

Tetbury & District U3A

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We have received new Covid guidance from National Office. In summary, it is the Rule of Six, without any reference to the number of households, and is effective from 14th September.

- Groups can take place indoors or out but with a maximum of 6 people. This includes Boules which is not subject to nationally agreed guidance.
- Groups can take place in private houses, a max of 6 people as above.
- Social distancing and hand hygiene should be observed.
- Track and trace records must be kept.
- No equipment, food, drink must be shared.
- Anyone with symptoms or who has been asked to self-isolate must not attend.
- Group leaders should carry out a risk assessment of their activity, ensuring the above is observed.

Walking groups: The Ramblers' Association has confirmed that, as long as walks are organised in accordance with its guidelines, they are exempt from the Rule of Six, though the exemption does not apply to any social activity following the walk.

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Tetbury & District U3A is functioning afresh! On Thursday 15th October it will be possible to hold our postponed AGM and monthly meeting at the Goods Shed which is re-opening under Government guidelines as a Covid-safe environment. Details of how to nominate a new committee will follow.

Caroline Lowsley-Williams will be our first Speaker and is going to tell us of the ups and downs (and gossip) of filming at Chavenage House.

Members will need to book in advance to comply with regulations; details to follow. Plans remain dependent on Government advice and may change.

RENEWALS. Forms, including those for new members, are downloadable from the website: <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk>. Please contact Gail, who is Membership Secretary, if you have any problems; call 07708 128382 or email: <mailto:membership@tetburyu3a.org.uk>. Memberships not renewed by 25th September will be deemed to have lapsed; please note the date has been brought forward one week.

GROUPS

A legal number of the GARDENING group met at the Rare Plant Sale held on the Ampney Crucis cricket field on 11th September. It was good to be together again.

The Apple iPad/iPhone group's leader provided a popular introductory course last autumn and has offered to repeat it this year if there is sufficient demand. Contact him at <mailto:apple@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

The PIANO CLUB group leader would like two more members so that playing together is possible: <mailto:pianoclub@tetburyu3a.org.uk>. This is a 'just for fun' group.

SOCIAL BRIDGE continues successfully on BridgeBase online. The need to share cards means the BRIDGE group cannot play at all at the moment.

PLAY READING will continue in its current format of sixes. A new leader is still required soon: <mailto:playreading@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

The QUIZ group has created a new test of knowledge and lateral thinking which will be on the website imminently.

We hope to be able to offer a HISTORY OF ART group very soon. Check the website for details; it will be flagged in the bulletin, too.

Anyone wanting to discuss setting up a new group should contact Audrey, the Groups' Co-ordinator: <mailto:groups@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

Any leader wanting to have photographs taken of group activities should contact PHOTOGRAPHY: <mailto:photography@tetburyu3a.org.uk> to make arrangements with the group leader.

Please keep your news and questions coming. Send items for the bulletin to: <mailto:newsletter@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

The next edition will be available in late September by which time the AGM and our first talk will be ready to book. Attendance numbers are limited by government regulations and seats **must** be pre-booked so don't linger if you want to be there.

Remember, too, all plans could go up in proverbial smoke if the Covid situation changes. We'll keep you informed.

Caroline and Judith