

Tetbury & District U3A

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Your committee continues to meet regularly via Zoom to discuss ongoing business, including how the Government's announcements will affect the operation of our groups. We understand that frustrations will be brewing after so long under lockdown but that is how it still has to be so that we are not breaking any laws or being reckless in our actions. Groups still may not meet, in public or private spaces; U3A does not sanction any such activity nor is there any insurance cover. Rest assured that, as soon as we have good news, an email will be sent to all members with the glad tidings. We hope our first whole membership meeting will be a 'super social' for tea and coffee with unlimited cake and conversation!

Meanwhile, stay safe and well.

Carmel Burton, Chair

You will have heard about the App in development, and currently being trialled on the Isle of Wight, for tracing possible sufferers of the virus. U3A is unable to endorse any product but, when the technology is available, any member wanting to know how it operates will be able to ask for help. The most important requirement is that you have an up-to-date smartphone.

Monthly meetings: the speakers have, of course, been cancelled up to and including July but the good news is that most have been rescheduled for 2021 so we have a programme right through till next May, with fingers crossed that we will be able to meet by that time.

GROUPS

The QUIZ GROUP has provided another quiz for all members. See *Keep in Touch* on the website: <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk/> Answers are also included.

KIC (Keep in Contact) shows a busy trail of emails and phone calls between members. Spirits are not quite so buoyant after 8 weeks of lockdown so there is much anticipation of actual meetings rather than virtual ones.

THERE IS MORE.....

Do you know anyone in the community who has gone 'above and beyond' to help others in these strange times? With their permission, perhaps you would share the story? Send it to the Editors, address below.

Do you have any VE Day memories? Anita Stride and some of her friends have begun a collection and would like to add others' stories which could then be made available through the website. Contact Anita on her email address: stridesabroad@gmail.com

Tetbury Scrubbers are looking for more people to help with sewing scrubs for local health-care workers. This hub was formed by Annette and Terri; it is self-governing and able to accept requests for help from all care sectors in the local area. Initial funding has come from Tetbury Lions and materials are provided by John Lewis and local companies. Items made include PPE gowns, hats, bags, aprons, all of which have to meet quality standards before they can be distributed. In 15 days, this hub has developed a formidable supply chain so, if you are able to stitch and would like to help, please make contact first with Terri White: t.whitemol@gmail.com

If you still have space in your head for more garden visits, look at the NGS website which contains some beautiful tours. Donations would be welcome since this organisation fundraises specifically for Macmillan Nurses: www.ngs.org.uk

We'll keep sharing your snippets till the world returns to 'normal'.

Caroline and Judith: <mailto:newsletter@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

