



Dawlish

and District U3A

Newsletter

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From The Groups Co-Ordinator

Welcome to the u3a Coffee Zoom

We've had a great suggestion for meeting up via zoom to share informal chat in small groups (of six?). I don't know about you, but I've become used to seeing people only from the neck up, so perhaps there could be a competition each time to guess who's still wearing their pyjama bottoms?

For zooms to happen we need volunteers to host the events, which will involve sending out the invitations and admitting everyone into the meeting. It doesn't mean that you're responsible for entertaining the troops, just keeping them in order.

If you'd like to host an event but feel a bit uncertain about how to do so, help is always available. If you're not used to zoom, joining a meeting is very easy, you just need to have the zoom app loaded onto your device.

Please get in touch with me if you'd like to share time with your u3a friends (and maybe people you've not yet met).

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Weekly Zoom Quiz

Weekly quiz continuing each Monday on zoom at 7pm. Next one tomorrow 1st February.

French Conversation Group

Thursday 4th February at 10.30am on zoom. The discussion will be – Who has been your favourite comedian?

Graham

Monthly Talk on Zoom

Monday 15th February at 2pm – Brian Chapman giving an update on the Devon Air Ambulance.

Dawlish Easter Yarnbomb

Val Hempstock is organising the Dawlish Easter Yarnbomb.

If any members knit or crochet I would be delighted if they contact me to take part.

Please email Val at:

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Going for an injection

Then think about this! A study by the University of California found that smiling, and more so, making a grimace (which utilises muscles around the eyes, cheek muscles and wrinkling of the brow) give lower pain ratings than keeping a neutral expression.

With 10% of the global population estimated to be needle phobic and the amount of injections that are taking place we should see a lot more smiling and/or grimacing around the world.

Answers to Last Weeks Quiz - SMALLEST AND LARGEST

1. Smallest continent - **AUSTRALIA**
2. Largest wall - **THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA**
3. Largest land animal - **BUSH ELEPHANT**
4. Smallest country - **VATICAN CITY**
5. Smallest desert - **CARCROSS**
6. Largest island - **GREENLAND**
7. Smallest ocean - **ARTIC**
8. Largest democracy - **INDIA**
9. Smallest river - **THE ROE**
10. Largest country - **RUSSIA**
11. Largest animal - **BLUE WHALE**
12. Smallest democracy - **NAURU**
13. Smallest island - **BISHOPS ROCK**
14. Largest desert - **SAHARA**
15. Largest continent - **ASIA**
16. Smallest animal - **TARDIGRADES**
17. Smallest bird - **HUMMINGBIRD**
18. Largest ocean - **PACIFIC**
19. Most populated country - **CHINA**
20. Least populated country - **VATICAN CITY**

This Weeks Quiz - THE MISSING ONE AND 7,8,9,10

1. Top 5 longest river in the world: 1-Nile, 2-Amazon, 3-Yangtze, 4-??, 5-Yenisei
2. Top 5 countries by area (do not include Antarctica as it is owned by many countries): 1-Russia, 2-??, 3-China, 4-United States, 5-Brazil
3. Artists who have had the most UK No. 1 hits (since it start in 1952): 1-Elvis Presley (21 hits), 2-Beatles (17 hits), 3-Cliff Richard (14 hits), 4 ?? (14 hits), 5 Madonna (13 hits)
4. Top 5 longest running West End shows: 1-The Mousetrap, 2-??, 3-The Phantom of the Opera, 4-The Woman in Black, 5-Blood Brothers
5. Top 5 nations that have appeared at most football World Cup finals: 1-Brazil, 2-Germany, 3-??, 4-Argentina, 5-Mexico
6. Top 5 counties of England by their highest point: 1-Cumbria (Scafell Pike), 2-Northumberland (The Cheviot), 3-

Durham (Mickle Fell), 4-North Yorkshire (Wharfedale), 5-?? (Black Mountain)

7. Top 5 countries by population: 1-China, 2-India, 3-United States, 4-??, 5-Pakistan
8. Top 5 airlines in the world, by countries served (as of Dec 2020): 1-?? (121 countries), 2-Air France (91 countries), 3-British Airways (82 countries), 4-Ethiopian Airlines (81 countries), 5-Emirates (78 countries)
9. Top 5 most expensive footballers bought by British teams (as of Dec 2020): 1-Paul Pogba (Man Utd £89m), 2-Harry Maguire (Man Utd £80m), 3-Romelu Lukaku (Man Utd £75m), 4-?? (Liverpool £75m), 5-Nicolas Pépé (Arsenal £72m)
10. Rolls Royce produced 5 models of car (in 2020). In price order: 1-Phantom, 2-??, 3-Cullinan, 4-Wraith, 5-Ghost

Each answer can be found by adding or subtracting one letter from the previous answer, or if the same number of letters, a straight anagram.

1. Thick, sweet, clear liquid used in making food sweet, making medicines and making explosives (Plural) (10).
2. A word used in signing off a letter when you know the person you are addressing (9)
3. Part of a gun..... or an exhaust (8)
4. Lays or leans in comfortable position (8)
5. (American spelling) - A document showing that you have official permission to carry out a specific activity (7)
6. Rejects (8)
7. A plant based oil used in varnish for wood finishing, as a pigment binder in oil paints, and as a plasticiser and hardener in putty. (7)
8. A soldier with rank below that of a commissioned officer. (8)
9. Gave off a sparkling or lustrous reflection from a polished surface, or water (9)
10. A young plant, but not a cutting (8)

Answers Next Week

BREAKING

Do not let them take
your temperature
when going
into the store!
It's a scam! They're
erasing your
memory! I went in
for bread and milk
and came out with
six bottles of wine.

her up bright and early and off they went to a local theme park.

