



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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Winter ideas.

I have been researching the Internet to look for ways of discovering new interests, learning new skills and extending old ones. There is so much out there. I have compiled a list of things that I found of interest and I am happy to share it with everyone. Contact me at 87warburton@gmail.com and I will forward it to you.

Richard W

More Winter ideas.....

Does anyone know how to play Bridge? Would you be interested in guiding us through it using zoom? Would you be interested in learning to play Bridge? How about other card games, I can teach Euchre if anyone is interested. Then, when we can open up again, perhaps we can get together into groups and play some of these card games. Please let me know.

Patricia A (Editor)

Strollers

Just to confirm that there will be **no** Strollers walk on Thursday November 12th.

Weekly Zoom Quiz

Monday 9th November at 7.00pm

Contact **Graham Carey** for information.

History group

Opportunities to join us.

In the next couple of weeks we are going to share interest in some of Melvyn Bragg's downloaded, "In Our Time," podcasts. I have chosen the first and it is an amusing and interesting episode on the history of gin drinking. We plan to listen to it and then share our thoughts and/or share a bit more information we may have found. We would love other members to join us. Just send me your email if you want further information. 87warburton@gmail.com.

Richard W

Monthly Zoom Meetings

We look forward to our **Monday 16th November at 2pm** event. I am sure we will find it beneficial to hear about the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Moldova and see how we as individuals can play our part.

I am offering one last afternoon for a zoom tutorial, on **Thursday 12th November from 3.00pm** onwards. Each tutorial is one on one. So far I have had four members take the opportunity of beginning or honing their Zoom skills. (Really there is no skill to it - it's dead simple, once you know how!)

Editor

Learning • Laughing • Living

French Conversation Group

The next 3 meetings taking us up to 2021 (wow how time flies when you are having fun) will be on:

Thursday 19th November - 'Which job would you never want to do?'

Thursday 3rd December – 'Which was the best party you have ever attended?'

Thursday 17th December – ' My favourite carol or Christmas song'

The meetings will be held on zoom, commencing at 10.30am. For more information contact **Graham Carey**

Walking Companions

Linda Studley is looking for a walking companion to meet outdoors and enjoy fresh air and exercise. Under the current restrictions it will be one-to-one, and social distancing and additional precautions will be taken where appropriate (masks, for example, if the path is narrow). If you are interested in walking together please contact Linda on 07841 754 492 to discuss.

If there are other members who would like to find company for walks please let us know. and we can publish your details in the newsletter.

Anne W

Interesting Facts

The longbow was known as a 'super weapon' in Europe from circa 1300 to 1588. The arrow could penetrate armour at 60 yards, kill at 100 yards, and wound at 250 yards. Incredibly difficult to master, all English men between 12 and 65 were expected to regularly practice their archery and all other sports were banned on a Sunday. Men with an annual income of £2 or more were required to own a bow.

Virtual Tours

Dear U3A Member

Another of our free virtual tours that you might be interested in.

So far our talks have mainly been in the evenings, but with Lockdown 2.0 starting, we've now got some lunchtime tours to get people out and about (virtually) and bring you some history, culture, travel and sights to give a bit of a break during the day.

All of the talks are just £6 and will last 30 minutes (plus time for questions), delivered via Zoom as usual. You can [see the full list here](#).

To introduce these we have this **special free event** – a virtual stroll around London's Parliament Square. To register, just [go here](#) and click the blue button on the page.

The tour will look at (and inside) Parliament itself, sharing some stories and some oddities from history and the British constitution (why can't the Queen enter the House of Commons? And did you know a junior minister is held hostage at Buckingham Palace while HMQ is in Parliament?).

There'll also be a visit to Westminster Abbey, the 'national church', where coronations, royal weddings and royal funerals have taken place since at least 1066. And we'll examine the life and times of some of the people commemorated by statues in the square – including Churchill, Nelson Mandela, Gandhi and Millicent Garrett Fawcett.

I hope your members will join us. [Here's the link to register](#).

Best wishes - Don Brown
www.uktoursonline.com

A Funny

Everyone has heard of the historical figure, Karl Marx. But no one remembers his sister, Onya, who invented the starting pistol.

Answers to Last 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? - **E#**
2. Which of these is not a type of milk: Homogenized; Condensed; Kwila; Acidophilus; or Kefir? - **KWILA**
3. Which of these is not a breed of rabbit: Beveren; Silver Fox; Lionhead; Elfin; or Damani? - **DAMANI**
4. Which of these was not a Mr Men character: Mr Messy; Mr Naughty; Mr Topsy-Turvy; Mr Bounce; or Mr Impossible? - **MR NAUGHTY**
5. Which of these was/is not a UK Cadbury chocolate brand: Picnic; Toffee Crisp; Crunchie; Milk Tray; or Curly Wurly? - **TOFFEE CRISP**
6. Which of these people was not born in India: Paddy Ashdown, Sue Barker, George Orwell, Joanna Lumley or Engelbert Humperdinck? - **SUE BARKER**
7. Which of these is not an edible seaweed: Nomura; Arame; Laver; Wakami; or Ogonori? - **NOMURA**
8. Which of these is not a type of jacket: Eton; Norfolk; Pakul; Donkey; or Eisenhower? - **PAKUL**
9. Which of these is not a mountain in Canada: Logan; St Elias; Crowfoot; Aracar; or Columbia? - **ARACAR**
10. Which of these is not a species of shark: Nurse; Beluga; Carpet; Whale; or Megamouth? - **BELUGA**
11. Which of these is not a wind instrument: Tabla; Quena; Clarytone; Kaval; or Siku? - **TABLA**
12. Which of these is not a species of eagle: Bald; Ghost; Harpy; Booted; or Serpent? - **GHOST**
13. Which of these is not a type of pasta: Capellini; Bucatini; Mafalde; Buccellato; or Gemelli? - **BUCCELLATO**
14. Which of these is not geometrical terminology referring to part of a circle: Chord; Arc; Secant; Net; or Radius? - **NET**

