

March 2019



Lyn Gould

Daphne du Maurier's
Cornwall

We were privileged to share Lyn's enthusiasm and love of Daphne du Maurier and her interesting talk about how the author's love of Cornwall influenced her writing.

Daphne du Maurier was born in London in 1907, her father Gerald was a famous matinee idol and her grandfather a famous artist and writer who contributed to 'Punch'. She and her two sisters were educated at home and like others of their time only expected to make good marriages, certainly not to have careers of their own.

Her love of Cornwall began when her father sold the family name to a cigarette company. With the money he received, he decided to buy a holiday home in the county and purchased a quaint house built into the cliff, on the quay at Bodinnick, called 'Ferryside' and it was here that they spent their summers. Daphne learnt to swim and sail and took long walks with her dog. She loved her time in Cornwall which was so different from her rather restricted life in London. Declaring, that it was '**only in Cornwall that I am truly happy**'. While still in her teens she completed her first work, a collection of short stories which were published in the magazine *The Bystander*. In 1925 she was sent to a 'finishing' school in Paris and on her return enjoyed a gap year and travelled extensively, unusual for a young woman of her time. Returning she spent time in Cornwall, although being a single lady she was not able to stay in the holiday home alone, she lodged nearby with a boat building family. Now she was able to write undisturbed and in 1929 her first novel **The Loving Spirit** was published. Her inspiration was the discovery of the schooner wreck called, *The Jane Slade* in Pont Creek and reading the letters and boatyard records of the Slade family, who were shipbuilders in the nearby village of Polruan. She visited the Slade family graves at the local church of Lanteglos and talked to Harry Adams, who was a member of the Slade family. Gradually she built up a picture of the family and their life and history, until the story of **The Loving Spirit** began to form in her mind. The Slade family became the Coombe family, with Janet Coombe as the central character. Polruan became Plyn and Lanteglos church became Lanock church.

At about the same time wandering through the wood she came across Menabilly, hidden from view and covered in ivy, it would play an important part in her life. It had been empty for many years and she was intrigued by its atmosphere of secrecy and decay and it was to become part of the location of many of her fictional novels including the exterior of *Mandalay*.

She met Major Lieutenant General Pip Browning in April 1932 when he sailed into Fowey harbour and invited her to join him on his yacht. They were married in Lanteglos Church in July of the same year and honeymooned on the yacht in a cove near *The Lizard* which was to become the setting for her novel, '**Frenchman's Creek**'

Whilst riding on Bodmin Moor with Pip, they became lost in fog but found shelter in an isolated hostelry called **Jamaica Inn** which inspired her to write her novel of the same name published in 1936. Later in the same year she accompanied her husband to Egypt and it was here she wrote her most famous novel. Published in 1938 **Rebecca** became her first to be made into a film.

Returning to Cornwall she continued to write and in 1943 was able to acquire the lease of Menabilly and lovingly restored it. Daphne continued to write using locations in Cornwall and Fowey in many of her novels and short stories. Pip died in 1965 and she remained at Menabilly for another two years. Then her landlord forced her to vacate the estate, so he could live there himself and she bought a house at nearby Kilmarth. She spent her later years walking travelling and writing and died on April 20th 1989.

Carol Dowell

**Next month is
The AGM.**

**We need new members to
bring new ideas and have a
say as to how your group is
run.**

**PLEASE consider putting
your name forward or if you
know someone who would
be an asset to our current
committee complete a
nomination sheet.**



***Our Baking, Scrabble and Flower Arranging
groups are currently full but why not start a 2nd
one?***

***If your interest isn't catered for, why not start
your own group? just talk to one of the
committee members.***

***For more group details and photos check out the
U3A website, Callington U3A Facebook page,
contact the group conveners or come along to
the monthly meetings***

***Here is what some of our groups have been
doing!***

'HELP'

If and when you shop at **Tesco** during March and April, and you are not offered a token for their 'Bags of Help' voting, PLEASE ask for one at the checkout and pop it into the **Harrowbarrow & Metherell** slot in the foyer.

