

# Christmas Greetings to CV U3A 2020

Hello Everyone, I'm sending out this Christmas message on behalf of the Committee and myself in this year of uncertainty in the hope that you and your families and loved ones are well.

We're just out of the second lockdown and into Tier 2 so we can't see too many of our friends, not indoors at any rate but we can meet up with family at Christmas, or as much family as is represented by three households. Some, of course, of the Bah Humbug! Brigade may see that as a good thing but for the rest it will be a matter of making the best of it. However to inject some Christmas cheer many of our neighbours have set up their outside decorations early, and the town's decorations, as seen on Don's photo on the home page of the website, also look extra cheery so with a bit of fortitude and a reasonable intake of the cup that cheers we may have a merry Christmas after all.

As for our U3A, we've missed a lot. The Summer Hog Roast we arranged for July had to be cancelled, and the weekend just gone as I write should have been our Christmas Dance at the Village Hall, I could go on but it's all a bit depressing. Some of the activity groups are meeting one way or another, going out on socially distanced strolls and walks, some are using Zoom meetings and WhatsApp and it's a good thing to keep in touch until we can get together again as an organisation.

As regards meeting again the committee has targeted the April meeting as a likely date for our first meeting, depending of course on the circumstances at the time, the April meeting being traditionally the first meeting of our year. At April 2020 we re-enrolled all those who were members as at March 2020 for the current year and paid the costs out of U3A funds. For next year we are asking our members to pay a deposit of £5 towards membership so that we can pay the U3A Trust the Capitation Fee etc. We would welcome this deposit payment during January, Don Wragg will provide details later, and this value will be deducted from the annual fee of £15 when we first meet. Those who do not pay the deposit will be taken off the membership roll and will have to re-enrol when we meet again. I'm sorry to seem mercenary at this time but the National Office still require all their fees regardless and our funds are not infinite.

On a lighter note we hope you all have a very happy Christmas and truly hoping that the New Year will be one where we can get back to something like normal and we can all get together with all our families and friends. Until then please all keep safe.

Ray Burns and the U3A Committee.