



# Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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## Chair's Chatter

It was a real privilege to be able to listen to Philippa Davies of the Dawlish Nub last Monday. Those who were online for our monthly zoom meeting were treated to some great insights into the Media and specifically Philippa's experience through the years.

The Dawlish Nub is an online newspaper dedicated to Dawlish, packed with community stories, events, jobs, live traffic, property, and much more. It is worth reading and I perused the other day what Philippa had written about the future of Dawlish. A vision has been drawn up to make Dawlish a top visitor destination, as Covid restrictions end and 'staycation' holidaymakers head for the UK's coasts. The strategy document quotes the latest available tourism figures, dating from the Dawlish Tourism Survey 2017, which underline the importance of the visitor trade to the area.

The Council plans to work with the Chamber of Trade and other businesses on ideas such as tackling the lack of coach parking near the town centre, starting a Farmers' Market and creating a more vibrant night-time economy (for us young u3a members). There's also a proposal for a trial scheme introducing 'Black Swan Guides' to meet and greet visitors. It's hoped that the Love Dawlish and Love Teignmouth websites will be

revived, with the associated social media presence.

Over the next two years, the plans include completing the 'Flagship Playpark' at the Manor and the Trail around the Lawn. The council also hopes to examine all the existing tourism signage, such as the Heritage Trail and Brunel Trail and seek funding to repair or replace it. New storyboards on the new sea wall could be installed, as the project nears completion.

Further ahead, there could be 'round robin' boat trips between Exmouth, Dawlish Warren, Dawlish and Teignmouth, and moves to attract more visitors to Cockwood Harbour and the Smugglers Lane and beach. The council hopes to work with Teignbridge District Council and other organisations to bring about improvements at Boat Cove, a new town bandstand, a large indoor children's play area and free night-time parking to encourage more evening visitors. So now you know!

As I read the positive news article I asked myself 'what vision do I have/we have to attract more people to join our u3a?' 'What do we want our u3a to be in five years time?' Many other questions came to mind and I thought of Helene Keller who once said 'The only thing worse than

being blind is having sight but no vision!' Woodrow Wilson stated (and I have added the u3a) 'You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to

enable the world (the u3a) to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world (u3a) and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand. Now there is food for thought!

Take care and here's to meeting up face to face in due course👍

**Graham**

### **French Conversation Group**

On Thursday those online discussed 'If you could only save one item from a house fire, what would it be?' Well top of the pops was an i-pad or computer(with USB stick) as so many things, including old photos are filed away. Others mentioned their mobile phone, their handbag, their passport, jewellery box, a specific print, old wedding rings, a sentimental woolly Christmas present and lipstick and mascara (and that was not me!).

The next get together will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (no joke) at 10.30am** on zoom.

**Graham**

### **Coffee and Chat**

Will be back on **Tuesday 30th March at 10.30am**, on The Lawn, behind the bandstand. Please bring your chairs. If more than six we'll split into groups. All hot drinks can be bought at Ryder's, The Mix or any along The Strand. Looking forward to meeting up again rather than through a computer screen.

**Tracy P**

### **Weekly Zoom Quiz**

Weekly quiz continuing each Monday on zoom. Next one, tomorrow **22nd March at 7.00pm**. To take part please contact **Graham C**

### **Response to Philosophy**

I am responding to the article in last week's Newsletter about new groups and in particular one under the title of Philosophy from Steve.

I take his point about consideration of the balance of Interest Groups to attract people from all factions. I have heard comments from the public who think the U3A is more focused for middle classes, which is sad as it is certainly not the case. So for inclusion purposes I personally feel a wider mix of subjects may help. Philosophy should be considered and I would be interested. But other topics might include Craft works : Cinema - a group to attend The Pavilions in Teignmouth as members of the Cinema Club, when discounts apply - but not only to watch a film, but have discussions on Films in general and the changes over the decades etc. Also similar I would love a Theatre Group - again, not only to visit a theatre but also to talk about the different genre's Plays, Musicals, Dance, and other less traditional ones.

Finally, - another suggestion based on something like - "Discovering the UK." This would not entail actually travelling like Here There and Everywhere. I know many people have travelled all over the world, but there are some people have not had that opportunity or haven't wished to do so, and with Staycations and more interest in visiting UK places, it might be topical to have a group who are interested in finding out more about the many different parts we either haven't visited, or would like to in the future. Each meeting could cover a different area or County and explore its traditions, places to see, discover if famous people were born and lived there, the options are endless. I have been to many overseas countries but am very ignorant of Sussex, Suffolk, Northumberland, not forgetting Ireland etc. And I know many people have their favourites and would like to talk about them.

