



# Dawlish

and District U3A

## Newsletter

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### Chair's Chatter

When I retired to Dawlish at the end of 2015, I was keen to get involved with community organisations as well as continuing my Rotary Club service. With this in mind I joined our u3a and was warmly welcomed. I started attending various groups and enjoyed the fellowship at each one. Steve Thomson was then our Chairman and he was followed by George Lipscomb. It was then that I was invited to join the Committee.

Steve decided to finish as Speaker's Secretary and so I stepped into the breach and have been able to get some (I hope you agree) interesting speakers. I was then elected Vice Chairman and commenced a Rummikub group (roll on its re-commencement). When Barrie Hamill suddenly relinquished his role as Chair I took over and have been privileged to serve in that capacity. Then COVID struck and our monthly meetings ceased. However, the u3a continued to flourish with some online groups implemented.

As with every situation one door closes and another one opens and so I have decided to relinquish my role as Chair person. However do not shout too loudly as I am remaining a member, convenor and participant in 10 groups; with more to follow! There is never a dull moment at the u3a.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and I am sure you will be behind whoever takes over from me. It was good to see some of you this week at the 'Coffee and Chat' on the lawn and I look forward to seeing more members when we meet together on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. Until then take care, stay safe and continue learning, laughing and living.

**Graham**

### 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 **5th April at 7.00pm**. To take part please contact **Graham Carey**

## Coffee and Chat

30th March FREEDOM

To drink coffee & chat with friends. A beautiful sunny day perfect for sitting outside. So pleased that 15 people joined me at The Bandstand.



The next one will be **April 27th 10.30am**, at The Bandstand. Thank you everyone for coming. Hope to see you on the 27th.  
**Tracy Penfound**

## Editor's Note:

As more groups begin opening up we might find ourselves with more group news and less room for quizzes and funnies etc. Swings and roundabouts. Great news that we have groups opening up, not so great that we might lose our quizzes and funnies. If your group is opening up in the foreseeable future, please drop me a note about it for inclusion in the newsletter and web site.

**Patricia**

## Answers to Last Weeks Quiz -

### SPOT THE TV PROGRAMME

1. You can go 50:50 (3,5,2,2,1,11) - **WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE**

2. I'll tell you the latest! (4,1,3,4,3,3) - **HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU**

3. No income tax, no VAT (4,5,3,6) - **ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES**

4. Provides a quiet alibi (6,7) - **SILENT WITNESS**

5. Brain of a boy (10) - **MASTERMIND**

6. Don't panic! (4,4) - **DAD'S ARMY**

7. I will say zis only once (4,4) - **ALLO ALLO**

8. Endeavour to solve the code (5) - **MORSE**

9. Why bother? (9) - **POINTLESS**

10. Pop, Ma, Mariette, Charley (3,7,4,2,3) - **THE DARLING BUDS OF MAY**

11. North Yorkshire pulse (9) - **HEARTBEAT**

12. Nice wide view (8) - **PANORAMA**

13. The very best fashion clothing (3,4) - **TOP GEAR**

14. Arkwright never closes (4,3,5) - **OPEN ALL HOURS**

15. Just a single exhibition (3,3,4) - **THE ONE SHOW**

16. 30 minutes at 23 Railway Cuttings (8,4,4) - **HANCOCKS HALF HOUR**

17. Waltzing in? Precisely! (8,4,7) - **STRICTLY COME DANCING**

18. Mallet on the tops of houses (5,5,3,6) - **HOUSES UNDER THE HAMMER**

19. Queue for loyal service (3,2,4) - **LINE OF DUTY**

20. Merlot runs out in September (4,2,3,6,4) - **LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE**

## Some funnies

My window cleaner knocked at the door this morning, shouting and swearing... I thought, blimey he's lost his rag!

I've just fell over on the pavement in my street... I've left a review on trip advisor!

