



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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Chair's Chatter

Having lived for a total of 13 years in Belgium and France, I love a good cup of coffee. However, strangely enough my 3 children (2 of whom were born in Belgium) only drink tea. Mind you, for me it's a cup of tea with my breakfast then coffees throughout the day. The coffee machine (Tassimo) at home does me proud but there is nothing like a coffee out with family and friends.

I wonder which coffee shop you prefer in Dawlish and whether you stick to that one or move around; instead of pub crawling, the coffee equivalent 😊 I think I have drunk in mostly all. Also how many coffee shop loyalty cards do you have in your wallet or purse? I looked the other day and I have one for no 1, Daisy's as well as Artigiano in Exeter, the Orangery in Powderham and Finley Browns in Teignmouth. They all serve good coffee but let's not forget Costa coffee..👍 The top of the UK coffee chain, followed by Starbucks and Cafe Nero.

Our U3A Coffee & Chat group started in November 2017 and has proved to be a wonderful way to meet people informally. Quite often members would only meet those in their interest groups, so this has extended opportunities to get to know others. Presently the group is not meeting but here's hoping that it might reconvene in due course.

It's not just the coffee I enjoy but it's also the décor and quotes that I like. Here are a few:

'Kindness is like coffee, it awakens your spirit and improves your day. Start with both'

'A cup of coffee shared with a friend is happiness and time well spent'

'Great attitude is like a perfect cup of coffee. Don't commence your day without it'.

'Try to surround yourself with positive people who make you happy, people who make you laugh and coffee. You should always surround yourself with coffee'. So what's your choice?... A Latte, Americano, Mocha, Flat white, Cappucino, Espresso or....?

The official date for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning (MacMillan) was Friday 25th September and still took place. I trust this 30th year anniversary of the event went well.

Continue to enjoy your coffees (or teas) and next time you are sat down enjoying a cuppa how about noting down something about how you see our U3A developing, what new initiatives, new groups could be commenced...

Take care and keep brewing!

Graham

Zoom Quiz

Next Zoom Quiz is on **Monday 12th October** at 7.00pm.

French Conversation Group

10.30am on **Thursday 8th October** -
How do you make yourself feel better when you are sad?

Open Meetings on the Lawn

The next General Meeting to take place on the Lawn, be on **Monday 12th October**, 2 – 3.30pm. Everyone will be required to sit in groups of six, socially distanced. Bring a chair and blanket.

Strollers

Our October walk is this Thursday afternoon ie **October 8th 2020**

We are catching the number 2 Exeter bus from Teignmouth WH Smith's bus stop at 1.11pm which then leaves Dawlish at 1.25pm...we're going to the Powderham Castle bus stop

Walk includes footbridge and short hilly path ...it will take around an hour and is along grassy footpaths through the Powderham Estate to Powderham Church Rd...we then follow the road alongside the railway line back to Powderham cafe for refreshments if required...buses back home are from nearby bus stop at 5 and 35 mins past each hour

Recommend appropriate strong footwear + be prepared for possibility of light showers👍

Remember Covid 19 social distancing restrictions plus wearing masks is required for bus travel and when entering cafe's,pubs etc😊

Great Lives

The Great Lives Group have recommenced outdoor meetings, including the double garages at 6 Town Mills, with both doors open as protection from rain, snow or hail, for up to 6 members.

Our next scheduled meeting is on **Friday, 23rd October**, when Hil Parker hopes to reveal the Great Life of Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

We regretfully anticipate the loss of some members over the coming months; so if you would be interested in joining the group, or require more information, please contact me.

