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FROM THE CHAIR - *Tim Young*

Hello everyone. I hope you are all well and thriving in these oh so different days. We are in a primarily electronic environment and I was very gratified to see that use of our Newmarket U3A website has boomed over the last six to eight weeks. We have quite enough statistics at present, and much is rather gloomy, but a read of the numbers from our website showed that members are making much more use of the site and the materials we have been putting on. So I do apologise to those I moaned at that I was spending hours creating on line materials and no one was looking at it. You certainly are: thank you. If you haven't yet looked on line, please do, there are numerous activities and essays on various group pages.

May I encourage you to look at the ANTHOLOGY link from the RHYTHM & RHYME Group page where we are displaying original poems by our members as well as other poems that have been enjoyed by readers. By all means contribute your own. Use the CONTACT page to send it to me or to Chris the website editor.

This would be a suitable moment to publicly thank Chris Timmins for all the work she is currently putting in to keep the website up to date and finding new ways of putting items on both the website and the Facebook page.

It is interesting the way the lockdown debate ebbs and flows, being more or less optimistic day by day, but I am afraid it will be a long time before we meet again in our groups or Speaker Meetings. Meanwhile, we shall continue to look for interesting and informative things for you and I hope you will enjoy the contributions through the website, Facebook and email.

Tim Young

Chairman

Latest News

Please don't forget to check the website for updated information on various groups. Here's a selection (just click on the links for updated information).

History: <https://u3asites.org.uk/newmarket/page/5547>

Realm of Books: <https://u3asites.org.uk/newmarket/page/79756>

Music Appreciation: <https://u3asites.org.uk/newmarket/page/5415>

Drama: <https://u3asites.org.uk/newmarket/page/73074>

Rhythm And Rhyme: <https://padlet.com/Chrisjohntimmins/dxz6r4343lsbygm4>

Wings, Wheels & Water: <https://u3asites.org.uk/newmarket/page/55436>

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Gardening Group from Rosemary Foreman

I hope you've been able to get out in the sunshine and do all those little jobs you never seemed to have time for before! I've been busy dividing up some of the perennials which had grown too big for my little garden, things such as asters (which seem to want to take over the garden), a couple of the larger blue geraniums and a low-growing campanula which starts out neatly but later in the summer crawls all over everything within sight; foxgloves, too, seem to seed everywhere (not always where you want them!). I've also been up to my son's garden and 'rescued' lots of cowslips which had seeded in the lawn plus a couple of lupin seedlings so am having to find space for them too!

I've also planted some tomato seeds indoors for the first time and some dwarf beans – I now have 15 tomato plants and 19 beans, all about 7" tall. I don't have a vegetable garden but plan to plant the beans amongst the flowers and see what happens. I hope to be able to distribute some of the tomatoes and the rest will have to go into large pots.

Now that we've had that very welcome rain and with the soil warming up a bit, it's a good time to sow seeds outdoors so I'll soon be putting the runner bean seeds in - I put these straight into the ground outside and they climb up the fence round by the garden shed. There's nothing quite like home-grown runner beans!

Whatever the weather, enjoy your garden.

Realm of Books from Margaret Jocelyn

The Realm of Books are continuing successfully reviewing the books we have read via email. The main book for April was 'Miss Garnet's Angel' by Salley Vickers. Our comments can be found in the link **Covid 19 Book Group April** (just click on this link: <https://u3asites.org.uk/files/n/newmarket/docs/covid-19bookgroupapril20.pdf>), as well as reviews for other books our members have read. For the May meeting we had chosen two books by Christie Watson 'The Language of Kindness' and 'Where Women are Kings'. However during the current situation we will be reviewing these, if we can get hold of them, but we will be including titles of our members' other choices as well.

Camera Group

Many thanks to all who took part in our very first online competition. The deserved winner was Richard Unwin with Peony. Runners up were Andy Cogan: Upware; Barry Coles: Camellia and Partridge; Tony Firman: Dragonfly; Angela Green: Textures; and Gordon Duthie: Sycamore. If you would like to take a look at all the entries please visit the link: <https://padlet.com/Chrisjohntimmins/q2c5p3mwpgdw>.

As our online competition was such a great success and it seems everyone enjoyed this new way of continuing participation whilst unable to enjoy our usual social meeting, we will be taking it forward into June. The closing date will be 8 June 2020.

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History Group from Niddy Walpole

I hope this finds you all as fit and well as I am.?

A few people had a rummage for the oldest garment that you had worn last week. Joanne Garner had her childhood smocked dress, Denise Cioffi her mother's suit skirt and several veils from others, but Tim Young's father's silk scarf from the 20s/30s won. Many thanks to you all for taking part.

My April history talk was to be "All about Time ". This will have to be postponed until after lockdown but I have taken a still life of things I have about Time at home—see the picture below



For those interested there is another quiz and another short essay on The Devil's Holes on our webpage: <https://u3asites.org.uk/newmarket/page/5547>

Lastly – A factoid called: **Typhoid Mary** – you'll find this on the website, just click on this link and it will take you straight to it:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/n/newmarket/docs/typhoidmary.pdf>

Antiques Group from Niddy Walpole

Linda and I have been coordinators together for a few years now ,but sadly several of us could not attend her funeral last Thursday due to the conditions of lock-down. We were able to watch online alongside the family. Yet another feature of life NOW but maybe for the future too?

My pride and joy is my summerhouse and I have put pen to paper for the first time ever and sent a poem to go on **Rhythm and Rhyme** . Do have a go with something that this lock-down has inspired you with. If I can, so can you!

Deadline for input for next E-News is Thursday 21st May please.