



Dawlish

and District U3A

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'Chair's Chatter'

You name it and you can communicate to others with it; Snap Chat, Instagram, Facebook messenger, We chat, Twitter, Pinterest, Viber, WhatsApp, Skype, FaceTime, I message, and something called Zoom. I wonder which ones you have used in the past or do now.

Recently I have been zooming to attend Rotary Club meetings in locations such as Australia, Niger, Hawaii, New York, Belgium, The Philippines, Moldova, South Africa and the Caribbean. I have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship, hearing about local and International projects. One fascinating thing has been to listen to the different accents and not just in English. As you will be aware, a French speaking Canadian has a different accent to a Parisian or somebody from Geneva. I had to listen intently to the French spoken in Niger to ensure I understood everything. That said, how about us Brits?

Our Dawlish and District U3A members come from different parts of the UK and if we asked each of you where you hailed from, we would come up with an interesting result. How about these accents in the British Isles – Scottish, Geordie, Scouse, Yorkshire, Welsh, Brummie, West Country, London, Northern Ireland, Home Counties (the Queen's English) and you may think of others. The way words are pronounced is mind blowing! Then we have words

meaning different things in English speaking countries especially between the UK and America. Football and soccer, lorry and truck, bonnet and hood, holiday and vacation, jumper and sweater. Then how about what Australians and Americans say? Friend and mate, tourist and freshie, shoes and chubbers, kangaroo and bouncy mouse. Somebody said that the English language is a work in progress. Have fun with it.

It is not just accents and words meaning different things; how about cultures? What you would do in one culture might be very rude in another. In Thailand, the head is considered to be the most sacred part of the body, so NEVER touch a Thai person on their head. How do you signal someone to come over? Are your fingers pointing up or down? Well in Vietnam (and some other parts of Asia) it matters. When you call a person, you signal with your fingers pointing down, brushing it towards you. In North America and Europe, it is reversed with fingers pointing up. If you did that in Vietnam you would get a slap on the wrist as it means you are calling them over like a dog. Burping in most cultures is a common thing. If you are with your friends and someone lets out a burp you may laugh or be embarrassed. In Taiwan and China, it is a sign of politeness in public. When you belch out loudly you are actually complimenting the chef. I am sure you could tell me a few more cultural differences from either travelling or living abroad.

What a mixed up world we live in and not just because of the present pandemic. We are all different, thank goodness for that and as they say 'variety is the spice of life'. How important it has been for us all to have learnt so many things about other people, nations, cultures and to have had our horizons enlarged. That's what the U3A is as well; a channel by which we learn about each other, learn from each other, learn together through our various interest groups and meetings. A French saying translated says 'The more we know each other, the more we understand each other'.

Let's keep learning and smiling!
Graham

Well we're in it again - another lock down situation.

I think this makes our KIT (Keeping in Touch) scheme mentioned in last week's newsletter, more important than ever.

Please contact Anne Whitehead to let her know if you wish to take part in the KIT scheme, whether to take on keeping in touch with one or two people or wanting someone to keep in touch with you. Please email Anne at annwhitehead63@yahoo.com or ring her on 01626 867 001 or 07786 693 849. If you leave a message with your name and phone number she will get back to you.

This is a brilliant scheme and is certainly needed at this time.
Editor

Weekly zoom Quiz
Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm
Contact **Graham Carey** for information.

Coffee and Chat
Tuesday 3rd November at 10.00am
Last chance for a coffee and chat before lock down. Meeting at Reflections
Contact **Tracy Penfound** for information

Zoom Tutorial
Wednesday 4th November from 2.00pm
Simple guidance about using zoom. One on one tutorial.
Contact **Patricia Angove** for information
patricia.angove@btinternet.com or ring: 07789 743613

French Conversation Group
Thursday 5th at 10.30am. The theme: Memories of the 5th November – Bonfire nights. This meeting will be held on zoom.
For more information contact **Graham Carey**

Monthly Zoom Meetings
Our first Monthly meeting on zoom will be held on **Monday 16th November** at 2pm – Hugh Scudder will be speaking about the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Moldova
Zoom invitation links will be sent out on Friday 13th November to all members with internet connection.

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.