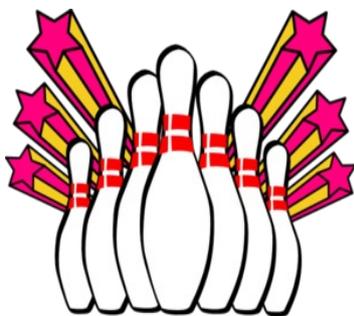
The Village Hall committees are bidding for the maximum grant which will be matched by the Community Association to build a Boules Court and provide picnic tables and a permanent outdoor table tennis table alongside the Hall in **Harrowbarrow**. These facilities will extend the recreational use of the grounds by toddlers and young children to teenagers and adults. They will be freely available at all times for use, not only by the local community, but by groups such as the U3A, Twinning Associations and others who may wish to start a league and play competitively.

Harrowbarrow needs **YOUR VOTE** so please help us by popping your token into **OUR** slot throughout March and April.

THANK YOU!'

GROUP NEWS

***2 new groups started last month - Ten Pin
Bowling and Rummikub, look out for more
details.***



■ Crime Fiction

There were just six of us at January's meeting - some of our members taking early holidays. Returned books all seemed to have been well received but their owners were happy to see them passed on to the U3A book table or other outlets. We commented on the fact that it is becoming increasingly difficult to dispose of unwanted books these days with so many filling charity shop shelves.

Archeology seemed to be the focus this month with books by Ann Cleeves, Elly Griffiths and Nicola Ford all centred around archeological digs. 'Death and the Penguin' by Andrew Kurker was one of the more quirky books recommended while 'The Wicked Boy' was a true story by Kate Somerscale .

We meet every 4th Thursday 2 pm at Lucy's

Contact Jenny Wheeley 351662

■ Baking

A small meeting this month with some members on holiday but still plenty to taste. Celtic baking was the theme and for the first time I can remember we had 2 recipes the same- namely chocolate and Guinness cakes! There were slight differences in the proportions of some ingredients which resulted in different sizes and textures of the two but both were equally delicious- and calorific! Other bakes included potato yeast rolls, Irish Barmbrack leek and Caerphilly crumble tart, a Scottish Flat Loaf and Celtic knots.

Our next meeting is 'with a twist'.

This group is now full but for information

Contact Jenny Wheeley 351662

■ Bookworms

Our members all agreed that the book we had just read "The Angel's Game" by Carlos Ruiz Zafon was very well written, and an intriguing novel, one of a set of 4. Unfortunately, none of us had any idea exactly what was happening in the story. It may have helped to have read at least one of the others in the series, but the plot seemed to run backwards!! BUT it is a masterfully constructed story by a well-regarded author.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 15th March when we will be discussing 'House of Orphans' by Helen Dunmore.

If you would like more informations or to join us,

Contact Hilary Howarth 382172

■ Events and Outings

Two trips one destination in March. The first on the 8th and the second on the 22nd March to the Lost Gardens of Heligan and takes advantage of the offer of a "locals" yearly pass for £15. To get the pass a proof of Cornish residency and photo id is required. A guided tour for £3 is also offered. Both visits are on a car share basis meeting at the FOC car park at 10am. There is a "helping hand" breakfast on Friday 15th March at the new farm shop Tre Pol Pen at 10am. Have a bite to eat, socialise and just add a pound or two which will go to help Chris Bond continue treating rescued hedgehogs. For any suggestions for future Trips or outings
Contact Mary Hardy 382575

■ Family History

Our next meeting will be at Eileen's house on March 25th at 2.30pm.
Contact Eileen Sturt 350639

■ Flower Arranging

We will now meet at Pauline Farr's house, the next meeting will be on March 13th at 10.30. This group is now full
Contact Eileen Sturt 350639

■ Humour

The next meeting of the Humour Group will be on Monday 18th March at 10.15am at Christine's house. New members welcome.
Contact Helen Redden 382612

Our monthly joke - Re Brexit (Oh No, I hear you cry!!)

"When we leave the EU the cost of a lettuce will triple - and that's just the tip of the iceberg!!!!"



