



MELBOURNE AREA DERBY

Message from our Chair

I hope you are all keeping safe and well, I have heard that a few members have had their first vaccinations so I hope we'll soon be getting back to some normality.

I am looking forward to having face to face meetings in the Spring but in the mean time I hope those of you registered for the Trust U3A are enjoying the online meetings. I also hope you can join us for our Zoom Members' meetings.

Next month we will be putting details out about the 2021-22 membership. The fee will remain the same as this year and we hope you will support our U3A by renewing your membership.

I hope you all keep safe and well,
Marjorie

National U3A Newsletter

Link to the National U3A newsletter

[Your u3a National Newsletter - January !\[\]\(d3102649f02e825ddb76dc3de0190154_img.jpg\)](#)
([mailchi.mp](#))

10th FEBRUARY

LECTURE ON VACCINE BY CHRIS WITTY, CMO

Gresham College is hosting this event. Chris Witty is Chief Medical officer for England and the UK Government Chief Medical Adviser. He will consider several aspects of the science and public debate about vaccines. For further details and to sign up visit [Gresham College website.](#)

Contact Us

If you would like to speak to us about anything please phone or send a text to 07843746217 and we will get back to you.

MEMBERS MEETINGS



4TH FEBRUARY 2.30pm

We have a members' talk by Pat Brearley from Tollgate Brewery about setting up and running a local brewery on February 4th at 2.30pm.

4TH MARCH 2.30pm

A humorous talk by Kevin Little on the 4th March at 2.30.

Kevin will talk about his life as a fishmonger interspersed with a few recipes and anecdotes about his customers and even the fish!

ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW

ATTENTION BRIDGE PLAYERS

Our Bridge group is hoping to resume in September but in the meantime....

ONLINE Courses for Beginners, Improvers and Intermediates starts Thursday 4 February

Jack Rouse, U3A Bridge Subject Advisor, has courses running for all experience levels. He is also hosting weekly tournaments on BBO (Bridge Base Online.) Find out more information by visiting Jack's [Subject Advisor Page](#)

NOTE YOU NEED TO REGISTER BY 1st FEBRUARY!

MESSAGE FROM FRANCES, OUR GROUP COORDINATOR

If you have an idea that would lend itself to a zoom presentation and would like to lead a group please can you contact me at madu3agroup@gmail.com. I will give you all the help I can. You don't need to be an expert as a little enthusiasm goes a long way.

NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!**TALKING TECHNOLOGY GROUP**

Since we are likely to be in lockdown for the foreseeable future, Geoff Dowell has set up a Talking Technology group to assist members wrestling with the on-line only experience of U3A. Members can join through the u3a members site.

MAD U3A GROUPS CONTINUING TO MEET ON ZOOM.....JOIN THROUGH BEACON

Book group 1

We meet on Zoom on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12pm.

Book group 2

Book Group 2 meets on Zoom on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm.

Family history

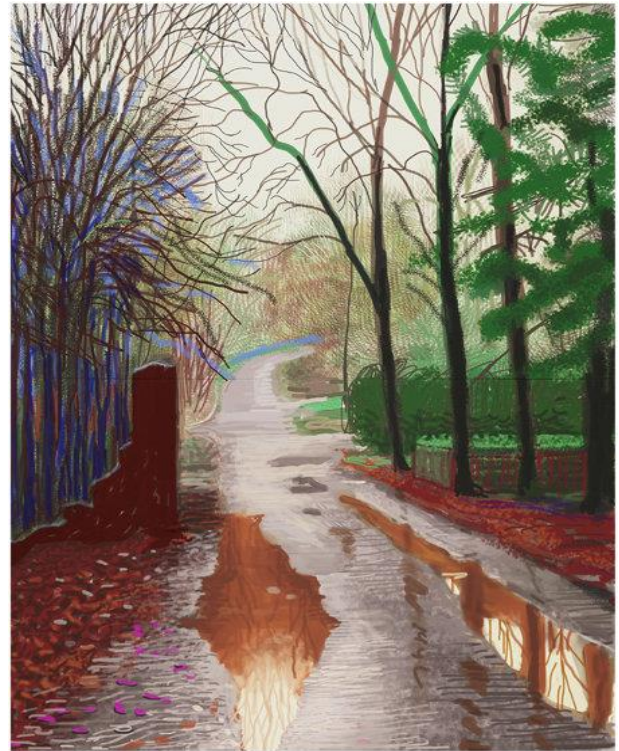
Second Wednesday of the month at 2pm

Laughter therapy

A short 10-15 minute session every week. Contact Frances for further information, madu3agroup@gmail.com.

TV art group

Meets fortnightly on Thursday evenings to discuss one or two art-based TV programmes we have watched. You need to be happy with Zoom and preferably have your tv tuned into Sky Arts which is now available on Freeview channel 11. New members welcome!

**Current affairs**

The current affairs group continues to meet monthly every 3rd Friday; the next meeting will be Friday 19th February 2pm by Zoom. We start with a light-hearted quiz on recent events and finish with a topical discussion. Members can leave after the News Quiz if they would rather not stay for discussion. Sign up to the group on the MAD U3A site members area.

Art Appreciation

Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

RECOMMENDED SITES

Here are a couple of links to online activities:

WWW.TED.com

WWW.Futurelearn.com