

# Tetbury & District U3A

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At the time of writing, and sometimes things change quickly, there is much talk of lockdown easing. Shops and restaurants are gradually opening though normality is a long way off. I don't know about you but my first practice at wearing a mask felt very strange.

In terms of U3A groups and monthly meetings, there is little change at present. The committee has agreed that we will abide fully by government guidance: outside, a maximum of 6 people and inside, no more than two households. It can feel frustrating but we will continue to be patient.

Take care everyone. Keep in touch. Keep practising new found IT and other skills. At the very least, we know we have learned something new.

Carmel Burton, Chair

**RENEWALS.** Gail, Membership Secretary, has dealt already with more than 50 renewals which is very gratifying. If you have not yet received a requested form, it's on its way. Anyone having any difficulty in accessing a form should contact Gail directly: <mailto:gailmariemoss@icloud.com>

## GROUPS

The QUIZ group has put two more quizzes, with answers, on the website's KIT page. These are available to all members. <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk>

The GARDENING group has not been formally active through lockdown though most members have been very busy in their own gardens and also carefully visiting each other's domains. Some local gardens in the National Garden Scheme are now open, but subject to restrictions, and would welcome visits as the nursing and health charities supported by this scheme will be desperate for income. Look at the NGS website for details of individual gardens and their access arrangements: <https://ngs.org.uk>

The SCRABBLE group hopes to start again in August. Members will be contacted.

PANDEMIC PROJECTS. This is an initiative from the Keep In Contact (KIC) group - see Bulletin No.9. KIC hopes to create an archive of these activities so, if you have a contribution, please send it to Gail, the group leader, for the KIT page on the website: <mailto:gailmariemoss@icloud.com>

The GLASS GROUP's Lockdown Project was suggested by Jackie Cleaver who came up with the idea of creating a glass patchwork quilt as a remembrance of Covid-19, the lockdown, those who sadly died, and a thanksgiving to all essential workers who, through their dedication, are getting us through. Group members are making 10cm x 10cm glass squares at home using the techniques - mosaics, copper foiling and fusing - learnt while attending the fortnightly classes. Squares already completed include depictions of a nightingale, forget-me-nots, a masked carer, a microscope, a rainbow and social distancing among many others. Completed pieces will be joined using lead, as are church windows, and will then hopefully be displayed in a public place in Tetbury as a constant reminder. More information from Alison Hesketh: <mailto:glass@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

A message from David Hollister of KIC: many of you will now be venturing out after weeks of lockdown and will have discovered that Westonbirt is open again, as are the café and toilets. As with National Trust properties, visits have to be pre-booked to avoid overcrowding. Admission is £10 or free to Friends of the Arboretum. I visit 3 times a week and would welcome your company for about a 2 hour walk. If two people at a time would like to join me, ring me on 07802 794279 to discuss timings before booking your slot and I'll meet you there.

Thank you for all contributions. Please keep in touch.

Caroline and Judith