



# Dawlish and District U3A Newsletter

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## Membership

Many thanks once again to our members who have renewed their membership. We only have a tiny handful who have yet to renew, so this is a little reminder to those of you who have still to take the plunge.

I and my little dog Sula are gradually working our way around Dawlish hand delivering your new membership cards. Due to the many treats members have been giving her, she now races to the front doors, tail wagging, hoping someone might see her. Of course, like us humans, she too has to watch her waistline, but the steps we are putting in should help her to manage this. My son who sometimes joins us is not so easily impressed.

What a beautiful place Dawlish is! I have walked down roads with beautifully maintained houses and bungalows and impeccable gardens, to almost hidden little windy lanes and rows of pretty higgledy piggledy cottages with tiny gardens where every inch had been fully utilised. The gardens always cause me to hover. Last week I entered a garden via some steps and I felt I was on the set of one of the Hobbit films, it was breath taking.

Teignmouth, Shaldon and our other surrounding villages, I have yet to deliver to and resorted to postage, kindly donated by one of our members. This will probably be my new year 2022 resolution; to get to know more of Teignmouth, Shaldon, Holcombe, Cofton, Starcross, Kenton etc. by foot!

Now that the sun is shining almost every day and the days are longer we can begin to look forward to meeting up with friends

and welcome new ones who have joined and are planning on joining some of the groups. Don't forget there was also a suggestion sent out of new groups so please contact Anne Whitehead via [enquiries@dawlish.u3a.info](mailto:enquiries@dawlish.u3a.info) if you are interested in any of them, or if you wish to talk to her about how to set up a new group that you might be interested in. If you have any experience with any of the new suggestions or fancy becoming a Convenor, talk to Anne who will gladly talk you through what this entails.

The newsletter has before mentioned the Open Day we have planned for September to not only welcome current members but also to attract new members who may have thought about joining us either during lockdown, or, who may have recently retired and moved to Dawlish or it's surrounding areas. Further details will be issued soon, but, if you have recently met a new neighbour or got chatting to someone when out and about, please signpost them to our website. All of us have found our way to Dawlish and District u3a, probably with the same aim in mind. Continue to learn, meet new friends, laugh as much as we can and enjoy living in such a wonderful place.

**Kate McCarthy - Membership Secretary**

## Boules

We shall meet by the bandstand on the Lawn at **10.30 am on Wednesday 28th April.**

Contact [heydenmichael@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:heydenmichael@yahoo.co.uk) with any queries. **Michael Heyden**

## French Conversation

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Our favourite French writer or poet

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - If you could get all your family members to donate to a charity, what would it be and why?

**Graham Carey**

## Badminton

After looking into booking a court more deeply it looks like we won't be able to re-start badminton until June 28th. Any queries please contact: **Patricia Angove**

## Wine Appreciation Group (WAG)

The next zoom get together (hopefully the last), will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.**

**Graham Pestridge**

## Scrabble

Under current lockdown rules I hope to recommence Scrabble group meetings on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**, with up to 5 members. (Few of you will recall that it used to be Queen Victoria's birthday, hence Empire Day, and a half day holiday from school).

We shall have to wait for 24th June for vast hordes of other members to join us.

**George Lipscomb**

## Don't Forget

### Discussion Group

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30**, When we shall be discussing the topic 'Is there any possibility of Britain becoming a Republic in the near future?' **Michael Heyden**

### Coffee and Chat

**April 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**, at The Bandstand on the Green. **Tracy Penfound**

## Weekly Zoom Quiz

Weekly quiz is continuing each Monday on zoom until further notice. Next one, tomorrow **26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.** To take part please contact **Graham Carey**

## Strollers

Our monthly D&D Strollers group walks will re commence on **Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will be catching the number 2 Exeter bus which leaves Teignmouth at 1.10pm and Dawlish at 1.25pm.

The plan is to leave the bus at the next stop after Cockwood Harbour then walk along Staplake Lane and back around into Starcross for a coffee at the van in the car park near the railway line before catching the bus home.

Covid restrictions and guidelines will still be in place:

\*the 2 metre distance rule will still apply whilst walking as a group and especially when we meet other walkers along our route.

