



Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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From the Editor

Dear Members

The Dawlish and District U3A Committee have set up a Development Working Group. Their brief is to look at:

- * Activities to attract new members
- * To find out what members want
- * Help to set up groups that members want
- * How to make D&D U3A more vibrant and sustainable

Some of this will be to look at and come up with ideas which can keep us connected and active during this period of Coronavirus restrictions as well as look at ways of boosting our U3A once this is over and we can meet face to face again.

Just because we are in these restrictions it doesn't mean that everything grinds to a halt as you can see from our weekly newsletters. Although some of our groups are meeting using zoom, we are trying to keep in touch as much as possible. We can do more though. We can still have a vibrant and sustainable U3A even whilst restrictions are in place and beyond. Once it is safe to meet again, we'd like to have a development plan in place so that we can reach more people in Dawlish and surrounding areas, set up more groups, hold more events and be busier, brighter than ever.

The Development Group will be holding their first meeting on Monday 29th June and this is where you come in.

In the next couple of days put your thinking caps on, sit down with a cup or glass of something and think about how we can achieve this. Put your ideas into an email to send back to me. Or if you do not have a computer and are receiving the newsletter by post, then drop me a line at: 26 Elm Grove Road, EX7 0ES. The Development Group would love to hear from you with your ideas, comments and questions. Please don't think that your ideas or comments aren't good enough, we really do want your input in this and no idea is too small or not good enough to discuss and perhaps act upon.

Our Dawlish and District U3A is in existence because of you, it grows and develops because of the interest you show in it and because of your involvement. We could become a much larger, vibrant local organisation - again with your help.

The U3A exists to encourage us all to keep learning, to laugh together and to live a truly full and exciting life. (Maybe after the restrictions eh? - the exciting life bit anyway)

Please send in your ideas and comments a.s.a.p. All of them will be presented to the group who will discuss them and make a plan for now and after restrictions are lifted. Let's work together to make Dawlish and District U3A a truly vibrant and sustainable local organisation that truly lives up to it's objectives of Learning, Laughing and Living.

Dawlish & District U3A Limerick competition

Richard is starting off the competition with his Limerick. Can you do one too? Send them to me - Patricia, for inclusion in next weeks newsletter

Here in our town of Dawlish,
When the weather is stormy and
Squallish
A downfall of rock,
Will Cause A rail block,
And your chances of travel are smallish.

D&D U3A Chat Room

We are starting up a chat room where members can get together on zoom and have a chat together. Richard is hosting this first one which is taking place on **Sunday 28th June**. Please email Richard at 87warburton@gmail.com and he will send you a zoom invite and time of the chat. You do not have to download zoom to take part in a zoom meeting. Once someone sends you an invite, you only have to click on the invite link and put in the password which is included on the invite.

French Conversation

The group continues to meet via zoom and for July the dates and subjects are:
Thursday 2nd at 10.30am - The medals or trophies you have won
Thursday 16th at 10.30am – What you remember about the first house/ neighbourhood you lived in.

Zoom Quiz

Mondays at 7.00. If you haven't joined us before, please contact Graham for your zoom invite.

Book Worms

Well, it's nearly that time again. Next week, **Thursday 25th June** we will discuss "A Place Called Winter" by Patrick Gale. I am not able to be with you as I am at the hospital on that day. I am sure you will carry on fine without me. I am also hoping this will reach Liz Hawarth, as all my mail to her is still bouncing back. If you see her can you explain please.

Now, we have had several suggestions for the July/August book. No August meeting; you never know grandchildren may be around again.

For July/August, from the suggestions, I have chosen "Birds Without Wing" by Louis de Berniers. For September we can read "Days Without End", Sebastian Barry.

Several members suggested Barbara Kingsolver's books. "The Poisonwood Bible" is a brilliant book, but several others have been suggested. Next month I will draw up a long list of her books and we can choose as a group. Brilliant author. I am delighted her name has come up.

Barbara

Wine Appreciation Group

Are holding their next Zoom wine tasting evening on Friday 26th June. Everyone is tasting a wine they have bought for themselves and, after sampling, will give other members whatever information they have on the wine and of course, what it tastes like. To join, please contact Steve Thomson.

Answers to last week's quiz

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ RESULTS - WHO SAID THIS?

