

# Livermead and Preston u3a

## Email Bulletin February 2024

Well, February has been a great month if you love walking in the rain, being blown off your feet and then freezing! Let us hope March takes great strides into better, brighter, warmer weather with the feeling that Spring is really here at last.

### General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 28 February when our speaker will be Sandra Harper, Information and Advice Supervisor for Age UK, talking about their services and how we can help each other.

### Membership

Our new membership year begins on 1 April so Membership forms for 2024-2025 will be available on the reception desk at our General Meeting on **Wednesday 28 February**. The Membership Form consists of 3 pages this year because it now includes a copy of our **Terms and Conditions of Membership** and our **Members Code of Conduct, as well as our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Statement**. This takes into account advice from the Third Age Trust and what some other u3a's do.

***Please ensure you read each page and sign each section.***

**Membership cards will be available at our March meeting on Wednesday 27 March.**

### Exciting News!

At our AGM in April last year members kindly completed a survey on what groups they would like to see set up. The two most popular groups were Coffee Mornings and Garden Visits. We are pleased to announce that these groups will be starting up after the Annual General Meeting in April this year.

Coffee Mornings – possibly twice a month at various venues in and around Torbay, chosen by the members.

Garden Visits – tapping into 'Open Gardens' the UK National Directory of gardens open to the public at various times of the year.

These groups will be informal, pay your own way – and car sharing is a must for some of the more out of the way gardens – so it is hoped members will be willing to car share to help those who don't drive to enjoy these visits. Please see the relevant tick boxes on the membership form.

*More information on these groups will be available in the near future, but if you are interested in joining either /or both of these groups, please sign the relevant sheet at the reception desk at our General Meeting this month.*

### Discovery Group

The Discovery Group will be visiting The Benbow Group – who manufacture Office and Board Room furniture and fittings for Banks, Hotels etc. - on Thursday 7 March. Meeting at the coffee shop of South Devon College (next door to the Benbow Group) at 10 am ready for the tour which starts at 10.30am. **If you would like to attend please contact Group Facilitator Colin Porter email address: [colin.tippy@gmail.com](mailto:colin.tippy@gmail.com) so he can inform Benbow Group of visitors' numbers.**