

Firstly it is with great sadness that I advise that our long term member, friend and ex Committee Member Chris Palmer passed away peacefully in Penrice hospital on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. (non Covid related). Our thoughts are with his family. His funeral was on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Spring is in the Air**

Having put our clocks forward an hour to British Summertime, we have lighter evenings and warmer weather to look forward to despite the snow flurries we've seen over the last couple of days!

### **Restarting Groups and Meeting up in Person**

The Government's Roadmap easing of Covid restrictions is on track and with it comes the possibility to restart some of our meetings.

As things currently stand, outdoor groups are now able to meet up in person following the Rule of Six. Some outdoor sports and activities are exempt from the Rule of Six and may be able to meet up in larger groups.

If there is no deviation from the planned Government Road Map, groups may meet up indoors from May 17<sup>th</sup> providing the Rule of Six is followed.

To comply with u3a insurance regulations, all groups will need Committee approval before they re-start and approval will be subject to the completion of some Risk Assessment paperwork.

Please let us know if you are planning to restart so that we can set things in motion.

**Heligan Walks and Lunch** – have restarted

**Short Walks** – Restart on 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Tai Chi** – Restarting in April

**Petanque** – Late May

**Spanish Beginners** – Late May

**Wine Appreciation** – First event is a visit to Knightor Winery 14<sup>th</sup> July for a mini tour, tasting and lunch; another date confirmed is a Lunch and tutored wine tasting at Edie's on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**Other Groups** are under review. Keep an eye on the [website](#) for updates.

## **2022 Madeira**

The Travel Group are planning a trip to the beautiful island of Madeira. Travel by coach to Gatwick Airport on the 20 March, stay overnight at a Premier Inn and then leave for the tour from 21-28 March. We will be using Riviera Travel's tour called "Madeira the Pearl of the Atlantic" which can be found on their [website](#).

We already have 21 members who are travelling. The cost for the Madeira part is £1079 per person in a double room (+ £189 sole occupancy). This includes all breakfasts in Madeira and 4 buffet dinners. The cost of the coach and overnight stay in Gatwick will be around £150. If you would like more details please contact: [roger.jones@staustellu3a.org](mailto:roger.jones@staustellu3a.org)

## **Zoom Licence**

The committee have agreed to purchase a licence on a monthly basis as we are unable to fund members' private Zoom accounts. However we are able to share the licence with groups who wish to operate remotely.

The committee will be using the account for its monthly meeting and also to host the monthly speaker. The remainder of the slots can be booked by contacting Chris Crane ([chris.crane@staustellu3a.org](mailto:chris.crane@staustellu3a.org)) who will be holding the account on our behalf.

## **Speakers**

We are looking for volunteers to host the Zoom Monthly Speaker meetings. This will involve hosting the meeting and joining the members for a virtual coffee afterwards (using our Zoom Licence).

Please let us know if you are interested in doing this or would like more information. This role can be a non-committee role.

Our April speaker was Tracy Nicholson from the Humanimal Trust who gave us some wonderful insights into their work since its foundation in 2014 by Professor Noel Fitzpatrick. Further information is available on their [website](#) and details of their photo competition is [here](#).

Our speaker next month sees the return of **David Allan** with “***The Making of Casablanca***“. A behind the scenes look at one of the world's most romantic films from the golden age of Hollywood.

### **Policy Updates**

As we now have a Cookie Policy on our website our Privacy Policy has been amended to reflect this change. Both these policies are available to view on our website under the Policies tab.

### **Finally**

From the latest Third Age Matters magazine, a pertinent quote from Eric Midwinter: u3a Founder, which perhaps we should remember -

*“The u3a is a self-mobilising outfit of learning circles – not a service charity delivering knowledge packages to a passive audience”.*

Best wishes

Chris Crane