



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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Chair's Chatter

No googling but I wonder if you remember a song composed by Raymond Wallace in 1931. You will when I tell you it was titled "Jolly Good Company". If only we were mirroring some of the lyrics:

'Here we are again, happy as can be, all good friends and jolly good company. Driving round the town, out upon a spree, all good friends and jolly good company. Never mind the weather, never mind the rain, now we're all together, whoops she goes again..'

Perhaps we should change the words to:

'Here we are again, lockdown number 3, stuck at home and missing the company. Where are all my friends, I'm going round the bend, but I'm sure that one day we'll see an end...'

An end? Yes, there is light at the end of the tunnel. I wonder how many of our members have already had the first vaccination developed by Pfizer/BioNTech or Oxford/AstraZeneca. As children we might have had vaccinations against Chicken Pox, Diphtheria, Hepatitis, Influenza, Measles, Mumps, Polio, Rubella, Small Pox, Tetanus, Tuberculosis. Added to that we may have had vaccinations due to travelling to certain countries, including jabs against Cholera, Malaria, Meningitis, Rabies, Typhoid, Yellow Fever. I remember having a vaccination against pneumonia when I was 60 and now I have reached 70, in time I will have a vaccination

against Shingles. How have our arms survived? 😊

People used to talk about someone who had been vaccinated with a gramophone needle; a person disposed to lengthy or endless chatter. I know we can't wait to get back to our face to face group and monthly meetings. When we can, what a lot of catching up we will have and I think we could at that point be excused from having been vaccinated with a gramophone needle!!

Take care and please try and remain safe and contented.

Graham

K-e-e-p Walking

As a member of the 'Strollers' Group I would once again like to offer 'one to one' walking to Dawlish members. This will be socially distanced walking with just one other person.

If members would like to contact me or Jean I would be happy to make a list to circulate to everyone who is interested.

This was very successful at the Teignmouth group during the last lockdown.

My 'phone number is 07841754492.

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Best wishes Linda Studley and
K - e - e - p walking.

Weekly Zoom Quiz

MONDAY AT 7PM. 6 rounds of 10 questions and any one interested in quizzes might like to participate.

To join in, please contact **Graham Carey**

French Conversation

June, another new member, joined the group on Thursday. We discussed Holiday roll overs; where we should have gone in 2020 and hopefully will this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 21st** when we will be conversing about 'If you were in a Circus which character would you be?'

We have had 3 people join in recent times and any one who has an interest in French is welcome to 'parlez-vous'.

Graham

Dawlish & District U3A Monthly

Talk on Zoom

Monday 18th January – at 2pm. Councillor Alison Woden will be talking to us about her role as the Dawlish Town Mayor.

Strollers

Due to full Covid lockdown regulations our Strollers monthly walks are cancelled until further notice.

Take care and keep safe, **Jean**

Alert - Corona Virus Vaccination

Scams

As of 7 January 2021, Action Fraud had received 57 reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online

form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

Pauline Smith, Head of Action Fraud, said:

"Remember, the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, this is a scam."

How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccinations will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a local GP surgery or pharmacy, to receive your vaccination. **Remember, the vaccinations are free of charge and you will not be asked for a payment.**

The NHS will never:

- * ask for your bank account or card details
- * ask for your PIN or banking passwords
- * arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- * ask for documentation to prove your identity, such as a passport or utility bills

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number **7726**, which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting:

www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Answers to Last Weeks Quiz - ANAGRAMS AND CONNECTIONS ANAGRAMS

1. On any screen? (Actor) - **SEAN CONNERY**
2. Welsh kit at knee? (TV programme) - **THE WEAKEST LINK**
3. Leg is crisp? (Pop group) - **SPICE GIRLS**
4. Long fridge? (Film) - **GOLDFINGER**
5. So I'm cutler? (Actor) - **TOM CRUISE**
6. I like guy on me? (Singer) - **KYLIE MINOGUE**
7. So not a recent riot? (TV programme) - **CORONATION STREET**
8. Comedian link? (Actress) - **NICOLE KIDMAN**
9. That cage is hair? (Author) - **AGATHA CHRISTIE**
10. Con bites male flesh? (Film) - **SILENCE OF THE LAMBS**

CONNECTIONS

Can you find the connection that links each of the answers to the first nine questions?

1. Actor Richard Kiel is best known for playing the same character in two different films. What is the name of this character? - **JAWS (JAMES BOND)**
2. Which American author created the character Rip Van Winkle? - **WASHINGTON IRVING**
3. "Pebbles and Bam Bam" was a spin-off of which TV series? - **THE FLINTSTONES**
4. In which Formula One team did Damon Hill replace Nigel Mansell? - **WILLIAMS**
5. In what year did the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbour? - **1941**
6. What was the name of the character played by Harrison Ford in the films "Clear And Present Danger" and "Patriot Games"? - **JACK RYAN**
7. In which American state is there a town called Santa Claus, which receives over half a million letters and requests at Christmas time? - **INDIANA**

8. What colour in art is said to signify royalty? - **PURPLE**
9. Who wrote "The Importance Of Being Earnest"? - **OSCAR WILDE**
10. What is the connection? - **STEVEN SPIELBERG**
 He directed the film "Jaws", married Amy Irving in 1985, was executive producer on the film "The Flintstones", often uses John Williams for the music on his films, directed the film "1941", directed the film "Saving Private Ryan", directed the series of films with the main character of Indiana Jones, directed the film "The Colour Purple" and has won Best Director award at the Oscar ceremony.

