



## Newsletter – March 2020

Due to the current Coronavirus situation all groups have been suspended for the foreseeable future.

Two of the trips have been cancelled (those in April and May) and we will keep you informed about the others when we have more information. We will be arranging a visit to the Liver Building later in the year so any payments already made will be carried over. If you are unable to make the new date we will of course reimburse you.

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that when the crisis is over we can all meet up again and get back to normal.

This will be a difficult time for many of our members who look forward to the social side of the U3A and may feel totally isolated.

Cathy Morgan who has built our website has included the article below regarding what is available online. This is designed to be inclusive and informative and we urge you all to take a look at it.

Now more than any other time it is important that we all stay connected and the National U3A are working on many new initiatives to bring this about via the internet. As a result of a recent survey of U3A members across the UK they wrote 'we seem to be digitally literate... with 95% using the internet and 97% using email.'

Virtually all local U3As including Wallasey have their own website nowadays in order to inform members of all that the U3A has to offer. Ours enjoys between 500 to over 700 visits per month and contains links to the International, National, Wallasey U3A and The Virtual U3A including up-to-date news, information, workshops, photos, events etc. We have recently added a Coronavirus page to our Wallasey website which has already had well over 100 visits in the last six days. It gives ideas from the National U3A on how to keep active during this time of imposed isolation. At the moment the page has links to other U3A recommended websites such as Boredom Busters, Keeping In Touch Virtual U3A and we are adding more all the time. They are also setting up new Facebook groups and asking local U3A committees to encourage their members to use them just to help keep us altogether.

If you have any suggestions on what we can add to the list please email  
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**Our Facebook page (Wallasey U3A) is up and running – an ideal place for exchanging chat, photographs and websites.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/573567333089568/>

In order to discover how much the U3A has to offer you can just Google Wallasey U3A and have a good look around. Or type in <https://u3asites.org.uk/wallasey/home>

