

Announcement about the impact of Coronavirus on Our U3A Activities

As of 16th March, the Government's advice in relation to the Coronavirus has changed. The advice is that from now on everyone should stop non-essential contact with others and adopt social distancing. People in 'at risk groups' are to be shielded from social contact for 12 weeks. People who should take particular care to minimise social contact are, among others, people over the age of 70.

1. Your Officers and Committee in the light of this advice have determined to cancel holding our monthly general meetings for the time being.
2. Also in the light of the government's specific advice on at risk groups and over 70s we ask groups not to meet until the government's advice changes.

(In the circumstances that we have this advice from the government we must regard all u3a group meeting activities as suspended. Individual members who decide to meet up should regard such gatherings as private and outwith our u3a. Hopefully we will be able to return to group meetings not too far in the future.)

3. This newsletter for April is taken up with advising you of the consequences for us of the government's advice. As well as the work of our groups our "Outings" Programme has also will be severely affected.

These are difficult times for all of us and we will want to support one another and make sure no one is left without support. We have an excellent network through our groups and I am sure individual members will flag up to friends anyone who is in difficulty. The National Office has already suggested a number of activities to help make sure "social contact" does not mean social isolation. At local level members may want to follow through on some of the ideas.

At the end of our newsletter you will find information from the National U3A and access to their detailed advice and initiatives. We will share with you over the next few weeks initiatives which are launched.

Peter Finkel, Chairman, Dene Valley U3A

Monthly General Meetings

There will be no general meeting in April. We will publish in a future newsletter when general meetings can resume - hopefully soon!

Wellesbourne Community Cinema

Although the Cinema is not a u3a activity, many u3a members attend and u3a members help organise and run the cinema. Again because of the Coronavirus film events have been cancelled as from now. We will inform you when films are been shown again.

Outings – Latest Information

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SITUATION REGARDING OUTINGS BECAUSE OF THE CORANVIRUS:

LONDON MARCH 19TH	THIS TRIP WAS POSTPONED. WE ARE HOPING TO RUN THIS OUTING AGAIN AT THE END OF THE YEAR. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN CREDIT NOTES BY THE COACH FIRM AND ROYAL ALBERT HALL
CHELTENHAM RACES APRIL 16TH	CANCELLED REFUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY
GLOUCESTER MAY 13TH	CANCELLED REFUNDS HAVE BEEN MADE WHERE APPROPRIATE OR CHEQUES RETURNED/DESTROYED
BUCKINGHAM JUNE 13TH	IN ABEYANCE WAITING TO HEAR FROM NATIONAL TRUST.
JODRELL BANK JULY 7TH	CANCELLED JODRELL BANK HAVE CLOSED THIS SITE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION ON WHEN THEY WILL RE-OPEN REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SHORTLY.
N SEPTEMBER 30^T	IN ABEYANCE WAITING TO HEAR FROM THIS SITE.

Your names will be kept on file and you will be given the opportunity to be included on any re-scheduled Outing. Chris and Carol would like to thank everyone for supporting the Outings Team over the past years and we hope to continue to provide you with some exciting/interesting days out once we can socialize again.

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Art Appreciation Group

The Trip to Garden of Heroes and Villains in the Heart of England Forest, Dorsington on Wednesday 22nd July *is still going ahead* but we review later.

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History 1 and 2 Groups

The outing planned to Middleton Hall in Staffordshire on Wednesday 8th April has also had to be cancelled

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Our Groups

We thought we would share with you the photos submitted this month by two of the groups. Our **Flower arranging group** provided colourful pictures of their creations and reminded us that summer was coming!



Meanwhile **Trains Planes & Automobiles** showed some of what they saw on their visit to the Gaydon factory of Aston Martin.



We gather no purchases were made.

A number of groups as usual provided reports and details of future meetings. Unfortunately we are at a standstill for what looks like some months before we can again holding meetings.



More Information and Advice from the National U3A

Following the Government and NHS announcement earlier this week the Third Age Trust has created a dedicated page on the national website to keep you up to date with the latest guidance and advice - both general and specific to U3A.

The officers of your committee have been asked to let members know that they can find it at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk>.

There are two sections that suggest activities we can still pursue.

"Living History in Unprecedented Times"

"Keeping in Touch"

Survey about Community Safety

The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board are asking people to complete a survey to assist them to better understand how crimes and incidents impact on your feeling of safety, what influences how safe you feel and how you would like to be engaged with.