■ Jazz Appreciation

Our February Meeting was well attended, and everyone bought some music with the theme of LOVE. The artists were varied and included Georgie Fame, Errol Garner, Lester Young, Natalie Cole, Stephan Grappelli and Tommy Dorsey, to mention a few. The Theme for March will be 'Jazz by Artists not normally known for Jazz' which should prove challenging. The March meeting will be at Christine's at 2pm on Wednesday the 13th. New members always welcome and further details
Contact Rosemary Wright 370578

■ Opera

This will return as soon as building work is completed! For more information on this
Contact Carol Dowell 382158

■ Philosophy

At our last session we discussed first the life and works of Bertrand Russell. During the second half of the meeting we watched an old BBC Face to Face interview with him from 1959. In the light of Bertrand losing his position at an American university because of his views we embarked on the topic of freedom of speech and its continuing relevance today. Next meeting March 28th 10am in the town hall with Jean- Paul Satre and the beautiful and intelligent Simone de Beauvoir!
Contact Sandra West 370231

■ Poetry

Will resume on Friday March 15th at 2.30pm. The Topic will be our favourite poems both 'Ancient and Modern'. Next Meeting March 15th at 2.30pm
Contact Pat Ferguson 384402

■ Pub Lunch

We have a growing membership now and twenty two of us gathered at one of our favourite pubs 'The Who'd Have Thought It Inn' at St Dominick. The Pub did not disappoint with excellent food and service, we will be returning on a regular basis
Contact Lucy Thmas 388799

■ Quiz Group

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, between 2 -4pm. We are a very informal group, have lots of laughs and we mix up the teams every month so no-one wins every time! We are taking a couple of teams to the quiz evening at Harrow Barrow Village Hall on 9th March and have a few spaces left, so if you're interested in joining us let Mel know.
Contact Mel Hammond 351960

■ Rummikub

This is a tile based game for up to 4 players. It combines elements of the card game Rummy & Mahjong or Scrabble if playing the letters game. You can play numbers Rummikub or letters, it is an easy game to play and we have several sets. We meet once or twice a month at Susan's bungalow, for more information please
Contact Susan Morris 370542 or susieannmorris@gmail.com

■ Strollers

We were very lucky with the weather this month. Our first outing was to Cotehele where the snowdrops were much admired. The following Monday nineteen of us walked through The Meadows at Tavistock, ending up at The Wharf where I was asked if we were from a coach trip! Did we really look as if we had just got off a coach? I don't think so. The proposed stroll at The Tamar Trail at Gunnislake had to be relocated to Luckett due to the conditions underfoot. Our next sortie will be closer to home as we are exploring the lesser known paths and back lanes in Callington and hope to find our way back in time for coffee
Contact Pauline Husband 350379

■ Table Tennis

We are a small active group of enthusiasts. Numbers have dropped a little for a variety of reasons so a few more members would be most welcome. We meet once every 4 weeks and the dates, times and venue are on the website. The next meeting is on 7th March at 7pm in the Methodist Hall
Contact Ray Geatches. 382167

■ Ten Pin Bowling

The groups meets once a month on differing days of the week to allow as many members as possible to come. We car share from the Callington free car park to Trethorne Leisure park near Launceston. We have one game of bowling then have lunch in their bar area. There is time for another game after lunch or a go on the dodgems! Whatever the members want to do. We have a lot of fun and would welcome new members.
Contact Mel Hammond 351960 or melkenhammond@blueyonder.co.uk

■ Walkers 1

Due to miserable weather in February only 1 walk but what a fantastic morning we had for our walk from Maker Church to Millbrook.

A coffee stop at Cawsand and panoramic views over the Tamar and beyond.

Contact Rosy Hanns 0751 5370533

Maker Church

Tamar Views



■ Walkers 2

Two walks in February, Cardinham Woods and Cotehele. The sun was trying to shine as we walked the Lady Vale trail at Cardinham, following the river upstream to Lady Vale Bridge, which takes its name from The Chapel of Our Lady that stood beside the river during the 12th century. After crossing the bridge we made our way back down to Woods cafe for coffee and cake.

We swapped our next scheduled walk around Comfort Woods for a walk in the grounds of Cotehele. The weather was kind to us and we had a very pleasant walk from Cotehele upper car park, following the road back towards Callington for a short distance and then taking a path via a white gate down to the Weir. We followed the river from the weir past Cotehele Mill and back passing the lower car park and following the track to Calstock. Many were curious to look inside the old Chapel before we took a path up through the gardens of Cotehele. This last part is uphill although beautiful even at this time of the year but gave us a thirst so coffee in the restaurant was last on the agenda.

Contact Lucy Thomas 388799

Cotehele Weir

Cotehele Chapel



What's coming up?

March - Rupert Kirkwood

Kayaking, Up the creek and beyond

April - Annual General Meeting

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