



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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Editor's Note:

We had another successful Zoom Committee meeting last Monday. Anne Whitehead and Graham Petridge are new to the Committee and hopefully they'll stand for re-election at the AGM. They are a welcome addition to our Committee.

Please don't forget that the AGM is taking place on Zoom on Monday 21st September at 2.00pm. This gives you time to look into Zoom a little bit or to arrange a visit to a friend or family member to see if you can use their computer or get them to help you with Zoom.

I couldn't believe that I had six Zoom meetings last week. One was a play hour with my granddaughter and that was the most exhausting one. One of the others was the U3A Monday evening quiz. It is so lovely to see everyone, we all wave to each other before putting our thinking caps on, although in my case last week, my thinking cap didn't help me very much.

Before lock down I didn't even know what anything about Zoom and was very reluctant to try it out. Since then I've not only tried it out but downloaded Zoom. I know it's not the same, but at least I can see my children and grandchildren when we have a chat and I do think it is better than nothing.

Patricia A

Strollers

Our first Strollers walk after Covid 19 lockdown was on August 13th. 9 of us met up near the Shutterton Estate / Sainsbury's bus stop including 2 new walkers (Della and George).

We strolled alongside the stream where there was a rich variety of wildflowers plus, thanks to Les, we saw a flash of a lovely kingfisher in flight twice! Further along by the railway line even more wildflowers plus either a moorhen or coot partly hidden amongst the greenery on the stream. Our walk ended at The Ship at Cockwood where we enjoyed refreshing drinks in the garden before catching the bus back home..

Our next walk is Thursday Sept 10th... 1.17pm Torquay/Paignton 22 bus from Dawlish and the same 22 bus at 1.32pm from Teignmouth to Babbacombe where we plan to explore Walls Hill and surrounding areas. New walker John will hopefully be joining us. Other new walkers are most welcome to come along. NB: face masks are needed for bus travel and we will adhere to social distancing recommendations 👍

For more info about our walks please contact Jean on 779140

Jean G

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Open Meeting on the Lawn

Mondays meeting saw rain but that didn't stop some of our more intrepid members meeting on the lawn.

Our next outside meetings will be held on the Lawn on Monday 7th and Monday 28th September at 2.00pm. Let's hope the sun smiles upon us.



A funny

An elderly man lay dying in his bed.

While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite scones, wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength, and lifting himself from the bed, leaning on the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort, gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs.

With laboured breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven. For there, spread out upon the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favourite scones.

Was it Heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his devoted Yorkshire wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

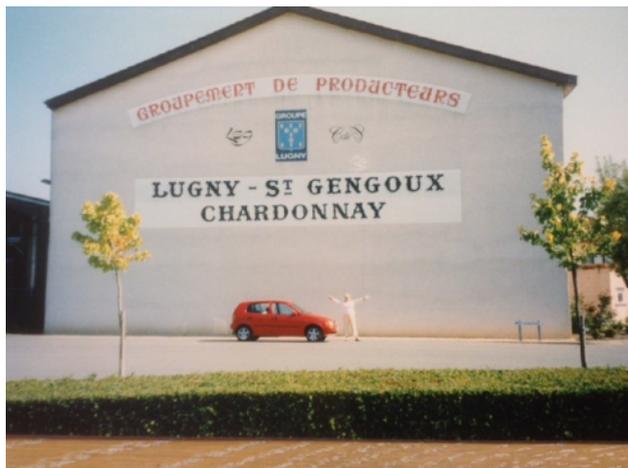
Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in a rumpled posture. His aged and withered hand trembled towards a scone at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked by his wife with a wooden spoon.....

"Gerroff" she said. "They are for the funeral !!"

Richard H

Wine Appreciation

Some years ago we stayed in this village overnight and had a meal there - including wine from this co-operative, which, before being poured unceremoniously into the carafe, came in bottles that were unlabelled. Why waste a good label if it's only going next door?



The co-operative specialises in Cremant de Bourgogne, one of my favourite sparkling wines. Oz Clarke recommends this producer, saying, "Bourgogne from a producer like the Lugny co- operative, is still better, and less expensive than champagne."

