes then the second set of questions.

Everyone is muted whilst the questions are read out. After the first three rounds Graham gives the answers and people just tick their own sheet. The same for the next 3 rounds. At the end of the quiz, everyone is asked to send their results for each round by email to Graham. Graham then compiles a list of who has won each Round and the overall 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> place. This said, no scores are revealed at all even in the feedback. Only the quiz master knows what you

have scored and he does not divulge anything.

Over the past two weeks a whole range of subjects have been covered including Inventors and inventions, Songs from the musicals, General knowledge, fictional doctors, catchphrases, the Captains of ships and a few others that have also been covered in the newsletter i.e. VE day, nicknames, ladies' first, what comes next?

It is easy to join on zoom and Graham intends holding a quiz each Monday evening and when lockdown is finally over will start a zoom quiz interest group. Please let Graham know if you would like to attend by emailing him on [gfcarey@outlook.com](mailto:gfcarey@outlook.com) He will give you the ID number and password for the quiz.

Let's hope we can continue to increase the numbers as we know that quite a few of you like quizzes.

## Lock Down Quest

Here is something to do.

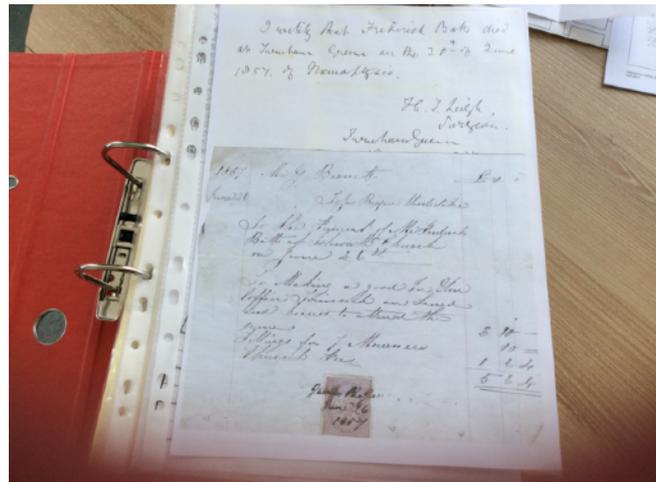
How about getting out your old photo albums and any you have inherited and see if you can identify the oldest ancestor of whom you have a photograph? I have done just that and attached is mine. He is George Barnett, 1797-1881, a blacksmith in Isleworth and my three times great grandfather. The photo is taken circa 1863....photography was just taking off from 1860...



He is with his granddaughter who was my great grandmother, Frederica Batts 1857-1949. She married my great grandfather George Thomas FitzWalter in 1880.

Frederica was born in 1857 a month after her father died. His funeral cost £5-6 shillings and 4 pence.. and I have the bill which was paid paid by her father in law, George Barnett. I have no idea what it would cost now for that specification.

Frederica and George's, son, my grandfather was Wilfred George FitzWalter 1882-1969 who died at his home in Chiswick, 72 Grove Park Road which was sold to John Thaw and Sheila Hancock in 1976 when my step grandmother downsized to a flat next door....ref Sheila Hancocks book 'The Two of Us...My Life with John Thaw', page 172, published in 2004. I dealt with the sale on behalf of my father and still hold the paperwork. I quote from the book 'Mrs Fitzwalter was enchanted by John's passion for the house, which



extended to mowing the overgrown lawn for her. She rejected all the rich Arabs and pop stars fighting for it and was prepared to wait till we raised the asking price, which she lowered for us'.....thus lowering my father's eventual inheritance!!!!

Everyone has a story from their ancestry. When I visited Old Melbourne Gaol..now a museum...on a visit Christmas/New Year in 2006/7 I came across an ancestor...I hasten to say NOT a FitzWalter but on my mother's side...he was James Ritson, a market trader hung for murder in 1868. There is a long story attached to that...for another day perhaps.

Have fun...you never know what you will come across.

Anne.