



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

September 2020

Chair's Chatter:

What a lovely Bank Holiday weekend we had weather wise and I trust some of you were able to get out and about and enjoy the sunshine. Seems weird talking about a Bank Holiday as now every day for us is a Bank Holiday!

Whatever the weekend, I try to listen in to Sounds of the Sixties with Tony Blackburn, singing along to blasts from the past. We should make a list of what groups all our U3A members have seen live!

Then last Sunday night I watched ITV's the best 25 Detective series as voted on by the public. I didn't agree with where some were placed in the pecking order but in the end Sherlock Holmes came out on top.

However it wasn't a case of let's find the photo and put everything back but rather each photo was looked at and memories came flooding back.

Memories... we all have them, some good, some less so. Someone wrote that 'memories are very essential in our lives because they allow us to grow and learn to be a better person. Our recollections can teach us very important life lessons, demonstrate skills and abilities.' The darkest nights produce the brightest stars.

Getting back to songs. Do you remember 'Memories are made of this' which has

been recorded by many artists but best known perhaps when sung by Dean Martin?

Sweet, sweet memories you gave-a me,
you can't beat the memories you gave-a me

Take one fresh and tender kiss Add one stolen night of bliss

One girl, one boy Some grief, some joy
Memories are made of this

Don't forget a small moonbeam Fold in lightly with a dream

Your lips and mine Two sips of wine
Memories are made of this....

Corrie Ten Boom wrote 'Memories are the key not to the past but to the future' and Stephen Spender wrote 'History is the living ship carrying memories to the future'.

Take care and hoping to see some of you tomorrow on the Lawn for our informal get together.

Graham

Open Meeting on the Lawn

Weather permitting, we are holding another meeting on the Lawn, Dawlish on **Monday 7th September at 2.00 - 3.30pm.** This is an informal meeting. We will sit in groups of six and catch up with each other and see what the others are doing during this time. Please bring your own chairs and drinks if you don't want to buy drinks locally.

Discussion Group

Hi Everyone,

We'll be meeting, not this Monday but next on the 14th September to discuss 'The World in 20 Years Time.' It was only when I started to consider the subject that I realised how massive it could be. Climate, world of work, politics, the High Street, medicine etc so hope you'll come along. The enclosed risk assessment shows you what's involved & I'd be grateful if you could let me know you agree to the conditions we have to have in place if you are coming. Looking forward to hearing from you & seeing you at 10.30 a week Monday (14th) in Dawlish by the band stand.

Thanks everyone

Barbara

Risk Assessment

Please note your considerations and actions to be taken to control the risks:

Social distancing: Attendees to be seated in the open air, 1m+ apart. If it rains, the meeting will be cancelled/stopped.

Access: Open access to site

Sharing equipment: group members to bring own seats & refreshments & hand sanitiser, although refreshments are available to buy if people are comfortable with this. There are public toilets.

Face masks: Optional

Trace system: The convener will keep a list of attendees

Before activity Personal Checklist

All participants to review their own personal health and circumstances and refer to current Government guidance for different risk categories in Covid-19 and what measures are recommended for people over 70 and/or with various medical conditions.

Consider the health risk category of anyone else you are isolating with in your household. Review the checklist for the activity above completed by the group organiser and consider if you can take part without adverse risk to your self or household.

Can you please contact Barbara to confirm that you have read the above risk Assessment and considered your personal situation. Thank you.

Swimming

Cofton Holidays, Ashburn Springs Gym and Pool. Off the Exeter Road, bus stop near entrance. Good disabled parking. Good general car park.

Swimming will begin again on Tuesday, 8th September at 2-30. It is a one hour timed session and is open to the general public as well as our group. Due to the present situation, numbers are limited, so booking is essential. We book as individuals, not as a group. Book through their online booking system or telephone 01626 890111. Payment is contactless at the time of booking. A concession swim is £3.50. The sauna and steam room is out of action.

There are strict protocols in place and they must be followed. Masks must be worn when entering the building, but are obviously removed at the pool side.

A risk assessment has been completed. I have been using the pool for a month and I am very happy with the precautions they have in place. See you next Tuesday,

Barbara Warburton

French Zoom Conversation

Thursdays 10th and 24th September at 10.30AM

Zoom Quiz

Mondays 7th and 21st SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

Did You Know?

The last date that all living humans were together on earth was November 2nd 2000. Since then there has always been one human on board the International Space Station.

Pat Bentley

Dear Rachel,

When I saw your email I immediately felt that it was bad news.

However, I'm delighted to hear that your mother has settled well into life in Bude and has joined the local U3A. If she remembers me, please give her my best wishes. She is after all my senior by 6 months! I'll copy this reply to the Chairman and Newsletter Editor of Dawlish & District U3A. I'm sure there will be many members in the Gardens & Gateaux, Lunch Club and Here, There and Everywhere who will remember her.

WE are all thriving but U3A life has been somewhat quiescent under lockdown and continuing social distancing, as you can imagine.

Love, **George**

Open Learn

OpenLearn, an arm of the Open University (OU), has a huge range of online FREE courses ranging from one to thirty hours. So, as winter approaches, or there is a second wave, this could be something different to do in the evenings. The OU has a lot of experience in making online courses interesting, engaging, even inspiring and, at this level, they are generally non-academic. Many of us have a bucket list of things we'd like to do or places we'd like to see. With travel being very difficult these days, this could be the answer to finding out more about a subject or place that has always fascinated! It's well worth exploring the website!

