

Chairman's Blog May 20

I am quite impressed with Zoom. Recently on my daughter's birthday we had a socially distanced celebration via Zoom with five separate parties and it worked very well. I thought that speaking would be difficult and a little like speaking via radio ie almost needing to say "over" in order to allow another person to speak but it didn't seem like that at all. I have invited the committee to hold our April meeting via Zoom this month as it is the only way that we will be able to discuss anything as a group. Not that there is much that we can progress. I know that Tai Chi are managing to hold sessions with their group via Zoom. I also know that guitar and strings groups are circulating music suggestions via email and my walking group members are circulating chatty emails between themselves. I hope that other groups are managing to keep in touch with their members in a similar fashion, even by telephone perhaps with those who do not have internet access and may be feeling isolated.

I can also recommend the U3A website <https://www.u3a.org.uk/> where there are weekly quizzes, Mr Motivator video sessions etc. I have had a go at some of the weekly maths quiz questions which can be quite challenging.

Our AGM was due in May but that has obviously had to be postponed until who knows when, and it is looking likely that we "the elderly" are probably going to be asked to keep ourselves isolated for some time to come. So we must make the best with whatever means of communication we have got and I look forward to seeing you all when we come out at the other side.

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