

# WELCOME

- **Thank you for taking the time to attend this, the 2019 Torridge U3A Group Leaders AGM.**
- **We have a number of items on the Agenda to go through and we will be happy to take questions at the end of each section.**

- **Welcome and thanks**
- **Committee update**
- **Groups update**
- **In case of emergency forms**
- **Financial and petty cash reporting**
- **Attendance forms**
- **Inventory of group assets**
- **Affiliate members**
- **Beacon system**
- **Loop system**
- **Close of meeting**

# COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Alan Gibbons has resigned as the Chair of Torridge U3A. This was effective from 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- Geoff Williams has kindly agreed to step in to help and he will soon be acting as our Interim Chair, taking us through to the U3A AGM in June.
- But after that, what happens next?

# GROUPS UPDATE 2019

- We have got off to a positive start to the 2019 with six new Groups having started in the first quarter of the year. We now have a monthly Bird Watching Group, a monthly Scrabble Group and four new Groups, two Beginners Badminton and two Walking/Short Tennis being run at a new venue, the Atlantic Racquets Centre in Bideford.

# GROUP CONTACT FORMS

- In the past you have been issued with contact forms so you can keep a record of contact details and emergency contact details for all group members.
- We recently had an issue when a member did not want to give any emergency contact details when joining a group and was told that this was U3A policy.

# GROUP CONTACT FORMS

- This is not in fact the case, it is not compulsory for members to provide emergency contact details.
- Whilst we feel it is still “best practice” to ask for this information and prudent for it to be provided it is a matter of personal choice.
- We have produced a new contact form to highlight this change and we have copies available for you at the end of the meeting.



# BEACON SYSTEM

- New U3A Beacon Website
  - the new Beacon Website can be accessed through the National website and is in the dropdown box labelled Resources
  - Weblink <https://beacon.u3a.org.uk/>
- New Beacon Newsletter
  - Will be available on the Torridge U3A website
- Beacon User Forum
  - For support on using the Beacon system, give feedback on bugs and usability. Link on the Beacon home page (after login screen)



# U3A LOOP SYSTEM

- As some of you may know, our U3A has a portable FM based loop system.
- The system is already in regular use by a number of our members both in the Upper Rooms and at the monthly lunch at the Royal Hotel.
- As an inclusive organization we should try to make our members aware of the availability of this system and the benefits for the hearing impaired.

# FM LOOP SYSTEM

- The system comprises a microphone/transmitter and 10 neck loop receivers. All of which are powered by rechargeable batteries and come with a charging/carry case.
- The microphone can be handheld by a speaker, placed in the centre of a room for a group discussion or even connected into our PA system. Sound is then transmitted clearly via the neck loop units which can be worn by anyone with a hearing aid with a loop or “T” switch.

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