1. I want to be the white man's brother not his brother-in-law. **MARTIN LUTHER-KING**
2. And - which is more - You'll be a man my son. **RUDYARD KIPLING**
3. Put me back on my bike! **TOM SIMPSON**
4. I told you I was ill. **SPIKE MILLIGAN**
5. What you do not want others to do to you, do not do to others. **CONFUCIOUS**
6. That's very nearly an armful. **TONY HANCOCK**
7. Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion. **C. NORTHCOTE- PARKINSON**
8. I am playing all the right notes, but not necessarily in the right order. **ERIC MORECAMBE**
9. It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time. **WINSTON CHURCHILL**
10. Golf is a good walk spoiled. **ATTRIBUTED TO MARK TWAIN**
11. I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members. **GROUCHO MARX**
12. Left hand down a bit. **LESLIE PHILLIPS IN THE NAVY LARK**
13. No Mr Bond - I expect you to die. **GOLDFINGER**
14. Some people think football is a matter of life or death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that. **BILL SHANKLY**

15. A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. **IN LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN BY OSCAR WILDE**

16. Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. **THOMAS EDISON**

This week's quiz

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ - ANAGRAMS

Here are the names of British actors and actresses. Can you identify them?

1. Basil Ride
2. Lardy Mango
3. Jaunty Regent
4. Ritual Jewels
5. Screen Annoy
6. Shrapnel Fine
7. Blander by Then
8. Monaco Swill
9. Gammon Retreat
10. Gnome Pigs

The following are all TV sitcoms.

1. Menu Doubt
2. Enter the Newbies
3. The Bored Affairs
4. Advancing Yeast
5. Touting Goon
6. Torched Wit
7. Coffee Hit
8. Theft Dare
9. Drained Lines
10. Botched Evil Fairy

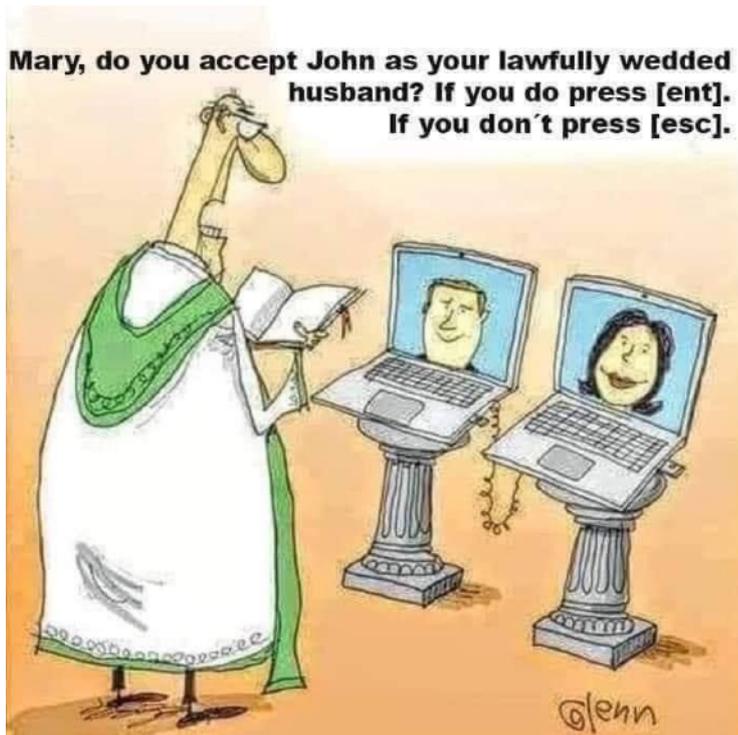
Answers next week

Some Funnies

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language was boiled down to four-letter words used by Internet trolls.

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - **Winston Churchill**

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - **Clarence Darrow**



"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - **Moses Hadas**

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - **Mark Twain**

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." - **George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill**

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one." - **Winston Churchill, in response**

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - **Oscar Wilde**

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - **Stephen Bishop**

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - **John Bright**

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it." - **Groucho Marx**

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - **Billy Wilder**

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - **Forrest Tucker**

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - **Samuel Johnson**

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - **Oscar Wilde**

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - **Irvin S. Cobb**

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts ... for support rather than illumination." - **Andrew Lang (1844-1912)**