

Coronavirus- Ideas for groups

HISTORY GROUPS

Current Groups

History - Family History, Film History, History, Industrial Heritage, Local History

IDEAS for future groups British History, Living History, Stamp Collecting, German History

History

More and more U3A members are getting involved in the U3A Diary Project - keeping a record of what they are doing and feeling in these extraordinary times.

The current situation is impacting on people in lots of different ways and you will all have your own experiences, thoughts and reflections on what this time is like for you and how it is affecting you, both on a practical and on a psychological level.

Hundreds of members have now joined the project and are recording their thoughts and experiences during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

One member, Sylvia, is writing her thoughts down in regular entries in a diary. Sylvia wrote:

"As I sit here on March 20th 2020, I am thinking of this strange and unusual situation in which the whole world is involved. My Granddaughter in Canada is giving birth to her first child (my first Great Grandchild) as I write. What a world this new arrival is being born into but maybe it was always thus. I was born just three years before the second world war and they were also strange times. I was born in the Steel city of Sheffield that was bombed on a regular basis. So fear, little food and interrupted schooling were situations common to those times. To quote Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times it was the worst of times" although what will turn out to be the best, remains to be seen but having said that, I can already begin to feel optimistic that these coming days, weeks----years !! will make us begin to lose our complacency and as seniors, our probably comfortable lifestyles"

Sylvia goes on to record her thoughts on individual subjects such as food and books.

If you want to get involved with the Diary Project please let us know – email: diary@u3a.org.uk

Stamp Collecting <https://www.u3a.org.uk/component/edocman/u3a-friendly-advice-stamp-collecting-during-covid-19/download?Itemid=>

Family History/ Genealogy

Research your family tree on the internet. There are lots of free sites including Ancestry.co.uk where you can pay as you go or take a subscription

Here is some advice from the Subject Adviser

Genealogy Research Guidance Notes

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/component/edocman/genealogy-research-guidance-notes-1/download?Itemid=>

Genealogy April news letter sign up

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/component/edocman/u3a-genealogy-newsletter/download?Itemid=>