

# Tetbury & District U3A

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From the Chair

I hope that you are all keeping well. Changes to the government guidelines now mean that groups of no more than six people may meet together in the open air. This will allow the Boules and Short Walks Groups to re-open, if their members wish. Details of the government advice are on our website. As indoor activity is still not possible face to face, we will continue to offer a range of opportunities to keep in touch and to keep learning.

Look after yourselves and each other and stay in contact. The website has full details: <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk>

Best wishes, Carmel

## GROUPS

BOULES is hoping to restart its games imminently though plans may have to be weather-dependent unless the permitted six people wanting to play are hardy souls, given the weather forecast.

SHORT WALKS members are looking forward to being together again in a small group and at a social distance.

[The leaders of both groups have offered feedback from their experiences which will no doubt be helpful for other groups when they gear up again. We will report anon.]

Zoom technology is enabling other groups to meet virtually, the WINE, DISCUSSION and COMPUTER GROUPS among them.

FRENCH CONVERSATION. A few members have taken the opportunity to meet once a fortnight on Zoom, catching up and chatting in French; it's a great way to keep in touch until the conversations over lunch can start again.

PHOTOGRAPHY's leader has set up a private group on the photo-sharing website Flickr which 9 members have joined. Members may upload images to a showcase for public viewing and comment; you can view at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/tetburyu3aphotoshowcase> The group hopes to meet again at the end of July and has an alternative agenda of activities until then. Already covered have been image management, editing and composition. The winner of an online quiz received chocolate by post!

BRIDGE has just completed its first Round Robin with 6 pairs participating. The next round will start soon and allows for more to join in, playing on Bridgebase. Your commitment is to play each couple in the round at least once (16 hands) before 15<sup>th</sup> July. It is technically easy and the leader can talk you through setting up. Contact: <mailto:bridge@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

The QUIZ GROUP has shared another quiz on our website's KIT button. This generosity is proving popular with members.

PLAY READING is hoping to score a first on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm when a play written by 3 members specifically to be read on Zoom, rather than performed on a stage, will have its debut. It will take 1.5 hours to read. It is called The Black Pit and is set in 1348 at the start of the black plague. Those who have proofed it say it is good. Priority for a part will be given to group members but there may be opportunities later for others to join in. The group has been asked to perform a live reading at the Goods Shed when lockdown is over. If you would like a copy to read at home or wish to have a trial reading, contact <mailto:playreading@tetburyu3a.org.uk> or ring Jeremy: 01666 502974.

Government advice is changing quickly now so do keep an eye on our website for updates to groups' status and activities.

Keep your news coming.

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