



Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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Keeping in Touch Scheme (KIT)

An opportunity to support each other

Many of our activities have unfortunately been brought to a halt for most of this year. Some groups have stayed active through the use of Zoom, emailing each other or, wherever possible, holding meetings whilst observing the guidelines on restricted numbers and social distancing. However, not all U3A members are in an Interest Group.

We're aware that should there be another lockdown this winter, many of our members may feel isolated. This may happen anyway, perhaps because some are shielding, feel it's risky to go out and about or are caring for people they live with.

We have contacted a number of members who aren't in a specific Group and some have expressed interest in keeping in touch with others via telephone for a general chat.

We're suggesting that we organise a network to help people stay in touch with each other and are asking you to let us know whether you would want to participate in this scheme, whether you're in an interest group or not.

You may volunteer to ring 2 or 3 people regularly – the frequency can be arranged between you - or you might wish to be contacted by a volunteer. We also welcome other ideas you may have

for keeping in touch and supporting each other until we can get together again.

Could you please contact Anne Whitehead to let me know if you wish to take part in the KIT scheme in any capacity.

email annewhitehead63@yahoo.com

Or ring me on 01626 867 001 or 07786 693 849. Please leave a message with your name and phone number and I'll get back to you.

I'd like to thank all those who gave me their time when I phoned them to see what they were up to (don't worry, your secrets are safe with me...) and I hope you will let me know what you would like to see happen.

Best wishes to you all - **Anne Whitehead**

French Conversation Group

Last Thursday the group members met and discussed what they would find hard to give up. Things that were mentioned were the i-pad, travelling, gardening, walking, sport (especially football), home made soup, dark chocolate and coffee.

Next month the meetings will be on **Thursday 5th and Thursday 19th**; both on zoom at 10.30am. The themes:

Memories of the 5th November – Bonfire nights and on the 19th – Which job would you never want to do?

Graham

Monthly Zoom Meetings

Can you remember the last time we met face to face for a monthly meeting and the subject? Well it was February with the theme being the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Unfortunately since then we have not been able to see each other as often as we would like, apart from those members who are in small groups or on zoom. I think the meetings on the Lawn have been a good way of socialising but the last one for this year will be tomorrow at 2pm.

At our Committee meeting last Monday it was decided to have a three month trial period of having a monthly meeting on zoom. I trust that you might be able to join in and Patricia will readily give advice to those who have as yet not used zoom.

The dates of the meetings will be:

Monday 16th November at 2pm – Hugh Scudder speaking about the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Moldova

Monday 14th December at 2pm – Toby Sherwin talking about ‘Life between the tides at Dawlish’

Monday 18th January at 2pm – Councillor Alison Foden talking about her role as Mayor of Dawlish

I hope you will try and join in this new initiative and Patricia will inform you of the log-in details in due course.

Graham Carey – Chair

Zoom Tutorials

On this note, until lock down I didn't know Zoom existed, now here I am giving simple tutorials about it. Many U3A's are now giving talks on Zoom and if you would like to join one of ours I am happy to give a telephone tutorial on how to do it. Zoom is very secure these days and it is easy to do. You don't have to download zoom to use it. You can even join someone else (as long as it is safe to do so) and share their computer.

Dates I am available to give a tutorial are:

Wednesday 28th October - afternoon

Wednesday 4th November - afternoon

Thursday 12th November - afternoon

Let me know when you would like your tutorial, either email me or telephone 07789 743 613 **Patricia**

Christmas Meal

In February's newsletter I wrote 'Christmas - I know it's early but the plan for this year's get together is a lunchtime meal at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Dawlish Warren. This will take place **Monday 21st December at 12.30 for 1.00pm.**'

Since then we have been faced with the Covid-19 pandemic with its restrictions. This said, we would still like to meet up if possible on the 21st December, with the rule of 6, social distanced, per table. I would appreciate you letting me know asap as to whether you would be interested in attending.

Please contact me at gfcarey@outlook.com or on 01626 685000 by the 16th November at the latest.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Graham - Chair

Weekly Zoom Quiz

Monday 26th – at 7pm

Meeting on the Lawn

Monday 26th – Informal meeting on the Lawn at 2pm (weather permitting). This will be our last open air informal gathering for 2020.

Weekly Swimming Sessions

Ashburn Springs, Cofton Holiday Park, 2.30 every Tuesday. It is essential that you book, using the Ashburn Springs online booking system. It is necessary to pay when you book and remember to tell them you are a concession. During COVID, swimming sessions last for one hour. The pool is well organised and it is essential that you are wearing your swimming costumes when you arrive. You do not have access to the changing rooms until you have finished your swim.

Next week is half term, so it may be advisable to give it a miss, but after that the pool will be quiet and it will be a wonderful time to get back in the swim.

For medical reasons I am unable to be with you for a week or two, so keep swimming and enjoy yourself.