What a day! He put her on every ride; the Big Dipper, the Ghost train, the Dodgems, to name but a few. Wow! Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park, her head reeling.

The husband then took his wife to McDonald for a happy meal along with extra fries and a refreshing milk shake. Then off to the cinema to view the latest Disney film.

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed. He leaned over and lovingly asked 'Well dear what was it like being 10 again?' Wearily she raised her head and said 'Darling, I meant my dress size!'

Covid Limericks

A man in his Covid box,
Got so bored that he ironed his socks.
His wife got the frights,
When he ironed her tights,
So she found a safe place, like Fort
Knox..

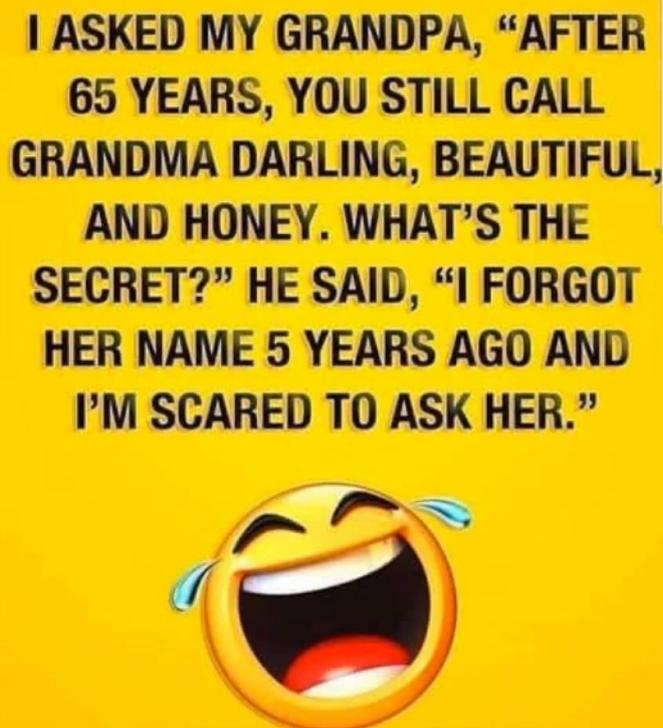
We've all spent our time every day,
Keeping the virus at bay.
But saving the nation,
Here comes vaccination,
And soon we can go out to play.

Some Funnies

I am suing my local fishmongers for selling undersized shellfish... I'm going to take them to the small clams court!

I wish my wife was one of those government agents who aren't allowed to talk about what they did at work all day.

A man asked his wife what she would like for her 60th birthday and she said to be 10 again. On the morning of her birthday ,which was a Saturday, he got



Fascinating Fact

Madagascar, the world's fourth-largest island, has been an island since about 88 million years ago when it split from India. Because of its isolation, more than 80 per cent of the animal and plant species found there are seen nowhere else on Earth.

The Mayor of Dawlish meets members of Dawlish & District u3a

Members of Dawlish & District u3a were very pleased to welcome the Mayor of Dawlish, Alison Foden, to their monthly meeting in January. Alison is a well-known figure in the Dawlish community, and even more so at present as she is continuing in her term of office for a second year.

Ms Foden spoke about how she became involved in the life of this community soon after she moved to the town. The destruction of the railway line caused by the disastrous storm in February 2014 was a key moment in raising her awareness of local issues. She began to serve as a town councillor in 2015, and also represents Kenn Valley on Teignbridge District Council. She is active in other local organisations, including the town's Twinning and Fairtrade Associations. Her active life in community organisations is combined with her 'day job' as a clinical trials administrator at the RD&E Hospital.

After a period as deputy mayor, Alison was a natural choice to be asked to serve as Mayor in May 2019. She anticipated a busy period

Alison clearly enjoys this side of the role, and a particular highlight was participating in events with the town's twin town Carhaix-Plouger in Brittany. It may seem a long time ago now, but just a year ago, news coverage was dominated by the frightening images of



July 2019: 100th anniversary of buses in Devon



Dawlish Twinning Association – visit from Carhaix

representing the town and council at a wide range of social events, encouraging community life, charity fund raising and much else, all in addition to her demanding schedule of work as a town and district councillor. There is always a very full diary, and she looked forward to the opportunity to extend her wardrobe while supporting dress shops and other businesses in Dawlish!

bush fires devastating large areas of Australia, killing wildlife and destroying habitat on an unimaginable scale. In an act of solidarity, the Mayor sent a message to the Governor of New South Wales as Dawlish's much-loved resident the black swan, originates in that part of the world.

As we all know, life does not always work out as planned. Lock down since March 2020 means that much of our community and social life has ground to a halt. This meant that the role of Mayor has been transformed. Council activity swiftly moved to being conducted remotely, and the rich array of social and community events has been put on hold. In order to ensure some degree of continuity, Alison agreed to extend her period in office for a further year. Who knows whether there will be any return to 'business as usual' before her second term concludes in May?