

April Mini Newsletter



Dear Caterham u3a member. I hope you all had a lovely Easter. At least the weather was relatively kind, let's hope it continues.

Your new Committee has been beavering away on keeping our documents up to date. We have published our new privacy policy on the website so you can understand what information we hold and why. We are planning to update Beacon information shortly in line with the new policy. That will mean deleting records of deceased members after six months and lapsed members after twelve months. This will require an historical clean-up which unfortunately has to be done name by name. Rita Dael, our membership secretary, and I, will perform this cleansing.

- We are quite a bit larger than we were when we set up the present committee structure, so we are considering adding two more committee members. In the short-term Sheila Frost (Welfare Officer) and Philip Lawson (Web Master) have agreed to be co-opted on to the committee. If this is successful, we will consider amending our constitution at the AGM to increase the size of our committee permanently. I would like to thank Sheila and Philip to agreeing to join us in the short term. They will both add extra depth and knowledge to what we do.
- I have purchased on behalf of our u3a a new projector using Claire Coutinho's part of the Friendship Project grant. I have tried it out and it seems very good. Thank you to those of you who offered me advice in this complex field. Next, I have to purchase a new sound system.
- **It is now freebie time.** If any groups, or individual members, would like our laser jet printer which is no longer required, please let me know. It is a stand-alone printer with no scanning function. Deb Skinner also has a projector and small pa system available, as well as an industrial vintage singer sewing machine. If any of you would like any of these, please let me know.
- One of our members has sent me details of a local self-defence and personal protection course. When they next have a date, I will let you know details but of course this will just be for information for you to decide if it is right for you.
- Finally, it is good to see the interest in our First Aid courses. Sheila Frost has organised a second one on April 24th where Hazel Shirley will give a talk and demonstration.

Well, that is it from me. Please ensure you read the newsletter when it comes out and the website for up-to-date information and more details.

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Caterham & District u3a Chairman