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**Until further notice Members' monthly meetings, usually held in the Grange Hall on the first Thursday of each month are suspended .**

## CHAIRMAN'S PIECE

Hello Everyone,

Well these are strange times. All of us U3A'ers will have long memories but this seems different from the many things we have seen.

Now, " How are you doing ".? Stay Safe please. We know the rules! However behind those rules The Radcliffe on Trent and other local communities, represented in our U3A need to know if any of our members are somehow not feeling part of the support on offer. This is being led in Radcliffe by The Parish Council. Well done Jo and The Team.

I observe, too, lots of other community support, both formal and informal, that has sprung up, whether on Shelford Road, in Saxondale or elsewhere.

Also many of our U3A Groups have morphed into support groups or technology driven virtual activities. Well done Group Leaders!

I know from our own personal circle there are a number of people feeling vulnerable and anxious. Like everyone else we are trying to help where we can.

So if somehow you feel out of these loops do let someone know, one of the committee if need be. If we cannot personally do anything to support I suspect we can find the right part of the community support who can.

Finally , no apologies for repetition STAY SAFE.

*Malcolm*

## **KNIT & NATTER GROUP**

The Queens Medical Centre has advised us that they have enough ventilator hats (so please stop knitting them!) and are now needing tiny cardigans for premature babies. A pattern is available, contact me.

We have also heard of an initiative to knit pairs of identical hearts for Covid patients in ICU. One heart is given to the patient and the other to a relative at home. They only take a small amount of double knitting wool, so if you would like to consider this AND you will be able TO DELIVER them to an address in Radcliffe, then please contact me and I will let you have the details.

Jan Addiscott at 01158457398

## **EDITORS' NOTE**

Don't forget to try our quiz

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**DUE TO THE GOVERNMENTS ADVICE TO THE ELDERLY ALL U3A GROUP MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED.**

**CHECK WITH YOUR GROUP LEADER FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THIS, as some Groups are still running using modern technology—see below.**

KEEPING IN TOUCH.....with **ZOOM** !

Your Committee is quite pleased with itself for achieving a “meeting” using the online technique described below. Committee member Beverly Lawe set this up for us on Monday 6th April and it worked well. You will have seen something similar on TV Newscasts and the regular No 10 Briefing programme.

Many Groups have already transitioned into support groups and others have continued their normal activities by the miracle of modern technology. Foremost amongst these technologies is **Zoom**. You may wish to take a look at it if it is new to you, particularly if you are a group leader and want to do something for your group during these tricky times.

**Zoom** is an online facility (application) which allows you to hold meetings or have a video chat via your computer, ipad, smart phone etc and also allows someone to present to you for example the all-important exercise programme. Go to your ap-store and download the App.

It will allow you 40 minutes free of charge and this may be enough to all have a chat/brew together.

If more than 40 minutes is needed then the Committee have agreed the U3A will pay for your group to sign up to **Zoom Pro** but you will need to speak to The Group Coordinators, Jan Addiscott or Carol White who will sign it off with The Treasurer. (Keep Fit and Fit & Toned Group is already doing this)

Obviously this will need to be an activity that really does need that extra time in view of the cost. As **Zoom** accounts need to be set up by individuals, it is not possible for the U3A to pay on your behalf; the cost will need to be paid each month that we are unable to meet in rooms. All payments can be claimed back, via The Treasurer, when things return to normal. Don't worry about signing up for the long term as you can cancel at any time.

So take a look at **Zoom**. If you need a bit of advice on how to proceed Beverly Lawe on our committee has made herself knowledgeable very quickly and I am sure she will be happy to help.

Try it—don't be afraid—you can only lose your boredom.

Good LUCK - from your Committee!

**UKULELE GROUP**

One of our group members has set up a weekly **Zoom** practise session.

We have now had 3 sessions with about 16 joining in each week, some of us finding ourselves on a steep learning curve to get there! Now, **Zoom** is notorious for its time delay so does the session work for us - the answer has to be yes and no!

From a singing and playing point of view it is impossible to all keep in time so, apart from the leader, we are all muted. This means we are virtually playing on our own at home which misses the point of a group activity. On the otherhand, however, we are all together and at the start of the session do the social bit, exchanging news etc., so valuable, particularly for those who live alone. We have great fun trying to make it work for us and more importantly, we are practising, in a rather strange sort of way. Strange days!

*Lyn Coxon* Group Leader

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**THE MEMBER'S U3A NEWSHEET WILL CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY**

**ON-LINE TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED OF WHAT IS HAPPENING**

**JUNE'S NEWSHEET DEADLINE**

Please send your news, articles and photos by **23rd MAY** to our new email address which is

**radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com**

**QUIZ NAME THESE CITIES**

**Note:** Some clues are straightforward, others cryptic!! (creative spelling). Just enjoy it please

1. British Prime Minister (1828-1830)	
2. The battle to be seen	
3. Gibson recreated	
4. Germans call it WIEN	
5. Dose off for Dawson	
6. A relation	
7. Scorch	
8. Capital of Texas	
9. A perfumed liquid	
10. Type of terrier	
11. Just wander	
12. Not King Kong but close	
13. To be rung in a hurry	
14. A slack way of making money	
15 .A Golden Girl	
16. The home of the Lord	
17. CARMENS OAT (anag)	
18. He abducted Helen	
19. Eurovision song winners and wooded valley	
20. Insane and throw away	
21. Nearly a rodent who swears	
22. A type of ham	
23. Sneak a look-Gee	
24. Repeating rifle	
25. Sound made by a GG and dowel	
26. Not old Eboracum	
27. Alamein hero watches the tape	
28. Order to relax	
29. Hat to wear in summer	
30. The wall is down	

31. Add to a month	
32. Princess Royal would not be this silly person	
33. Sound like two pubs and a stream	
34. He was a flautist	
35. A miners ice flow	
36. A comic verse	
37. Very slack	
38. Where Meissen porcelain is made	
39. A plant for this whales mother	
40. Famous for its Mardi Gras	
41. V.E night wasn't bad	
42. With a pause you could eat this	
43. An opening for Lancaster	
44. The chief chases a hundred	
45. Little Valerie could get this in the post	
46. Fracture the bovine	
47. British city with more canals than Venice	
48. Information on Evita	
49. You could be lonely here	
50. A legendary bird that was careless with matches	
51. After the conflict, you could light it	
52. What a feline and a human do.	
53. Stylish in the past.	
54. Sounds like 40 quires	
55. Simmered bones etc lead to abode	
56. Catch this relation	
57. Smoked in Cuba	
58. The Prince is very heavy	
59. A grinding machine takes the dog out	
60. Small stick you would buy at seaside	