George Lipscomb

Answers to Last Week's quiz - GUESS THE COUNTRY FROM THE CRYPTIC CLUES

1. Could be an aquarium - **FINLAND**
2. May get pains from this one - **SPAIN**
3. Contained in diameter - **INDIA**
4. Pottery - **CHINA**
5. One in last name - **SURINAME**
6. Sounds like a green item of clothing - **CAPE VERDE**
7. Peckish - **HUNGARY**
8. Do your shopping here - **DUBAI**
9. The cub always has this one - **CUBA**
10. Do elephants holiday here - **IVORY COAST**
11. The mail may get here - **MALI**
12. Sounds like a line and a heavy object - **KUWAIT**
13. Dance the rumba - **BURMA**
14. I escaped - **IRAN**
15. Type of tree - **CYPRUS (CYPRESS)**
16. Understand yes - **KENYA**
17. What you do to see in a crowd - **UKRAINE**
18. Is the girl able to - **CANADA**
19. Sounds like a bird and continent - **CROATIA**
20. The vocalist has no money - **SINGAPORE**

This week's Quiz - Devon

1. At which Devon market town was William of Orange first proclaimed King?
2. Devon Rex is a breed of which animal?
3. Which famous architect designed Castle Drogo?
4. Which opera premiered in Paignton on 30th December 1879?
5. Which famous painting shows the sea wall at Budleigh Salterton?
6. The 'Water babies' novel was inspired by which location?
7. Which town was destroyed by a flash flood in August 1952?
8. Which game was invented in India by British Army officers serving with the Devonshire Regiment?
9. Until 1897 what was the name given to Devon's own parliament and courts?
10. Which Devon town contains half the letters of the alphabet without any letter being repeated?
11. What are the names of the highest cliffs in Devon?
12. What is the name of the principal seat of the English dukes of Devonshire?
13. The South Devon railway was built by Brunel in 1843 and was powered by which revolutionary new system?
14. Which Devon city is also the capital of the Caribbean Island of Montserrat?
15. Born in Devon in 1929, who was the leader of the Liberal party from 1967 to 1976?
16. Which breed of dog takes its name from a 19th century Devonshire vicar who bred them?
17. Where was Sir Francis Drake born?
18. Who wrote the book 'History of the World' whilst imprisoned in the Tower of London?
19. Which ornamental fabric is named after the Devon town in which it has been produced since the 17th century?
20. Which island off the coast of Devon takes its name from the Norse word for Puffin?

Answers Next Week

Some Funnies

Archaeologists excavating a tomb in Egypt have discovered a mummified body covered in chocolate and hazelnuts. They believe it to be Pharaoh Rocher.

Just visited the birthplace of the founder of modern dentistry. Surprised there is not some kind of plaque on the wall.

I'm writing a book about hurricanes and tornadoes...it's only a draft at the moment!

Someone complimented me on my driving yesterday. They left a note on the windscreen which said 'Parking fine'. How nice...

The Senior Citizen handed her bank card to a cashier and said, "I would like to withdraw £10." The cashier told the lady, "For withdrawals less than £100 please use the ATM." She wanted to know why and so the cashier returned her bank card and irritably told her, "These are the rules. Please leave if there is no other matter. There is a queue behind you." The lady remained silent for a few seconds, then handed the card back to the cashier and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have." The cashier was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her "you have £30,000 in your account and the bank doesn't have that much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come again tomorrow?" The lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The cashier told her any amount up to £3000. "Well, please let me have £3000 now". The cashier then handed the money respectfully to her. The lady put £10 in her bag and asked the cashier to deposit £2990 back into her account. The moral of this tale Don't be difficult with Senior Citizens, they spent a lifetime learning the skills!

Fascinating Facts

Circa 1864, Edwin Booth saved the life of a stranger who fell between a train and its platform in Jersey City. The stranger was Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert. A year later, John Wilkes Booth assassinated President Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in Washington. Edwin was John Wilkes Booth's elder brother!

'Routes to anywhere in mainland Britain by road from Letchworth', 'Cremation practice and law in Britain' and 'The banana industry' have all been rejected as specialized subjects by Mastermind.

Home Covid Tests

1. Pour a large glass of red wine, try to smell it.
2. If you can smell the wine, then drink it to see if you can taste it.
3. If you can taste and smell that proves you don't have Covid.

Last night I did the test 19 times and all were negative, thank God.

Tonight I'm going to do the test again, because this morning I awoke with a headache and feel like I am coming down with something.

I am so nervous!

Richard W



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