If you get a chance, try a Cremant from the Burgundy region. If you have any 'wine stories' and photographs, please share them.

Cheers - **Graham P** 🍷

More Funnies

One evening during lockdown, a wife said to her husband " I never want to live in a vegetative state dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. " The husband got up, unplugged the computer and threw out her glass of wine!

Graham C

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

First Part 1 - Common Three Word Phrases

1. Six balls and unconscious - **OVER AND OUT**
2. An examination of evidence by a judge and mistake - **TRIAL AND ERROR**
3. Complain and eat - **WINE (WHINE) AND DINE**
4. Evil character created by Robert Louis Stevenson and religion of the Indian subcontinent - **HIDE(HYDE) AND SEEK(SIKH)**
5. Completed and did housework - **DONE AND DUSTED**
6. Peter Bonetti or Phil Tufnell and a term used in boxing for a swollen bruise caused by a blow to the eye - **CAT AND MOUSE**
7. To carry something with you and an extra run scored in cricket when the ball has not been hit by the batsman - **BRING AND BUY(BYE)**
8. Reared an animal and edible fatty substance - **BREAD(BRED) AND BUTTER**
9. Zeros and crucifixes - **NOUGHTS AND CROSSES**
10. Give financial or moral support to and didn't win an Olympic medal - **BACK AND FORTH(FOURTH)**

SECOND PART – The following answers are made from the same letters, but by adding or subtracting one letter

1. (10 letters) An area of tall, densely growing, broad-leaved evergreen trees in an area of high precipitation - **RAINFOREST**
2. (-1) One of a row of sharp tooth-like projections found on a saw edge - **SERRATION**
3. (-1) People authorised to perform acts in legal affairs, in particular witnessing signatures on documents - **NOTARIES**
4. (+1) Male singers - **BARITONES**

5. (-1) A form of address used in Spanish speaking countries - **SEÑORITA**
6. (-1) A crime once punishable by death - **TREASON**
7. (+1) An ancient relative - **ANCESTOR**
8. (+1) A prostitute or concubine with a wealthy, or upper-class clientele - **COURTESAN**
9. (+1) People who are skilled in relating amusing or witty stories and anecdotes - **RACONTEURS**
10. (-1) 16th century court dances, consisting of short advances and retreats - **COURANTES**

This week's Quiz

CRYPTIC TOWNS AND CITIES ALL IN THE UK

1. Tub full of water
2. Has a letter to spare
3. Professor of rollers
4. A complete bacon
5. A person who is leaving
6. Religious skull
7. Tend fire
8. Shipsmen
9. Tying meat
10. People's rock
11. Calligraphy with an H
12. Latest fortified wine
13. Mother's garden entrance
14. Witches attempt to meet
15. Pushed down heavyweight
16. Arran or Holy in the middle of one's wages
17. Sounds like a vehicle is followed by a Scottish golfer
18. Almost speechless in front of the French chips
19. Is this Piggott's town?
20. Nearly the Colonel's twelve inches

Answers next week

Even more funnies

On the day of my big job interview I woke up late. Frantically I threw on a suit. "OH NO!" I thought. "MY TIE! My Dad was out of town and wasn't there to help me, and for the life of me I did not know how to tie a tie! I grabbed a tie and ran out the door. "Excuse me sir," I said to the lollipop man, "I have an important job interview, can you please help me make this tie?!" "Sure" he said. "just lie down on this bench." Well if someone was going to help me I wasn't going to ask any questions. After he finished and the tie looked good I just had to ask why I had to lie down. "Well in my previous job I learned how to tie tie's on other people when they were lying down. He replied. What was your previous job? I asked incredulously. "I was a funeral director" was the reply.

Before you criticise someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you *do* criticise them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

I got a new pair of gloves today, but they're both 'lefts,' which on the one hand is great, but on the other, it's just not right.

I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.

It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.

Blunt pencils are really pointless.

Just got fired from my job as a set designer; I left without making a scene.

Maybe if we start telling people their brain is an app, they'll want to use it.

Graham C