



# Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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## Committee News

Like members throughout Dawlish & District u3a, I was sorry to learn that Graham Carey had decided to step down as Chair. He was an extremely enthusiastic leader of the organisation, and especially so during the past uniquely challenging year. Graham has given an enormous amount to our u3a, including high energy, good humour, optimism, creativity, imagination, concern for others, and the ability to get people involved and enjoying life together. Alongside a great many hard working committee members and others across our u3a, he has done much to keep our group alive – and even grow - during lock down. Those qualities are always important but never more so than now when we are making exciting plans to relaunch with an Open Day in September.

Not the least of my reasons for regretting Graham's decision is that I now rather surprisingly find myself as Acting Chair of our u3a! I hope I can carry on Graham's good work and help the u3a to emerge from lock down in a strong position. I have agreed with the Committee to step up to the lead role from Vice Chair, but only until our AGM which takes place in September. That will be an opportunity for someone new to take us forward. Surely this is a time for a woman to become Chair! This is not only because I am reliably informed that the best man for a job is a woman, but also because an

organisation such as ours with a large majority of female members should have women well represented in leadership roles. We have never had a woman as Chair, and it is high time that we did.

Not the least of Graham's achievements was to encourage several new women and men to join the Committee, and they are all making a real difference. We have many capable existing committee members who might like to become Chair but I also hope that others will put themselves forward to join the Committee in the weeks to come, and even consider taking the lead. This refreshment of the Committee is vital as it brings new ideas, experience, talents and energy to benefit everyone. If anyone is interested in discussing this, I would be pleased to speak to them about how the Committee works and what specific roles are available. Please contact me on [enquiries@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:enquiries@u3a.dawlish.info). I look forward to hearing from you.

**John Vick**  
**Acting Chair, Dawlish & District u3a**

## Boules or Petanque?

A reminder that we are holding a taster session on **Wednesday 14th April at 10.30am**. Meeting by the Bandstand. Contact **Michael Heyden** at [heydenmichael@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:heydenmichael@yahoo.co.uk) or 07340127421.

### **French Conversation Group**

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am** on zoom. 'What instrument do you or would you like to play and if we have time 'What is your favourite piece of classical music?'

**Graham Carey**

### **Weekly Zoom Quiz**

Weekly quiz continuing each Monday on zoom. Next one, tomorrow **12th April at 7.00pm**. To take part please contact **Graham Carey**

### **Coffee and Chat**

The next one will be **April 27th 10.30am**, at The Bandstand on the Green. Hope to see you on the 27th.

**Tracy Penfound**

### **Discussion Group.**

We will be meeting for the first time in months on **Monday 12th April at 10.30** by the Bandstand on the Lawn, bring your own coffee and chairs. The response to date suggests we will be in two groups, and still have room for a few more. The topic is:

"What impact has social media had during the pandemic on dissemination of information, politics, the economy, the take up of vaccines etc." This allows for a wide ranging discussion and a variety of approaches.

**Michael Heyden**

### **Zoom Talk - Monday 19th April at 2.00pm**

**'Driving under London'**

More information on back page.

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

As we begin to slowly emerge from lockdown we need to be constantly vigilant of further infection. Devon's public health chief is encouraging every adult in Devon to take a rapid, lateral flow test for coronavirus twice a week to try and keep the rates of coronavirus low.

From Monday, England moves into Step 2 of our journey out of lockdown. Lateral flow tests are available, free of charge from next week. Mobile testing units will be opened from 14th April.

Locally, the following Chemists have the tests ready for collection. You will be asked a couple of questions, talked through the test and told what to do should you be unlucky enough to test positive.

I have found three pharmacies locally that are part of the scheme. There may be others.

Dawlish Warren Pharmacy  
1 Warren Road  
Dawlish Warren  
EX7 0PQ

Boots Chemist  
The Strand  
Dawlish

Bestway's Chemist  
9 Regent Street  
Teignmouth

The Council has also arranged for there to be a mobile testing centre in Dawlish. The only information I can find about this is that it will be in Barton Hill Car Park and should be open from 14th April.

I hope the information I have given you is correct. The official website Gov.UK has more information, although I find it rather a complex site.

