



Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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Update from National U3A Covid-19

Meeting Indoors

There is an 'only two households' restriction and therefore any U3A interest group meeting is not possible.

Meeting Outdoors

Meetings outside are possible in groups of up to six people from different households. In doing so:

- * Follow strict distancing guidelines (2 metres apart but 1 metre where the risk can be mitigated by other precautions; avoid face to face contact)
- * Take hygiene precautions such as hand washing; use of sanitiser; and rules regarding use of tissues and containing sneezing.
- * Access private gardens externally when possible and if having to go through the house avoid touching surfaces and loitering.
- * Avoid using toilets in other peoples' homes but if having to use, surfaces must be wiped down after every use.
- * After the meeting any surfaces touched and door handles must be wiped down.
- * Avoid sharing plates and utensils.

People who are extremely clinically vulnerable and those over 70 should be especially careful and be diligent about social distancing and hand hygiene.

Risk Analysis

U3A guidance points out that although an activity may be managed so that it is deemed safe to restart, our members will

need to consider separately if it is sensible to run the activity or take part. They strongly advise that before any activity the Group Organiser completes a Risk Assessment and signs it.

Risk Assessment forms can be downloaded from the national U3A website. Once signed these should be given to, and kept by the Dawlish and District U3A Management Committee.

Development Group

This new group met on zoom for the first time last week.

It was felt that before we could work on developing the D&D U3A once we can re-open and meet up again, we need to discuss what and how we can keep the U3A alive and well during this lock down period.

One idea was that we encourage the use of zoom online meetings as well as convenors keeping more in touch with their group members. Richard sent out a letter to all convenors and Patricia has offered to do simple tutorials for those wishing to take the plunge and download zoom.

The group is meeting again on the 13th July via zoom. If you would like to feed anything of interest/ideas into the group, please email them to me - Patricia

Art Appreciation Group

Hi everyone!

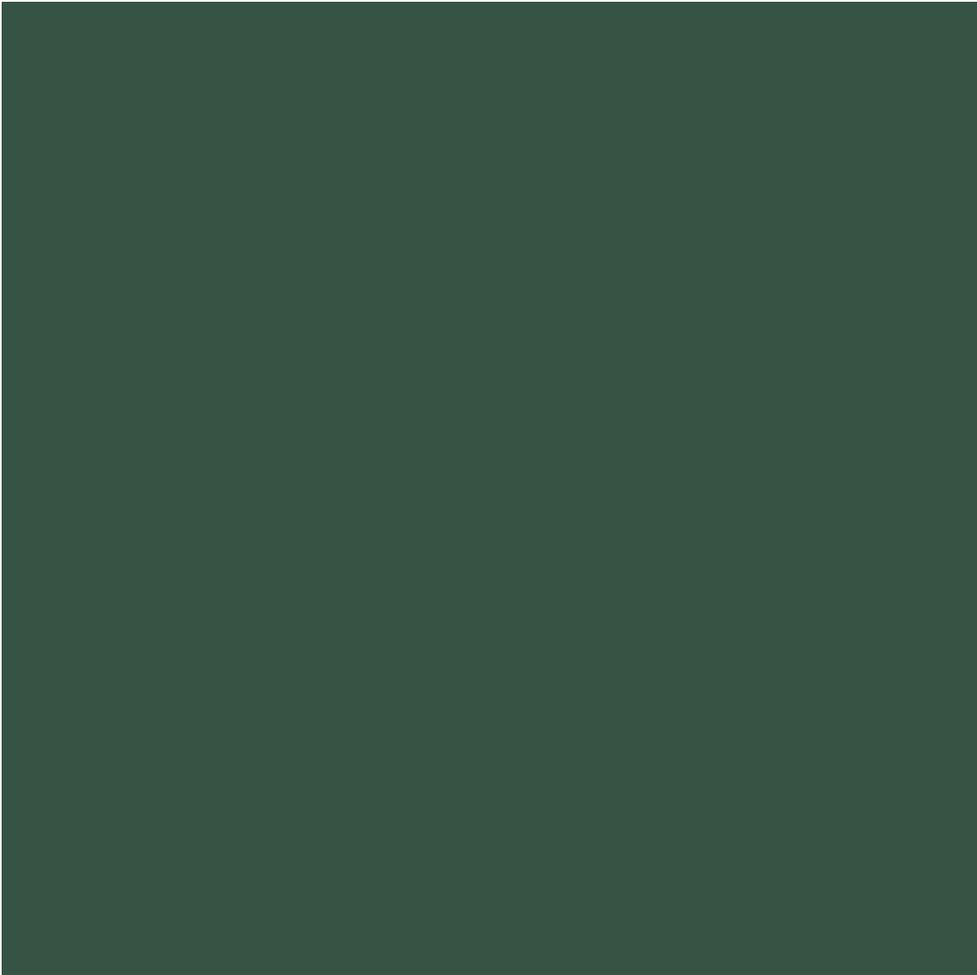
There has been a very positive response to David's suggestion that we might all share a picture with each other on email, and write a little about why we have chosen it, like it, find it interesting or indeed anything else about the picture or the artist. So we can get the ball rolling, if you would like to get involved, can I suggest that you send the rest of the group your picture in the next two weeks and then we can see what sort of responses they stimulate.

addresses. Are you happy for me to share these with the group?

In the meantime, I thought you might be amused by this short video a friend sent to me this week. How many of the pictures and artists can you identify?

Best wishes

Lynne



We don't not normally share each other's email addresses without their permission. For this to work well, however, it would be sensible for everyone to use each other's email

Editor's Note: Just click on the blank square

Wine Appreciation Group

Having reviewed Pinot Noir wines as a white wine, I feel that there is not enough for people to research. I am therefore going to suggest that the white wines will be Chardonnay but preferably unoaked. I think this will give more of a range. Our next zoom meeting is taking place **Friday 7th August**. To join in please contact Steve Thomson

Dawlish & District U3A Limerick competition

We've received some pretty good limericks, but no comments yet. Here is one I received this week.

