

Newsletter for the Members March 2021 from the Committee

Hello Everyone,

We hope that you are all well and your families and loved ones are all getting through this pandemic without too many problems. We expect that most of you, probably all, have had the first jab and I know that a few will have had the second, this will be a confidence boost and we can hope that if people are sensible we will be out of the woods in June. Unfortunately it's a given that a minority will go barmy, as Einstein had said "there are two things in nature which are infinite, the first is the Universe and the second is human stupidity. I'm not yet convinced about the first". We can only hope.

It's very encouraging that 162 members have renewed their membership and paid the £5 deposit we asked for, it makes us feel that we must be doing something right and we thank you all for your show of support. We are looking forward to being able to get back together with our friends and have a bit of fun together again.

Assuming that the Government's roadmap out of lockdown goes according to plan the Committee has decided that our first U3A meeting should be the 27th July meeting. This is of course dependent on the roadmap timetable not changing and that Champions Manor Hall being available for meetings of up to 100 people. Just to confirm that with a July date the membership fees reduce to £12 for the year so with the deposit paid the fees asked will be £7.00.

The committee would like to inform you that we will be holding the AGM via Zoom, we have scheduled this to take place on Thursday 29th April at 14:00. An invitation to attend will be sent to all members nearer the time. The committee as it is now will all be standing for re-election in the same positions they hold at the moment. If any members wish to stand for election to the committee they can obtain a form from any committee member and must get it filled in and given to the secretary (or any other committee member) by 31st March.

Finally, we celebrate our tenth anniversary as a U3A this year. Our first meeting was on 26th April 2011 and we are hoping to stage some kind of event to celebrate this date, what kind of event is still under discussion and we will let everyone know when we have arranged anything. We've come a long way since then and we can only thank all those whose efforts have made our U3A the happy place that it has become, not just those who have served on the committees but all the group leaders, the helpers, the meeters and greeters, the tea makers, the cake makers, those who help to set up and those who help clear up after our meetings and events, your efforts are invaluable and very much appreciated. T

During the last 12 months the only way we have been able to remain in contact is via e-mail and some of you have changed mail addresses. It is important if you do change please notify Colin Pegrum our Membership Secretary.

Thank you.

In the meantime we hope that you all stay fit and well and that your second jabs come very soon and until we meet stay well and please keep safe.