

newsletter 250 of 1st January 2021

Message from the Chair

Well, first of all, let me wish you all a very Happy New Year – and let's hope that it is a happier one than last year.

Covid-19 still continues to play havoc with our lives and it is doing the same for our U3A activities. At this time of year, we usually have plans in place for various events, all speakers being booked and so on but, at the present time, we cannot do this with any degree of certainty as to when, or even, if such things will actually take place. However, draft plans are being drawn up and as soon as we get the 'green light' that we can meet up again we will give you full details.

We know that a number of our members have already commenced, or are due to commence, their vaccinations, so let's hope that it won't be too long before we are all able to meet up again.

Ahead of that, though, a number of groups are successfully meeting up via Zoom – and the technology to join these meetings is very simple and full details of how to do this are now on our website.

Bearing that in mind, we are looking at holding 'open meetings' via Zoom and will be looking at having the first one on Wednesday 17th February.

We are awaiting confirmation from our guest speaker and we will let you have full details in due course.

A number of other U3A's already run such meetings and we do hope that you will be able to support our initial 'meeting'. Provided that it is successful we intend to run a number of others over the coming months.

A 'Thank You'

Towards the end of last year, three of our local councillors – Chris Corbett (who is one of our members), Kewal Athwal and Michael Powell – joined forces and kindly arranged a

donation of £500 from the Erewash Borough Council which we have used to purchase a new laptop, which we will use for training and other purposes

Our thanks therefore go to Chris and the others for arranging this funding.

And finally....

With fewer people sitting together around the Christmas dinner table this year there will have been far fewer crackers pulled than usual and many of you, I'm sure, will have missed out on the accompanying jokes.

I've therefore put a few together for you which I hope will raise a smile (or a groan!)

- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Once again, Happy New Year!



David Barradell, Chair

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