Online Survey:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/yoursayoncommunitysafetysurvey2020/> (Closes 19 Apr 2020)

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Group	Group Leader	Meeting and comment
Art	Kate Parton 01789 841073	10am-12 2 nd & 4 th Mondays The Bennett Room
Art Appreciation	Jackie Williams 01926 640286	4 th Wed various galleries, homes, etc.
Baking with Interest	Theresa Finkel 01789 842637	2.30pm 4 th Tue, various venues
Books on Monday	Penny Holbrook 01789 470697 Theresa Finkel 01789 842637	2.30pm 3 rd Mon in various houses
Bread-making	Roger Goodman 01295 688199	1pm 3 rd Tue, Village Hall Wellesbourne
Bowls – Short Mat	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	10am-12 every Wed
Bridge Mon	Carol Turland 01789 841295	2 - 4pm every Mon
Bridge Tue	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	10am-12 every Tue
Bridge Thu		2.30-4.30pm every Thu
Bridge Fri		10am-12 every Fri
Bridge, Improvers		10am-12 every Mon
Card Making	Linda Mitchell 07523 088522	2-4pm 2 nd Fri, 12 Oxford Way CV35 9LW (Dh)
Computing Plus	Michael Dane 01789 470491	10am 3 rd Tue upstairs Church Rooms
England's Heritage Above/Below Ground	Trevor Shaw 01789 842673	No fixed day in the month: meetings in the Carr Room, visits elsewhere
Flower Arranging	Jenny Down 01789 841567	10am 2 nd Wed, Carr Room, St Peter's
History 1	Gail Hayes 01789 842686	2pm 2 nd Wed, various locations
History 2		10am-12 2 nd Mon, 2 Huntington Ct Wellesb'ne
History – Family	Michael Dane 01789 470491	2.30pm 2 nd Fri, Carr Room, Church Centre
History – Local	David C Ball 01789 840983	2.30pm 3 rd Fri, Carr Room, Church Centre
Kurling	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	7-9pm 1 st Sat, Alveston Village Hall CV37 7QP
Lang – French Conv.	Jim Brown 07802 411943	4-6pm 1 st &3 rd Tue members' homes
Lang – German Conv.	Margaret Howard 01789 508831	2.15/3.15pm 2 nd &4 th Fris, 21 Daniell Rd
Lang – Fur. Spanish	Steve Desborough 01926 640358	10.30 2 nd & 4 th Thus, 26 Combroom CV35 9HP
Line Dancing	Pam Adams 01789 290727	2.30 for 2.45pm various Weds Alveston V. Hall
Luncheon Club	Ann Eccles 01789 841597 Jill Haran 01789 841702	12.45pm 2 nd Thu most months in selected hostelrys around the county and beyond
Music Appreciation	Scott Read 01789 842264	10am - 12.15, 4 th Thu in members' homes
Philosophy	Gordon Russell 01789 740866	10.30am 1 st Thu, in members' homes
Pilates 1	Ros Bott 01789 842440 Sue Moss 01789 842466	9.30-10.30am every Thu, St Peter's Church Rooms, Wellesbourne CV35 9LS
Pilates 2	Lynn Hunter 01789 748286 Lynda Coleman 01789 740755	9.30-10.30am every Tue, Village Hall, School Rd, Wellesbourne CV35 9NH
Pilates 3	Jean Roberts 01789 840729 Mary Lively 01789 841107	1.30-2.30pm Mons excl. Bank Holidays, Village Hall, School Rd, Wellesbourne CV35 9NH
Pilates 4	Tina Lamb 01789 842060 Gill Thomson 01789 840165	10.45-11.45am every Tue, Village Hall, School Rd Wellesbourne CV35 9NH
Play Reading	William Howard 01789 508831	2.30pm 2 nd Wed, in members' homes
Poetry Appreciation	Julie Macbeath 01789 842313	2pm 3 rd Thu at Julie's home
Quizzing	Sylvia Blundall 01789 840463	2pm - 4pm 1 st Thu, Carr Room, Wellesbourne
Reading	Anne Prior 01789 842103	2pm 1 st Wed, 7 Wyvern Close, Wellesbourne
Recorder	Margaret Howard 01789 508831	4.30pm 1 st & 3 rd Wed, 21 Daniell Rd CV35 9UD
Rock & Roll and More	Tony Whiteley 01789 471036	2.30-4.30 pm 2 nd Mon, YHA Alveston CV37 7RG
Science, Exploring	Christopher Lamb 01789 842060	10am 4 th Tue 8 Brookside Ave Wb'ne CV35 9RZ
Scrabble	Pat Sweet 01789 840276	2-4pm 2 nd Thu, Pat's, 10 Redhill Close, CV35 9SP
Singles on Sat/Sun SOS	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	12.30 2 nd Sun Charlecote Pheasant CV35 9EW; & 4 th Sat Hemmingford's Alveston CV37 7RG
Swimming	Linda Dane 01789 470491	10am - 12 noon on Weds & Fris at Walton Hall
Table Tennis	Judy Badger 01295 688010	2-3.30 1 st & 3 rd Mons, Wellesb'ne Sports Centre
Trains Planes & Autos	Peter Finkel 01789 842637	3 rd Thu: visits to manufacturers, museums etc
Walking	Brenda Pengelly 01789 841439	9.30 3 rd Wed Wellesbourne VH for 10am start