

Welcome to the May 2021 Newsletter from your new Chairman, Carolyn Williamson. Those of you who attend the Monthly Meetings (when we were able to hold them – more on this later!) will recognise me as I have been the Membership Secretary for the last few years, and was to be seen in the foyer meeting and greeting. At present, I am also continuing in that role, but would dearly like to find someone else to take it on – again more of this later. I make no apology for the length of this epistle, as much time has elapsed since we were in touch with everyone, and hope that you will read it all, as the information is for everyone.

To get you up to date with what has been happening, here are the main items:

1. **New Committee**. The 2021 AGM was held virtually on 12 April. Everyone had been circulated by one means or another, there were no objections to what was being proposed, so the new Committee is now as attached at the end of this document. The Minutes will shortly be placed on the website. As you will see, we are now down to 7 members, which is just over the bare minimum required in our Constitution, and we really do need some more support.
2. **Help needed!** We need someone who is comfortable using the internet, and has ready access to it, to take over the Membership role (coaching and support readily available!) and someone to act as what I have always known as Press Officer, but I believe nowadays may be known as Communications Director to keep the local press informed of our activities, and (hopefully!) take on the compilation of the Newsletter. Ann Hodge also needs help arranging the Speakers' programme for the future. PLEASE contact me if you (or someone you know) would be willing to take on one of these roles. (chairman1@liphooku3a.org.uk or 01428 722730)
3. **Free membership for 2021/22**. As you have already been informed by my predecessor, the Committee agreed at the end of last year that, as we had not been able to give most of you any benefit from your 2020/21 membership, we would automatically roll over existing members free of charge to 2021/22, so you will not be getting any renewal notices this year. As we have to pay a capitation fee to the Third Age Trust we are charging new members, and previously lapsed members, only £4 to cover this cost.
4. **Branding**. You will see a different logo at the top of this Newsletter and, although I personally do not like the use of lower case letters where there should (in my opinion) be capitals we are stuck with it, as the Third Age Trust seem to think it is more attractive and fresh!
5. **Monthly Meetings**. Those of you with email connection will be aware that we have managed to hold a couple of Monthly Meetings via Zoom, and we are extremely grateful to Peter Finney for his management of these. Because of the current restrictions the next 2 of these will also be on Zoom, but we have every hope that we can resume normal activities in July, back at the Millennium Hall. The programme for the rest of this year is

10 May	Paul Reynolds	Emma Hamilton
7 June	Maureen Stiller, Secretary of Jane Austen Society	Jane Austen, the Woman and the Writer

5 July	Paul McCue	Stodham Park, Liss - School for spies and saboteurs during WW2
August	No meeting	
6 September	Sarah Somerville	Shaw House, Newbury Tudor Manor House built in 1581. Requisitioned by the army in war, then became a school for 40 years. Now undergone £6 million renovation, revealing many hidden stories.
4 October	Jeremy Prescott	The Miracle Flower from Flanders to the Tower.
1 November	To be arranged	
6 December	Christine Jarvis	Christmas Traditions

Thank you for getting this far, and I look forward to meeting many of you again in July.

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