15. Which of these is not a type of daffodil: Fosteriana; Papillon; Tazetta; Jonquilla; or Paperwhite? -

FOSTERIANA

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? - **A MAN HAS DREAMS**

17. Which of these was not an ancient unit of length: Cubit; Stadium; Peck; Palm; or Digit? - **PECK**

18. Which of these is not a chemical element: Alnico; Arsenic; Chlorine; Iodine; Krypton; or Plutonium? - **ALNICO**

19. Which of these was not the name of an apostle in the Bible: Philip; Daniel; Simon; Thaddeaus; or Andrew? - **DANIEL**

20. Which of these nations has never played at the Football World Cup Finals: Honduras; Haiti; India; El Salvador; or Trinidad and Tobago? - **INDIA**

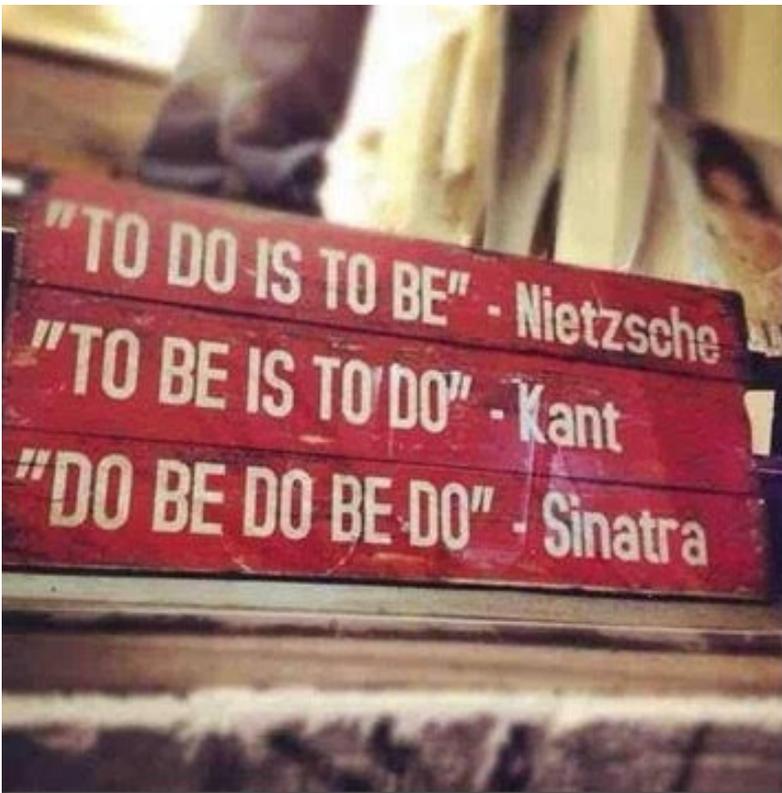
This week's Quiz - WHAT ARE THE CAPITAL CITIES

1. ORPLITI
2. BILNDU
3. JNLBUA
4. HSBNEDUA
5. MAODDO
6. SIKNWGONT
7. EVIK
8. OUAMJR
9. IRABNIO
10. KPJEOS
11. VMTIEONEOD
12. HMTOCKOSL
13. ERFTONEW
14. AOHNIRA
15. NYAOUNDE
16. KARAAN
17. SNKOYGIN
18. NKSMI
19. UHAKMRTO
20. SCERU

Answers Next Week

Snail Mail

One of our members had a newsletter delivered in October with a letter of apology from Royal Mail. Apparently a colony of snails had taken up residence in the post box and they'd chomped their way through the post as they like the gum. Now who knew that? U3A is certainly about learning. The newsletter was in a sorry state but our member saw the funny side and wondered if any others had received the leftovers of the Snail Banquet. We quite liked the idea of them sitting around in the warmth, waiting for the next delivery of their food, like so many of us.



More interesting Facts

Blackpool Tower's cast steel and iron frame is built in such a way that if it did ever collapse it would fall into the sea. It's built with 5 million bricks, 2,500 tonnes of iron and is 518 feet tall.

In 1882, author Morgan Robertson wrote a book about ship called the "Titan" which sank in the North Atlantic after striking an iceberg. Thirty years, the Titanic did the exact same thing. The similarities are eerie. The Titan was 800 feet long while the Titanic was 882 feet long. Both ships sank in April. Neither ship had enough lifeboats aboard to save all the occupants.

More Funnies

The farmer allows walkers to cross the field but the bull charges.

He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

My girlfriend left me because of my obsession with Italian food... I'm feeling cannelloni right now!

Corona Virus Funnies

Chinese doctors have confirmed the name of the first person to contract Coronavirus. His name is Ah-Chu.

I sneezed in the bank today, it was the most attention I have received from the staff in the last 10 years.

They said that a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket. They lied, everyone else had clothes on.