



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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Dawlish & District U3A Zoom

Talk

Monday 14th December at 2.00pm

Life Between the Tides at Dawlish by Toby Sherwin

In my former life at the Scottish Association for Marine Science at Oban I was a Physical Oceanographer researching, amongst other things, the circulation of the waters of the North Atlantic. Since retiring to Dawlish I have continued my fascination in the sea by learning about and photographing the animals and seaweeds that live in that most challenging of environments, the tidal shore. As a result I have set up, with a collaborator, a public Facebook site and a Marine Life Interest Group both with the name 'Shores of South Devon'. In this talk I shall give you a brief introduction of some of the most iconic examples of Devon's marine life (from static barnacles to the aggressive Velvet Swimming Crab) that live on the rocks facing the Coryton Cove beach huts at Dawlish.

Weekly Zoom Quiz

Monday 7th December at 7pm.

Also on 14th December and a special Christmas quiz on the 21st December. Contact **Graham** for more info

Strollers

Thursday, December 10th

We are exploring Teignmouth old cemetery (on left off Higher Buckeridge Rd) The site is around 12 acres and on a gradual slope, grassy footpaths so suitable footwear advised. No toilets, cafes or pubs nearby 😊

Plenty of car parking along Higher Buckeridge Road. For pedestrians, suggest catching 22 Dawlish Warren bus from WH Smith's bus stop in Teignmouth at 1.20pm. Bus leaves town via Orchard Gardens and Exeter Rd then New Road. Bus fare for anyone minus bus pass is £1.80 single. We get off at 2nd stop along New Road. Higher Buckeridge Rd is few metres back from bus stop.

The plan is to meet up by Friends on Teignmouth Cemetery noticeboard just inside cemetery entrance gate. The guided tour commences 1.45pm with lots to see including Victorian buildings, fascinating headstones, wonderful trees, great views etc

New D&D U3A Strollers most welcome to come along

Buses back to Dawlish Warren at 14.31pm, 15.36pm and 16.31pm

Jean Gitsham

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch is still down for the 21st but all depends on what the review of Devon's tier is on the 16th December. I will let people know nearer the time but I am still taking names.

For more information please contact **Graham Carey**

Literature Group News

During the first lockdown our Group continued to partially receive our Monthly book selection from Devon Libraries, and we kept in touch with each other by phone.

Since June we have met informally on a weekly basis both socially and at our monthly gathering in a group of 6. It has meant a great support for us all and we had many lively discussions, and although we have had to temporarily cease these, we have reverted to our phone chats.

The books during these periods have provided an interesting diversity of reading matter, and some of these I am sharing with you.

July – The Wake – Anna Hope

A compelling tale of 3 women dealing with the aftermath of WW1, and its impact of the men in their lives. Their connection woven by the story of the Unknown Warrior. The book was well received by our members, although it was often emotional and heart-rending.

August – The Silkworm – Robert Galbraith (aka JK Rowling)

A very different read from the author of the Harry Potter series. Recently it has been shown on television under the heading of "Strike", and is a captivating detective story set in the world of publishing, with well defined and interesting characters and an intriguing storyline full of "red herrings". Again, the

majority of the group would highly recommend this book.

Sept - The Familiars - Stacey Hall

This book is fiction but is based on historic fact with the names and location being true. It is set in the 17th Century and is based on the real-life stories of the Lancashire Witches and the influences and consequences of their actions. It follows the life of a young upper class girl; how male dominance affects her life and how association with Witches is life-changing. The group mostly agreed it was a book which proved surprisingly very interesting and enjoyable.

October - Machines like me - Ian McEwan

Swimming Group

The pool at Cofton is now open, but I am going to suggest that we wait until January before beginning our Tuesday afternoon swimming sessions. I will be in touch again early in the New Year.

Barbara Warburton

Covid-19 Latest

Devon County Council reports that although Covid-19 cases in Devon have fallen by a third on two weeks ago, the number among the over 80s has increased. We must remain careful, keep our distance, wear face coverings indoors in a public space and wash hands regularly. Please let us all stay safe.

Fascinating Fact

Hitler's name would have been 'Adolf Schicklgruber' – however, his father changed his name in 1877.

Answers to Last Weeks Quiz - WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

(Have a go. Some of these were actually the million pound question!)