One day on the banks of the Teign
 Was a wondrous sight to be seen
 A mermaid! No less
 Tattooed on her chest
 "Hello Sailor. Where have YOU been?"

Richard H

Some Funnies

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
 They told me in April that the only thing I needed in order to go shopping in Sainsbury's were a face covering and gloves. They lied – everyone else was wearing clothes.
 Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.
 Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
 Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
 Parallel lines have so much in common, it's a shame they will never meet.
 I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.
 Someone stole my Microsoft Office and they are going to pay. You have my Word.

Answers to last week's quiz

EACH ANSWER COMMENCES WITH PAR

1. A mother or father **PARENT**
2. Early release of a prisoner **PAROLE**
3. A plump game bird native to Europe and Africa **PARTRIDGE**
4. Very drunk with alcohol **PARALYTIC**
5. An old fashioned living room **PARLOUR**
6. Experiencing intense anxiety **PARANOID**
7. A representative body having supreme legislative powers in a country **PARLIAMENT**
8. An alkane called kerosene in the USA **PARAFFIN**
9. A member of the clergy **PARSON**
10. A hooded outer garment originating from the Inuit people **PARKA**
11. A set of brackets or the information within them **PARENTHESIS**
12. A short story that uses familiar events to illustrate an ethical point **PARABLE**
13. An Italian hard dry cheese **PARMESAN**
14. Of chief concern or importance **PARAMOUNT**
15. To become very dry **PARCH**
16. A unit of length equal to 3.26 light years **PARSEC**
17. Human conception without fertilisation by a male **PARTHENOGENESIS**
18. A group of sentences that supports one unified idea **PARAGRAPH**
19. Being an equal distance apart everywhere **PARALLEL**
20. A state of delight or happiness **PARADISE**
21. Biased in support of a party, group or cause **PARTISAN**
22. A statement that seems to contradict itself but which may be true **PARADOX**
23. A model of excellence or perfection of a kind **PARAGON**
24. To analyse or separate into easily processed units **PARSE**
25. A small umbrella carried as a protection from the Sun **PARASOL**

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

CATS - EACH ANSWER HAS THE WORD CAT WITHIN IT

1. To cause to separate and go in different directions
2. Find by searching
3. A prison
4. A musical composition usually for a keyboard instrument
5. A holiday
6. Silly and often forgetful
7. A gardening tool
8. Leave behind empty
9. An Olympic athletics event
10. Flemish geographer

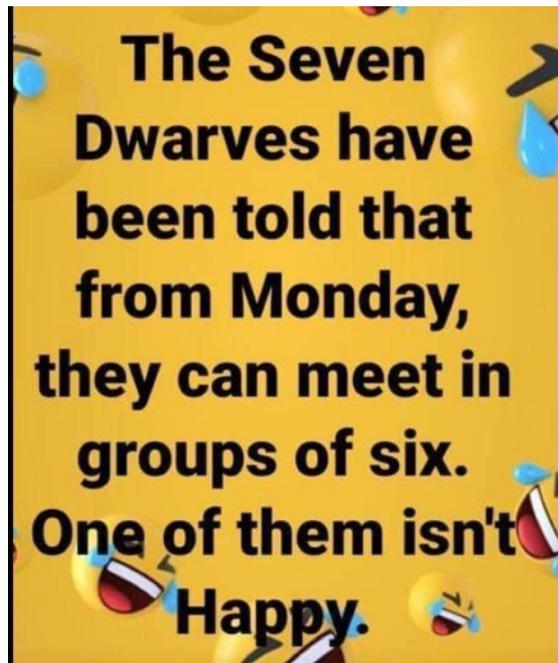
FOUR LETTER WORDS – 3 OF THE LETTERS ARE VOWELS

1. A currency
2. A genus containing over 500 species of flowering succulent plants, some used in skin care products
3. A US state
4. Instead
5. Goodbye
6. The chief component of urine
7. A larval form of crabs and certain other crustaceans, characterised by thoracic appendages used for swimming
8. A man who is the lover of a girl
9. A US state (but not the one in Question 3!)
10. 9th letter of the Greek alphabet

More Funnies

A chap goes into a bar and asks for three pints of Guinness, sits down and drinks all three, taking a mouthful out of each glass in turn. He returns the empties to the bar and leaves. Next month he is back again and the same procedure happens. Next month he is back again only this time the landlord says "why don't you buy one pint at a time, that way the others will be more fresh?" and the chap says "It's like this. I have two brothers and a couple of months ago they emigrated, one to Australia and the other to Canada. We agreed that on the first Tuesday of each

month we would share three pints of Guinness, so that is what I'm doing". This goes on for a few more months until one day he only orders two pints. When he took the empty glasses back to the bar the landlord says "It's none of my business but it looks pretty clear what has happened, me and the other boys here would like to offer our condolences". The chap looks for a minute, then says "No, it's not like that at all, the boys are OK. It's me, I've given up drinking!!!!!!!!!!!"



A man is playing golf with his wife when suddenly she says "If anything happened to me, would you marry again He stops and pauses for a minute then says "Well you know me, I can't cook or sew, I'm no good at housework so I suppose I would have to get married." They play a few more strokes and the wife says, "Would you teach her to play golf?" Again he stops and pauses for a minute, then says "Well you know how much I like my golf. It would be nice to have a regular partner to play a round with". They play a few more strokes and the wife says "Would you let her use my clubs? Quick as a flash he says "They're no good. She's left handed"!!!!!!!!!!!"