

U3A membership highlights and memorable moments

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1. During lockdown, the introduction of 2 monthly meetings utilising YouTube speakers and quizzes to keep Beccles u3a alive.
2. Chance encounter on a u3a walk with a member of another u3a who talked about their groups which led to the set up of MOTO.
3. During the outset of Covid and lockdown, a discussion with Mary Wright re creating phone buddies for “lonely” members. Twenty volunteers came forward to telephone members.
4. A few months into my time as Chair I received a call from Irene Squirrell who told me about an incident on that day’s trip on the Waveney Stardust. Apparently the engine stopped (a very rare event) and the boat started to drift towards a difficult part of Oulton Broad. All our members were fine and in fact found it quite exciting. They particularly enjoyed being rescued by the uniformed Fire Officers! Our members find fun in unexpected places.