1. Which King was married to Eleanor of Aquitaine? : **A** – Henry I, **B** – Henry II, **C** – Richard I, **D** – Henry V

2. If you planted the seeds of Quercus robur, what would grow? : **A** – Trees, **B** – Flowers, **C** – Vegetables, **D** – Grain

3. Which scientific unit is named after an Italian nobleman? : **A** – Pascal, **B** – Ohm, **C** – Volt, **D** – Hertz

4. Which boxer struck the gong in the introduction to J Arthur Rank films? :

A - Billy Wells, **B** – Freddie Mills, **C** - Terry Spinks, **D** – Don Cockell

5. Which insect shorted out an early supercomputer and inspired the term "computer bug"? : **A** – Moth, **B** – Roach, **C** – Fly, **D** – Japanese beetle

6. Khrushchev's famous 1960 shoe-banging outburst at the UN was in response to a delegate from where? : **A** – Australia, **B** – The Netherlands, **C** – The Philippines, **D** – Turkey

7. Which of the following men does not have a chemical element named for him? : **A** – Albert Einstein, **B** – Niels Bohr, **C** – Isaac Newton, **D** – Enrico Fermi

8. Which of the following landlocked countries is entirely contained within another country? : **A** – Lesotho, **B** – Burkina Faso, **C** – Mongolia, **D** – Luxembourg

9. The word "tabby" is derived from the name of a district of what world capital? : **A** – Baghdad, **B** – New Delhi, **C** – Cairo, **D** – Moscow

10. The song "God Bless America" was originally written for what 1918 musical? : **A** – "Oh Lady! Lady!!!", **B** – "Yip, Yip, Yaphank", **C** – "Blossom Time", **D** – "Watch Your Step"

11. What scientist first determined that human sight results from images projected onto the retina? : **A** – Galileo, **B** – Copernicus, **C** – Johannes Kepler, **D** – Isaac Newton

12. The US icon Uncle Sam was based on Samuel Wilson who worked during the War of 1812 as a what? : **A** – Meat inspector, **B** – Mail deliverer, **C** – Historian, **D** – Weapons mechanic

13. How many days make up a non-leap year in the Islamic calendar? : **A** – 365, **B** – 400, **C** – 354, **D** – 376

14. Famous pediatrician and author Dr. Benjamin Spock won an Olympic gold medal in what sport? : **A** – Swimming, **B** – Rowing, **C** – Fencing, **D** – Sailing

15. What club did astronaut Alan Shepard use to make his famous golf shot on the moon?: **A** – Nine iron, **B** – Sand wedge, **C** – Six iron, **D** – Seven iron

16. Neurologists believe that the brain's medial ventral prefrontal cortex is activated when you do what? : **A** – Have a panic attack, **B** – Remember a name, **C** – Get a joke, **D** – Listen to music

17. The Earth is approximately how many miles away from the Sun? : **A** - 9.3 million, **B** – 39 million, **C** – 93 million, **D** – 193 million

18. Who is credited with inventing the first mass-produced helicopter? : **A** – Igor Sikorsky, **B** – Elmer Sperry, **C** – Ferdinand von Zeppelin, **D** – Gottlieb Daimler

19. Who did artist Grant Wood use as the model for the farmer in his classic painting "American Gothic"? : **A** – Travelling salesman, **B** – Local sheriff, **C** – His dentist, **D** – His butcher

20. The children's novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was written in : **A** – 1960, **B** – 1962, **C** – 1964, **D** – 1966

Some Funnies

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

What disease did cured ham actually have?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

**This Weeks Quiz -
CHRISTMAS SONGS AND CAROLS.
WHAT ARE THEY?**

1. FTS
2. RATCT
3. WSW
4. TFN
5. WW
6. TLDB
7. SR
8. RTRNR
9. OCAYF
10. MAW
11. MBC
12. JTTW
13. IWICBCED
14. TTDOC
15. MCE
16. ICUTMN
17. DDMOH
18. HTHAS
19. ISTS
20. OHN

Answers Next Week

"Hello, is that the Covid Police ?.....There's a Group of seven people outside my house.....No definately more than six.....No not a family"

"But Hyacinth , it's a Bus Stop"



Vitamin D

As we are spending a lot more time indoors and cannot get our Vitamin D from sunlight we are advised to take a Vit. D supplement each day. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you can get a free - 4 - month supply of daily vitamin D supplements but you must register for them by 4th January 2021

More funnies

Why is it that people say they ' slept like a baby' when babies wake you like every 2 hours?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

I was wondering why the ball kept getting bigger and bigger and then it hit me.

Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service and she is in tears. He says, 'So what's bothering you, Mary my dear. She says,' Oh Father, I've got terrible news, my husband passed away last night' The priest says, Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, did he have any last requests? 'That he did Father.' 'What did he ask, Mary? He said, 'Mary, it's not what it looks like. Would you please put down that gun.'

Another Fascinating Fact

By area, Carlisle is the largest city in the United Kingdom – it has an area of 402 square miles.