

# Dawlish U3A



## Monthly Newsletter

### From the Chairman, Barrie Hamill

Dear Members

What a busy month we have all had. Doesn't matter how old we are, life seems to be just as busy. When did we ever have time to go out to work?

We had a great talk given by Elizabeth Turner about re-cycling in Teignbridge, what you can and can't re-cycle but also how Teignbridge re-cycles. It was a really informative talk and there were lots of questions afterwards.

Our membership is going from strength to strength although we are still in need of a Web Master and a Secretary. If you want to find out more about these positions, please get in touch with me at: [chairman@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:chairman@u3a.dawlish.info)

Don't forget that subs will need to be paid in March/April. It's £15.00 which you can bring with you to the next monthly meeting. Now is the time for any of your friends who wish to join to apply so they can have their full year's membership.

Thanks to all our volunteers, committee and convenors who help keep Dawlish U3A alive and well.

***Our next monthly meeting is being held at 2pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Methodist Church Hall, Brunswick Place, Dawlish. The talk this month is 'Please Don't Hold My Hand – interacting with children who have special needs'. Given by special needs advisory teacher, Sue Larbalestier***

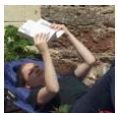
### CHANGES TO PERSONAL DETAILS

I would like to remind all members to notify me of any changes to your email address, home address, telephone number or surname. You are assured that all such information is kept securely. Thank you.

Barbara Roberts, Membership secretary Email: [membershipsecretary@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:membershipsecretary@u3a.dawlish.info)

### News from Interest Groups

#### Bookworms



We are a thriving group, regularly adding new members. Our meeting for March is at our usual venue of 8 Honeysuckle Drive, Dawlish. We will be discussing 'All The Light Cannot See' Anthony Doerr. Our book for February, 'A Perfectly Good Man' Patrick Gale was well received and we had a lively discussion. We meet again on Thursday 28th March at the above address at 2 o'clock.

For more information, contact Barbara at [bookclub@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:bookclub@u3a.dawlish.info)

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## Lunch Club



Five of the lunch club members enjoyed a delicious meal at The Orangery on March 1st. Our next outing is on Friday 29th March 12.30am at Le Cygne, Dawlish. If there is anyone who would like to join us please let me know.

For further information, contact Tracey at [luncheon@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:luncheon@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Here, There and Everywhere



On Friday 22 March 2019 we are going to **Brixham Museum**. Get the Hop 2 Bus from Dawlish at 10am. We are having a Railway excursion to **Dartmouth** in April.

We are waiting for confirmation that the outing to **Plymouth Dockyard** can go ahead on Monday 20 May 2019. In the meantime, bookings are still available for the Brixham

outing on the 22nd and for a railway journey to **Dartmouth in April**.

For more information contact Andy on 01626 865765 or [hte@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:hte@u3a.dawlish.info).

## Art Appreciation



For further information about Art Appreciation group activities, contact Lynne at [art@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:art@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Great Lives



Have a look at the website for our very varied list of topics up to July. We will always find room for anyone who wishes to join, or even try us out; but please contact for confirmation of numbers and venue.

For more details, please contact George at [great\\_lives@U3A.dawlish.info](mailto:great_lives@U3A.dawlish.info)

## Badminton



The badminton group is getting larger with us having to book two courts one evening during February and another one already in March. We meet every Monday 5pm at the Dawlish Leisure Centre. We have all abilities attending for fitness and fun. All who want to have a go are very welcome, whether you are a star player or have never played in your life before. For further information, contact Patricia at [badminton@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:badminton@u3a.dawlish.info)

## History



Saucy, seaside postcards were not the subject of Anne's presentation. No! Those, of puerile mind, who hoped for such things were greatly disappointed. Instead we had an informative, interesting and well researched/delivered presentation from Anne, ranging across a variety of postcards and the way in which they are intertwined with history. We were promised further presentation if we wanted. Watch this space! Our next meeting brings us back into modern history and it might help us to understand why we are where we are. John will deliver, but he may have found another interesting topic. Again, watch this space. We historians are so versatile. Contact me (Richard) by phone 01626864229 or at [history@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:history@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Spanish



For further information and venue details contact Ray on [spanish@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:spanish@u3a.dawlish.info)

