



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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Dawlish & District U3A Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was due in May but had to be postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. There are still restrictions and risks and so the committee have decided to hold this years AGM by videoconference using Zoom on Monday 21st September at 2pm.

The AGM will give a report from the Committee on the past year and a Treasurer's report and account for twelve months ending 31 March 2020; receive any resolutions proposed and carry out the election of Officers and Committee members.

Timetable

- * Closing date for nominations for the committee - 24 August
- * Closing date for any motions for consideration at the AGM - 24 August
- * Formal notice of the AGM with agenda; details of accessing the meeting; voting arrangements; accounts for 2019/20 to be sent out by 31 August

Nominations for the committee

All existing committee members have to seek re-election each year at the AGM. And we hope that we will have some other members join. The committee can comprise up to 12 members with a minimum of 6.

If you are interested in standing, please complete the nomination form on the last page (and also on our web site) stating

that you are applying for the role of Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Committee member.

If you require any further information about the roles or to discuss any specific positions please contact the Chair or the Secretary.

Only paid up members can stand for the committee, propose or second nominations. Please make sure that the persons you state as nominators have agreed and are paid up members. Existing members of the Committee cannot be nominators.

Contact

For information about the AGM please contact Steve Angove, our Secretary, on enquiries@u3a.dawlish.info or 01626 862486

Dear Members

Have you ever thought about joining us on the Committee. No particular credentials are necessary, just one free morning every month, an interest in our local U3A, a willingness to roll up the sleeves when necessary, and of course, a sense of humour. Meetings rarely last much more than an hour, and are usually punctuated by lots of laughter and good humour.

We are a very friendly lot on the Committee and most of us would be pleased to continue to serve for the rest of this year and into 2021. We are only elected to serve for one year and can be re-elected three times before having to

hand over to someone else if we haven't before then.

Sadly, we have some members of the Committee leaving Dawlish to move to greener pastures elsewhere and so have a couple of posts to fill – Membership Secretary and Treasurer. Neither job is onerous, and we are all very good at helping and supporting each other.

Even if you don't fancy doing a bit of membership secretaring or treasuring, you would be very welcome onto our Committee and help your wonderful Dawlish & District U3A go from strength to strength.

Please let our Secretary, Steve, know if you are interested at enquiries@U3A.dawlish.info

History Group

Richard Warburton is happy to continue to convene this group.

French Conversation

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Jill Dixon has relinquished her role as the convenor of the French group. We would like to thank her for the work she put into co-ordinating the group. Graham Carey has taken over as the link person.

BookWorms

This month's choice, 'Birds Without Wings' by Louis de Berniers did not receive a mixed reception, it was, in fact, loudly rejected by every member of the participating group. We did not find it a fulfilling read and I really cannot add any more. A rare occurrence. Our book for August/September is 'Pigs in Heaven' by Barbara Kingsolver. We will discuss this book on Thursday 24th September. In the meantime, happy reading and hopefully see you soon.
Barbara Warburton

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

The Dawlish & District U3A committee is aware of its duty to protect members from potential risk when taking part in activities. It has therefore decided, in accordance with guidance from the Third Age Trust, that a Risk Assessment Form must be completed by the Group Leader prior to all face to face activities.

At present we are not undertaking any U3A indoor activities.

Once authorised, the Group Leader will need to share the form with intended participants so that they can see the proposed arrangements for the Group activity. This is important as we want our members to decide for themselves if they feel happy to attend. The notification to members should clearly state that 'each individual who attends a meeting is responsible for their own decisions. No one in any U3A is covered by insurance for the virus. Members should bear in mind any risks which taking part may pose for others in their household.'

Risk Assessment forms are available from Steve Angove, Secretary.

D&D U3A Outside Meeting

Are you missing your U3A friends? Would you like to join them for a drink and a natter? From Monday 3rd August you'll have the chance to get together with other U3A members in a safe and socially-distanced way.

What: Socially distanced get-together for all Dawlish and District U3A members.

Where: Near the bandstand on the Lawn, Dawlish.

When: From 2pm to 3.30pm on Monday August 3rd, weather permitting.

How: Bring your own chair and drink (or get a coffee from one of our lovely cafes) and meet up in a well-spaced group of up

to six U3A members. There's plenty of room on the Lawn so we can have multiple groups of six, appropriately separated. We all want to keep safe.

Who: All Dawlish and District U3A members are very welcome.

Note: in order to comply with government guidelines which state that groups should not exceed six people from multiple households, members will be expected to remain in their groups of six and not interact with other groups.

This event has been Risk Assessed and passed by the Committee.