Barbara Warburton

Coffee and Chat Group

Please join me at Reflections Bistro on The Strand, Dawlish at **10am on Tuesday 3rd November 2020**. Please let me know if you'd like to come along as I can book tables. There may also be other spaces available if you just turn up.

The venue provides sanitiser at the door; the tables are sanitised in between customers and the toilets sanitised regularly. The Bistro will keep your details and I will also keep a list for 21 days after the meeting. Masks must be worn until seated. We need to stay with one group so please don't go wandering!

We want to keep meetings as safe as possible for you, and you also have a part to play, so please consider your own health and circumstances and those of all in your household.

The necessary Risk Assessment has been completed and if you wish to know more about this please ring me on 07557

474 986 and I'll be happy to go over it with you.

Attendance at the meeting is confirmation that you have considered the risks and are happy with the arrangements.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you on Tuesday.

Tracy Penfound – Group Convenor

Answers to Last Week's quiz - English Bank Notes

1. 2007 £20 - Economist who wrote 'The Wealth of Nations' - **ADAM SMITH**
2. 2011 £50 - Scottish steam Engineer - **JAMES WATT**
3. 2011 £50 - Business partner of above - **MATTHEW BOULTON**
4. 2017 £10 - Woman novelist - **JANE AUSTEN**
5. 2011 £5 - She made prisons more humane in the Victorian era - **ELIZABETH FRY**
6. 2000 £10 - Author of 'On the origin of species' - **CHARLES DARWIN**
7. 2007 £20 – Scottish philosopher and academic; father of modern economics - **ADAM SMITH**
8. 1999 £20 - English composer - **EDWARD ELGAR**
9. 1990 £5 - He is called 'the father of railroads' - **GEORGE STEPHENSON**
10. 1992 £10 - Writer born in Portsmouth - **CHARLES DICKENS**
11. 1991 £20 - Scientist who experimented with electromagnetism - **MICHAEL FARADAY**
12. 1994 £50 - The first governor of the Bank of England - **JOHN HOUBLON**
13. 1978 £1 - Scientist who wrote "Principia Mathematica" - **ISAAC NEWTON**
14. 1971 £5 - Famous English General - **DUKE OF WELLINGTON**
15. 1975 £10 - The founder of modern nursing - **FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE**
16. 1970 £20 - English playwright - **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

17. 1978 £50 – English architect -
CHRISTOPHER WREN
18. What was on the front and back of the 1957 £5 note? - **BRITANNIA ON THE FRONT, A LION ON THE BACK**
19. From 1945 what were three banknotes that you could spend in the UK? - **£5, £1 AND 10 SHILLINGS**
- NOTES**
20. Before the Second World War, the Bank of England issued notes for denominations up to how much? - **£1,000**

**This week's Quiz - THE 1960's...
 HOW MUCH DID IT COST IN OLD MONEY?**

1. How much would an average house of cost at the end of 1969?
2. One in how many households had a telephone in the 1960s?
3. How much did a 12 minute local call in the evening cost?
4. What was Britain's most popular paper in the 1960s?
5. How much did a newspaper cost?
6. How much did a first class stamp cost (introduced in 1968)?
7. How much did a black and white television cost?
8. How much did a large loaf of bread cost?
9. How much did a 2lb bag of sugar cost?
10. There was how much stamp duty payable on every cheque?
11. How much was a road fund licence in 1965?
12. How much would a gallon of petrol have cost in 1969?
13. A suit from Montague Burton, Britain's largest tailoring chain would have cost around how much?
14. A pocket transistor radio from Woolworths was how much?
15. How many shillings would a 1968 London to Bournemouth second Class return have been?
16. The cheapest car for sale in UK in 1965 was the Fiat 500. You could buy one for how much?

17. Colour TV started in 1967. How much extra did you pay for a colour television licence?
18. How much would you have paid for a Manchester United programme in the 60-61 season?
19. What would an average cinema ticket have cost you in 1963?
20. In 1966 a 45 rpm single cost how much?

Answers Next Week

Some Funnies

Nelly the elephant has tested positive for Covid. When asked where she got it, she replied "Trump, Trump, Trump"..

I was telling a friend that my Dad bought his first car from the Krays. He said, "What reg?" I said, "No, Ronnie I think?"

I was shocked at the price of those 'Ancestry DNA kits', so rather than spend £150, I just announced that I had won the lottery... I quickly found out who my relatives were.

A man is sitting at the bar in a busy airport. A beautiful woman walks in and sits next to him. He presumes, because she has a uniform on, she must be an off duty flight hostess. So he decides to chat her up by identifying the airline she works for. He leans across to her and says the Delta Airlines motto 'A great way to fly'. The woman looks at him blankly and so he thinks of another airline; British Airways. 'To fly, to serve' he says to her. Again she just stares at him with a slightly puzzled look on her face. Undeterred, he tries again, this time using the Emirates airline motto of 'Nonstop you'. The woman looks at him sternly and starts asking him what he wants, using expletives. 'Ah', he says, sitting back with a smile on his face. 'Ryan air!'