



Dunstable u3a Website
<https://u3asites.org.uk/dunstable>

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Dear Member,

With the vaccination programme progressing well, we are maybe starting to see the beginnings of a way out of Covid at last. We hope that you are all keeping safe and thanks to the reduced prevalence of covid-19 we have a roadmap out of lockdown. Although we need to wait for confirmation of the effective date it looks as if we will be able to start our outdoor groups in April, probably in mini groups of six people. The two-mile Thursday walkers hope to be meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and the Edwina's Tuesday Five milers hope to meet on the first and third Tuesday of April. If anyone would like to join these walks please contact Edwina or myself in good time. We hope that some of the other groups will start again too.

All group leaders have been invited to a meeting at the end of this month with the aim of finding a way to get their groups meeting again. We have done very well to keep so many groups running during the last year, but we now need to expand the number of groups running. The Group Liaison Officers have asked the leaders what they need to start up again, and after discussions on these topics we hope that this will mean that every group will be able to start again as soon as possible. The badminton group is waiting for clearance to play again and I am sure that some other outside group leaders are waiting for clearance for their sports.

We are awaiting delivery of our new trifold leaflet for use in advertising Dunstable u3a. If you would like to see what it looks like there is a copy on our Facebook page. You can help us advertise by following our page. When outlets such as public libraries and doctors' surgeries open properly, we hope to have our leaflets prominently on display alongside copies of the Third Age Matters. Help with getting the magazine into waiting rooms would also be appreciated. Please liaise with Bernie who will be adding a sticker to each copy referring people to the Dunstable u3a, with the website and our new telephone number which is 07514 580251.

We are also proceeding well with the Pathfinder working Group and working towards activities around the **National u3a Day** on Wednesday 2 June. As we do not expect to be out of lockdown by then we are limited in what we can do. However, it looks as if we will be allowed to be in groups of up to thirty people outside by then. If you have any ideas, please contact us.

We will be writing to you very shortly about the AGM which will again be held virtually under the Charity Commission Guidance using our best endeavors. **Please Keep the Date which is 21 June 2021 at 1.00pm.**

Meanwhile may we remind any of you who have not yet renewed your membership that renewal is due by the end of the month and take this opportunity to thank so many of you for rejoining. We look forward to working with you all to make Dunstable u3a a thriving enterprise again.

Stay safe.

Sally Clark
Chair