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## Strollers



Our February walk along Teignmouth Seafront almost to Smugglers Lane was enjoyed by 8 members who had a lovely sunshine stroll then refreshments at the open air cafe by the Lido! Our next 7 walks i.e. March - Sept are already available to see on the Dawlish U3A website...we walk in the afternoon of the second Thursday each month...info easy to find via Interest Groups then Strollers then Strollers news or on the Dawlish U3A calendar. **Our March walk is on Thursday 14th**...we are meeting up by Dawlish Tourist Information at 1.45pm ...our stroll will be around Dawlish, by the stream and Manor Gardens ...if coming from Teignmouth catch the number 22 Dawlish Warren bus from the WHSmith stop in Teignmouth. New members to our group are always welcome. For further information, contact Jean on 01626 779140 or [strollers@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:strollers@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Discussion



Discussion group Monday March 11th 10.30 Teignmouth. Discussing issues around Mental Health. For further information contact Barbara on [discussion@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:discussion@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Singing for fun



Singing for Fun Friday March 15th 2.00pm Dawlish Spring songs chosen by the group. For further information, contact Barbara on [singingforfun@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:singingforfun@u3a.dawlish.info)

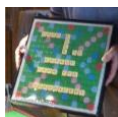
## Play Reading



We will meet on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm at Edens Court in Teignmouth, when we will read 'A separate Peace' by Tom Stoppard. The plays we read are chosen from a selection provided by the Library service, now called 'Libraries Unlimited', from Exeter. We try to choose something with the right number of characters for the group and not too long. Please come along and enjoy a couple of hours of escape from the real world.

Contact Janette on [playreading@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:playreading@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Scrabble



This small group meets in friendly competition but would welcome newcomers to join us. For more details please contact George at [scrabble@U3A.dawlish.info](mailto:scrabble@U3A.dawlish.info)

## Creative Writing



Our remit for February was to write a piece to include 4 seemingly disparate subjects – an orange, a bare-footed girl, Billy McGill and a Barn. As always there were as many different interpretations as members of the group, but all were interesting and each a fresh view. It also stimulates conversation – which is why we don't always have time to do a '10 minute write' in the session! Our aim is to try to put our thoughts on paper. We are not trying to write 'War and Peace' (That's been done!) Neither are we looking to publish, although some might be so inspired. And it is not a dry English lesson. We just want to use our grey cells and imagination to have fun. Our 'homework' for March is to continue from 'Through the silence, she heard...'. Open interpretation of subject is not only allowed but welcomed! Give it a go! We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am at Edens Court, Teignmouth.

Email [creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:creativewriting@u3a.dawlish.info) or ask at the monthly meeting

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## Wine Appreciation



The next meeting of the wine appreciation group will take place on the 12th April at 6pm and the topic will be wines from Germany. Our numbers are steadily increasing however please contact me if you are interested in the group.

Contact Steve on [wine@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:wine@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Psychology



At the February meeting we looked at 'Identity' and asked - Do you know who you are? How is our identity formed and can it be changed? How does living in present times affect our identity? Prompted really good discussion and quite a few new thoughts! In March the group will consider the work of Freud vs Jung, Adler and Reich. A good introduction to some of the most famous psychologists. If new to the group, please contact me before the 26<sup>th</sup> March to get venue as we are moving venue for this session.

For further information, contact Steve on [psychology@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:psychology@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Gadgets and Gizmos



If you are interested in attending our group, please contact Jack Whitehead at [gadgetsandgizmos@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:gadgetsandgizmos@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Literature Group



Our last two books have taken us across different areas of Africa. In January, we read "Footprints in the Sand" by Sarah Challis. As part of their Aunt's will two cousins transport her ashes to a small village across the Sahara desert. Interesting, but rather long and repetitive and not an entirely believable story.

Our February book, "A Respectable Trade" by Phillipa Gregory, was a very hard read concerning the slave trade in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Set in the stinking docks of Bristol and the continent of Africa it deals with the awful consequences of this trade. An intensely disturbing novel of desire, shame and the ruination of a whole continent devastated by the greed of others. Both books caused lively discussions among the group and we hope our book for March, by Margaret Drabble, is hopefully, a little more light-hearted! For more information of our group please see our website or email [literature@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:literature@u3a.dawlish.info)

## Gardens and Gateaux 2019

As a group, we visit various gardens which are only open for Charity; most of them can be found in the 'National Garden Scheme' booklet. Visits planned so far: **Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, Lukesland Garden, Ivybridge, PL21 0JE Admission £6. We will meet at the garden car park between 11.00 -11.15 am. **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> April**, Haldon Grange, Dunchideock, EX6 7YE, Admission £5

We usually share cars, so if you can offer to drive please let us know, so that we have a list of potential drivers. Contact us at: [gardens@u3a.dawlish.info](mailto:gardens@u3a.dawlish.info)

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