To help you to decide whether to attend the key points from the Risk Assessment are:

- * Non-members will not be able to join the meeting unless they are providing assistance to a member for mobility or other reasons.
- * The Dawlish & District U3A banner will identify clearly which part of the Lawns the gathering will take place.
- * The names of those attending will be maintained in case there is a need to 'track and trace'.
- * You are responsible for your own travel arrangements and the provision of any medication you may require.
- * If there are too many other people not associated with Dawlish & District U3A on the Lawns to make the event run as intended, the organisers will advise members to disperse.
- * Distances will be maintained between members (i.e. two metres if possible but no less than one metre otherwise)
- * Use of face masks will be a matter for your own judgement

* You are advised to bring your own hand sanitiser.

* The only toilets available will be the public facilities in the vicinity of the Lawns.

* Bring your own seats or blankets. Plus your own refreshments, and utensils. You should not share.

Creative Writing

We thank Janette Wood for having convened the Group and Anne Whitehead who has kindly accepted to take over.

Quiz

The Monday night quiz will continue every Monday night at 7pm during August. Please contact Graham Carey if you wish to take part. It is open to all members of D&D U3A.

What did you do in Lock-down Grandma?

I did not write a novel, but I found a man who taught me how to do it. Or, to be specific, I undertook an 18 unit course on writing children's literature. Will I write a book for children? Probably not, but that is not the point. It was interesting, stimulating and time consuming, but above all, it kept my underused brain occupied.

What did you do?

Paint a masterpiece?

Discover a new wine region?

Discover new walks in your immediate environment?

Stitch an heirloom quilt?

Let us know, via the Newsletter. There are a lot of untold stories out there

Answers to Last Week's quiz -

July

1. In the Roman calendar, July was originally called Quintilis. What does this Latin word mean? **FIFTH**
2. For whom is July named? **JULIUS CAESAR**
3. What is the flower for July? **LARKSPUR**
4. What is the gem for July? **RUBY**
5. Complete this quote by Sue Coleridge: "Hot July brings cooling showers, --- and gilly flowers".
APRICOTS
6. Where would you see the Column of July? **PARIS**
7. Which of these nations does not have a national day in July. Switzerland, Canada or Argentina?
SWITZERLAND
8. 16th and the 17th July 1917 are known as the July Days. They mark an uprising in which country?
RUSSIA
9. In the British Isles how long will it rain if it rains on St Swithins day, 15th July? **FORTY DAYS**
10. "Do you know? It's in the stars, Next July we with Mars". What's the missing word? **COLLIDE**
11. National Ice Cream Month is celebrated in the USA throughout July! But which President's first job was at an ice-cream parlour?
BARACK OBAMA
12. Which zodiac signs land in July?
CANCER AND LEO
13. What is the new fangled global holiday that has lit up cyberspace, especially in tweets and texts, every 17th July since 2014? **WORLD EMOJI DAY**
14. 6th July is International Kissing Day. It had its origins in which Commonwealth nation not generally known for its free expressions of affection? **UK**
15. What unofficial world holiday celebrates an important mathematical constant - approximately - on the 22nd July, particularly in Europe and other places where the day is written before the month? **APPROACHING ZERO HOUR**
16. 20th July marks the anniversary of what historic milestone in space exploration? **THE FIRST LANDING ON THE MOON OF HUMAN BEINGS**
17. Which transportation "first" occurred on 24th July, 1814? **FIRST STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**
18. On 5th July 1946, engineer Louis Reard's most famous invention made its debut. What was it? **BIKINI**
19. In July 1967, Israeli commandoes rescued 103 hostages from a plane at which airport in Africa? **ENTEBBE**
20. Jackie Kennedy who later became Jackie Onassis following the assassination of her husband was born in July 1929. What was her maiden name? **BOUVIER**

This Week's Quiz

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Number Phrases - Can you work out the phrases from the initial letters and numbers (e.g. "8 T on an O" = "8 Tentacles on an Octopus")

1. 9 P in the SS
2. 88 K on a P
3. 6 B to and O in C
4. 2 S to an A
5. 64 S on a C B
6. 18 H on a G C
7. 8 P in a G
8. 24 W on an A C
9. 3 W on a T
10. 39 B of the O T

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Annual General Meeting 21 September 2020

Nomination for Officers and Committee Members 2020/21

Name

I wish to serve as: Chair/ Vice Chair/ Secretary/ Treasurer/ Committee member (please select one)

Nominated by (member's name).....

Seconded by (member's name)

I declare that I am willing to serve and I am not disqualified from serving as a Trustee

Signed

Due to circumstances this form can be sent by email as well as posted. If sent by email please send with a covering email and it will then not need to be signed.

Please return the completed form by 24 August 2020 to the Secretary by email to steve.angove@btinternet.com or to Steve Angove, 26 Elm Grove Road, Dawlish, EX7 0ES.