



Crawley u3a

Lockdown News 9/21

September 2021

Dear members,

Welcome to the September edition of the Crawley u3a newsletter.

We are delighted that groups will be resuming this month. Group Leaders will be working to a checklist to ensure we comply with all current regulations and any restrictions imposed by the venues. We will not be using vaccine passports and face masks are optional. We understand that there may be some caution about returning to face to face meetings but we hope that you feel able to rejoin your groups in the near future.

Sadly a few of our existing groups have closed for various reasons. However we have a few new interest groups including **Short Mat Bowls**, **Folk Dancing** and in the next few months we hope to introduce **beginners Italian**. If there is sufficient interest we may also start a **Board Games** group. Please contact the Groups Coordinator for more information about the new groups. (01293 446415)

There will be a **beginners ukulele group** at 2pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information, please contact Bryan Kiely on 07704 579940 or email rozbry@aol.com

Details of all our groups and Group Leader contact details are available from our web site.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/c/crawley/docs/groupsdirectoryaug2021.pdf>

Membership renewal

You should now have received your membership renewal. Please make your payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

September monthly meeting

Our Monthly Meetings will resume at the Friary on Friday 10th September at 2.30pm. The first meeting will not feature a speaker as we want to give members a chance to socialize with others they may not have seen for many months. We will have a book and jigsaw puzzle swap so bring along any books you've read and swap them to re-stock your library. There will also be a display of artwork by a late member, Beryl Sinclair. These will be available to keep in return for a small donation to St Catherine's Hospice.

Open Afternoon

This year's Open Afternoon will be on Friday 8th October at 2.30pm at the Friary Hall. Come along and see what our Group Leaders have to offer!

AGM

The AGM is on Friday 12th November. As mentioned in the last newsletter we are looking for more volunteers to help us keep our u3a running smoothly.

The vacancies are:

Treasurer

Communications

Deputy Treasurer

Events Organiser

Minutes Secretary

Welfare Support

Not all of the roles are Committee based and none are arduous. You just need enthusiasm and a willingness to support our fellow members. Please contact a Committee Member if you are interested.

Thank you!

The Committee would like to extend a huge vote of thanks to Isabel Baker who stepped back into the role of Groups Co-ordinator during Peter Beckley's absence. Her contribution has greatly aided our transition back to face to face meetings. Thank you Isabel and welcome back Peter!

O&A7

Members of O&A7 (and a few guests) enjoyed a Bank Holiday Monday Croquet session with instruction from Crawley Croquet Club players Neil and Jackie Hoey, Paul and Richard. Medals were awarded to the winners, Clive (again), Mary and Alan.

And then we retired to the Tavern on the Green for lunch!



This is likely to be the last of the emailed lockdown newsletters. I have enjoyed compiling them and I hope you have found them interesting and informative. Please continue to send suggestions for future communications.

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