



# Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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Living  
Learning  
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## Open Meeting on the Lawn

It was a joy to see so many of our U3A members meet informally and with social distancing last Monday on the lawn. The event proved a success with everyone so happy to re-connect with friends.

The next informal get together will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August again from 2.00 -3.30pm. Hope you can join in next time.

Graham

## Editor's Note:

Another reminder about our AGM on 21st September. In all probability it will be a zoom meeting. If you don't feel you can tackle zoom or you don't have a computer, maybe a friend can get you started on their computer, obviously someone you know who is Covid safe.

If not, please remember to send in your nomination form to 26 Elm Grove Road, Dawlish, EX7 0ES. Although we have co-opted two new people on to the Committee, we still have vacancies AND we still need a Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

The Committee is a very friendly bunch and everyone pitches in to help so you will very quickly feel totally relaxed and at home with us.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the web site or from the Secretary at [enquiries@U3A.dawlish.info](mailto:enquiries@U3A.dawlish.info)

## Strollers

Our Dawlish U3A Strollers walks recommence next **Thursday August 13th 2020**

Catch number 2 Exeter bus from Teignmouth at 1.11pm and Dawlish at 1.25pm

We are getting off bus opposite the Shutterton Estate in Dawlish and walking the public footpath by the stream to Dawlish Warren then along footpaths alongside railway line to Cockwood...after a refreshment break we'll catch number 2 Newton Abbot bus back home

\*face masks must be worn on public transport

\*suggest bringing own cold drink in case pubs at Cockwood are too busy for us to enter!

\*any new Strollers please ring Jean Gitsham 01626 779140

## Discussion Group

We are meeting on **August 10th at 10.30am** on the green in Dawlish by the bandstand to discuss our experience of lockdown. People are bringing their own chairs, sanitiser (& flask if they don't want to buy coffee).

Barbara

## Welfare Officer

We welcome Richard Warburton to this post. If you know of any member who is poorly or needs a bit of support, please contact Richard.

## Wine Appreciation Group

We had a very successful zoom meeting on Friday evening. Our next one is taking place on Friday 4th September.

The next meeting will see us tasting and telling about the wines we have chosen. This time we will be trying a Pinotage and for the white wine, anything that looks interesting but not a Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc. We will also get extra points for an interesting looking label.

Here's a little limerick inspired by our meeting on Friday.

With social distancing gloom  
We just didn't have enough room  
For the U3A wine group  
And it is such a fine group  
So we meet up instead via zoom!

Diane

## EXCESSIVE LOCKDOWN

### GARDENING

"Do you suffer from Plumbago? is your back a little sore?  
Or perhaps it's Pyracanthus, which you caught in Singapore.  
You've a nasty little Hosta, which I think I'll have to lance  
And I notice your Spiraea has been leading you a dance.  
Are you getting quite forgetful, is Nemesia the cause?  
Does your Antirrhinum pain you when you're walking out of doors?  
You have Skimmia Rubella, I can see that by your nose  
And Cornus Capitoza has played havoc with your toes.  
You are a little Fatsia, I'd like to see you leaner;  
I recommend a holiday - do you fancy Santolina?  
Still, I think you are doing nicely but watch that Quercus in your knees;  
Take your Berberis twice nightly. Cheerio!  
Next patient please."

"I'm dying for a Paeony," the patient sadly cried.

"Of course, I should have realised, the Lavatera's just outside!"

Anon

### Some funnies

I went to the pet shop and asked for 12 bees. The clerk counted out 13 bees and handed them over. "You've given me one too many" I said. "That one is a freebie" was the reply.

A ghost walked into a bar and ordered a shot of vodka. The bartender said, 'Sorry, we don't serve spirits here.'

The man who survived both mustard gas and pepper spray is a seasoned veteran now.

The first time I got a universal remote control, I thought to myself, 'This changes everything.'

When the cannibal showed up late to the buffet, they gave him the cold shoulder.

I went to a seafood disco last week, but ended up pulling a mussel.

The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.

Never trust atoms; they make up everything.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather... Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

True fact: before the crowbar was invented... most crows drank at home.

## Answers to Last Week's quiz on Music

1. Who holds a trumpet on the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper album? **Ringo Starr**
2. In which Puccini opera do friends ply their landlord with drinks to avoid paying the rent? **La Boheme**
3. Which group backed Martha Reeves? **The Vandellas**
4. Who composed the symphonic sketches known as 'La Mer'? **Claude Debussy**
5. Who wrote the song 'White Christmas' (Made famous by Bing Crosby)? **Irving Berlin**
6. Who recorded the 70's disco song "You're My First, My Last, My Everything"? **Barry White**
7. A cappella is vocal music without instrumental accompaniment, but what does it mean? **As in Chapel or Church**
8. Who skipped the light fandango with sixteen vestal virgins? **Procul Harum - A Whiter Shade of Pale**
9. What kind of musical instrument is a bodhrán? **A Frame Drum**
10. What are bow strings made of? **Horse Tail Hairs**
11. How many strings has a balalaika? **Three or sometimes Three Pairs**
12. Which musical instrument did Karen Carpenter play? **Drums**
13. Who is Vincent Furnier better known as? **Alice Cooper**
14. Against the advice of her friends, Carmen (in Bizet's opera) leaves the bullring to see Don José outside. What is the result of the meeting? **He Kills Her**
15. Chuck Berry wrote the first song that The Rolling Stones recorded. Which was it? **Come on - in 1963**
16. Elvis Presley had a hit with a Carl Perkins song. Which one? **Blue Suede Shoes**
17. Haydn's catalogue contains 104 symphonies, Mozart's 41. How many did Beethoven and Schubert write

each? (They wrote the same number)? **Nine**

18. How many hours from Tulsa was Gene Pitney in 1963? **Twenty Four**
19. In which opera do you find Lieutenant Pinkerton? **Madame Butterfly**
20. The Who had an entry in the Guinness Book of Records. What for? **The Loudest Band in London on 31st May 1976. 120 Decibels at 50 Yards**



## This Week's Two Part Quiz on Words

### PART 1 – Four Letter Words with Three Being 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. Another US state
10. 9th letter of the Greek alphabet

### PART 2 - Using the 8 Letters SCRABBLE, Give Answers that only use some or all these Letters

1. A freshwater fish (6)
2. Part of a circle (3)
3. A sword (5)
4. Soured milk, which thickens or curdles into a yogurt-like substance with a strong, sour flavour (7)
5. A unit of area (4)
6. A member of the peerage (4)
7. An appliance that corrects dental irregularities (5)
8. A disorderly crowd (6)
9. Scots word for the slope or brow of a hill (4)
10. Bitter or sour (5)

**Answers next week**

### More Funnies

Did you hear about the Italian Chef who died? He pasta way

Why are fat penguins so popular at parties? They know how to break the ice.

What is a web developer's favourite tea?  
URL Grey.

**Breaking News:** In the Atlantic Ocean a ship carrying red paint has collided with a ship carrying purple paint. It's believed both crews have been marooned.

My friend called me for help, claiming he had turned into a harp. I raced over there only to find he was a lyre.

At a job interview I filled my glass of water until it overflowed a little.  
“Nervous?” asked the interviewer. “No. I always give 110%”.

I was so worried the mechanic would rip me off because I confessed I knew nothing about cars... Imagine my relief when he said I only needed indicator fluid!



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