

At its heart, the U3A believe that continuing to learn, develop your interests, make friends and try something new, is a life-long passion.

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First a big thank you to those who renewed your membership with CVU3A, we still have over 80 members.

Another big thank you too to all those who took the trouble to vote in the recent election which ended at 12 noon yesterday (Tuesday 25 August 2020). The final results will be announced following the AGM on Thursday 3 September 2020.

What's been going on with the IT Group?

Thanks to Andy Arnold for the latest from the IT Group who have been meeting throughout lockdown ...



We have held our weekly sessions on a Wednesday afternoon throughout lockdown and talk about what everyone has been doing, what is topical in the news, what is good to watch on TV and also whatever is of interest in the field of IT and computing. From an IT perspective ...

- a. We have explored all aspects of Zoom and most of the members now use it to chat with family and other friends.
- b. We reviewed Podcasts - what they are, what's on them and where to find them.
- c. A couple of members had PC problems and we used Zoom to solve them.

- d. We discussed the differences between SMS and MMS specifically with regard to mobile phones and the different charges
- e. We exchanged information on what was on YouTube - particularly the musicals, theatre and opera that were being shown for free.
- f. We talked about why it is good to have an 'old fashioned' phone which still works even during a power failure

We have also used our chats to make sure everyone is OK and discussed the various lockdown rules and when markets were re-opening and where people have been walking / exercising and life in general.

News from other groups?

If any other groups have been meeting we would love to hear how you have been getting on and what you have been doing. A photo or two would be good too.



Coming Soon Via Zoom

We have arranged two very different events which we hope you will feel like watching and engaging with.

On **Thursday 1 October 2020 at 14:00** we welcome **Fool's Gold** Carol and Steve Robson are musicians who have been presenting their mixed story/image/live music shows to audiences all over the UK. Their shows include both well-known and original music.

Carol Plays: Flute, Tenor Guitar, Bass Guitar, Whistles and voice

Steve Plays: Guitars, Ukulele, Bouzouki and voice

Fool's Gold will present some of their favourite songs and the story behind those songs. Steve and Carol like to tell the story as well as perform the song. To help things along they will use some of the images from their live shows to help bring the tales to life - and these will continue throughout the songs too!

On **Thursday 3 December 2020 at 14:00** will you join us for a **Christmas Photoquiz with Robert Hesketh?** Test your knowledge of Devon and its history by identifying the digital images. Clues and competitors sheets are provide. In case of two competitors achieving the same score there is a tie breaker of six extra questions. The Christmas photoquiz focusses on Devon around the Christmas season, its traditions and festivities, as well as the pleasures and challenges of winter photography. Illustrated with sixty photographs, many taken under the transformative magic of snow.



If you would like to join us for either of these two events please email shlawrieu3a@gmail.com. Near the time you will be sent a link to access the event via Zoom. We hope as many as possible will join us to enjoy being entertained in a slightly different way.

AGM

The AGM will take place on Thursday 3 September 2020 at 14:00 via Zoom. The Agenda will be made available, via email, to those who have expressed their interest in joining the AGM. The Agenda will also be made available on the website later today (Wednesday 26 August 2020). For those who will be attending we look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that the deadline for registering your interest in joining us for the AGM has now passed

Management Team

Once the AGM is completed and the Executive Committee confirmed we will announce two dates for Zoom meetings, for anyone interested in joining the Management Team.

In the last UPDATE I wrote this

Will you consider helping on the Management Team? We know there are members who would be happy to help out more but do not want to be a Trustee or on the Executive Committee, so being a member of the Management Team might be right for you.

You **do not** have to be elected for a position on the Management Team. You can read all about it here - <https://u3asites.org.uk/files/c/culm-valley/docs/cvu3amanagementteamoverview.pdf>

If 2 or 3 people are interested in **helping with writing the newsletter** that's fine, we could set up a small team, who can take turns to write it or each contribute to a different section of each newsletter. There are no hard and fast rules as to what the newsletter needs to look like or contain, it would be up to you.

If you are interested in **helping with publicity**, again we could have a small team from different towns, villages or areas, who can focus on their particular patch. They could meet together to plan and decide on different types and styles of publicity. It would be up to you.



If you are interested in **helping with the monthly meetings** and finding speakers, again this does not have to be just one person. A small team could plan an annual programme, which does not have to include a speaker at every monthly meeting. The team can work together to set up and put away and make sure the monthly meetings run smoothly.

How about **planning and organising 2, 3 or 4 events** a year? Again a few members may feel this is something they could do and join together to plan and organise special events like National U3A Day and others.



There are so many opportunities to help out and we don't need experts. You don't have to have any experience, all you need is enthusiasm, a willingness to help out and join in. You decide how long you want to be on the Management Team for, we would hope that you would join it for at least one year. You would also need to attend a monthly team meeting.

Please give it some thought and be in touch if you feel able to help.

At the Zoom meeting you will be able to ask questions and suggest ideas as well as find out more about how we envisage it working. If you have any ideas or suggestions which you would like to share now please email shlawrieu3a@gmail.com

Stay well and stay safe.