



MELBOURNE AREA DERBY

U3A (The University of the Third Age) is a UK-wide movement which brings together people in their 'third age' to develop their interests and continue their learning in a friendly and informal environment.

If you're wondering what we mean by the third age - it is a time after you have finished working full-time or raising your family and have time to pursue your interests or try something new.

U3A has a 'university' of members who draw upon their knowledge and experience to teach and learn from each other but there are no qualifications to pass – it is just for pleasure. Learning is its own reward.

Dear Member,

I hope you are all keeping well and finding plenty to keep you occupied.

I have been given information by a U3A member that Derbyshire County Council are doing online adult learning courses free. They are booking up fast but they are also adding new courses. Go to <https://www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk/courses> for more information.



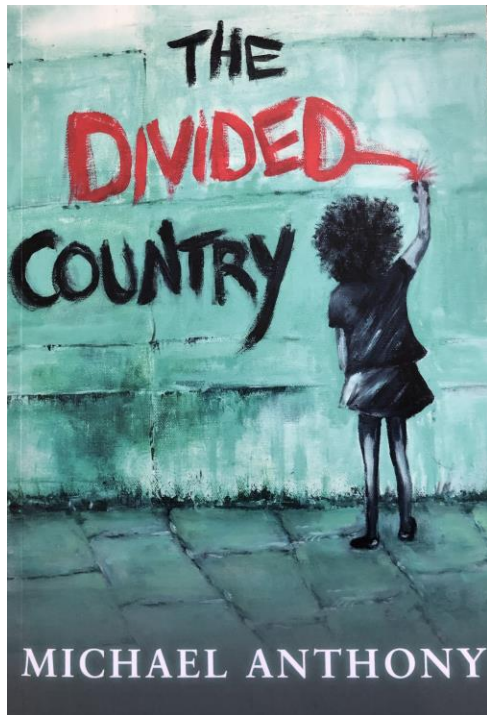
I was very sad to hear that Andy Jackson, one of our members and a founder committee member, died last week. I'm sure all our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

Keep safe, Marjorie Tunnicliffe (Chair

FREE READING MATERIAL!!!!

Library books, magazines, international newspapers, and audio books are all available free of charge via Derbyshire County Council. You have to be a library member but if you aren't you can now join online and then download the appropriate app onto your reading device, be it PC, laptop, tablet, book reader, phone or whatever. If anyone is not aware of the service full details can be found at

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ebooks



Both MAD U3A Book clubs have been reading *The Divided Country* by local author Michael Anthony

CURRENT AFFAIRS VIRTUAL QUIZ 15th MAY

The new Current Affairs group started well with a discussion on the House of Lords (as well as current news); the topic may sound dry but members seemed genuinely interested to find out that Peers have their uses! We discussed improvements to the way they operate but the consensus was to reform the upper chamber rather than abolish or leave alone. If global affairs had not intervened we would have considered environmental issues in March and HS2 in April. Hopefully, we'll come back to those issues.

Our May meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. To lighten the mood we'll hold a Current Affairs Quiz on ABC (anything but Covid). Any U3A member can take part but I will be sending the link by email, so members will need to join the group via the U3A website or send me their contact details.

The ABC news quiz will take place at our scheduled meeting time of 1.30pm on Friday 15th May.

Margaret Whitehead

MESSAGE FROM FRANCES, GROUP COORDINATOR

Hello everyone, it is very sad that we have been unable to meet both in our groups and general meetings and it doesn't seem like things are going to change soon. But we do have some good news. Jacky Lane has offered to start a travel group and is keen to get started as soon as groups can resume. She is hoping to include talks and maybe travel depending upon what the group want. So something to think about. I hope our activities can recommence in the not too distant future.

Frances

A reminder that if you need any assistance with local errands or shopping, or someone to talk to, you can contact the **U3A committee** through Marjorie Tunnicliffe at madu3achair@gmail.com, or for technical issues contact Geoff Dowell.

You can also sign up to the **U3A National Newsletter** via the National U3A website and keep in touch with other members on the National U3A Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/2833125070105668

You can also contact **MELBOURNE COMMUNITY CARE** on 01332 863585 or email Melbourne-care@btconnect.com for any assistance you might require. Further information at www.melbournecommunitycare.com or on the Melbourne Community Care facebook page.

Also on Facebook is the **MELBOURNE NEED AN ESSENTIAL GROUP**, where local residents can seek or offer assistance and support.

DETAILS OF SOME LOCAL BUSINESS WHO WILL DELIVER

(information from Melbourne Community Care)

HEATHS FARM SHOP: fresh vegetables grown locally. Local deliveries Tuesday and Friday

Telephone: 01332 862645

Email: heathsfarmshop@ymail.com

Website: www.heathsfarmshop.co.uk

F JACKSON & SON: fresh vegetables grown locally: will deliver locally

Telephone: 07768 866181

Email: r.jackson163@btinternet.com

WAYNE SPIERS: butcher: will deliver locally. Also has eggs and vegetables

Telephone: 01332 862249

TORI & BEN'S FARM: Local butchers: will deliver locally. Also selection of vegetables, eggs, cheese etc

Telephone: 01332 865698

Email: tori@toriandbensfarm.co.uk

Website: www.toriandbensfarm.co.uk

DOVES GARAGE: local garage and groceries: will deliver locally. Orders can be taken over the phone for groceries, subject to availability

Telephone: 01332 862123

HOMEMAID OF MELBOURNE: Offering freshly prepared freezer friendly meals. Can cater for dietary requirements and individual needs

Telephone: 07498 672135

If you have any ideas, thoughts, stories or photographs that you would like to share with your U3A family email vangus@live.co.uk and we will try to include these in the next newsletter depending on the situation then. THANK YOU for your contributions this month! Finally, a puzzle to occupy you over a coffee....

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SODUKO INSTRUCTIONS

Fill in the missing numbers. Each of the 9 blocks must contain all the numbers 1 to 9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

Each 9 square column and horizontal 9 square line across within the larger square must also contain the numbers 1 to 9 without repetition or omission.