## **This Week's Quizzes - DAD'S ARMY**

1. What is the name of the fictional town in which Dad's Army is set?
2. Who sang the theme song?
3. What was Captain Mainwaring's first name?
4. What occupation does Private Frazer have?
5. What nickname did the ARP Warden Hodges give Captain Mainwaring?
6. What are the names of Private Godfrey's two elderly sisters, with whom he lives?
7. Who played the role of ARP Chief Warden Hodges in TV's Dad's Army?
8. Who wrote Dad's Army?
9. Which member of the Dad's Army cast had a UK No1 single in 1971?
10. What was the name of the bank of which Captain Mainwaring was the manager?

## **CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

1. Who lived at 10 Rillington Place?
2. Who became known as the "Brides in the Bath" murderer?
3. On which ship was Dr Crippen captured as a result of a radio message?
4. Who was known as the "Demon Barber of Fleet Street"?
5. In which road in Gloucester did Fred West and his family live?
6. Who was the only British PM to have been killed when in office?
7. In which year did the last hanging take place in the UK?
8. Who committed 15 murders at 195 Melrose Avenue, Muswell Hill, London?
9. In which area of London did Jack the Ripper operate?
10. Which forensic technique was developed by Sir Alec Jeffreys at Leicester University?

## **Answers Next Week**

## **The Future is coming**

It is such a relief to be looking forward to our release from lockdown and to be able to engage with the outside world again. During the Covid restrictions our u3a has been able to keep some of the Groups going, but others were not possible and had to go into hibernation. Some activities used Zoom but this did not have the same feel as face to face and indeed for some it was a step too far.

During this time your Committee kept on working and produced a well received weekly newsletter to keep us in touch with the u3a; monthly talks on Zoom; and some gatherings outdoors when this has been possible.

These are the visible actions, but there has been work done under the surface in planning for the future. Many suggestions for new Groups have been made and we are keen to have a dynamic and exciting range of activities on offer.

However, we are aware that Dawlish & District u3a is only a small u3a in comparison with most u3as nationally. Being smaller does have advantages in keeping our social and personal connections and avoiding an institutional feel. Yet we must have sufficient membership size to be able to run a larger range of Group activities and have diversity of inputs.

Dawlish & District u3a has been active in the national u3a Recruitment Working Party and has welcomed the opportunity of sharing with others ideas for post lockdown. It was gratifying to find that we have already done much in our u3a that others are just discovering, such as the modernisation of our image and website; developing a forward strategy; and use of Zoom.

With the coming end of lockdown we need to seriously recruit new members. We are going to implement a recruitment

drive and are already improving local awareness of our u3a. On **Saturday 18th September 2021** at the Strand Centre we will hold an Open Day for members and anyone interested in knowing more about us. It will showcase both our existing and new Groups. Put a note of the date in your diary.

In the meanwhile do please tell family, friends and neighbours about us and the benefits of learning, meeting together and enjoying our third age. You are our best advert for new members, so please spread the word and get others to join.

**Steve A. (Secretary)**

### **Email Bank Scams**

(This is advice sent by Lloyds Bank, check with your own bank what security tips they might have regarding emails and texts)

**1. Check the senders email address:**

Unusual spellings or extra words are signs that an email is fake.

**2. Check how you are greeted:**

Genuine emails from us include your title, surname and part of your account number or postcode.

**3. Click with Care:**

We'll never send an email with a link to get you to log on or give your personal or banking details.

**4. Play it safe:**

If you are not sure about an email, don't reply, don't click on any links, and delete it. You can always ring your bank on a number you trust to ask if they had sent you an email.

### **Fascinating Facts**

Around 1,000 to 4,000 orchid plants are used to make a single kilogram of salep, a beloved drink in Turkey that is like a cross between hot chocolate and rice pudding.

About 95 percent of Egypt's population lives on about 4 percent of the land, a green belt roughly half the size of Ireland that follows the Nile as it snakes through the desert, then fans out into the Nile Delta.

If they were a country, cows would rank as the world's sixth-largest emitter of methane gas, ahead of Brazil, Japan and Germany.

In March, as the coronavirus pandemic intensified, Americans bought two million guns, the busiest month for sales since January 2013.

**We come from dust  
We will return to dust  
That's why I don't dust  
It could be someone  
I know 😂**

