## Chair's welcome

A warm welcome to Newbury u3a. If you are reading this to find out more about our organisation and whether it might be suitable for you – the u3a is open to all, in particular those no longer in full-time work who want to keep active, make new friends, continue learning and enjoy a good quality of life.

We currently run over 80 groups each month with very varied activities. We hold a social afternoon with a speaker every month, also regular outings, theatre visits and some short holidays both in the UK and Europe. Members can choose to book any events that they might wish to attend.

As a non member you are welcome to attend two taster sessions at any of our Groups to see how we operate and if it might be for you. Our website will give you further details together with a link to message a Group Leader to check whether there are places available and maybe plan a visit.

The ethos behind the u3a movement is one of self-help. Newbury u3a has been very lucky to have had so many people over the years who have responded and volunteered for different roles and we have a thriving organisation today with almost 1000 members. We have an office in Newbury manned on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. The staff there will be happy to assist you if you would like more information on an event or need help to join. I am sure you will find it very worthwhile and it will also provide some very pleasant social activities during the daytime and occasional social events in the evening.

Whether you are a new or an existing member, rest assured the Executive Committee will do everything they can to ensure that Newbury u3a continues to thrive and to give members what they expect from their u3a – a place to learn new things, share experiences and make new friends.

**Best wishes** 

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