This Tuesday will be the only chance to have a swim before December. For more information contact **Barbara Warburton**

Answers to Last 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? - **£4,312**
2. One in how many households had a telephone in the 1960s? - **FIVE**
3. How much did a 12 minute local call in the evening cost? - **2 PENCE**
4. What was Britain's most popular paper in the 1960s? - **THE DAILY MIRROR**
5. How much did a newspaper cost? - **2 AND A HALF PENCE**
6. How much did a first class stamp cost (introduced in 1968)? - **5 PENCE**
7. How much did a black and white television cost? - **£70**
8. How much did a large loaf of bread cost? - **1 SHILLING, 2 AND A HALF PENCE**
9. How much did a 2lb bag of sugar cost? - **1 SHILLING, 3 PENCE TO 1 SHILLING, NINE PENCE**
10. There was how much stamp duty payable on every cheque? - **TWO PENCE**
11. How much was a road fund licence in 1965? - **£17 TEN SHILLINGS**
12. How much would a gallon of petrol have cost in 1969? - **6 SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE**
13. A suit from Montague Burton, Britain's largest tailoring chain would have cost around how much? - **£24**
14. A pocket transistor radio from Woolworths was how much? - **£3 TWELVE SHILLINGS AND THREE PENCE**
15. How many shillings would a 1968 London to Bournemouth second Class return have been? - **35**
16. The cheapest car for sale in UK in 1965 was the Fiat 500. You could buy one for how much? - **£470**
17. Colour TV started in 1967. How much extra did you pay for a colour television licence? - **£5**
18. How much would you have paid for a Manchester United programme in the 60-61 season? - **2 PENCE**

19. What would an average cinema ticket have cost you in 1963? - **3 SHILLINGS AND A PENNY**

20. In 1966 a 45 rpm single cost how much? - **6 SHILLINGS AND EIGHT PENCE**

Some Funnies

My neighbour was telling me about the time machine he'd invented... I wasn't listening though; it just went in one era and out the other!

What do you call a Mexican who has lost his keys? Carlos

Did you hear about the lady whose entire left side was cut off? She's all right now.

I found a box of frozen fish in the street the other day... I was going to hand it in to the police, but then decided it was a case of Findus kippers!

Just left my job assembling computer keyboards... I didn't like the shifts

I've joined a dating agency for arsonists.... They send me new matches every week

Did you hear about the baguette at the zoo? It was bread in captivity.

The man who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

Just in case you were getting confused about what the rules are regarding Covid I thought you might find this explanation revealing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPhoXZZIciA&fbclid=IwAR3N3JrbVkOfnFmvt8fNza-gF7xqFEI0tcMJm-Klds5TE3svq4blV9k2eY&app=desktop#dialog>

This week's Quiz - WHICH ONE IS THE ODD ONE OUT?

1. Which of these is not a note in the conventional western musical scale: B; C#; D; E#; or G?
2. Which of these is not a type of milk: Homogenized; Condensed; Kwila; Acidophilus; or Kefir?
3. Which of these is not a breed of rabbit: Beveren; Silver Fox; Lionhead; Elfin; or Damani?
4. Which of these was not a Mr Men character: Mr Messy; Mr Naughty; Mr Topsy-Turvy; Mr Bounce; or Mr Impossible?
5. Which of these was/is not a UK Cadbury chocolate brand: Picnic; Toffee Crisp; Crunchie; Milk Tray; or Curly Wurly?
6. Which of these people was not born in India: Paddy Ashdown, Sue Barker, George Orwell, Joanna Lumley or Engelbert Humperdinck?
7. Which of these is not an edible seaweed: Nomura; Arame; Laver; Wakami; or Ogonori?
8. Which of these is not a type of jacket: Eton; Norfolk; Pakul; Donkey; or Eisenhower?
9. Which of these is not a mountain in Canada: Logan; St Elias; Crowfoot; Aracar; or Columbia?
10. Which of these is not a species of shark: Nurse; Beluga; Carpet; Whale; or Megamouth?
11. Which of these is not a wind instrument: Tabla; Quena; Clarytone; Kaval; or Siku?
12. Which of these is not a species of eagle: Bald; Ghost; Harpy; Booted; or Serpent?
13. Which of these is not a type of pasta: Capellini; Bucatini; Mafalde; Buccellato; or Gemelli?
14. Which of these is not geometrical terminology referring to part of a circle: Chord; Arc; Secant; Net; or Radius?
15. Which of these is not a type of daffodil: Fosteriana; Papillon; Tazetta; Jonquilla; or Paperwhite?

16. Which of these is not a song from the musical 'My Fair Lady': A Man Has Dreams; Get Me To the Church On Time; I Could Have Danced All Night; The Rain In Spain; or On the Street Where You Live?
17. Which of these was not an ancient unit of length: Cubit; Stadium; Peck; Palm; or Digit?
18. Which of these is not a chemical element: Alnico; Arsenic; Chlorine; Iodine; Krypton; or Plutonium?
19. Which of these was not the name of an apostle in the Bible: Philip; Daniel; Simon; Thaddeaus; or Andrew?
20. Which of these nations has never played at the Football World Cup Finals: Honduras; Haiti; India; El Salvador; or Trinidad and Tobago?

Answers Next Week

'We have heard that Strictly Come Dancing has re-commenced and Bruce Forsyth ably presented the programme from 2004 – 2013. At the end he always said 'Keep Dancing'. However he was also known for his phrase 'Nice to see you to see you nice'. Well, how about this cartoon and its relevance for today!

Graham Carey