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/freecourses/full-catalogue>

"I didn't realise this was all available and FREE!!" - I've already lost an hour of my life looking at all the things on which I would love to spend some time!!

Art Appreciation

In the past few weeks members have been sending each other works of art with some information about the paintings and the artists, as well as some personal thoughts on these pictures. There has been an interestingly diverse range of suggestions. David Gearing introduced us to some paintings from the French artists Utrillo and Jacques Tissot, including La demoiselle de magasin.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tissot#/media/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tissot#/media/File:James_Tissot_-_La_demoiselle_de_magasin_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg)

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[La demoiselle de magasin - Google Art Project.jpg](#)

Gwen Smith's choice was Millais' Ophelia while John Vick selected some engravings by Hogarth as well as a painting by Constable. Chris Foote is a well known railway enthusiast so it was no surprise that he shared two paintings of railway scenes by Stanhope Forbes which are full of energy and life. These were a complete contrast to his earlier selection of some of Alma Tadema's romanticised and dreamlike views of Ancient Rome. Forbes was a member of the Newlyn School and seeing these prompted Lynne and John Vick in August to visit the Penlee gallery in Penzance where there is a fine collection of Newlyn School paintings.

Barbara Warburton wrote about the wealth of detail in Holbein's famous picture The Ambassadors, and gave new thoughts on Ford Maddox Brown's The Last of England. It has been very interesting to learn why members of the group chose these pictures and this has prompted us all to look deeper at them, and to find out more.

This is an excellent way to learn from each other and to enjoy art more. Using email works well for the Art App Group. It doesn't all have to be on Zoom!

Answers to Last Week's quiz - WHAT DO THE 3 PEOPLE OR THINGS HAVE IN COMMON?

1. The Good life / Roobarb / Monarch of the Glen - **RICHARD BRIERS**

2. Hinge / Pivot / Ball and socket -

JOINTS IN THE BODY

3. Gibson / Simpson / Tanami -

AUSTRALIAN DESERTS

4. George Orwell / Cliff Richard / Spike Milligan - **BORN IN INDIA**

5. Hoy / Muck / Yell - **ISLANDS OF SCOTLAND**

6. Steve Martin / Chevy Chase / Martin Short - **THE 3 AMIGOS FILM OF 1986**

7. Olympic Gold Pentathlon 1972 / World Cup Winner 1966 / Children's TV presenter - **PETERS (MARY/MARTIN/ANDI)**

8. Fuji / Alice / Lobo - **VARIETIES OF APPLE**

9. Water/ Spud / Nerf - **TYPES OF PLAY GUN OR PISTOL**

10. The Spinners / The Mojoes / The Swinging Blue Jeans - **GROUPS FROM LIVERPOOL**

11. Kathy Kirby / Michael Ball / Lynsey de Paul - **REPRESENTED THE UK AT THE EUROVISION SONG CONTEST**

12. Lily of the Valley / Castor Oil plant / Foxglove - **PLANTS THAT CONTAIN TOXICS THAT COULD HARM**

13. Apollo / Smart / Bitter - **GERMAN CAR/ TRUCK MANUFACTURERS**

14. Locust / Gum / Aspen - **HARDWOOD TREES**

15. Kenneth Robinson / Anne Robinson / Robert Robinson - **ALL PRESENTED BBC'S POINTS OF VIEW**

16. Sid Vicious / OJ Simpson / Venus Williams - **THEY HAVE ALL BEEN CHARGED WITH CAUSING DEATH**

17. Chelmsford / Brighton / Salisbury - **HORSE RACING VENUES**

18. Crackpot / Jump / Wetwang - **PLACES IN YORKSHIRE**

19. Antennae / Honeybees / Networks - **EACH HAS A NUMBER WITHIN IT**

20. Helena Bonham Carter / Anne Hathaway / Hugh Jackman - **THE FILM 'LES MISERABLES'**

This week's Quiz

MEASURE FOR MEASURE. TRY AND NAME THESE IMPERIAL UNITS FROM THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN

1. 112 pounds = ?

2. 5 fluid ounces = ?

3. 4 inches = ?

4. 6 feet = ?

5. 8 gallons = ?

6. 10 cables = ?

7. 8 pints = ?

8. 3 miles = ?

9. 16 ounces = ?

10. 120 acres = ?

11. 22 yards = ?

12. 2 gallons = ?

13. 3 feet = ?

14. 2 pints = ?

15. 9 gallons = ?

16. 14 pounds = ?

17. 640 acres = ?

18. 1201 square yards = ?

19. 5280 feet = ?

20. 2240 pounds = ?

Answers Next Week

Some Funnies

My wife always tells me off for putting the plates and bowls in the wrong cupboards! She thinks I'm dishlexic.

I said to the baker 'How come all your cakes are 50p but that one is £1?' He said 'That's madeira cake'.

A pirate goes to the doctor and says that he has moles on his back. 'It's OK, they're benign' the doctor tells the pirate. Pirate again 'You sure, I think they're be ten!'

I prefer classical music but my wife can't Handel it.

WARNING: To the person who stole my glasses – I will find you, I have contacts.

Got all emotional at the petrol station today; I was filling up.