

# Tetbury & District U3A

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As the lockdown enters the month of May, I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and, above all, keeping in contact. There is a lot going on. Please look at the website for more details: <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk/>  
The committee will be meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May, following the government's review of the lockdown on 7<sup>th</sup> May. If we are able to re-introduce some activities after that date, we will let you know.

Look after yourselves and each other.  
Carmel Burton, Chair.

## GROUPS

HISTORIC BUILDINGS members are managing to send in write-ups of their past visits to interesting places at the rate of one every ten days or so. Keep them coming! <mailto:historicbuildings@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

BRIDGE now has 17 players using Bridge Base to play each other at home and most couples are playing three times a week. We need a partner for Chris Bailey, please. We have no limit on how many can play. So far, two beginners have sampled the distance learning package. <mailto:bridge@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

PLAY READING members are testing Zoom technology for use with 'The Importance of being Earnest' and hope to roll it out in the next ten days. There is still room for more members. <mailto:playreading@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

STORY TELLING, using video conferencing to practise this ancient art, has not yet attracted any takers. It has proved popular with other U3As. <mailto:jeremy@jeremynorth.com>

The PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP has been working on ways to communicate, learn about and, hopefully, enjoy photography from a distance. Steve Hammond, group leader, has set up a private group on the photo sharing website, Flickr, and 9 of the group are now members. This allows them to share images, start and contribute to discussions, ask for comments and help, and is already in use. There is also a Flickr 'showcase' where

members can upload their images for public viewing and comment. If you'd like to see what we are doing, take a look here:

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/tetburyu3aphotoshowcase/>

Recent activities include a technical quiz and a substitute programme to include talks, another quiz and a competition so that events can take place roughly every two weeks till the end of July when meeting again might be possible. Meanwhile Steve and Jeremy have put together Zoom meetings to deal with image management and basic editing.

<mailto:photography@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

The QUIZ GROUP once again generously offers its latest quizzes, with answers, to all members. It is available on: <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk> (Keep In Touch page).

AND ALSO....

Don't forget to look at the Goods Shed's website for news of streamed performances and art exhibitions. Content is being added all the time so do make frequent visits to the site. If you sign up to be a Friend of the Goods Shed, you'll receive an email every time new items are added.

<https://shed-arts.co.uk/>

Have we all become gardeners yet? Hortico in Sherston has been recommended for its delivery service: <https://hortico.online/>. It is worth asking other local nurseries about deliveries.

An article in a recent Sunday Times flagged up "the best nurseries offering mail order":

Special Plants near Bath offers home raised perennials:

<https://www.specialplants.net/>

Cotswold Garden Flowers, Badsey, has one of the largest collections of plants in one location in Europe available for mail order:

<https://www.cotswoldgardenflowers.co.uk/>

Avon Bulbs still has some summer flowering varieties:

<https://www.avonbulbs.co.uk/>

Pan-Global Plants, Frampton-on-Severn: (website not secure)

Place for Plants, East Bergholt, offers more than 200 varieties of clematis as well as trees, shrubs and perennials: (website not secure)

Please keep your contributions coming and we'll keep sharing them.

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