\*face masks are required for bus passengers

\*car sharing is not recommended

\*please do not attend our walks if you are either unwell or awaiting a Covid test result

\*If you do receive a positive Covid result after being on one of our walks please let Jean know so that other members of our Strollers group can be contacted as they will need to self isolate

Here's hoping we all continue to keep well and that we have some lovely sunny, warm weather for our first 2021 Strollers walk on May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Jean Gitsham**

## Answers to Last Weeks Quiz - SIDEKICKS - WHO WERE THE SIDEKICKS OF?

1. Don Quixote? - **SANCHO PANZA**
2. Prince Hal? - **FALSTAFF**
3. Captain Hook? - **SMEE**
4. George W Bush Jnr? - **DICK CHENEY**
5. Dr Frankenstein? - **IGOR**
6. Father Ted? - **FATHER DOUGLAS  
MCGUIRE**
7. Napoleon Bonaparte? - **LOUIS  
MARCHAND**
8. Sir Edmund Hilary? - **TENZING  
NORGAY**
9. Asterix? - **OBELIX**
10. Harry Potter? - **RON WEASLEY**

## FILMS WITH NAMES IN THE TITLE TITLE

1. There's something about? - **MARY**
2. The personal history of? - **DAVID  
COPPERFIELD**
3. The curious case of? - **BENJAMIN  
BUTTON**
4. Along came? - **POLLY**
5. When Harry met? - **SALLY**
6. ? Baby - **ROSEMARY'S or BRIDGET  
JONES'**
7. Cool Hand? - **LUKE**
8. ? Foster Jenkins - **FLORENCE**
9. ? Wilson's War - **CHARLIE**
10. I, ? Blake - **DANIEL**

## A funny

When I was in grade 7, I used to ask a lot of questions. One day, I asked my English teacher, "Why do we ignore some letter in pronunciation e.g.. the letter H..... in Hour, Honour etc.???"

My English teacher said, "We are not ignoring them, they're considered silent" (I was even more confused).

During the lunch break my Teacher gave me her packed lunch and asked me to heat it in the Cafeteria. I ate all the food and returned her the empty container. My English teacher: "What happened? I told you to go and HEAT my food, you are returning me an empty container." I replied "Madam, I thought the 'H' was silent."

Dedicated to all English teachers.

## This Week's Quizzes - ADVERTISING SLOGANS

1. The power of dreams?
2. Don't leave home without it?
3. Buy it – sell it – love it?
4. Just do it?
5. Good things come to those who wait?
6. A diamond is for ever?
7. Advancement through Technology?
8. I'm lovin' it?
9. Because I'm worth it?
10. Loves the jobs you hate?

## RADIO

1. Desert Island Discs has had 5 presenters since it began in 1942. Who are they?
2. Which Radio comedy had a man who lived at 23, Railway Cuttings, East Cheam?
3. What is the name of the Radio 2 pop quiz hosted by Ken Bruce each weekday morning?
4. Who was the first presenter of the Radio 1 Breakfast show?
5. Which of the stars of the goon show voiced the characters of Eccles and Count Moriarty?
6. Which Radio station began first, Caroline or Luxembourg?
7. Which company made the first successful transatlantic radio transmissions in 1921?
8. In 1922 the UK government introduced a Radio licence. How much did it cost?
9. The radio presenter Brian Matthews died in January 2017, which programme on BBC Radio 2 had he presented for 27 years?
10. Who joined the team on Radio 4's "Today" programme in 2015 after stepping down as the BBC's political editor?

## Answers Next Week

## Last Weeks Talk

Monday 19th saw us enjoying a very interesting talk given by John Polley called 'Driving Under London'.

John's knowledge of the underground railway in London and it's history was fascinating. As I originated from London I was particularly interested in it's history. I didn't know for example that in the early days of the underground system some lines had steam trains running on them and that some of the tracks were different sizes.

As they built new lines they went deeper, but apparently (I can't remember the figure) there are so many miles of track that are not underground at all.

What particularly interested me was why there were hardly any underground network in South London and apparently this was because South London had such a brilliant overground transport network that it was felt that it wasn't needed.

At the beginning of train travel the Powers That Be didn't want trains running into central London and so the underground network was built and used to ferry people from the overground train stations into central London.

Thank you John, your talk was an eye opener for me.

Next month on **Monday 17th May** at **2.00pm** we have, hopefully our last zoom talk, called 'Rubbish and Recycling in Devon' given by Lucy Mottram and Bobby Hughes both from Recycle Devon team at Devon County Council.

**Patricia Angove**

## Mobile Covid testing changes

The revised times for Dawlish and Teignmouth's mobile testing sessions are:

### Dawlish:

- Thursday 11am to 2:30pm – Barton Hill Car Park, , EX7 9QQ
- Sunday 9am to 12:30pm – Barton Hill Car Park, , EX7 9QQ

### Teignbridge:

- Thursday 3:30pm to 7pm – Morrisons, 1 Newfoundland Rd, TQ14 9AE
- Sunday 1:30pm to 5pm – Morrisons, 1 Newfoundland Rd, TQ14 9AE

## Another funny

I just watched a programme about beavers. It was the best dam programme I've ever seen.

