



Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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Living
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Learning

Committee News

Last week, I encouraged all members to help our u3a by joining the Committee. This is especially important as we are moving out of Lock Down. There are opportunities for people with all sorts of different talents, experience and ideas.

In addition to established roles such as Chair, Publicity Officer and so on, the Committee plans to create an exciting new role which will appeal to someone with particular experience and interests.

We know that Social Media is the way in which millions of people of all ages and interests communicate with each other. Businesses, clubs, societies, community groups, families, friends, neighbours and seemingly any combination of people, use Facebook and other media to keep in touch with each other. Participants make contact with people with similar interests, share news, promote events, and generally enjoy each other's lives and activities in all sorts of ways. It's all very much about everyone getting involved and contributing.

Dawlish & District u3a does not currently have its own Facebook presence, and that leaves our members at a disadvantage.

There is a great opportunity for someone who already enjoys using Facebook, or wants to take on a new challenge, to take the lead for our u3a and help members to get involved. She or he could make a real difference to the success of our Open Day in September, but also help us keep everyone in touch with each other in the future and create new opportunities for our members. Of course, while the obvious person to do this is an existing member, it could also be a friend or

another member of the family (of any age). It may be of interest that while joining the Committee could be helpful, this need not be a necessary part of the role.

If you are interested or know someone else who might take on this role, it would be great to hear from you. Why not give this some thought? **John Vick**

Zoom Talk

Monday 19th April at 2.00pm

'Driving under London'

Being given by John Polley

(Editor's Note: I am sure you have spotted the zoom link to this talk in the covering email)

Great Lives

The Great Lives Group hope to recommence meetings with a study of the life of Florence Nightingale on **Friday, 23rd April** at 6 Town Mills. Initially the meetings will be outside and limited to 6 members. As and when restrictions permit it we will welcome new members. If you would like to know more, or simply attend for a 'taster' session, please get in touch. **George Lipscome**

Weekly Zoom Quiz

Weekly quiz continuing each Monday on zoom. Next one, tomorrow **19th April at 7.00pm**. To take part please contact **Graham Carey**

Boules

The Boules Group held an exploratory session on the Lawn, and attracted 9 members on a sunny morning this week, warm enough for coats to be removed. We played, mostly inexpertly, on the grass, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. 'The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 28th April at 10.30** on The Lawn, and then on the 2nd Friday and 4th Wednesday each month, same time and place, weather and covid permitting, until it gets too cold. New members invited, contact **Michael Heyden** with any queries.'



Wine Appreciation Group (WAG)

The Dawlish and District u3a Wine Appreciation Group has continued to meet every month since C19 hit us all in March 2020. During the lockdowns we have continued to meet via Zoom, and after a few months, we became more familiar with it. Meeting online wasn't as convivial as meeting in a home, as we used to do, with 14 people around a table, but we gradually settled down to 4 couples, meeting in their own homes. Wine was purchased for each household to try, and arrived via a doorstep delivery - much more interesting than the old milkman!

Of course, not everyone felt comfortable with Zoom, missing the human contact. However, at our June meeting, we will be meeting in small groups - live, but still linked together by Zoom. And if all goes well the July meeting should see 15 of us together again, in one venue, with a table laden with lots of bottles for us to taste and compare.

One of the many things we have learnt over the past few meetings is that good wine needn't cost a fortune. German Supermarkets sell a good selection of very drinkable wines at competitive

prices. A recent foray into Uruguayan red wine proved to be not only a 'first' tasting from that country for most of us, but a real eye opener, with an unusual Tannat grape proving the point that 'cheap' is not necessarily 'poor'. Roll on July? I'll drink to that!

Graham Pestridge
WAG Convenor

Discussion Group

We met for the first time this year on the Lawn, wrapped up for the Arctic temperatures and fortified by hot coffee. We talked about the influence of social media particularly with reference to its effect on the pandemic and vaccination programme. Whilst I don't think we reached any conclusions, there was concern expressed about the difficulty of establishing facts when so many things are subject to so much speculation, all dressed up as being true. Having lost all feeling in our hands and feet, we adjourned after about an hour, with the hope of warmer temperatures to come. On **Monday 10th May at 10.30**, we shall be discussing the topic 'Is there any possibility of Britain becoming a Republic in the near future?'

Michael Heyden

Badminton

Hoping to start up again **24th May at 5.00pm.** I am planning on booking two courts with six people on each.

Patricia Angove

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

Answers to Last Weeks Quiz -**“FAMOUS” WALKER**

1. Who wrote the book ‘Colour purple’? -

ALICE WALKER

2. A famous racing commentator? -

MURRAY WALKER

3. Name the two Walker bros no 1 UK hits? - **‘TAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF’**

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SHINE ANYMORE’

4. Heavyweight boxing Champion from East London with the nickname Golden Boy? **BILLY WALKER**

5. Presenter of TV’s Catchphrase programme from 1986 – 1999? - **ROY WALKER**

6. English International footballer? -

KYLE WALKER

7. American Blues guitarist who died in 1975? - **T-BONE WALKER**

8. DJ who has hosted Radio 2’s Drive Time and Sounds of the Seventies? -

JOHNNIE WALKER

9. The first female self made millionaire in the USA? - **MRS C.J. WALKER**

10. A science fiction novel by Russell Hoban? - **RIDDLEY WALKER**

A funny

If a lorry carrying Vicks VapoRub enters the centre of London, does it still have to pay the congestion charge?

