



GLASGOW WEST END U3A October 2020 Newsletter

Dear All

I hope you all continue to keep well, especially as we enjoy autumn, with its lovely colours, but followed by winter and the unknown.

I hope that the GWE U3A continues to keep you connected with others, if only electronically. We should be allowed to continue walking, which is a good way to see people. Bingham's Pond and Gartnavel's Walled Garden continue to attract.

I know many of you enjoyed the Monthly Meeting in September presented by the History/Radical Rising Group (along with Paisley U3A). Thank you Irene Scullion, Helen Glassford and the other members of that team.

This month on the 15th October is our postponed AGM. The AGM is a necessary part of any organisation and very much part of the U3A. We need about 40 to sign in to be quorate. Please join in! You will hear reflections on the year past and our plans for the future. You will be sent a Zoom link in the next day or two. Please sign in for a chat from 10am, and we will start the meeting at 10.30am. After the formal business (I promise to be brief!) we will hear from some group coordinators about what groups are doing in the present situation. There is a lot going on in GWE U3A so stay informed!

It is of course possible to start a group at present. We have new members and new coordinators. Coffee and Chat, once a month, is a good way to meet others and is proving to be popular. Do join in.

There is a quiz attached to this newsletter!

Thank you as ever for your continued support.

Take care,

Liz Ervine
Chair
GWEU3A

Table Tennis Group

GWE U3A in action!

Yes, last Wednesday two members of the Table Tennis group enjoyed their first game in Kelvin Hall for 32 weeks. We hope the window of opportunity won't be closed again, but there's no telling...

<https://u3asites.org.uk/glasgow-west-end/page/84394>

Science and Technology Group - very topical meeting on COVID-19

This group will have a Zoomed meeting on Wednesday 21st October, for a question-and-answer session on the Covid-19 virus, with two of our eminently qualified members. If you are not a member of this interest group but wish to join in for this particular meeting, please would you contact Alan Watt by email - alan@cawatt.scot.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/glasgow-west-end/page/77856>

A Survival French group is starting up.

Survival French is intended for those who are interested in the language and the culture but find the existing conversation groups a bit daunting. The goal is to enable participants to gain a good practical grasp of the basic elements of the vocabulary adequate for everyday situations in France. The proposed starting date is Tuesday October 27th, at 10.30.

If interested, let Colin Sellar know – csellar@hotmail.com.

Our Range of Interest Groups

The following are the other interest groups that are keeping up or resuming activities in one way or another. Please note that this list can change at short notice.

1820 Risings, Art Appreciation, Beginners German, Book Groups, Bridge Group, Cinema Group, Coffee and Chat, Conversational French, Conversational German, Conversational Spanish, Crochet Group, Exploring Glasgow, Genealogy, History Book Group, Knitting Group, Local History Group, Photography, Poetry Appreciation, Quilting, Recorder Playing, Science & Technology Group, Shakespeare Reading Group, Sign Language, Survival French, Table Tennis, Theatre Group, Wine Appreciation, Yoga.

Would any member who is experiencing problems with contacting a group please let Jean Broadley, our Small Groups Coordinator, know. Jean can be contacted via:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/glasgow-west-end/groups>

A wee message to Group Coordinators

As you know there are strict restrictions regarding meeting up in Scotland. GWEU3A follows the national and U3A regulations and advice. U3A groups meeting face-to-face are required to submit a risk assessment to the Chair. A record of those in attendance is required to be kept.

Stay safe!!!

October Quiz

Who sailed on these ships?

1. The Santa Maria
2. The Endeavour
3. The Matthew
4. The Beagle
5. The Fram
6. The Endurance
7. The Kon Tiki
8. The Golden Hind
9. The Victory
10. The Discovery
11. The Erebus
12. The Great Michael

If you go walking in the woods, you might meet these animals – what are they better known as?

1. Meles meles
2. Vulpes vulpes
3. Sciurus vulgaris
4. Erinaceus europaeus
5. Cervus elaphus
6. Martes martes
7. Felis silvestris
8. Mustela erminea
9. Lepus europaeus
10. Lutra lutra

(Answers will be in the November newsletter.)