Looking forward to our future meetings.  
**Barbara Warburton**

## Answers to Last Weeks Quiz - DAD'S ARMY

1. What is the name of the fictional town in which Dad's Army is set? - **WALMINGTON - ON -SEA**
2. Who sang the theme song? - **BUD FLANAGAN**
3. What was Captain Mainwaring's first name? - **GEORGE**
4. What occupation does Private Frazer have? - **UNDERTAKER**
5. What nickname did the ARP Warden Hodges give Captain Mainwaring? - **NAPOLEON**
6. What are the names of Private Godfrey's two elderly sisters, with whom he lives? - **CISSY AND DOLLY**
7. Who played the role of ARP Chief Warden Hodges in TV's Dad's Army? - **BILL PERTWEE**
8. Who wrote Dad's Army? - **JIMMY PERRY AND DAVID CROFT**
9. Which member of the Dad's Army cast had a UK No1 single in 1971? - **CLIVE DUNN**
10. What was the name of the bank of which Captain Mainwaring was the manager? - **SWALLOWS BANK**

## CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

1. Who lived at 10 Rillington Place? - **JOHN CHRISTIE**
2. Who became known as the "Brides in the Bath" murderer? - **GEORGE JOSEPH SMITH**
3. On which ship was Dr Crippen captured as a result of a radio message? - **S.S. MONTROSE**
4. Who was known as the "Demon Barber of Fleet Street"? - **SWEENEY TODD**
5. In which road in Gloucester did Fred West and his family live? - **CROMWELL STREET**
6. Who was the only British PM to have been killed when in office? - **SPENCER PERCEVAL**
7. In which year did the last hanging take place in the UK? - **1964**

8. Who committed 15 murders at 195 Melrose Avenue, Muswell Hill, London? - **DENNIS NIELSEN**
9. In which area of London did Jack the Ripper operate? - **WHITECHAPEL**
10. Which forensic technique was developed by Sir Alec Jeffreys at Leicester University? - **DNA FINGERPRINTING AND PROFILING**

## Some funnies

Did you knock on people's doors as a kid and run away before they had a chance to answer? If so, this could be the job for you.



There was a bunch of kids outside the shop this morning and as I was about to go in this lad shouts, "Hey will you get me 20 Richmond?" "No problem", I replied. When I came out I gave him his sausages and told him they only come in packs of EIGHT!

I never knew just how technologically advanced Moses was... but he did have the first tablet that connected to the cloud.

Earlier today there were two workmen on our road, one was digging holes and the other just filling them in, so I went over and asked them what they were doing? They said there's normally three of them but the workman who plants the trees is off sick!

**Zoom Talk – Monday 19th April at 2.00pm**

### **‘Driving Under London’**



John Polley has a variety of interests, including local history, transport, and industrial archaeology.

When John left school back in the long hot summer of 1976 he wanted to become a train driver. However, his mother would not let him do so as she felt that it was a dirty low paid job.

24 years later John finally ‘got on the handle’ when aged 40 he joined London Underground as a trainee tube train driver. It was to be one of the best experiences of his working life!



John will explain how the London Underground that we are all familiar with today came to be. He will take us behind the scenes on a journey along the Northern Line and will point out some little known interesting facts.

**Editors Note:** The zoom link will be sent out to members with the newsletter on Sunday 18th

### **This Week's Quizzes – “FAMOUS” WALKER**

1. Who wrote the book ‘Colour purple’?
2. A famous racing commentator?
3. Name the two Walker bros no 1 UK hits?
4. Heavyweight boxing Champion from East London with the nickname Golden Boy?
5. Presenter of TV’s Catchphrase programme from 1986 – 1999?
6. English International footballer?
7. American Blues guitarist who died in 1975?
8. DJ who has hosted Radio 2’s Drive Time and Sounds of the Seventies?
9. The first female self made millionaire in the USA?
10. A science fiction novel by Russell Hoban?

### **COUNTRIES WITH A CHANGE OF NAME**

1. Abyssinia became?
2. Persia became?
3. Northern Rhodesia became?
4. Siam became?
5. Upper Volta became?
6. Numidia became?
7. Formosa became?
8. Burma became?
9. Kampuchea became?
10. Gaul became?

**Answers Next Week**