Some funnies

Why did Cinderella get kicked off the football team? Because she ran away from the ball.

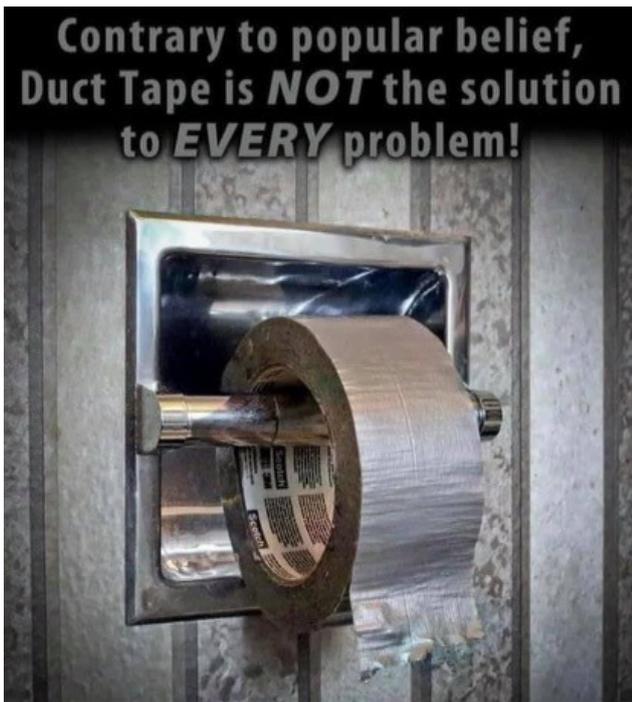
A cement mixer collided with a prison van on the motorway. Motorists are asked to be on the lookout for 16 hardened criminals.

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says, "That's the ugliest baby that I've ever seen. Ugh!" The woman goes to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her, "The driver just insulted me!" The man says, "You go right up there and tell him off – go ahead, I'll hold your monkey for you."

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away.

Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek? Because he was always spotted.

Mahatma Gandhi often walked barefoot which produced an impressive set of callouses on his feet. He also ate very little, making him rather frail and with his odd diet he often suffered from bad breath. This made him a super calloused fragile mystic hexed with halitosis.



**This Weeks Quiz -
CLOTHES – ANSWERS CONTAIN
SOMETHING YOU MIGHT WEAR**

1. South Pacific atoll which saw the detonation of 23 nuclear weapons by the United States between 1946 and 1958
2. A snake, indigenous to North America, venomous but not fatal to humans, average 50cm long and come in a variety of colours
3. A group of people living in the area around the Pyrenees in Spain and France
4. A breed of dairy cattle
5. Character played by Julie Walters in Acorn Antiques
6. A recurring character in the Blackadder series
7. He led the Charge of the Light Brigade at the Battle of Balaclava
8. A flexible tube for conveying a liquid
9. An area of hard ground where aircraft are parked
10. The portion of the earth, about 1800 miles thick, between the core and the crust

PUT THEM IN ORDER

1. Put these Bond movies in order of release: The Living Daylights, Die Another Day, Diamonds Are Forever, Moonraker
2. In descending order, put these countries in order of population: Indonesia, Brazil, Bangladesh, Russia
3. In ascending order: Earl, Viscount, Baron, Marquess.
4. Put these Andrew Lloyd-Webber musicals in order they appeared in London's West End theatres: Aspects of Love, Cats, The Woman in White, Sunset Boulevard
5. Put these British poets in the order they were born: Thomas Hardy, Cecil Day-Lewis, Rudyard Kipling, William Wordsworth
6. Put these cities that have hosted the Summer or Winter Olympic Games (since 2008) in chronological order: London, Beijing, Sochi, Vancouver
7. In descending size: Isle of Wight, Isle of Skye, Isle of Man, Isle of Anglesey
8. Put these football teams in descending order of the number of times they have won the FA Cup: Tottenham Hotspur, Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers, Arsenal
9. Put these sports venues in descending order of seating capacity: Wembley Stadium, Twickenham, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Hard Rock Stadium - (Hard Rock is in Miami, home to Miami Dolphins NFL, and has hosted 6 Super Bowls finals).
10. Put these British newspapers in chronological order of the year they first appeared: The Sun, The Times, Daily Mirror, The Daily Telegraph

Answers Next Week

A Fascinating Fact

Woodpeckers have evolved tongues so long that they wrap around and cushion their brain to protect their heads while banging against trees.