COUNTRIES WITH A CHANGE OF NAME

1. Abyssinia became? - **ETHIOPIA**
2. Persia became? - **IRAN**
3. Northern Rhodesia became? - **ZAMBIA**
4. Siam became? - **THAILAND**
5. Upper Volta became? - **BURKINA FASO**
6. Numidia became? - **ALGERIA**
7. Formosa became? - **TAIWAN**
8. Burma became? - **MYANMAR**
9. Kampuchea became? - **CAMBODIA**
10. Gaul became? - **FRANCE**

This Week’s Quizzes -**SIDEKICKS - WHO WERE THE SIDEKICKS OF?**

1. Don Quixote?
2. Prince Hal?
3. Captain Hook?
4. George W Bush Jnr?
5. Dr Frankenstein?
6. Father Ted?
7. Napoleon Bonaparte?
8. Sir Edmund Hilary?
9. Asterix?
10. Harry Potter?

FILMS WITH NAMES IN THE TITLE**TITLE**

1. There’s something about?
2. The personal history of?
3. The curious case of?
4. Along came?
5. When Harry met?
6. ? Baby
7. Cool Hand?
8. ? Foster Jenkins.
9. ? Wilson’s War
10. I, ? Blake

Answers Next Week

u3a and Barclays Bank

The u3a have teamed up with Barclays Digital Eagles to provide a week of online training for u3a members, beginning on 19 April.

See below for the title and dates of each session and click the button for more details.

[Register here.](#)

u3a Internet Basics

Monday 19 April, 10am – 11.30.

u3a Digital Safety

Tuesday 20 April, 10am-11.30 or Tuesday 20 April, 1.30pm-3

u3a Online Entertainment

Wednesday 21 April 20, 10am-11.30

u3a Alternative Ways to Bank

Thursday 22 April 10:00-11.30 or

Thursday 22 April 1.30pm-3

An Introduction to Digital Wings

Friday, 23 April 10:00-11.30

u3a Pushing Back Ageism

As part of u3as work on Pushing Back Ageism we have partnered with researchers from the EuroAgeism consortium. They are researching topics on ageism as it relates to the media, health and technology. The researchers have asked for input, guidance and feedback from u3a members as part of this series of research projects on ageism. We really value your help and support with this important work.

See the dates for the events below and

You have to register individually for each event, and you will receive a link 2 days before the event.

Ageism in the Media 26 April 1.00 - 4.00

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Ageism in Technology 12 May 1.00 - 4.00

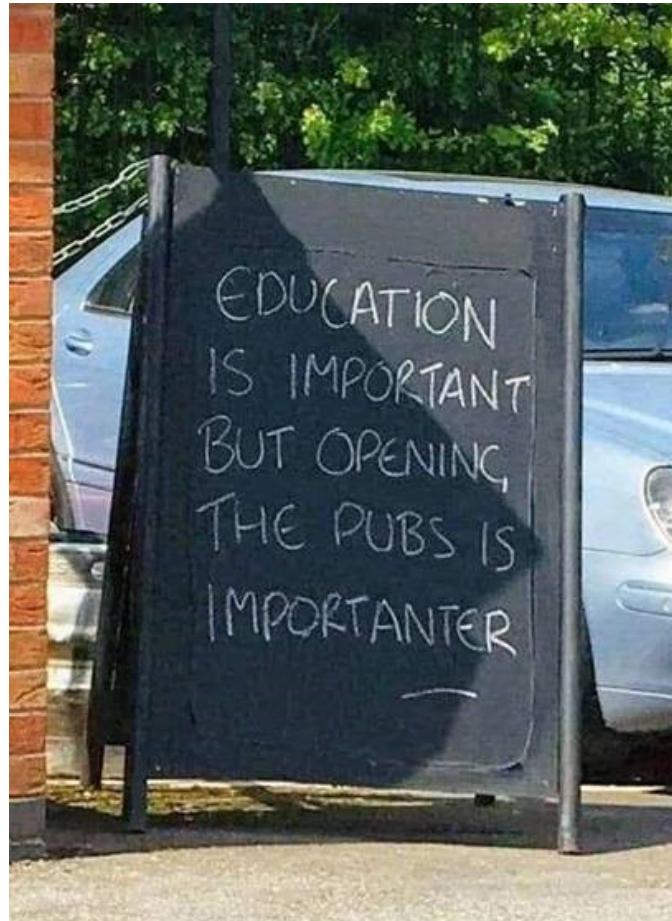
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Ageism in Healthcare 25 May 1.00 - 4.00

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More Funnies

My wife and I can't agree on appropriate gardening attire... But she's digging in her heels.

I was shocked when I found out my toaster wasn't waterproof.