

Going forward step by gentle step

This newsletter is to bring you up to date with what's happening within our U3A and how we plan to go forward.

Everything we do will be in accordance with government guidelines. We will do our best to interpret them as they change.

The committee met on Zoom last week and agreed that no group should physically re-start without committee approval. A Health and Safety assessment will also be needed.

Our insurance will be invalid if we are not compliant with Government and national regulations.

We are meeting again on June 10th. If anyone has questions they'd like to raise please let me know.

Committee Changes

Richard Ash stood down as vice chair in April and Dennis Rayner stands down as Treasurer from June 1st. I'm very grateful to Richard and Dennis for all their work for the U3A.

Chris Scott takes over as Treasurer with Jenny Skipp supporting him in June.

Refunds

Barbara is currently processing all the monies for the Plymouth trip. We hope to have the refunds to you within the next 10 days.

Activities

Creative Writing

Jill Nicholls, our regional trustee, has suggested for anyone interested in creative writing you may like to enter a national competition. The link is www.u3a.org.uk/learning/creative-writing-2020

Have fun

Shoeboxes for the Refuge

If you have toiletries or shoeboxes to donate they can be left on Norma Jarmans doorstep or you can call her on 01726 73298.

With Sadness

It is with sorrow that I am letting you know that Werner Volkner and Fran Beeler have died recently. Neither death was from Covid. Werner was 96 and had kept our German group going for many years. Fran was a relatively new U3A member and had given selflessly of her time, getting the Italian group started and joining enthusiastically in the wine and walking groups as well as regularly participating in other activities. Their contributions were appreciated by many of us and condolence cards on behalf of the U3A have gone to their families.

Another gentle step

We hope to have a Christmas lunch at the Eden Project this year, (in the function room by the entrance tills for good access). Details will follow if it becomes possible.

And finally

Many of you have expressed the fact you are missing the fun and companionship that you enjoy at our U3A. You are not alone in these thoughts and I will be sending a poem one of our members sent expressing some of these sentiments. I hope that you will enjoy it.

*If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly, and pray the Lord your soul to keep.
If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss, and call you back for just one more.
If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would tape each word and action, and play them back throughout my days
If I knew it would be the last time, I would spare an extra minute or two,
To stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming you know I do.
So just in case tomorrow never comes, and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you, and I hope we never will forget.
Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.
So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day
That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss,
And you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.
So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear,
That you love them very much, and you'll always hold them dear.
Take time to say "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay".
And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.*

Until next time

Best wishes

Pippa