None of these suggestions may be viable or popular, but they could be put on a list for future reference maybe. Hope this helps.

**Margaret Cunningham**

### Monday's Talk

Our next talk will be held on **April 19th at 2.00pm**. The speaker will be John Polley who will talk about - Driving Under London - which was a talk held over from March 2020.

### Answers to Last Weeks Quiz - 1960's

1. In 60s Britain, what was the significance of the colour sequence yellow, pink, green, blue? - **LONDON TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES**
2. Which London landmark was cleaned in 1968 for the first time since 1864? - **NELSON'S COLUMN**
3. Many companies have made Walnut Whip but who made the originals which were still on sale in the 1960s? - **DUNCANS**
4. What took place on 8th August 1963 at Cheddington, Buckinghamshire? - **THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY**
5. Between which two British cities did the last steam passenger service run in 1968? - **CARLISLE AND LIVERPOOL**
6. Which model was voted the face of 1966? - **TWIGGY**
7. Released in October 1962, which was the first single by The Beatles? - **LOVE ME DO**
8. In what year was Prince Andrew born? - **1960**
9. Which song gave the United Kingdom their first Eurovision Song Contest win? - **PUPPET ON A STRING**
10. Which company in 1962 was the first to introduce flavoured crisps in the UK? - **GOLDEN WONDER**
11. What was the title of the first Lloyd-Webber/Rice musical to be performed in March 1968? - **JOSEPH AND THE**

### AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT

12. What was banned on British TV screens on August 1st 1965? - **CIGARETTE ADVERTISING**
13. Which controversial bill, sponsored by MP David Steele, was introduced in 1968? - **ABORTION**
14. Which two teams competed in the first ever all-London FA Cup Final in 1967? - **CHELSEA AND SPURS**
15. "I can't let Maggie go" was a song used to advertise which consumer item? - **NIMBLE BREAD**
16. Who in 1965 first uttered the 'F' word on British television? - **KENNETH TYNAN**
17. Who first walked the streets in 1960? - **TRAFFIC WARDENS**
18. Which gamblers institution was legalised in May 1961? - **BETTING SHOPS**
19. Which store chain was founded in 1969 by David Quayle and Richard Block with the opening of their first outlet in Southampton? - **B AND Q**
20. Where was the first drive through animal park outside Africa opened in April 1966? - **LONGLEAT**

### Fascinating Facts

In March 2019, the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans decided to celebrate its 125th anniversary by offering a free seven night stay in its presidential suite, along with complimentary private dinners and spa treatments worth a whopping \$15,000. However this wasn't a standard giveaway. The prize was only available to the person who returned the most outrageous item ever stolen from the hotel.

### u3a Fact

**1981** Saw a conference in Cambridge to discuss the possibility of bringing the u3a to Britain (the French model was started in 1972 but was linked to a local university)

## This week's Quiz - A TRAVEL QUIZ

1. By what name is the former South West Africa known?
2. If you had a flight to Incheon International airport, where would you be travelling to?
3. The QE2, now turned into a hotel, is docked where?
4. On which island can lemurs be found in the wild?
5. Which river is the deepest in the world?
6. In which country would you find Timbuktu?
7. How many capital cities does South Africa have?
8. Paricutin in Mexico is one of the seven natural wonders of the world but what is it?
9. What is the currency in Thailand?
10. In which country would you find the chocolate hills?
11. Livraria Lello, a book shop in Porto, became famous because of which book series?
12. Meteroa is a rock formation in Central Greece that is famous for what?
13. Which famous Spanish Church designed by Antoni Gaudi has been under construction for over a century?
14. Korkula is an island found in which country?
15. Which country holds the Guinness World Record for the oldest continuously used national flag?
16. The Venta Rapid, a waterfall on the Venta River, is the widest waterfall in Europe. In which country would you find it?
17. In which country would you find the world's largest freshwater lake by volume?
18. The island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean contains which two countries?

19. Previously known as Mount McKinley, what is the tallest mountain in North America?

20. Where would you find the Thar Desert?

## Answers Next Week

## From a Member

I wonder if it would be ok to put the following in the next U3A weekly newsletter? My partner Alan is involved with the local outdoor bowls club who are hoping to 'open up' again on the 17th April and they would welcome any new members who would like to come along - information as follows:-

**MARINA BOWLS CLUB, SANDY LANE**  
New Members Welcome - no experience necessary.

Application forms on :

[www.marinabowls.co.uk](http://www.marinabowls.co.uk)

Best wishes, **Mary Munday**

